

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

ADAIR COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State research and resources. We listen, learn, and work with the people of Adair County for a #STRONGIOWA.

Adair 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:

- Volunteer Training
- Health and Wellbeing
- Programming for Older Adults
- K-12 Outreach



Volunteer Training

Adair County Extension has wonderful volunteers that we utilize for our 4-H programming. This year we had two new volunteers and retained 100% of our current volunteers. The annual volunteer training was held on November 12. Adair County Youth Coordinator, Emily Ide, lead the training along with Youth Program Specialist, Jane Hayes-Johnk. Volunteers learned how to conduct a 4-H meeting, how to engage with youth, how to make youth feel safe and welcome, and how to prepare activities for Clover Kids.



Extension Council Members

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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Programming for Older Adults

During the summer of 2019, summer staff went to the senior living facility in Greenfield and implemented our “Wise and Well” program and lead activities for the residents. Some of the activities were trivia, crafts, and simple conversation. The purpose of this program is to help seniors living in the facility retain brain function and fine motor skills. The residents are always excited to see us, and sad when the program comes to an end.



K-12 Outreach

Danielle Morgan, Youth Development Coordinator, created and implemented 17 different summer day camps for youth. Some topics covered in the day camps were healthy living, diversity, cooking, art, organic gardening, and STEM. We were able to reach roughly 150 youth through our summer camp programming efforts.

Adair County Extension also makes public appearances to promote 4-H and other youth activities to members of the community. We promote at local STEM festivals, 4th of July celebrations, and Trunk-or-Treat. We strongly believe that the best way to promote our youth programming is by personal invites and word-of-mouth.

Throughout the year, 4-H clubs also participate in activities at the Care Centers in Adair County. 4-H clubs play bingo, make cards and treats for the residents, and spend some time at the Care Center talking and playing board games with the residents. Our 4-H groups believe in the importance of visiting the Care Centers to provide simple companionship with the residents of Adair County.

Health and Well-Being

Adair County Extension was honored to have two 4-H Youth who were selected to be National and State Healthy Living Ambassadors. Both these youth utilized their passions and skills to create a summer day camp program to encourage younger 4-H youth to lead a healthy lifestyle. Topics of the camp included physical health, mental and emotional health, and financial health.



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