



# BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

## 2019 IN IDA 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 Ida County for a #STRONGIOWA.

### Ida 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

In January 2019, 23 participated in the Township Trustees training held in Ida County. During this educational training, trustees went over their general duties and legal responsibilities. This program was valuable as it covered recent legislative changes that have affected trustee laws. Some of these include: fence issues, tax levies, cemetery issues and emergency fire and ambulance services and related contracts.



### 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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### Food and Environment

In May 2019, ISU Extension and Outreach Ida County hosted Food Preservation 101, a two-hour introductory class that teaches safe food preservation practices for home preservers. The program was well-attended and received interest from the general community. In June, Ida County held a new jam workshop for youth. Five youth participated and learned how to safely preserve food. They left with jars of jam they could submit as county fair projects. Ann Parker and Renee Sweers, ISU Extension and Outreach Human Sciences Specialists in Nutrition and Wellness, taught the class.

### Agriculture & Natural Resources

Farmers with larger livestock operations are required to be certified to haul manure on their fields or hire someone who is certified. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach provides the Manure Certification Training. This certification focuses on safety, separation distance regulation, and proper utilization on manure resources.

### County Extension Staff

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Office Manager

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County Youth Coordinator



### K-12 Youth Outreach

In Ida County one of our main focuses is youth development. 4-H is one of the areas that provide an opportunity for communication, leadership and community involvement. Ida County has 131 active 4-H members. In 2019 a monthly afterschool Clover Kids program was started in Ida Grove for BCIG students to meet the needs of K-3 youth. 17 youth participated in hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities, that had them working together and using their problem solving skills to find solutions the tasks provided. Clover Kids reaches 51 youth across Ida County.

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