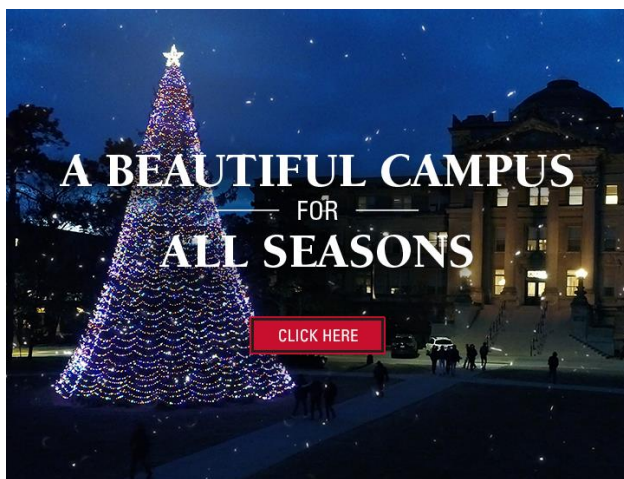


Highlights from Region 8 January 2018

Bullet Points from Rich

- 92 educational events were held in December and 73 events are scheduled for January.
www.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/default.asp

Holiday Greetings from Iowa State



Iowa Farmland Values Increase

After having fallen for the past three years, the estimated value of Iowa farmland increased in 2017 to \$7,326 per acre. This represents an increase of 2 percent from 2016.

www.extension.iastate.edu/node/43925/

Special Extension Holiday Video



ISU Extension and Outreach strives to engage all Iowans in research, education and extension experiences to address current and emerging real-life challenges, and our core values, expressed in this video, make us successful. Please enjoy this brief [message from our extension family](#). Our people live the [Extension Professional's Creed](#) every day – and sometimes we recite it. We are honored to serve the people of Iowa and we look forward to continuing to work together for a strong Iowa.

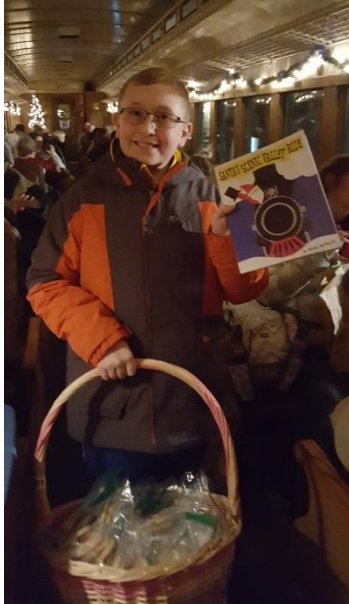
4-H'er to be Featured Designer



Boone County 4-H'er Lauren Hansen will show case her designs at Omaha Fashion Week on March 3. Lauren won the ISU Department of Apparel, Events and Hospitality Management's \$500 scholarship during the

2017 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event at the Iowa State Fair.

Youth Engage in Service Project at Boone Scenic Valley Railroad



Participants in Boone County's Ricochet youth leadership program volunteered for a Santa Train at the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad on Dec. 8 for their service project. The youth, joined by their parents, used their communication and leadership skills to read *Santa's Scenic*

Valley Ride, lead songs and distribute refreshments. Volunteers of all ages help run the railroad, which is a major attraction in the Boone community that draws passengers from several states.

Jump Starting Development



Six families recently completed the new Small Talk early childhood literacy development program in Boone County.

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Extension in Action



ISU Extension and Outreach in Hardin County hosts a

women's grain marketing group that meets monthly with Farm Management Specialist Kelvin Leibold. The group focuses on production costs, crop insurance and grain marketing strategies and plans. The group consists of 30 women with an average attendance of 18.



The Marshall County Youth Ambassadors collected 157 items of canned

foods in just over a month. They chose to donate these items to their local House of Compassion. On Dec. 15, four youth ambassadors took items to the House of Compassion, a soup kitchen, supply closet and client assistance program in Marshalltown. They serve anyone whose income is under 133 percent of federal poverty level.



Boone and Story 4-H'ers learned how to be great club officers

from ISU Collegiate 4-H on Dec. 1.