Happy New Year everyone! We can’t believe 2020 is here!

We have tons of project workshops, camps and trips scheduled for the year, so please read carefully. Oh, and don’t forget to RSVP if you plan to attend any of these events.

December’s Quick Hits:

- **F.A.S.T. Project Workshop Day**
  A F.A.S.T. workshop day has been scheduled for Monday, February 17 (most schools are off on this day). We will hold several different project area sessions throughout the day led by guest presenters. Plan to come for a day of fun, learning and creating! RSVP’s will be due by Feb. 10. More information coming soon!

- **Communication/Clothing Day**
  The 2020 4-H Communication and Clothing Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2.

- **Healthy Living Club Challenge**
  Registration is open for the 4-H Club Healthy Living Challenge. The 2020 challenge runs from January 1 through June 30. Sign up at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge.

- **Iowa 4-H Camera Corps**

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**Annual Volunteer Training**
Volunteers who are club, project or Clover Kid leaders must attend this annual training. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 15**, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Youth Development Center. The snow date will be Wednesday, February 5.

**Beef Weigh-In Numbers**
Our market beef weigh-ins were held on December 21st and 28th. Between these two dates, **more than 130** animals were weighed in! We’d like to say a HUGE than you to the Youth Committee members, Jones County Cattlemen, FFA advisors and other volunteers who made these weigh-ins run smooth!
Jones County 4-H & Friends

YOUTH LOCK-IN!

Sponsored by the Jones County 4-H County Council

Date/Time:
February 28-29, 2020
(check in from 7:30-8 p.m.;
pick-up from 7-7:15 a.m.)

Who:
ALL 4th-6th graders are welcome
(you do not need to be a 4-H
member to attend)

What:
Wear your pajamas and join us for
a night for all youth in 4th-6th grade.
The night will be full of fun activities
for you to choose between,
including:
• Board games
• Recreational games/activities
• Movies
• Community service projects
• Cooking
• Team-building activities
• Virtual reality/technology
• And ... so much more!

Tentative Location:
Citizen’s State Bank
Youth Development Center
800 N. Maple St., Monticello, IA 52310

Cost:
$20/4-H member OR $30/non 4-H member
Make checks payable to
“Jones County Extension” with
“County Council Lock-In” in the memo

Why:
Spend the night making friends with other
4-H members and 4th-6th graders from
Jones County! Plus, it’s going to be a blast!

RSVP (REQUIRED):
To register and reserve your spot, submit
the completed registration form and
payment to the Jones County Extension
and Outreach office in person, via mail or
by emailing dcrest@iastate.edu.
All RSVP’s and registration fees are
due no later than Monday, January 20.

No phones or electronics may be brought in to this event!! Snacks will be provided.
More details will be sent to those registered after the January 20th deadline.

Find the full flyer and registration form here:
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/news/4-h-friends-youth-lock
Respond to our Facebook event:
https://www.facebook.com/events/453923655216678/
Clover Kids groups are beginning to meet this month. To register for a Clover Kids club, please contact Devan Cress at dcress@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224. Registration will again be done through 4hOnline. The Clover Kid enrollment fee is $30 for the year, which covers supplies and other program costs. Scholarships are available.

Spots are limited — we're seeking more volunteers for all groups so we can allow all kids participate.

**Anamosa — St. Patrick’s**
9-10:30 a.m. | K-3rd grade
Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 14, April 4, May 2, June 6

**Anamosa — Lawrence Comm. Center**
3:30-5 p.m. | K-3rd grade
Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 3

**Cascade — Cascade Elementary**
6:30-7:30 p.m. | K-3rd grade
Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 8, April 19, May 15, June 14

**Lisbon — Lisbon School Cafeteria**
3:15-5 p.m. | K-3rd grade
Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 6, April 3, May 1

**Monticello — Citizen’s State Bank Youth Development Center**
3:15-5 p.m. | K-3rd grade
Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May 12

**Olin Clover Kids**
K-3rd grade | Meetings TBD
Seeking volunteers for this group

**Wyoming — Wyoming Public Library**
10-11:30 a.m. | K-3rd grade
Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 21, April 11, May 9, June 13

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**Beef Project Workshop**
A 4-H/FFA beef project workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28, from 6-7:30 p.m.** at the Jones County Extension and Outreach office in the Meeting Room.

Denise Schwab, ISU Extension and Outreach Beef Field Specialist will lead this interactive workshop to cover animal nutrition, winter care and accurate feed measuring to efficiently feed your animal.

Do NOT bring your animal to this workshop. Instead, please bring a pail of the current feed you’re using to feed your beef animal. Denise asks that you bring one day’s worth of feed for one calf.

RSVP’s for this workshop are required by **Wednesday, January 22**, to Devan Cress at dcress@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224.

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**Internship Opening!**
The Jones County Extension and Outreach office is looking to hire a temporary summer internship position starting in May and ending in August. If interested in applying, please send cover letter, resume and references to Jennifer Fischer at jenfisch@iastate.edu by **March 9th**.

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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**
Extension and Outreach
State Recognition Applications Open

Applications for the following opportunities are currently open and will close February 1, 2020:

- Iowa 4-H Reporters
- Project Area Awards
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- SESS Ambassador

These opportunities are available for high school-age 4-H members.

If you are interested in applying for any of the positions listed above, please check out the State Recognition Day webpage by visiting www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities.

For help with your applications or questions, please contact mollyrs@iastate.edu.

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now open and are due by February 1, 2020.

4-H members are strongly encouraged to read and follow the helpful hints and instructions found on the 4-H Foundation Scholarship webpage (www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/).

Contact Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator, Mary Clancy, at 712-830-1321 with questions or concerns.

Citizenship Washington Focus

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip is a 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth (completed grades 9-12 at the time of the trip). Each summer teens gather at the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D.C. to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world.

The 2020 trip is scheduled for June 19-27. The deadline to register is January 17, 2020. Space is limited to first 48 delegate registrations. To learn more, check out the webpage at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

Iowa Swine Workshop & Judging Contest

The 12th annual 4-H and FFA Swine Judging contest will be held Thursday, January 23, at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion.

Iowa 4-H and FFA members are invited to take advantage of this excellent educational opportunity. Hundreds of students interested in the pork industry attend each year to learn about pork production, enhance their pork knowledge, test their judging skills, and have an opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Contact Emma Lasco at 800-372-7675 or elasco@iowapork.org to register!

Iowa Pork Congress

The Iowa Pork Congress returns for its 48th year January 22-23, 2020, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. The event, brought to you by the Iowa Pork Producers Association, will feature an array of top seminars and speakers, the industry’s most important swine exhibitors, social events and youth activities.

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

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 January 23, 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.
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!

1/15  Annual Volunteer Training, 6-7:30 p.m.
1/23  Teen Tech Team Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.
1/26  4-H Brunch Club Meeting, 4 p.m.
1/26  County 4-H Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
1/27  Youth Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
1/28  4-H/FFA Beef Project Workshop, 6-7:30 p.m.
1/31  Scholarship Applications Open

2/1-2/2  Winter Plunge Camp @ Grace Camp
2/5  Snow Day: Annual Volunteer Training
2/17  F.A.S.T. Breakout Session Workshop
2/19  4-H Legislative Trip to Des Moines
2/20  Strengthening Families Program Series Begins
2/28-29  4-H & Friends Youth Lock-In
3/9  Internship Applications Due
3/9  YQCA Face-to-Face Training, Cascade HS
3/23  Jones Co. 4-H Scholarship Apps Due
3/27-3/28  Working the Night Shift Bus Trip
4/17-4/18  Omaha Zoo Intermediate Trip
4/25  Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
4/25  Jam Workshop, 1-5 p.m.
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
7/17  New Member Fair Orientation

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Winter Plunge Camp
February 1-2, 2020
Space is limited, register early to save your spot!

Plunge into winter with an overnight camp for 4-6th graders. 4-H members are encouraged to bring a friend and explore the great outdoors! Learn outdoor survival skills, enjoy a winter campfire and engage in a ton of great activities just for you!

Check in will be Saturday, February 1. Youth will stay overnight in cabins at Grace Lutheran Camp in DeWitt. Pickup will be on Sunday, February 2. Registration is required by January 22.

Cost: Jones County campers $50
*financial assistance is available

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Registration Form—4-H Winter Plunge, February 1-2, 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 Phone Number: ____________________________ 4-Her Phone Number: _______________________

Male: _____ Female: _____ Current Grade: 4 5 6

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.