

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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

Winnebago 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:

- Young Children
- Strengthening Families
- Literacy



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Literacy in Winnebago County

ISU Extension and Outreach in Winnebago County kicked off the school year by teaming up with Lake Mills Elementary School to provide literacy education to families in the community. Twelve families registered for the program to learn different ways to educate and incorporate literacy in young kids' everyday lives. The program not only offered education to parents, but also fun activities that families could do together. The program was well received and ISU Extension and Outreach in Winnebago County was proud to help teach the importance of literacy.

Building a Partnership

ISU Extension and Outreach in Winnebago County has had the privilege of expanding partnerships over the years. In 2017, a new partnership developed with the Forest City Alternative High School. With the help of extension specialists, our office was able to deliver essential programs to the students that helped them learn about the cost of living, cooking, money management, and so much more. This partnership continues to grow and develop, and provide great education to high school students!

IN 2017

Women in Agriculture

2017 brought many opportunities to our Women in Agriculture groups. In February, a five-week 'Women in Grain Marketing' course was held to educate women on how to effectively market grain. In August, the Winnebago and Worth County Women, Land and Legacy group met with Financial Advisor Robin Edgars to discuss estate planning. Later in November, they met again with Evan Fritz, marketing coordinator at the local phone company, to learn about how to protect one's identity from fraud.

Engaged Scholarship

Over the summer, ISU Extension and Outreach in Winnebago County teamed up with Iowa State University to deliver STEM literacy programs to the county's libraries. The program reached more than 60 youth with the help of the libraries in Lake Mills Library, Forest City and Buffalo Center. The one-hour program featured literacy and hands on STEM activities and met for four different sessions at each library. The children loved it, it allowed the Winnebago County Extension Office to build partnerships with the local libraries, and the staff enjoyed delivering the programs!



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Expanding Partnerships with the Local YMCA

With similar priority areas in positive youth development, it made sense for ISU Extension and Outreach in Winnebago County to broaden our partnership with the YMCA in Forest City in 2017 using extension curriculum and resources. This included the addition of the YNot Clover Kids Club, which reached 60 children within the YMCA's afterschool daycare program. ISU Extension and Outreach in Winnebago County has an additional office located within the YMCA, which broadened our reach to the public and 4-H families within the county.

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