



## Washington County 4-H Bulletin November / December 2010

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### July 29 - August 3, 2011

#### **Fund Raising Opportunity for Your Club from Monsanto**

The Monsanto Fund is launching a project where a Washington County farmer can win the right to direct a \$2,500 donation to a local nonprofit organization such as a 4-H Club, 4-H Council, Extension Office, or any charitable organization that meets the IRS code of a charitable organization. The organization must fit with one of two priority areas: 1. Community Enrichment - schools, hospitals, community centers, ballparks, fire departments, etc.; 2. Youth in Agriculture - 4-H and FFA. Farmers must be 21 years of age and actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn or soybeans to participate. Farmers go online to [www.growcommunities.com](http://www.growcommunities.com). It only takes 5 minutes to apply. Applications will be accepted until December 31, 2010. A winner will be selected from the applicants from Washington County. Here is a great way for a Washington County farmer to help your club, the county or another charitable organization. Please share this information with farmers in your club and area. For more information contact the Washington County Extension Office.

#### **January County Fair Activity Meetings All Meetings will be held at the Extension Office**

- January 10 - Horse (7:00 p.m.)
- January 17 - Ag Engineering / Horticulture (7:00 p.m.)
- January 18 - Livestock (7:00 p.m.)
- January 26 - Cat, Dog and Small Animal (6:30 p.m.)
- January 26 - Poultry and Rabbit ( 7:30 p.m.)
- January 27 - Family and Consumer Science (6:30 p.m.)

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## Animal Science

### 4-H Rabbit Clinic

On Saturday, November 13 (9 a.m. - Noon), the Lancaster Extension Education Center will be the site for all youth and families to attend a free demonstration on rabbits. Sessions include: feeding and care, judging rabbits, breed ID & breeder's choice contest and showmanship. If you have any questions, please contact Rodney at (402) 219-1807 or Marty at (402) 441-7180.

### Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo - Canine Companions for Life

On November 13 and 14, the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings, Nebraska will be the host of the Nebraska Dog Expo. This expo contains several activities and contests for all dog enthusiasts. The contests include showmanship, obedience, agility and a fun class for the clover kids age five to seven years old. Registrations will close on November 5.

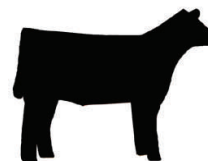
### Livestock Show -

If you are looking for a flyer on this particular show, we have a copy with all the information needed for check-in and pre-registration. Pre-registration is November 19.

*Northeast Community College Beef Show - Norfolk, Nebraska*

*Friday, November 26 - Breeding Heifer Show*

*Saturday, November 27 - Market Beef Show*



### 2011 Horse Stampede

Attention to all 4-H Horse exhibitors. If you're interested in exploring more events within the 4-H Horse program, the 2011 Horse Stampede is a great opportunity to take part in. The 2011 Horse Stampede includes several contests which 4-H Horse exhibitors can compete in: Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Art and Horse Bowl. So if you or your club would be interested in participating in this event, please contact the Extension Office and we will provide the information to get you started in the fun event. The 2011 Horse Stampede is February 19. Entries are due by Friday, January 21. the following website will give you more information about each contest:  
<http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ANSCEExtensionEquine4HHorseStampede>

### 2011 Market Beef Weigh Day

The Washington County Market Beef weigh day has been scheduled for Saturday, January 29th (Noon - 3 p.m.) at Scott Stork's facility, west of Blair. We will be weighing both market heifers and steers. If you're unable to attend the weigh day please contact the Steve Landon at 426-9455.

## 4-H & Youth Opportunities

### GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

“Get the Inside Scoop on Scholarship Applications” workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room on the lower level of the Cuming County Courthouse in West Point. Every junior and senior in high school, plus their parents, are encouraged to attend. Students presently enrolled in college and non-traditional students will benefit as well. Topics to be covered will be: how to find a scholarship, how to put together quality applications, how to answer questions wisely, how to write quality letters for applications, tips on completing applications, tips on following through with applications and setting up files for scholarship organization.

During the workshop Daryle Urwiler, who has over 40 years of experience with scholarships and financial aids, will present a thorough step-by-step process of completing the scholarship process. Students are asked to sign-up by contacting the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension in Cuming County at 402-372-6006 if you plan to attend.

### University of Nebraska Red Letter Days

Nebraska all day, open house program is offered to high school seniors and their families. At Red Letter Day, you will have the opportunity to pick from several group presentations such as: choosing a major, university housing, scholarships and many more. This program will allow senior to meet with faculty and current students from your academic area of interest.

If you have questions and/or have interests in attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, please go to the following website to receive more information:

[http://admissions.unl.edu/open\\_house/red\\_letter\\_days/index.aspx](http://admissions.unl.edu/open_house/red_letter_days/index.aspx)

### Red Letter Day Dates

- November 12, 2010
- January 14, 2011
- February 21, 2011

## 4-H Club's Report

### Horse Lover's 4-H Club

Kids and critters just seem to go together, and the members of the Horse Lover's 4-H Club responded when they heard that some big and “not so big” animals needed help. It all started three years ago with a visit to Hooves and Paws near Glenwood, IA, a rescue facility for abused and neglected horses and dogs. Founded and managed by Bill and Genea Stoops, this facility has had a great success helping the helpless.

The Horse Lover's 4-H Club got to see first hand what proper care, love, and attention can do for those hurting animals. The 4-H members brought donations and decided to go a step further and have a Bake and Craft sale to benefit Hooves and Paws. It was a great success with selling baked goods and pets snugglies the 4-Her's had made themselves. The first year they made over \$300 to donate, and the following year, they repeated the sale and again made over \$300 to donate to Hooves and Paws.

This fall, with the help of 4-H leaders, a beautiful king-sized blanket was made as a thank you gift for Bill and Genea. It has all the names of the 4-H members and leaders stitched on it - to remember all the kids and adults who have wanted to help the animals. These 4-Her's have had a great experience learning that they can make a difference for those who are hurting. Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Ruenholl, Secretary, Horse Lover's 4-H Club.



Picture are from left to right:  
Caleb Vaughn, Anna Vaughn, 4-H Leader Rose Edwards, Kiley Conner, Ryan Ruenholl, William Marcucci, Anthony Marcucci, 4-H Leader Andrea Kuhn, Rebecca Ruenholl and Kathryn Marcucci.

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### **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.”

## **Important Date & Deadlines**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 9 4-H Council Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day (Extension Office Closed)
- 18 Junior Leaders Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday (Extension Office Closed)

### **DECEMBER**

- 1 2010 Participation Sheets Due
- 24 Christmas Holiday (Extension Office Closed)
- 31 New Years Holiday (Extension Office Closed)

### **JANUARY**

- 10 Horse Activity Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 11 4-H Council Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Junior Leaders Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Ag Engineering/Horticulture Activity Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Martin Luther King Holiday (Extension Office Closed)
- 18 Livestock Activity Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Cat, Dog and Small Animal Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Poultry and Rabbit Committee Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Family and Consumer Science Activity Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Washington County Market Beef Weigh Day @ Noon - 3 p.m.