

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

WEST 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 West Pottawattamie County for a #STRONGIOWA.

West 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.

This year brought about unique challenges for our community. The record breaking flooding has created the chance for us to work with community decision makers, stakeholders and professionals and offer help in areas including:

- Financial Assistance
- Stress
- Economic Issues
- Improved Community Resilience



Economic Development Workforce Development

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that, 1 in 6 Americans get sick each year from a foodborne illness which is not only detrimental to health, but also has significant economic and health costs. To combat this, our staff teach ServSafe™ to local food service establishments. This is a certification program for food service managers developed by the National Restaurant Association.

Agricultural Resources

Our ISU Extension and Outreach staff offered Farm Transition and Estate Planning programs, cash rental rate surveys and farm lease information. These programs aided in the decision making for farmers, managers, and most importantly, families and proved critical to the success of farm businesses passing onto the next generation.



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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"I've enjoyed visiting this beautiful garden all week! A little slice of heaven." - Facebook comment referring to the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Westfair

Health and Well-Being

Latinos Living Well Classes

This is a four-week series of classes designed to reduce diabetes, heart disease and other diet-associated conditions that strike Latinos at nearly twice the rate as other populations.

Growing Together

1487 pounds of produce was donated to local food pantries through our extension office. The success of a garden long-term often depends on being able to share leadership with all participants.

Food and Environment

Master Conservationist program

This intensive blended online and in-person curriculum helped us to equip Iowans to protect our natural resources and become better stewards of our land.

Pesticide Applicators

We addressed health and environmental concerns by educating 114 commercial pesticide applicators and 115 private applicators. The education helps to protect the environment and water quality, while helping meeting the needs of customers.

Gardening Conference

Expert-led workshops inspire and inform over 170 local gardeners, homeowners, and landowners to create and maintain sustainable gardens and landscapes.

K-12 Youth Outreach

Juntos: Together for a Better Education

Twenty-one Latino parents and their 8th-10th grade students participated in the Juntos workshop series where knowledge and resources were shared to prevent students from dropping out of school and to encourage families to work together to gain access to college.



Ready, Set, KNOW

This personal safety program empowers children with information, skills and support they need to keep safe and is offered to all youth in Pottawattamie through schools.

4-H

Our 4-H summer STEM camps addressed community needs such as affordable summer learning programs and provided over 250 youth with hands-on learning experiences. We were also able to deliver programming to over 250 youth this summer, partnering with local community groups like the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, our program had 405 enrolled members. with over 2,500 entries in the county fair.

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