



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR



### COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

Connie Burhop has been working as the County Youth Coordinator for Jones County Extension for 14 years. Connie stays busy with 4-H member recruitment, 4-H enrollment, Clover Kids, Leaders Trainings, and day to day 4-H tasks. Connie has been involved with 4-H since she was a child and has made a difference in many 4-Hers lives. Thank you Connie for everything you do.

Connie Burhop  
County Youth Coordinator

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### GREAT JOB FAIRVIEW THUNDERBOLTS

December 19th, 2011 the Fairview Thunderbolts served lunch at the Anamosa Historical Societies Auction. The Auctioneer was Ed Shover who used to be a Fairview Thunderbolt back in the 1960's.

L to R: Emily Christiansen, Olivia Christiansen, Erin Day, and Angus Wacker



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## State 4-H Conference

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**JOIN** | THE REVOLUTION  OF RESPONSIBILITY

Attention all 4-Her's, grades 8-12! Come and experience the Iowa 4-H Conference held in Ames at Iowa State University. You will be able to attend workshops and participate in community service. Or, maybe you would like to attend animal science round-up and choose various animals such as sheep, beef, dairy, horse, or swine to study. Have fun in the evenings going to a formal banquet at Hilton Coliseum, dances, swimming, and a picnic. During the three day conference, experience dorm life and make new friends from across the state. You don't have to be in 4-H to attend, so if you have friends you would like to invite—bring them along! Conference dates are June 26-28, 2012. Contact the Jones County Extension Office for more information.

## Basement Clean-Up

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If your 4-H club meets in the basement of the Extension Office, please check to see that ALL doors are locked when you leave. Please vacuum the floors and return chairs/tables to previous arrangement. Please take out the garbage, there is a bin located in the back of the building in the parking lot. Remember to check both restrooms and the entry way—including the steps up to the Extension Office. Thank You.



## 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. A \$25 Scholarship for all registered individuals by January 6th.

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# Youth Development Fee

**YD 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 their individual clubs. A bill will be sent to each club. **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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# Winter Gala 2012

The Jones County Facility Committee are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a Winter Gala. The date will be **February 25th, 2012** and will be located at the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa. 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, Little Red Potatoes, Lettuce, Green Beans, Rolls, and assorted Gourmet Desserts

**COST:** \$40

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

## OUR VISION

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A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



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# Other Scholarship Opportunities

**Master Gardeners:** One \$200 scholarship sponsored by the Jones County Master Gardeners is being offered to 2012 high school graduates residing in Jones County. To be eligible, the student must be planning to attend an accredited horticulture-related college program such as forestry, turf grass management, nursery/landscaping operations, parks and natural resources, floriculture, entomology, botany or other related majors. Entry deadline: March 1, 2012. For more information, contact the Jones County Extension Office. Applications will be available on our website.

**VEISHEA:** VEISHEA 2012 is delighted to award both Leadership and Community Involvement Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to students entering Iowa State in the fall of 2011. All students who meet the requirements are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity. Applications and requirements may be downloaded from the VEISHEA website at [www.veishea.iastate.edu](http://www.veishea.iastate.edu). Applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2012 for consideration to the VEISHEA Committee at Ames, Iowa.

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# \$enior \$cholarship Recognition 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.**

## COUNTY NEWS

# 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 were sent in December were 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 6 am.

## 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)

Citizenship Washington Focus is a nine-day trip for 4-H Transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals.

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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.

## 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 2011 (L2/2011)(pink) and 2012 L2/2012)(blue) have been completed 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.

## LIVESTOCK

# SWINE Livestock Judging

Members interested in swine judging may want checkout a Region 10 swine judging workshop being scheduled for January 18 (some schools are on MLK holiday break) at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids at 5:30 pm; Tippe Beef Center. Pizza will be served. If interested, contact the EO for more details.



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## LIVESTOCK

### LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL PROJECT DEADLINES/Swine Identification

Each year, members jeopardize their opportunity to exhibit their livestock/animal projects at the county fair by failing to comply with the deadlines for various livestock/animal information forms, entries, etc. Late materials **WILL NOT** be accepted. All deadlines are clearly printed in the latest edition of the LPR booklet (L-2/2010). Check it out NOW, before it's too late!

PLAN AHEAD! Again, this year, ALL market swine will be brought to a designated site for identification (not just the Derby swine). Market individuals will be tattooed and eartagged, but will not be weighed. There will be a \$1.00 per head eartag fee charged for each derby and market individual. All market and derby individuals **MUST** also have proper ear notches.

## LIVESTOCK

### Market Beef Follow-Up

All market beef verification information that was incomplete at weigh-in should be confirmed by **JANUARY 15**. Each member that weighed in market beef received an email message containing instructions on verifying their animals weigh-in records as posted in 4hOnline by the staff. The message also contained details on any errors or incomplete data as of the weigh-in date that still needs attention. All documentation **MUST** be completed by January 15 especially for any animals that are being verified for Iowa State Fair/AK-SAR-BEN eligibility. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions 319-462-2791.

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## LIVESTOCK

### FSQA Training/Testing Dates

FSQA training/testing sessions in Jones County for 2012 will start in March. Members exhibiting beef, bucket/bottle calves, dairy, goats (dairy and meat), poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine are required to have completed Food Safety and Quality Assurance certification before exhibiting at the fair. FSQA certification is good for one year unless members (Intermediate and Senior only) have successfully completed the *'test-out'* option. All local training sessions will include an optional testing session. Watch the *NEWSLETTER* for the session dates and the updated checklist of individual member certification status. Once we have the dates (county and regional) and the details on the updated checklist of individual member certification status.

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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

### JANUARY

- 2 — Office Closed ~ holiday
- 8— Teen Council
- 11 — Youth Committee 6pm
- 14 — Senior Scholarship Work Day  
9:30am Linn County Office
- 15— Market Beef verification due
- 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 on wheels

### FEBRUARY

- 1— 4-H College Scholarship Appli-  
cations DUE  
*(State 4-H Office)*
- 1— Hills Bank & Trust Company  
Leadership Grant Applica-  
tions DUE  
*(Iowa 4-H Foundation)*
- 1— SU Hixson Opportunity Award  
Application DUE
- 9 — County Wide Clover Kid  
Fun Night
- 11— Dairy Banquet
- 12— Teen Council
- 10-11 — State 4-H Volunteer  
Retreat
- 15— Jones Co. 4-H Leaders  
Training
  
- 25— Winter GALA

### MARCH

- 1— 4-H club insurance DUE
- 1— Basketball rosters DUE
- 11— Teen Council meeting  
*(Extension Office, 6:30 pm)*
- 15— County 4-H Scholarship Ap-  
plications DUE *(Extension  
Office)*
- 17— Beef Banquet— Berndes Cen-  
ter in Monticello
- 18— Junior 4-H Basketball Games
- 25— Senior 4-H Basketball  
Games
- 24— Swine weigh-In and identification

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