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Jones County 4-H Newsletter
February 2020

Hold on to your hats, ladies and gentlemen! Because we have a jam-packed newsletter for you. We've been working to get workshops, camps and trips all scheduled for you to enjoy yet this winter and moving into the spring and summer.

We're only 174 days away from the Great Jones County Fair



and we're planning tons of educational workshops leading up to the best days of the summer! (Yes, we know it's only February). So, read on and make sure you RSVP for all the fun things we have planned.

— Molly Schmitt
County Youth Program Coordinator

Welcome, Shawnee!

We're excited to welcome Shawnee Oswald as our new part-time office assistant. Shawnee is a Jones County native and started her new role this month.



February's Quick Hits:

- **Derby Swine Weigh-In Scheduled**
Swine weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, from 8:30-10 a.m. Check out our Facebook event for more details.
- **Sheep & Goat Weigh-In**
Sheep and Goat weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 8-10 a.m. Check out our Facebook event for more details.
- **Communication/Clothing Day**
The 2020 4-H Communication and Clothing Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2.
- **State Recognition Apps Due Feb. 1**
Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, state project area awards, National 4-H congress, National 4-H conference and SESS Ambassadors are due February 1. Learn more at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities.
- **Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship - 2/1**
Applications are due February 1 for Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships. Learn more and apply at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/.



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COUNTY 4-H PROJECT WORKSHOPS

Stay on top of all our Jones County 4-H Project Workshop offerings:

Facebook events: <https://www.facebook.com/jones4h/>

Website articles with flyers: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/4h>

Horse Clinics

If you are showing a horse for 4-H or FFA at the 2020 Great Jones County Fair, **you must attend ONE of these workshops WITH your horse to be eligible to show.** Workshops are held on Fairgrounds. Please RSVP for the workshops you will be attending to oswalds@iastate.edu.

Saturday, April 18 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 29 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 20 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 3 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 15 | 6-7 p.m.

We will count the Wyoming Fair Horse Show on Saturday, July 11, as a workshop.

Pet Workshop

We are excited to do a behind the scene workshop at the Anamosa Vet Clinic on:

Tuesday, April 14 | 6-7:00 p.m.

At this workshop, you will get a tour of the facilities, learn about what happens at the clinic on a day to day basis, proper handling of small animals, how to keep your animals healthy and general care.

This workshop will be **limited to 15 people** max. Please RSVP to oswalds@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224 to secure your spot!

Jam & Preservation Workshop

We are hosting a Jam Making and Food Preservation Workshop at location that is yet to be determined.

Saturday, April 25 | 1-5 p.m.

Spots are limited. RSVP's are due to Shawnee at oswalds@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224.

Swine Workshops

Several workshops are being scheduled for swine. So far, the following two workshops are scheduled. These will be held in the Meeting Room at the Extension and Outreach Office. Do not bring your animals. RSVP's are due to oswalds@iastate.edu one week prior to each workshop.

Tuesday, February 18 | 6-7 p.m.

Topic: Biosecurity

Tuesday, March 3 | 6-7 p.m.

Pig Selection & Feeding

Rabbit Workshop

Join us and guest speaker Mike Avesing as he discusses general health and care of your rabbits. He will also help prepare you for fair.

Tuesday, March 31 | 6-7:00 p.m.

This workshop will be held at the Extension and Outreach Office. Please bring your rabbit with you if you can. RSVP's are due to oswalds@iastate.edu one week prior to each workshop.

Horticulture Workshops

Join us for a series of horticulture workshops geared toward helping 4-Her's kickoff their 4-H projects! Workshops will be held at the Jones County Extension and Outreach Office. RSVP's are due to oswalds@iastate.edu one week prior to each workshop.

Sunday, February 23 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Getting Started Growing

Sunday, March 22 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Starting Seeds & Soil Health

Sunday, April 26 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Plant Propagation & Preparing for Spring Planting

Tuesday, May 19 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Garden Care & Tour

Tuesday, June 23 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Fair and Exhibit Preparation

Great Jones County Fair 4-H & FFA Single Source Commercial Swine Project



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Single Source Commercial Swine Project is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to gain valuable experience in raising pigs through a partnership with a local Jones County pork producer.

THE PIGS

All pigs for this project will be sold to members from a pre-determined farrowing producer so that all of the pigs have the same genetics. Barrows and gilts will be distributed evenly, as we plan to break single source classes up by gender and weights at fair.

In March, members will meet on the producer's operation and pick their pigs. At this time, each pig will be weighed, tagged and recorded. Members will then need to transport their pig(s) to the location they will be housed until fair.

FAIR TIME

During the 2020 Great Jones County Fair, there will be a separate Single Source Commercial Class during the swine show that will include only pigs from this project. This class is very production driven and will have a separate judge. The champion from this class WILL be eligible to participate in the champion drive. Pigs will be transported from fair by the Pork Producers with all market pigs to be sold to the packer.

COST

Project participants will be able to purchase pigs at an affordable price, which will be set based on current market values (we estimate \$50 per pig at time of selection this spring). Apart from the initial cost of each pig, participants will be responsible for costs associated with housing, bedding, feeding, grooming, veterinarian and transportation.

SIGN UP

Those interested must sign up no later than Friday, February 28.

This experience is capped at 60 pigs. Each participant may sign up for and purchase up to three pigs. Number of pigs **MUST** be designated at time of sign-up. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 per pig is due at the time of sign-up to reserve your pig(s).

Class Requirements:

- Must be active 4-H/FFA member
- **Must sign-up by February 28**
- Must participate in at least one swine workshop and attend the kickoff meeting for this project (March date TBD)
- Are responsible for housing and daily care of pigs from March to fair time
- Must have one identified adult mentor identified at time of sign-up
- Must bring at least one pig to the fair to exhibit.

This class could be a great option for those who...

- Want to try a new project area
- Are just getting started in their 4-H/FFA livestock experience
- Want ease in finding pigs for fair
- Want to find pigs for fair at an affordable price
- Want the production challenge against similar DNA animals
- Want to be connected with pork producers in Jones County

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Iowa Youth Dairy Coalition

The Dairy Science Club at Iowa State University is proud to announce the annual Youth Dairy Coalition hosted in northwest Iowa, March 28-29. This educational event is open to all Iowa youth ages 10-18. Participants will experience the "Ice Cream Capital of the World" and much more.

Transportation will be provided from northeast Iowa to Le Mars, IA in northwest Iowa. Registration details coming soon. For questions, contact the ISU Dairy Science Club at dscexec19@iastate.edu.



Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 14.



State Rabbit and Cavy Workshop

The annual 4-H and FFA rabbit and cavy workshop will be held Sunday, March 22, from 12:30-4 p.m. at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center in Muscatine, Iowa. This state-wide and multi-state workshop is sponsored by Iowa State University, Iowa State Rabbit Breeders Association, Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders, Mississippi Valley Rabbit Breeders, Fred's Feed from West Liberty, Nutrena Nature Wise Feeds, Mike Avesing, and the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center. Contact Lynne Rechterman (563-260-5295) for more information.



Jones County Cattlemen's Scholarship

At least one scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in agriculture. **Entries must be postmarked by March 2.** Learn more at www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/news/jones-county-cattlemens-scholarship-due-32.





YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certifications are **due by July 1, 2020** for those 4-H & FFA exhibitors wanting to show the following livestock species at the Great Jones County Fair or the Iowa State Fair.

- Pigs
- Sheep
- Goats
- Poultry
- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Market Rabbits

You can take the YQCA training two ways:

1) ELECTRONIC

Take YQCA online any time before July 1. Online training costs \$12 annually per youth. To do so, make an account or log on using your 4hOnline information here: <http://yqca.org/>.

2) FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

Devan and Molly are now certified to lead face-to-face trainings for all age levels. We have two dates/locations scheduled for 2020 in-person trainings. Face-to-face training is only \$3 annually per youth! Check out either Facebook event for details and online registration instructions.

- **Monday, March 9, 2020**
6:30-8 p.m.
Cascade Junior-Senior High School
Room #138
- **Monday, June 15, 2020**
1-2:30 p.m.
Anamosa High School

STORYWALK® at Central Park

Seeking donations

We're excited about a new partnership that will bring a Storywalk to Jones County!

Storywalk will launch in Spring 2020 and will be placed along the nature walk at Central Park. Stories will be rotated 4-6 times per year. The goal of the STORYWALK® is to help build children's interest in reading, while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both adults and children.



We're seeking donors for each of the Storywalk "pages/poles." Each of the stands will be built by Iowa Prison Industries in Anamosa and are being built with the intention of longevity and weather proofing. We would love to see our 4-H clubs support this initiative and our community through sponsoring a Page Pole. The sponsorship cost for each Page Pole is \$200, and we will be putting up 22 of these poles. Page/pole donors will be recognized with a plaque on the pole.

This project is a partnership with Jones County Grade Level Reading, Jones County Conservation and ISU Extension & Outreach for Jones County. For more information, contact Jennifer Fischer at 319-465-3224 or jenfisch@iastate.edu.

Teens Teaching Tech - Next Mtg.

The next meeting for our Teen Tech Team will be held February , from 6-7:30 p.m. During this meeting, 4-H'ers from Clinton County (working on a similar tech program) will be sharing their experience.

Through this group, **youth in grades 8-12** will teach adults in our community basic computer skills through a series of classes.

Interested teens will go through training and then help show others how to use basic computer functions like checking email, using social media, using search engines, online shopping and more.

Those still interested in getting involved should contact mollyrs@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224.



STRENGTHENING *Families* PROGRAM

FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14

Get the tools, skills and strategies to build a stronger family in six sessions!



What is Strengthening Families? Strengthening Families Program 10-14 is a proven effective, family inclusive program that promotes positive communication, family bonding and joint problem-solving skills.

What to Expect: A six-week program that meets one night (Thursdays) each week. Each session begins with a FREE family meal. During the first hour, parents and youth meet separately, but work on similar skills. Then, during the second hour each week, youth and parents have fun together as they play games and do family projects. Youth sessions include discussions, group skills practice and games. Parent sessions include video presentations, group discussion and skill-building activities. Interactive DVD's are used throughout the parent sessions to portray typical youth and parent situations. Learn more about Strengthening Families Program at www.extension.iastate.edu/sfp10-14/

Cost: This 6-week program is FREE!! And, dinner is provided before each session.

When: This series will be held weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8 p.m. on the following dates: February 20, February 27, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26

Where: Citizen's State Bank Youth Development Center, 800 N. Maple St., Monticello, IA 52310

Registration:

RSVP's due to Molly Schmitt at mollyrs@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224 by **Monday, Feb. 10, 2020.**

Name(s) of Parent/Caregiver(s) Attending: _____

Name(s) of Student(s) Attending (Ages 10-14): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Food Allergies (list if any): _____

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Upcoming Events for 4-Hers and Families

Please contact the office with any questions you have regarding upcoming events and activities. Let us know if you would like more information on anything mentioned. We also welcome any ideas you have for future events! Check Facebook & our website for more upcoming dates.

1/31	Scholarship Applications Open
2/1-2/2	Winter Plunge Camp @ Grace Camp
2/4	Teen Tech Team Mtg., 6-7:30 pm
2/18	Swine Workshop, 6-7 pm
2/19	4-H Legislative Trip to Des Moines
2/20	Strengthening Families Program Series Begins
2/23	Horticulture Workshop, 6:30-7:30 pm
2/23	Brunch Club Mtg., 4 pm
2/23	County Council Mtg., 5 p.m.
2/28-29	4-H & Friends Youth Lock-In
3/3	Swine Workshop, 6-7 pm
3/9	Internship Applications Due
3/9	YQCA Face-to-Face Training, Cascade HS
3/22	Horticulture Workshop, 6:30-7:30 pm
3/23	Jones Co. 4-H Scholarship Apps Due
3/27-3/28	Working the Night Shift Bus Trip
3/31	Rabbit Workshop, 6-7 pm
4/4	Derby Swine Weigh-In
4/17-4/18	Omaha Zoo Intermediate Trip
4/25	Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
4/25	Jam Workshop, 1-5 pm
5/1	Broiler Project Chick Orders Due
5/2	4-H Clothing & Communication Event
5/7	Pre-Fair Leaders Meeting
5/15	Animal Identification Deadline
6/8-6/11	Junior 4-H Camp @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
6/12/6/13	Jr. Adventure Camp @ Camp Shalom
6/15	YQCA Face-to-Face Training, Anamosa HS
6/16	Clover Kids Year-End Celebration
6/30-7/2	Iowa 4-H Youth Conference @ Ames
7/1	Fair entry deadline

**REGISTER
TODAY**

Legislative Trip

On February 19, 7th-12th grade 4-H members & friends are planning to visit the Iowa Supreme Court, Iowa Legislature and Capitol in Des Moines, have lunch with legislators and explore the Greater Des Moines Area. Cost is \$50. Contact 319-465-3224 or mollyrs@iastate.edu to register by February 5.

4-H & Friends Lock-In

Registrations for the County 4-H Council-sponsored 4-H & Friends Lock-In are being extended to February 7. Learn more and find the registration flyer here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/news/4-h-friends-youth-lock>.

Internship Opening!

The Jones County Extension and Outreach office is hiring a temporary summer internship position starting in May and ending in August. If interested in applying, please send cover letter, resume and references by **March 9** to jenfisch@iastate.edu.

**WE WANT
YOU!
NOW HIRING**

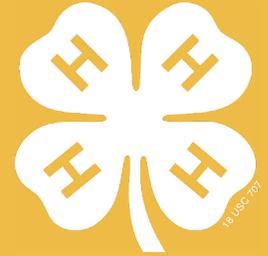


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Capitol Bound February 19, 2020

Space is limited, register early to save your spot!



Come join us as we travel by bus with other 4-Her's to Des Moines, tour the State Capitol complex, visit with elected officials, gain a greater understanding of our Iowa state government and learn about current issues.



On Wednesday, February 19th, 7th - 12th grade 4-H members & friends are planning to visit the Iowa Supreme Court, Iowa Legislature and Capitol in Des Moines, have lunch with legislators and explore the Science Center of Iowa.

Registration is required by 2/5/2020.

Jones County 4-H Member Cost: \$50

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Registration Form—4-H Capitol Bound, February 19, 2020

Submit form along with \$50 registration fee to:

Jones County Extension and Outreach, 800 N. Maple St., Monticello, IA 52310 by 1/22/20.

Name: _____ 4-H County: _____

Contact Email: _____ Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____ 4-Her Phone Number: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Current Grade: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

FOR STAFF USE: health form _____ publicity release: Yes No

The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program