

WHAT WE WANT #STRONGIOWA

2018 IN WARREN COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources. We are working with the people of Warren County for what we all want:

Warren 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
- Food and the Environment
- Health and Well-being
- K12 Youth Outreach



Economic Development

- 26 children received preschool tuition assistance
- 87 children received dental screenings
- 9 preschools met a quality initiative

11 child development homes and 4 childcare centers received quality-improvement grants to improve the health and safety environment of their programs.

Mike White also hosted an Economic Development Leadership class in February in Carlisle with 20 attendees.



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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Health and Well-Being

Nutrition Specialist, Mary Krisco, taught two eight-hour ServSafe food safety certification workshops in Indianola in 2018. 100% of the 23 food service professionals who attended these workshops passed their food safety manager examinations and earned their five-year certificates. Krisco also taught five one-time nutrition classes to the childcare providers and the general public and a series of four “Stay Independent” health classes to older adults. Currently, 55 Warren County residents receive the “Words on Wellness” newsletter every month.

Food and Environment

Mike White, ISU Extension & Outreach Viticulture Specialist, is part of the Warren County staff. He works closely with the ISU Midwest Grape & Wine Industry Institute on campus. In June of 2018 Mike White organized a vineyard consulting tour with Dr. Richard Smart. Dr. Smart is considered by most in the industry to be the #1 viticulture consultant in the world. Richard lives in England. Mike and Richard were able to visit 9 vineyards during their seven-day tour across Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota. Four separate workshops were given on this tour. One stop along this tour was with David Klodd at Annelise Winery in Indianola. Richard consulted with David to improve the yield and quality of his grapes.

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K-12 Youth Outreach

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Warren County is proud to continually grow each year in both the 4-H and Clover Kid program. In 2018, 582 youth enrolled in 4-H/ Clover Kids. Warren County has a pool of over 50 volunteers which support our community and help promote the success of our youth and allow our 4-H numbers to exceed the state average. We aim to benefit our 4-H and non-4-H youth through several day camps, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activities, babysitting clinics, BBQ school and more. To learn more about the Warren County 4-H program or to get involved please contact Warren4h@iastate.edu or call 515-961-6237.



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