



BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

2019 IN LUCAS 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 Lucas County for a #STRONGIOWA.

Lucas 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



Economic Development

Township Trustee and Clerk Training

The township clerk and the township trustees are the locally elected officials who are responsible for seeing that these services are delivered effectively and economically. Their job is important and they represent the heart of local government for township residents.

Iowa residents living in rural areas outside of incorporated cities rely on their local township government to provide a broad range of services, from vital functions such as fire



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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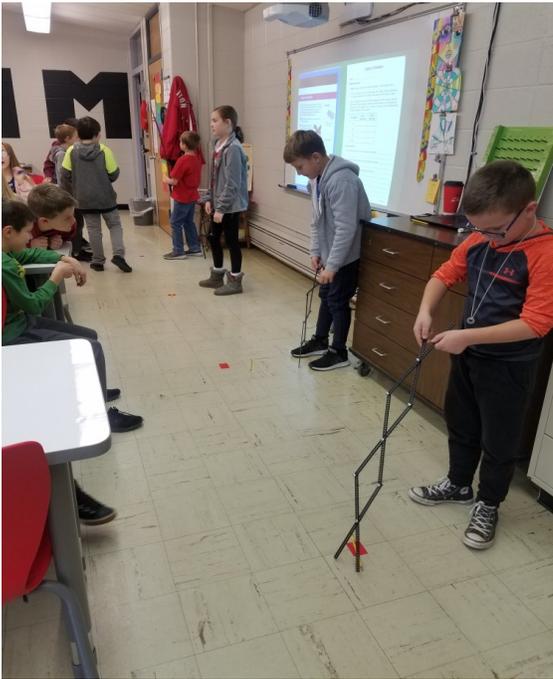
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protection to maintenance of public cemeteries and the resolution of fence disputes. Some townships may choose to provide other support such as emergency medical service, township halls, parks, libraries, community centers, and playgrounds. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development staff provide training and have assembled a series of publications to help trustees and clerks understand their roles and responsibilities. Twenty four township clerks and trustees and six staff participated.

K-12 Youth Outreach

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Lucas County is proud to continually grow each year in youth participation. In 2019, a total 192 youth were enrolled in 4-H and Clover Sprouts in Lucas County. Across the county, nine clubs are lead by volunteers to provide learning and leadership opportunities for their members. The 4-H program thrives on the dedication

County Extension Staff

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and expertise of the many volunteers who believe in "Making the Best Better." Additionally, 220 youth participated in special interest and short-term programs through workshops and day camps. By the addition of a Youth Outreach Educator, 761 youth were reached through a school enrichment program in partnership with Chariton Community Schools. We aim to benefit all youth in Lucas County through several day camps, annual Chariton Schools STEM Fest, clinics, workshops, and more. Overall, Lucas County Extension and Outreach impacted 1,147 youth in 2019. To learn more about the Lucas County 4-H Program or to get involved, please contact lucas4h@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016.

Lucas County STEAM Fest

Lucas County ushered in spring with its first annual STEM Festival. With over 130 volunteers and exhibitors, the community came out in support of students and STEM. With partners Chariton Area Chamber Mainstreet, The Chariton School District, and the South Central Governor's STEM Hub, Lucas County Extension and Outreach saw at least 754 attendees at this great event. From a chocolatier, to Alliant energy, varied activities filled every space of the community center in Chariton. Ronda Morrett, Lucas County Youth Outreach Educator, was honored with the 2019 Visionary Award at YouthFest, Iowa 4-H's annual all-staff conference at Iowa State University. Each year, two individuals are recognized for developing a programming effort that is new and innovative, demonstrates a new approach, uses a new partner, or reaches a new audience with a relevant, timely subject matter.

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