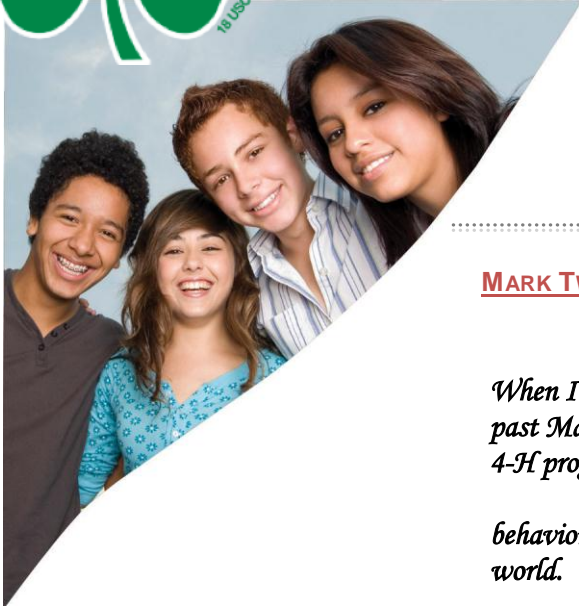




# 4-H HORIZON –DECEMBER 2011



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**MARK TWAIN SAID, "DO THE RIGHT THING. IT WILL GRATIFY SOME PEOPLE AND ASTONISH THE REST."**

*In this issue we have a directive to "Join the Revolution of Responsibility." When I was interviewed for the Warren County Youth Coordinator position this past May, my presentation was on the astounding reputation of 4-H, and what the 4-H program has meant to our world.*

*From the inception of 4-H young people have performed with responsible behavior, attitude and faith for their families, communities, their country and their world.*

*Well... the Award's Night ceremony on Sunday, November 13, shows that our Warren County 4-H'ers are members of that "Revolution of Responsibility." We are among those who are gratified... Thank you!*

*Ruth*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc grant 4-H project applications due
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Senior 4-H Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> – FIRST Tech Challenge qualifier tournament at West Des Moines
- 15<sup>th</sup> – CWF trip **registration CLOSES**
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Committee Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> – **Beef Weigh-In!**
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Advanced Cattle Feeders Workshop
- 23<sup>th</sup> – Holiday – Office Closed
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Holiday – Office Closed

### January

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Senior 4-H Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> – SNOW DATE: Market Beef Weigh-in
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Leader Training
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Day–ISU Women's Basketball game
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Bucket Calf Workshop
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Youth Committee Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Leader Training "Snow date"

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Market Beef Deadlines** – approval of 4hOnline data by 4-H'ers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Senior 4-H Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Youth Committee Meeting

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Senior 4-H Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Committee Meeting

### April

- 28<sup>th</sup> – Sheep/Goat Weigh-in

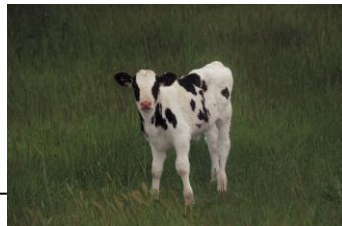
## BUCKET CALF WORKSHOP

**WHEN: 2:00 PM, JANUARY 15, 2012**

**WHERE: WARREN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**THIS MEETING IS FOR 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS, AND FOR ANY YOUTH INTERESTED IN SHOWING A BUCKET CALF AT THE 2012 WARREN COUNTY FAIR.**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED. PROJECT FORMS WILL BE GIVEN AS WELL AS INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ADD YOUR BUCKET CALF INFORMATION INTO 4HONLINE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A BUCKET CALF IF NEEDED.**



**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Extension and Outreach

ISU Extension: Warren County, 909 E. Second Ave., Suite E, Indianola IA 50125  
Phone: 515-961-6237 Hours: Tuesday – Thursday: 9 am – Noon & 12:30 – 4:30 pm

# JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY



Iowa youth are invited to join the revolution — the “4-H Revolution of Responsibility,” that is. Youth in grades 4-12 can [find out more about 4-H online](#) or contact their [Iowa State University Extension and Outreach county office](#).

The 4-H Revolution of Responsibility is a national 4-H slogan, explained Shelly Greving, marketing director with [ISU Extension 4-H Youth Development](#). “4-H is a movement for positive change in every Iowa community and throughout America. 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live.”

One in five Iowa school-age youth participates in ISU Extension 4-H Youth Development programs, headquartered at the Iowa State University campus in Ames and available through ISU Extension and Outreach offices in all Iowa counties. In 4-H, youth build leadership, citizenship, communication and life skills, and they learn by doing, whether through 4-H clubs, special interest groups, school enrichment or other 4-H programs.

“Children and youth learn best when they can ‘do’ — this is experiential education,” Greving said. “4-H clubs can be general interest or focus on specific topics such as robotics, photography, gardening, clothing, shooting sports, food and nutrition or just about any topic that interests kids and teens.”

The 4-H program is growing throughout Iowa, Greving said. Several counties were recognized for the growth in their local 4-H programs at the state 4-H youth development staff meeting in Ames earlier this month.

Over the past three years, Chickasaw and West Pottawattamie counties each saw a 21 percent increase in the number of youth participating in 4-H programs. Johnson County had a 28 percent

## Requirements needed for December 17, Beef Weigh-in:

- Active in 4-H (Enrolled and Active in 4hOnline prior to weigh-in date)
- 4-H Enrollment Development Fee Paid
- Complete and submit to Extension staff the Beef ID form 4-H 106B1
  - (Extension staff will then add or modify the information in 4hOnline)
- 4-H member is to Verify [Livestock data](#) in 4hOnline by **February 1** (After February 1, the information automatically locks prohibiting any changes)

We will be handing out the [beef ID form 4-H 106B1](#) at weigh-in on December 17, or you may wish to pull the form <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H106BI.pdf> and have a ready copy to submit prior to your arrival at weigh-in.

## Livestock Judging Video Tutorials

If you wish to see what judges look for in an animal, ctrl+click [Livestock Judging Videos](#).

To modify any of the screens in 4hOnline go to <https://iowa.4honline.com>. Using your **email profile** and the password you elected, go to the Member/Volunteer List. Click on the “Edit” button. The **Youth Personal Information** screen appears. At the top under the **red line** are options to click: go to **Animals**. Click on **Add Animal**. A scroll bar lists all species; click on the species, such as beef, and additional information may then be added. Following is what the screen will look like for Market Beef:

Beef, Feeder Calf  
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Tag Color:  
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Tattoo:  
Birthdate:  
Birth Weight:  
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4-H IS A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING  
LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP & LIFE SKILLS



Warren County 4-H'ers have two opportunities to participate in [Citizenship Washington Focus](#) (CWF), a national 4-H leadership program for high school youth, says Jeff Macomber, a 4-H youth development program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Macomber, who was named the statewide CWF coordinator this spring, has planned two trips for summer 2012. Registration is currently open for 4-H youth. This statewide approach is new for Iowa, he said. Typically, multiple counties came together to plan a CWF trip for local 4-H'ers, so a lot of the planning was replicated across the state, Macomber explained. The position was created to make planning simpler for everyone involved. "My job is to figure out all the details of the trip," Macomber said. "I want to make sure that everyone, from chaperones to 4-H'ers, has an educational and fun time."

The CWF program provides students with the opportunities to learn about civic and social responsibility and to form lasting friendships. "CWF is a great experience for 4-H'ers to have an immersion in understanding civic engagement," Macomber said. "This isn't just sightseeing; they also have the opportunity to learn about the process of government."

Students will visit many locations in the nation's capital, including Mount Vernon, Capitol Hill and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Iowa 4-H'ers can choose between two weeks to attend CWF. The first session is June 8-16, and the second is June 15- 23. The buses leave on the Friday before each session and return to Iowa on the Saturday following the session.

For more information about the Iowa CWF trips and how to register, visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf). Registration closes on Dec. 15, 2011.

## STATE AWARDS & INTERVIEWS

***We will soon be receiving the due dates for when you may apply for State Awards/Interviews. Following are awards, trips, and opportunities for which you may apply:***

**State 4-H Project Award** - 4-H'ers can apply for awards for their project area work.

**Iowa Youth Technology Team** – Tech team members gain leadership skills, learn marketable technology skills, develop a community service project, and experience cutting edge technology at ISU.

**National 4-H Congress** – 4-H'ers meet 4-H'ers from other states and develop leadership skills. Apply in 10-11 grades.

**National 4-H Conference** – 4-H'ers get meaningful involvement in program development. Delegates develop recommendations for 4-H across the country! Apply in 9-11 grades.

**State 4-H Council** – Council members develop leadership skills, plan conference, and promote 4-H as an ambassador on the state, county, and area levels. **Iowa 4-H Youth Council** – Held with Animal Science Round Up; Each June Iowa teens can attend a 3-day conference on the ISU campus. Activities include: speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, community service and more.

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**Animal Science Round Up** – Held with Youth Conference. ISU animal science faculty provides hands-on workshops in livestock areas.

**Citizen-Washington Focus (C-WF)** – Youth take a trip to Washington DC area with groups from different states. You will attend workshops, field trips, and learn about citizenship and leadership (see above article).

## Club Pictures



Three Rivers 4-H club installed officers at their meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>. Pictured L to R Brenda Onstot (leader), Caleb Birchmier (treasurer), Jacob Henkelman (reporter), Daphne Hayes (historian), Claire Birchmier (recreational leader), Hannah McCoy (vice president), and Annika Johnson (president). Not pictured is Channing Johnson (secretary) and Kathy McCoy (assistant leader).

Three Rivers 4-H club participates in the "Trunk or Treat" event



2011 Award's Night Photos... compliments of Mark Davitt, Warren County Extension Council



2011-12 Sr 4-H officers:  
Marissa Kephart, Tess Davis, Kim Blackford, Megan Henry, Kaylee Miller

Greg & Kelli McCormick, Leaders of White Oak Climbers and two of their members, Abbey Pals and Taylor Neal, receive Project Awards



Cattlemen's Association donates and even prepares dinner for 2011 Award's Night. Pictured: Terry Eckstein, President and Jason DeLay, Chair, Warren County Extension



1st Year Record Keeping:  
Sonja Christensen, Justin Overmann, Alyssa Brown, Emma King, Abbey Pals, Alisha Beasley, Justin DeLay, Elliot Magalhaes



## 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



## 4-H LEADER REQUIRED TRAINING

January 12 – Farm Bureau \* 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

January 26 – Snow date for Indianola

February 11 – Ankeny \* 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

### Ticket Includes:

- Admission to game
- Pre-game tailgate party (food & drink) at the Iowa State Center Scheman Building (1st floor).
- Exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt

*4-H Leads to Careers* tour hosted by the College of Human Sciences (300 person limit).

### Tentative Schedule of Events

- 3:00pm 4-H Leads to Careers @ LeBaron Hall
- 3:30pm ISU Campus Tour
- 4:30-7:00pm 4-H Day Tailgate Meal @ the Scheman Building
- 7:00pm Tip Off ISU Cyclones vs. Texas A&M @ Hilton Coliseum

For more information, Google “4-H Day at the ISU Women’s Basketball Game” or click:

[4-H Day at the ISU Women’s Basketball Game](#)

### 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball Game

The annual Iowa 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball game is scheduled for **January 14, 2012**. The Cyclones will tip off at 7pm against Texas A&M. A dinner will be provided from 4:30-7pm at the Scheman Building before tipoff. This year's price to attend will be \$20 per person. Gather your club members and get ready to have some fun and cheer on the Cyclone Women's Basketball.

## Service Learning Turning Ideas into Action

The [Reach Out Iowa network](#) is a group of youth and adults across the state that are helping and strengthening their communities through service learning. Support, training and funding is available for your youth group, even if you are not a 4-H club. You can get started today! Just contact the [Reach Out Iowa Coordinator](#) to request an orientation to service learning.



**What is service learning?** Holding a canned food drive is community service. Studying and researching the impact of good nutrition on health is learning. When youth analyze the nutritional content of local food bank supplies and create a system for incorporating more fresh fruits and vegetables into the donation supply chain, then present their results to community and city leaders, that is service learning.

**Service Learning Makes a Difference!** A growing body of research recognizes the benefits of service learning as an effective strategy that builds civic skills, improves social behavior, increases youth engagement, strengthens communities and improves academic achievement.

**How is service learning different from community service?** While community service provides tremendous value to the community, it is typically a “one and done” experience. Service learning takes this service to the next level through increasing the engagement, learning and reflection of youth. The research and problem solving done through service learning can literally change a community!

Call Warren County Extension (515/961-6237) for the Five Core Components of Service Learning.



## ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDERS

### ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDERS WORKSHOP

**WHEN:** 2:00 pm, December 18, 2011

**WHERE:** Warren County Extension office

This meeting is required for those of you who have declared Advanced Cattle Feeders at the Weigh-In. Any 4-H'er or FFA member is welcome at the workshop.

Information will be given on feeding cattle and improving rate-of-gain. Questions? Call John Keeney at 515-205-3998.

## 4-H HORIZON

Please Let us know if you wish to receive the **4-H Horizon** by paper copy through the United States Postal Service.

## Whom to Contact

Feel free to contact the Warren County Extension office by phone 515-961-6237 or e-mail. Specifically you can address your question to:

**Ruth Anderson, County Youth Coordinator**  
[ruthande@iastate.edu](mailto:ruthande@iastate.edu) regarding overall 4-H program, volunteer and member support.

**Kathryn Pierson, Office Manager,**  
[kpierson@iastate.edu](mailto:kpierson@iastate.edu) regarding administrative items: enrollment, record books.

## Final Reminder! Beef Weigh-In December 17

All 4-Hers who wish to exhibit market beef animals at the **2012 Warren County Fair** must weigh and identify those animals. A maximum of 6 steers and 6 heifers may be weighed and ID'd. All must be dehorned and males must have been castrated by weigh-in.

**Parent Waiver forms are no longer needed for Warren County Fair, Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben!**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/warren/kidsteens.htm>  
(scroll down on right-hand side to "forms")

### County Market Beef:

- Time: 7:00 am - 11:00 AM
- Ear Tag: \$1.75/animal
- Market Beef ID's must be completed (with tattoo, breed & sire information) and signed
- Notify weigh-in volunteer of Advanced Feeder Animal (pen of 3 market animals)

Info:  
<http://warrencofair.com/homepage.html>

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

- Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- State Fair retinal scan \$5.00/animal plus ear tag.
- Ak-Sar-Ben DNA collection \$5.00/animal plus ear tag.

### Beef Exhibitor Tidbits

- **Reminder: Ear Tag Policy**  
Eligibility after loss of an ear tag: A Market Beef Superintendent must re-tag the animal and obtain signatures on a triplicate form (1 copy to Extension Office, 1 copy to Fair Office, 1 copy for Exhibitor)
- **Affidavit of Warren County Produced Animal** (must be turned in to Fair Secretary before last day of Fair Entry week)

Weigh-In snow date is January 7, 2012.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/WARREN/KIDSTEENS](http://EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/WARREN/KIDSTEENS)