



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2011



### COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



Kim is the first one to greet you when you walk in the door. Kim does all the day to day office duties at the Extension Office. She works very hard to keep the books updated, questions answered, and makes sure all office tasks are up and running correctly. Along with the office duties Kim is the Coordinator for Master Gardeners in Jones County. We couldn't do it without you Kim, Thanks.

Kim Miller  
Administrative Assistant

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### GREAT JOB Oxford Happy Hustlers!!

The Oxford Happy Hustlers made Candy Filled Christmas Stockings for the Childrens Hospital in Iowa City this is a great service project! New members of the OHH club trying to get their frozen t-shirts on! Bottom Right- L to R: Morgan Soper, Zoe Barker, Alyssa Barker, and Aubrey Soper.



# 4-H

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## County 4-H News



# 4-H Awards Day was a SUCCESS

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Thanks to all that helped to make our 4-H Awards Day a success. 250 4-Hers, Council members, Staff, and Family took part in the event. Please remember to send thank you's if you received an award. Contact the office for

Addresses that were not placed on the awards.

- Door prizes should have had tags attached to them with names of donors. Please send thank you's.
- Year Awards are based on years in 4-H given on the Enrollment Forms.
- Some very deserving 4-Hers applied for project awards that they have already received. You may receive an award only **ONCE** per project area.
- You must be enrolled in the project to apply for the award.
- Next year's awards day will hopefully be held in our new Home in Monticello.

## Greeting Cards

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In the past, the Iowa 4-H foundation has asked 4-H clubs to make handmade cards for various holidays and special occasions throughout the year—cards that we could send to our donors. The response was always great, but we **honestly have more special occasion cards than we can use and do not need any more member made Christmas Cards at this time.** Knowing that some clubs count this as a community service project, we suggest that cards could

be made, signed by members, and delivered to residents in your community—especially elderly residents who live alone or in senior housing or care facilities. Also, think of County staff, volunteers, teachers, janitors, volunteer firefighters, military servicemen and women, or somebody you feel would like a note of appreciation. Encourage clubs to be creative about sharing their talents with others.

## 4-H Online

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A friendly reminder to all of those members that have not yet registered online for 4-H to do so as soon as they can. We use the 4-H online system for many things in the office such as mailings, livestock criteria, and other important information, so please register to receive all the appropriate information that you need for this years' projects and events. Please contact the office for further instruction if you would like assistance with registering online.



# MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



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# Jones County 4-H leader Training. NEW!

Attend our first Leaders Training on Wheels! The date is January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and we are headed to Rock Island and Bettendorf. We will be leaving the Extension office in 15 passenger vans at 10 am on Saturday for the Bettendorf Extension Office where we will be having our fun and very active leaders meeting from 1pm to 3pm. We will then check into our hotel "The Lodge" located in Bettendorf at 4pm , there is an option to either sleep two or four to a room

so find your buddies for the weekend. For evening events we will be attending the one and only "Circa'21 Dinner Playhouse" . The Buffett starts at 6pm and the evening preshow and show of "Grease" will start around 7:15pm. We will then head back to our hotel and relax. Check out time in the morning is 11am, so we will head to the mall for food and shopping from 11am to 1pm and from there we head home. The cost will be \$100.00 per person

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# Youth Development Fee

For 2011-2012 year, the State 4-H requires that a 4-H Youth Development Fee of \$30 per member be submitted to the state. Each re-enrolling club member will need to pay the fee of \$30 dollars to Jones County Extension. **All new members will receive a \$10 scholarship, so their fee will be \$20.**

**No Child will be denied access to the 4-H program based on their ability to pay their fee.** Please check with the Extension office for Financial Assistance to request more information. We want everyone to experience 4-H and what it has to offer.

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# 4-H Volleyball WINNERS!

Congratulations to the Jackson Wise Owls and Be Original Clubs for winning at the 4-H Volleyball Fun Day. The event was lots of fun. We have a black hoodie, a

child's small with sparkly trim and a peace symbol that was left at the event, please claim this item at the Extension Office.

Junior Winners — Jackson WiseOwls



Senior Winners—Be Original



## OUR VISION



## Legislative Day for 7th and 8th Graders

The 2012 Legislative trip is scheduled for January 19th for all of Region 10. This trip is for all 7th and 8th graders that are interested in traveling to the state capitol for legislative day and also visit the Iowa Historical Museum. Registration letters will be sent in December are due January 2, 2012. You may also view the legislative registration form on the kids and youth page on our website. The cost for the event will be \$35.00 and the bus will leave Anamosa Wal-Mart at 5:30 am.



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## Senior \$cholarship Awards Work Day

**State Award** applications are due to the State 4-H Office by February 1st. All interviews will be held in Ames. Award applications will be available in November at the Jones County Extension Office or on the web <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>.

- State Project Award (9-12)
- State 4-H Council (10-11)
- National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia (10-11)
- National 4-H Conference, Washington, DC (9-11)
- National 4-H Dairy Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison (9-12) ( by 1-1-2012)

- Iowa Youth Technology Corps (9-11)

**Work Day will include all of Region 10 senior level 4-Hers wanting some practice for interviews and applications. The session will held January 14th, 2012 from 9:30 until 1pm at the Linn County Extension Office in Marion. There will be Pizza and Bowling afterwards. Staff and mobile computers will be there to assist you., please bring a memory stick to save your applications on if you have one available. This is a great way for you to get involved! RSVP's are due January 6th and please bring some cash for bowling.**

## STATE NEWS

## 2012 Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 10,11, and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips have returned to report that it has been the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career. June 8-16 or June 15-23 are the available dates and the cost of the trip is \$1,350.00, this includes lodging

transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a \$350.00 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registrations open in October 1st, 2011 and closes December 15th, 2011. Highlights of the trip are Lincoln's Springfield Home, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon, and Kennedy Center. A great way to meet new friends!

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf)

## 4-H PLEDGE

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# State Recognition, Scholarships, and Grants

**2012 Iowa 4-H Scholarship Information Posted:** The Iowa 4-H scholarship information for 2012 is now posted at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm). There are 80 Iowa 4-H Scholarships for incoming freshmen fall 2012 or current/continuing college students. **All application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than March 1, 2012 for consideration.** (Mitchell Hoyer, [mhoyer@iastate.edu](mailto:mhoyer@iastate.edu), 515-294-1531; Mary Kay Litzel, [mklitzel@iastate.edu](mailto:mklitzel@iastate.edu), 515-294-1519)

## **State 4-H Recognition 2012 Materials Posted**

State 4-H Recognition materials are now posted on the web and ready for you to access. Opportunities that require state application include: Iowa 4-H Youth Tech Team, State 4-H Council, State 4-H Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference. Applications are due on site or postmarked no later than February 1 to the State 4-H office. Applicants also will participate in an interview on Saturday, March 24 in Ames.

Link for **Public Recognition webpage:** <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>

This site has information about all of the opportunities to apply for as well as links for the application materials. You'll notice for each opportunity, there is a link that explains what they're applying for and a link to the actual application that includes a cover sheet and application questions. The application links are PDF format or MSWord.

Youth can also access the evaluation forms, which serve as a good resource when creating support materials and answering short-answer questions. At the bottom of the page, there are also links with helpful tips for designing support material and preparing for interviews. Brenda Allen, 515-294-1567, [bsallen@iastate.edu](mailto:bsallen@iastate.edu)

## **Hills Bank & Trust Leadership Grant 2012 Application Posted**

If you are currently a high school junior in the Iowa county of Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, or Washington, be sure to check out the **2012 Hills Bank & Trust Leadership Grant scholarship program** ([PDF](#) or [MSWord](#) or [Rich Text](#)). It's a unique opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills and earn a [4-H Scholarship](#). You do not need to be a current Iowa 4-H member to apply for the Leadership Grant program! All application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than **February 1, 2012** for consideration. (Mitchell Hoyer, Mary Kay Litzel)

## **2012 Pioneer Grant Information and Applications Posted!**

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs in your county are encouraged to apply for "seed money" to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/serve/grants.htm>.

Applications and support letters for 2012 grants are due in the county Extension office on December 5, 2011. This is a suggested date! With holiday activities and Christmas vacations, the Dec.1 date allows county staff time to make comments on the club applications. These comments are very important to committee members who review the applications and decide which are funded.

Applications and support letters are due from County offices to the State 4-H Office by January 6, 2011. (Brenda Allen, Albert Grunenwald, Mary Kay Litzel)

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# 2012 State Volunteer Retreat

The state 4-H Volunteers' retreat planning committee is busy putting together another fantastic retreat for 2012. Date are Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th. The retreat will be located on the DMACC campus in Ankeny, Ia. Friday evening is a networking/fellowship type gathering with hands on activities and is free except for the costs of the craft materials. Workshops and networking fill the day on Saturday, February 11th. The retreat is open to all 4-H volunteers/leaders. The cost

which includes housing, lunch and breaks, will be picked up by the Jones County 4-H. The early bird registration date is January 20th. Let's have a group from Jones County take advantage for this great opportunity! Contact the Jones County Extension Office for updated registration information or check out the 4-H website. Contact the Jones County Extension Office for further information and ask for Connie.

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## LIVESTOCK

# Livestock Project Requirements

The latest edition of the complete LPR booklet (L2/2010) (Pumpkin yellow cover page) was distributed in 2010 with the interest of being used for three years. This is an important reference as you pursue the rules and regulations for various livestock/animal projects. The revisions for 2012 (L2/2011)(blue) are being prepared and should be available by November 15 with the intent that you attach it to your L-2/2010 copy. Copies of the complete LPR booklet are available from club leaders or at the Extension office.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/news/animal.htm>

Please refer to the above link to review all the requirements and the 4-H/FFA Market Beef and Performance Beef Weigh-in information.

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## LIVESTOCK

# Market Beef Weigh-In

The Jones County Market Beef Weigh-in will be on **Saturday**, December 31st, 2011 at the Cascade Sale barn. The Cascade weigh-in will be for county fair-only animals. Again this year, a shared Region 10 Weigh-in will be on **SATURDAY**, December 17 at Kirkwood Community College in the Tippie Livestock building. The Region 10 weigh-in is the mandatory site for all members wishing to nominate animals for eligibility to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. However, the Region 10 site will not be limited to just the state verified animals.

Therefore, a member or family can weigh-in all of their steers (ISF and county fair-only) at this site and thereby not have to go to our Jones County weigh-in at Cascade. Jones County members planning to weigh-in at KCC will have to confirm/commit the number of animals that they are planning to weigh by December 12th, 2012. Further details will be provided to all members enrolled in Market Beef projects. Be watching for it (if you signed up for beef on your enrollment form).

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# Winter Gala

The Jones County Facility Committee are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a Winter Gala. The date will be February 11th, 2012 and will be located at the Fawn Creek County Club. Social Hour will start at 6pm and dinner to follow at 7pm. All proceeds will go towards the NEW Jones County Youth Development Center that plans to break ground in spring 2012.

MENU: Hors d'oeuvres, Glazed Windsor Chops, mashed potatoes, lettuce, green beans, rolls, drinks, and assorted gourmet desserts

COST: \$40

There will be both an auction and silent auction for this event.

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

# National Geographic Expeditions Scholarship

The National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program provides financial support for students seeking educational summer experiences who could otherwise not afford them.

The National Geographic scholarship program generally considers students whose parents' combined income is less than \$50,000 and who have few assets. Each year, we receive many scholarship applications,

and allocation of scholarship funds is competitive. Students wishing to apply for aid through the fund must submit a completed application, their parents'/guardians' most recent federal tax returns, two completed teacher references, and a statement explaining their parents' need for financial support. Scholarship application forms for summer 2012 will be available in fall 2011.

A summer full of adventure and learning.. <http://ngstudentexpeditions.com/about/scholarships/>

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## FUNDRAISING

# Awards Day Donation Envelope

The final push of the funding-raising campaign for the new Jones County Youth Development Center is in place. The project "thermometer" that was placed at the building site during the fair last summer is ready to blow out the top!

Now is the time for all families and clubs to help with the final fund-raising drive. At the 4-H Family Awards Day, special donation envelopes will be available for contributions and if you have not yet provided us with the envelope and would like to please do so. Thanks for your support!

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# Hixson Scholarship Award

This special ISU program provides 100 undergraduate scholarships (\$10,000 each) to freshman in each Iowa County. Selection is based on the student's county, eligibility and potential. Students may major in any curriculum and must maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point. Applications are available online and must be completed by February 1st. For more information or if you have questions, contact the Extension Office or check the website at

[www.dso.iastate.edu/Hixson/](http://www.dso.iastate.edu/Hixson/)

## Calendar

### DECEMBER

- 1—2011 Pioneer Grant Application DUE
- 11— Teen Council Meeting (Connies House, 6:30pm)
- 14 — Youth Committee Meeting at McOttos (6:30pm)
- 17 — (mandatory for State Fair and AKSARBEN) - Cedar Rapids at Kirkwood Tippie Beef Center
- 23—Office closed ~ Holiday
- 25—**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**
- 26—Office closed ~ Holiday
- 30— Jones County 4-H/FFA Market Beef & Performance Beef Weigh-In  
(Cascade Sale barn)
- 30—Office closed ~ Holiday
- 31— County Beef Weigh-In 8:30am to 11:30am

### JANUARY

- 2 — Office Closed ~ holiday
- 8— Teen Council
- 11 — Youth Committee 6pm
- 14 — Senior Scholarship Work Day 9:30am Linn County Office
- 19— Legislative Trip
- 20- — Early Bird Registrations for State Volunteer Retreat due to State 4-H Office
- 21-22 — Jones County 4-H leaders Training

### FEBRUARY

- 9 — County Wide Clover Kid Fun Night
- 11 — Winter Gala
- 10-11 — State 4-H Volunteer Retreat

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