

Highlights from Region 8

February 2012

Bullet Points from Rich

- There are 111 events scheduled for February in Region 8. For a list, see: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/default.asp>.
- Bill Arndorfer has been named as the new REED in the Waterloo area. Bill was a county educator in Grundy and Butler.
- Each Region 8 county has held its reorganizational meeting, elected officers and passed a budget proposal.
- Thanks to each council member elected to fill a position. We appreciate your service.
- Thanks to Scott Bahr, Hardin County, for serving as our IACEC representative. His term is expiring.
- Story County has contracted with Iowa State to expand FNP in Story and Boone counties in 2012.

Emily Scott joins Hardin County

Emily replaces Teresa Perry as county youth coordinator. She grew up on a farm in Mahaska County and was active in 4-H and FFA, serving as an officer in both. She graduated from Iowa State with a bachelor's degree in animal science. Her previous position was in sales and service with IVESCO, a wholesale veterinary supply company in Iowa Falls. She was a volunteer on the Hardin County Extension Youth Committee.

Emily is excited about the CYC position because she loves 4-H and wants to make a positive difference in young people's lives. Her e-mail address is emscott@iastate.edu

Crop & Land Stewardship Clinic attracts 250



Farmers and agribusiness leaders from across the region attended the North Central Iowa Crop & Land Stewardship Clinic January 16 sponsored by Hardin County Extension at the Ellsworth Community College Ag and Renewable Energy Center near Iowa Falls. The kick-off speaker was Ken Ferrie, field agronomist for *Farm Journal* magazine and RFD-TV's Corn College.

Topics for the all-day even included Managing Goss's Wilt in Corn and Sudden Death Syndrome in Soybeans, Wetland Provisions of the Food Security Act, Managing the Carbon Penalty, Reducing Energy

Costs in Cropping Operations, Corn Yield Response to Application of Sulfur and Zinc, Controlling Nematodes in Corn, Nutrient Reduction Strategies to Reduce Fertilizer Cost, Impact of Soil Erosion on Area Watersheds, and Managing Weather Risk for 2012. An Ag Fair with 27 agribusiness displays was held. Six council members helped serve lunch.

Extension Week is March 25-31

Plan now to take part in this statewide celebration to promote and build awareness for Extension efforts. Brainstorm with your staff and council ways to celebrate. Templates and tools are available at www.extension.iastate.edu/externalrelations.

2011 Annual Report available

ISU Extension and Outreach's 2011 Annual Report, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/communications/2011AnnualReport/>, is available online. The report is fresh and innovative, using video to show how Extension is making a real difference throughout the state. We encourage you to take some time to watch the videos. Think of the volunteers, partners and community leaders that you work with – **and then share it in as many ways as possible.**

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Legislators serving Region 8

Senators – Bacon, Behn, Quirmbach, Sodders

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/Legislators/house.aspx>

Representatives – Baltimore, Deyoe, Heddens, Smith, Sweeney, Wessel-Kroeschel

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/Legislators/senate.aspx>

Culinary Cookshop

Thirty 4-H'ers from Region 8 participated in a Culinary Cookshop at MacKay Foods Labs at Iowa State on December 17. The 4-H'ers learned cutting skills; how to cook pasta, clean mushrooms and vegetables; jazz up pasta and sauté vegetables; and how to make nutritious smoothies. Participants also learned about MyPlate, food labels, and 4-H project resources from Jody Gatewood, nutrition and health specialist, and Annette Brown, youth development specialist. Natalie Hedlund, Boone County youth coordinator, and Eldon Bensen, Story County Clover Kids and youth coordinator, provided organizational leadership along with Erica Beirman from the Culinary Science Club.



Kaitlyn Romitti, a 4-H alum from Boone County, teaches 4-H'ers cutting techniques. The cookshop was made possible from the generous support of Barilla, the ISU Culinary Science Club, and Excellence in Extension.