



# 4-H HORIZONS – NOVEMBER 2010



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## Benefits of 4-H

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### October

30-31 Civic Opportunity

#### November

- 11 Babysitting Basics, Norwalk
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- 15 Re-enrollment forms and fee due to Extension Office
- 20 Awards Night, New Virginia
- 25 Holiday, office closed
- 26 Holiday, office closed

#### December

- 6 Club Officer Training
- 16 Youth Committee Meeting
- 18 Beef Weigh In
- 23 Holiday, office closed
- 24 Holiday, office closed
- 31 Holiday, office closed

Not only is 4-H fun and a great way to meet new friends, it can benefit members in many important ways.

4-H creates cutting-edge, relevant programs for young people to learn real-world skills that prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow. Our partners know that 4-H is proven—it's in the research.

According to the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development by Tufts University, 4-H youth are:

- **1.6 times** more likely to be at the highest levels of positive development
- More likely to see themselves **going to college** compared to other youth
- **25% more** likely to contribute to themselves, their families, and communities
- **41% less** likely to engage in high risk behaviors

Did you know about all of these great benefits? Spread the good word about 4-H to your friends and family, and invite others to participate!



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## BEEF WEIGH IN

# Beef Weigh In Date Set – December 18, 2010

All 4-Hers who wish to exhibit market beef animals at the 2011 Warren County Fair must weigh and identify those animals at the Warren County Fairgrounds. 4-Hers may weigh and ID a max. of 6 lead animals. All animals must be dehorned and males must have been castrated by weigh in.

### County Only Market Beef:

-Weigh-in times: 7-11 AM  
-Ear Tags cost \$1.75 each  
-Market Beef ID forms must be completed and signed  
-Please notify volunteers of Advanced Cattle Feeder animals.

### Iowa State Fair and other 4-H Sponsored Show Exhibitors:

-Weigh in times: 11 am-12:30 pm  
-Ear tags, retinal scan, DNA collection, etc cost \$5.25/animal  
-Ak-Sar-Ben nominations \$6.25/animal  
-Must have tattoo and sire information for ID form.  
-If 4-Her or parent cannot attend weigh in, an affidavit must be signed prior to December 18.

Weigh In snow date is January 8, 2011.



## 4-H AWARDS NIGHT

# YOU are Invited to Warren County 4-H Awards Night

Senior 4-H and the Youth Committee invite all 4-Hers and their families to attend the 2010 Awards Night on **Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 at the Legion Hall in New Virginia.**

**What is awards night?** It is a time to celebrate 4-Hers and their accomplishments during the past 4-H year. Those who turned in record books and applied for awards will be

recognized during the event.

The Warren County cattlemen will be providing burgers. Desserts will also be provided.

There will be a **slide show** at Awards Night. Slide show pictures are needed! Please send your 4-H pictures to:  
[imthenewlaff@aim.com](mailto:imthenewlaff@aim.com)  
[cheerleadingchic01@hotmail.com](mailto:cheerleadingchic01@hotmail.com)  
[Emily\\_319@msn.com](mailto:Emily_319@msn.com)



## FUNDING AVAILABLE

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs 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

are due in the Warren County Extension Office on December 1, 2010.

Take advantage of this opportunity to improve your community!

# MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL, WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



## OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

# Citizenship Washington Focus

4-Hers, ages 15-19 have a chance to experience the Summer of 2011 through a unique event known as Citizenship Washington Focus or CWF. CWF is an opportunity to participate in an eight-day trip through the heartland and our nation's capital.

Leaving Central Iowa Saturday, June 18, the week includes tours of the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, orientation to Capitol Hill and a comedy show. This year participants will see the Broadway show *Wicked*.

Mid-week the 4-H delegation visits Capitol Hill to meet Iowa Representatives. Following are meetings, workshops, talent show practice, and a Night Out on the Town. The final day allows sightseeing, shopping, and a farewell dinner and dance.

Price of the trip is \$1,550. The Youth Committee in conjunction with Friends of 4-H will contribute \$625 for each member who participates in the trip. The trip cost includes bus transportation, overnight stays, tours, accommodations at the National 4-H Center, insurance, and many meals and entertainment. Youth will be responsible for souvenirs and some meals. A \$300 deposit is due with registration forms by November 30.

For more information, contact Annette Brown, Program Specialist, at 515-432-3882. Application forms can be found online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/news/CWF>. Applications are due at the Warren County Extension office by November 30, 2010.

## OFFICER TRAINING

# Attention Club Officers!

Are you new to an office in your club? Do you know what all of your roles and responsibilities are? Club officer training can help give you the tools you need to be a great club officer.

Training will be held on **Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

All club officers are encouraged to attend, and leaders are welcome. Each officer will learn and practice the responsibilities and skills of their office.

If you are planning to attend, please call or email the office at 515-961-6237 or [kpierson@iastate.edu](mailto:kpierson@iastate.edu).

## RE-ENROLLMENT

# Last Call for Re-Enrollments

The re-enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members is **Monday, November 15**. Any re-enrollments not received by 4:30 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a late fee of \$25.

In order for the enrollment process to be complete members need to:

1. Fill out/sign the enrollment form.
2. Read/sign Code of Ethics form
3. Fill out Medical Release form.

4. Pay the program development fee of \$40/member (maximum of \$120/household). Financial assistance is available.

*Additional Notes:*

Parent/guardian must sign forms.

Incomplete/unsigned forms will NOT be accepted at the Extension Office.

- No late fee for new enrollments

## 4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



Farewell 4-H Families,

This is my final newsletter. I am resigning my position with Extension, with my last day being Tuesday, November 9. I have really enjoyed working with and getting to know many of you. I am continually wowed by the strength of and support for the 4-H program in Warren County. The opportunity to be a part of it was a privilege.

I am pursuing a new opportunity with the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children. I will be coordinating a new grant project with them and am looking forward to that opportunity.

I would like to thank you for your support and patience during the last year. There were many firsts, changes, and bumps along the road, but you all did a tremendous job of continuing to support the program.

Thank You!

Ashley

## LOCAL EXTENSION STAFFING UPDATE – WHAT'S NEXT?

If you look at counties across Iowa, a typical and recommended staffing is one full-time County Youth Coordinator (CYC) per county. Counties with very small populations may combine an office assistant and youth position. But, Warren County is indeed *no ordinary county* – our county is already 12<sup>th</sup> place in size, and *we are growing!* Larger counties routinely dedicate **two** or more full-time county paid extension people solely doing youth work.

Truthfully and sincerely, Warren County Extension has been staff handicapped for a long time. Only with the extraordinary sacrifices of our former long-time county director did we squeeze by. Locally, we have been shortchanged and have been losing out on 4-H youth programming opportunities. And this year, in fact, Ashley Blake was by definition only a ½ time CYC – the other ½ of her job was supervising 4 staff and overseeing \$400,000 of grants in two counties through a generous joint venture with Dallas County Extension. This was a unique job. And Ashley came into the CYC role already trained, skilled and schooled in working with 4-H youth and volunteers.

What's next? With Ashley's resignation, Warren County Extension Council is left with a serious problem about how to support the future Warren County 4-H program.

**The solution, in part, is in all of our hands.**

/s/ Jason DeLay, Chairperson, Extension Council

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