Delaware County is celebrating all things 4-H during National 4-H Week October 6-12! 4-H Week is a week to celebrate our youth and volunteers that are involved in Delaware County 4-H. We encourage you to participate in this exciting week to show your pride in the 4-H program and to recruit others to be a part of our great program!

4-H Week Reminders!
1. Like, share, retweet our social media posts!
2. Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school on Wednesday, October 9th!
3. Use the hashtags #InspireKidsToDo #National4HWeek and #delco4h when posting on social media and share your own 4-H stories and memories!

Check out all the exciting things going on during 4-H Week on page 2!
**4-H Week Hay Bale Decorating Contest!!**

To celebrate 4-H Week, we are having a Hay Bale Decorating Contest between Delaware County 4-H Clubs. If your club wishes to participate, please read the rules below carefully!

**RULES:**

- The decoration and theme of your hay bale must be centered around “Joining 4-H”, what 4-H is about, or 4-H projects (service projects, livestock, volunteer, etc.)
- Clubs will be responsible for getting their own hay bale.
- Your Club must notify the Extension Office where you are displaying your hay bale at during 4-H Week. Clubs are responsible for finding a location to display their hay bale.
- Your Club’s hay bale must be displayed in Delaware County during the entirety of 4-H Week (October 6-12)
- Only one hay bale may be used in your display. Round or square bales are acceptable. You may use posters and other props to decorate your hay bale.
- Pictures will be posted of each Club’s hay bale and posted on the Delaware County 4-H Facebook Page on Monday, October 7th. Judging will be determined by the number of likes received on the picture once the picture is posted. The winner will be announced on Friday, October 11th at 4:00 p.m.
- The winning club will receive a pizza party!

**Hoptown Hurricanes 4-H Breakfast!**

The Hoptown Hurricanes will kick off 4-H Week at their annual 4-H Breakfast on Sunday, October 6th! Stop by the Hopkinton Community Center between 7:00-11:00 a.m. for french toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee, and juice. The cost is $7 for adults, $5 for children between the ages of 6-12, and children 5 under eat free! All proceeds will go to the Hoptown Hurricanes 4-H club for community service projects.

**4-H Spirit Scavenger Hunt!**

We have 4-H Spirit! How about you?! During National 4-H Week we will have a 4-H Spirit Scavenger Hunt! Anyone can participate to win some 4-H prizes! All participants will be entered in a drawing with the winners being selected on Friday, October 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Participants must do at least one of the following to be entered in the drawing...

1. Take a photo or selfie wearing GREEN on #wearGREENwednesday (October 9th!)
2. Take a photo or selfie with a “4-H Hay Bale” around the county. Bonus points if you take a photo with more than one “4-H Hay Bale”
3. Take a photo or selfie with your new 4-H Yard Sign! Bonus points if your get your entire family to take a photo with your 4-H Yard Sign.

Photos must be posted on social media using the hashtags #InspireKidsToDo #National4HWeek and #delco4h OR you may email your photo to kenzieg@iastate.edu.

Please include your name(s) when sharing your photo!
ENROLL for the 2019-2020 4-H Year!!!

The new 4-H year has begun! Don’t forget to enroll or re-enroll (for returning members) to stay up-to-date with all of the latest updates & information from Delaware County 4-H!!

Link to Enroll/Re-enroll: https://www.4honline.com/

Access the online help sheets at:


Re-Enrolling Members: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/delaware/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/delaware/MemberReEnrollment.pdf

Delaware County 4-H Foundation Grant Funding Program!

Does your club have a community service project they are planning but need funds to help complete? The Delaware County 4-H Foundation has established a grant program which will provide assistance to 4-H club projects. This program is designed to encourage clubs to undertake and carryout projects which will benefit the community. This is only to provide seed money and is not intended to provide the only dollars to fund the projects. The Delaware County 4-H Foundation will provide match funds up to $1,000 per club per year. The amount granted must be at least matched by the applicant before the grant money is awarded. Grant applications are due by February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st. Grants will be evaluated on a continuous basis. Submit grant applications online or mail to:

ISU Extension & Outreach Delaware County
Delaware County 4-H Foundation
1417 N. Franklin St. PO Box 336
Manchester, IA 52057

More information at: extension.iastate.edu/Delaware/4h

Apply to be on the 2019-2020 County Council!!

County Council is a group of Delaware County 4-Her’s in grades 9-12 who go above and beyond for Delaware County 4-H!

This group provides input into the county 4-H program, plans and carries out countywide activities for youth, and provides leadership opportunities. County Council members are ambassadors of the 4-H program and are positive role models for younger 4-H members.

Applications to be a part of the 2018-2019 Delaware County Council are due on November 1st to the Extension Office! The application can be found here, or stop into the office to pick one up!

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a LEADER.
Beef Weigh-In!

The 2019 Delaware County Fair Beef Weigh-In is scheduled for **Saturday, December 14th 2019** at the Manchester Livestock Auction. The weigh-in will be from 8—11 a.m. for ALL County Fair and State Fair animals.

FFA and 4-H members planning to exhibit market steers, market heifers, bred & raised market beef, and/or pens of 3 at the 2020 Delaware County Fair or at the 2020 Iowa State Fair MUST be weighed in on this date!

Animals that MUST be weighed in at this time:
- Market Heifers
- Market Steers
- Dairy Beef Steers
- Bred & Raised Market Beef
- Junior Cattle Feeders (Pens of 3)
- State Fair Market Animals

Implants will NOT be offered at weigh-in. If you plan to implant your animals, it will have to be done at home. Do not bring implants to weigh-in. More information will be in the November newsletter!

NEW! Northeast Iowa Citizenship Trip!

**Informational Meeting is October 27th!**

Delaware County has been asked to join other Northeast Iowa counties to offer a Citizenship program & trip. This opportunity is open to 4-H intermediate and senior-age members currently in grades 7-11. Program will run January 2020 –April 2021. The cost of the entire citizenship experience is estimated between $950-$1,050.

- Be enrolled in the 4-H citizenship project
- Participate in citizenship education at county and/or multi-county meetings
- A trip to the Iowa State Capital in Des Moines in March 2020
- A trip to Washington DC in March/April 2021

To help you understand more about this 4-H Citizenship program opportunity Delaware County 4-H has scheduled a meeting on **Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 PM** at the Delaware County Extension Office in Manchester to review the program plan. All 4-H members currently in grades 7-11 are strongly encouraged to consider this opportunity. Parents of 4-H participants are welcome and encouraged to attend with their child. Delaware County has 11 seats available on the bus. **Please attend this meeting to express your interest in the 2021 trip.** If you plan to attend this meeting, RSVP by Friday, October 25th to the Extension Office.
This year the required leader’s training will be “4-H Prepares Youth for the Future” where volunteers will gain knowledge, resources, and strategies to support them in their ability to engage 4-H youth in college and career exploration through 4-H interests.

As in the past, we will have one fall meeting for the required leader training and then one spring meeting for the Fair scheduling meeting. The fall leader training will be held on November 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please make every effort to be at this training. This is a mandatory requirement for all 4-H leaders in Iowa.

NEW LEADER INFORMATION!

New volunteer training is designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to a long term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kid leaders, and assistants. Volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend the Iowa 4-H New Volunteer Training Program.

The Iowa 4-H New Volunteer training program is designed to be flexible for volunteers, with an online learning component as well as a face to face component, both are required within your first year as a 4-H volunteer. The online learning consists of 4 training sessions that should be completed prior to the face to face New Volunteer Training (NVT). The 4 online trainings can be taken at any time prior to the face to face training and are designed to be short, 15 minutes or less per session via 4H Online. The face to face training will be offered in an area near you and will be approximately 3 hours. Find the registration links for each training date and location on the Volunteer Training webpage to register for an upcoming face-to-face training in your area.

Online Training Session 1—4 (4honline)
60 minutes or less total—access via 4honline.com

Complete prior to face to face training:
- Session 1—Iowa 4-H New Volunteer Introduction
- Session 2—Circle of Courage
- Session 3—Ages & Stages
- Session 4—Risk Management

Face to Face Training
3 hours—register online

Attend after completing 4 online trainings
Trainings that are close to Delaware County:
Waterloo, October 24th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Cedar Rapids, October 28th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Dubuque, October 30th, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Vinton, November 9th, 9:00 a.m.-noon
Iowa City, November 14th, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Below is the link to register:
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining
# Calendar of Events

## October
- **4** Record Books due to the Extension Office!
- **6-12** National 4-H Week!!
- **9** 4-H members wear your 4-H shirt to school!
- **27** Northeast Iowa Citizenship Trip Info Meeting, Extension Office, 2:20 p.m.

## November
- **1** 4-H Foundation Grant Applications due!
- **1** County Council Applications due to the Extension Office!
- **7** Mandatory Leader’s Meeting! Extension Office, 5:30 p.m.
- **24** Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
- **28-29** Extension Office Closed!

## December
- **14** Beef Weigh In, Manchester Livestock Auction, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- **24-25** Extension Office Closed!

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**Mark your Calendars!**

Each year, the Delaware County 4-H program likes to recognize its volunteers to let them know we appreciate everything they do for us! This year the **4-H Volunteer Appreciation Banquet** will be on Sunday, November 24th. A meal will be provided followed by the awards ceremony. More details and an invitation will be send directly to 4-H leaders and volunteers.