



BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

2019 IN EAST POTTAWATTAMIE 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 East Pottawattamie County for a #STRONGIOWA.

East Pottawattamie 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
- K-12 Youth Outreach



Economic Development

Township Trustees Training

In January, thirty individuals attended an educational program held for township trustees and clerks. The program reviewed fence law, emergency services/contracts, record keeping/recording requirements, cemeteries, levies, insurance, budgets, and liability issues.

Child Care Provider Training

Many children spend up to 50 hours a week or more in child care settings. Childcare providers participated in training to improve the quality of care and to meet their licensure



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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renewal and recertification needs. A total of 15 providers completed 5 hours.

Beef Quality Assurance

Together with the Pottawattamie County Cattleman two opportunities for training were held in East Pottawattamie. Forty-five producers took advantage in attending these free trainings and were able to become Beef Quality Assurance certified because of the newly formed partnership.

Farmland Leasing

Twenty-two individuals congregated in August to learn more about current cash and land value leasing results, methods for determining fair rents for 2020, and information on cover crop implementation in leasing agreements. This meeting was led by Patrick Hatting.

Farm Bill Meeting

In December, a partnership meeting with the USDA Farm Service Agency was held to assist producers, landlords, and other agribusiness professionals with ARC/PLC elections, enrollment processes, as well as what additional tools were available to assist with making their decision.

K-12 Youth Outreach

East Pottawattamie County is dedicated to

building community relationships. They continue to grow their Science Technology Engineering Math learning opportunities, while growing new partners like the Eckles Memorial Library and the Walnut Public Library. This year, large STEM festivals were held in the AHSTW and Riverside school districts. These were made possible by partnerships from the district leaders and the Southwest Iowa STEM Hub. Through these events, nearly 400 youth and adults were reached to engage in opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math on a local level.

East Pottawattamie worked to create a new programming opportunity utilizing Bee Bot robots. This program is directed towards youth in the first and second grades and is held afterschool at the local library. Youth are engaged in coding, reading and team building. Hosting the event at the new venue has also increased book circulation at the libraries.

Fourth grade cooking club continues to be a success. This four week program educates youth on making basic meals, utilizing cooking utensils, and understanding how to read recipes.

There are currently seventeen 4-H leaders assisting ninety-nine 4-Hers and sixty-three Clover kids in growing into tomorrow's leaders.

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