

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

ISU Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources. We are working with the people of Page County for what we all want: a strong Iowa.

Page County Extension Council

Every Iowa county has an elected extension council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- Economic Development example
- Food and the Environment example
- Health and Well-being example
- K12 Youth Outreach Example



Health and Well Being

Growing Strong Families (GSF), an Extension supported program, provides in-home parent education designed to strengthen the family unit for up to 19 Page County families each year. Curriculum focuses on creating physically and emotionally healthy

environments for children ages 5 and under, connects families to local resources, and utilizes developmental



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We want communities and farmers to thrive, and families and children to be healthy. And eventually we want to turn the world over to the next generation better than we found it.

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Extension Council Chair

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screening tools. The program is based on the nationally recognized Parents As Teachers curriculum and is credentialed through the State of Iowa. GSF is funded by Corner Counties Early Childhood Iowa Area.

Private Pesticide Training

Each year Page County hosts commercial and private pesticide trainings in Clarinda and Shenandoah. PPAT, or Private Pesticide Applicator Training is a yearly refresher course for any pesticide applicator wanting to keep their certifications up to date. The goal of the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) is to provide educational information throughout Iowa on the safe and effective use of pesticides.



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Almost 200 individuals participated in the trainings held by Crop Field Specialist Aaron Saeugling.

Food and Environment

Nutrition and Health Specialist Barb Fuller brings a wealth of knowledge to Page County as part of the Southwest Iowa Human Services Specialist Team.

Among the many classes Barb teaches is Serve-Safe for local food vendors and employees. She teaches all aspects of food safety- including food sanitation and personal hygiene, time and temperature control and proper cleaning and sanitation.



K-12 Youth Outreach

Page County has a proud 4-H tradition and is known as the birthplace of the 4-H clover. We are proud of our educational programs and fun youth activities. Page County has ten 4-H clubs and two Clover Kids clubs with a total membership of 277 youth. As part of the 4-H program, Page County youth are able to participate in many learning programs, camps, and activities.



Horse camps, Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Lego competitions and many more activities are available to the 4-Hers in Page County.

The annual Page County Fair is a great opportunity for the youth of Page County to display their

talents in the areas of livestock, leadership, food preparation, photography, communications and many other areas.



Clover Kids, a 4-H program for children kindergarten through third grade, provides early learning through hands-on activities designed to build life skills.

The Marsville Program

For over 21 years 6th grade students in Page County have participated in the Marsville program. This STEM project challenges students to



design a habitat suitable for life on Mars. The students must work with teams from other schools to design and build their unique habitats. This year, six school districts and over 170 children participated. David Seilstad led the program which teaches students about Mars and is designed to help inspire students to pursue studies in Science, Technology, Engineering

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