2015 Awards and Recognition

Thank you to all 4-H’ers, leaders, volunteers, and families who joined us Sunday, November 15th at the Awards and Recognition Ceremony. A special thank you to Senior 4-H and the Warren County 4-H Youth Committee. These two groups made this night possible! A special thank you to our sponsors and donors including Indianola Church of Christ, Warren County Cattlemen, Gibs A & W, Fareway Stores and Hy-Vee.

Did you miss this fantastic night? See the list of winners on the Warren County Extension 4-H website. Make sure you are part of the fun in 2016 by starting your record book now! Contact us at 515-961-6237 or email ampalmer@iastate.edu with any questions you may have.

New 2016 County Fair Rules

Livestock:
Superintendents will dismiss all exhibits at 9 pm on Sunday evening. (New Time)
- One tie-out space per animal coming to fair may be reserved AFTER 8 am Monday, July 25th. The only way to reserve the space is with a neck tie. NO string, signs, wire, etc.
- No tents, awnings, or canopies can be placed until 8 am, Monday, July 25th.

Exhibit Building:
- If a 4-H’er is unable to attend conference judging, they are limited to two exhibits and will not be considered for:
  - The Iowa State Fair
  - Outstanding Exhibits
  - Top 4th Grade
  - Creative Arts Tour

Heifer Youth Opportunity

Midwest Heritage, a subsidiary of Hy-Vee, Inc., announces a new program to help youth get a start in the cattle industry. In the inaugural year of the program, they will grant up to four 7th and 8th graders three bred heifers each. Winners will be chosen based on merit, future goals and their ability to care for the heifers. Deadline to apply is December 15th. For more information visit our Facebook page or contact Wes Rodgers at 515-883-0732.
INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Community Service Opportunity

The Intermediate 4-H Leadership Team is asking all 4-H’ers to gather Wednesday, January 13th, in the Multi-purpose Room #303 at the Indianola Middle School to help make fleece scarves for those in Warren County who need them.

The event is from 3-6 pm. Drop-in during that time and help us keep someone warm this winter by making a scarf. It is a very simple process and you can make a difference!

Hosted by the Intermediate 4-H Leadership Team they are also providing all supplies.

There is no cost to attend. We just would like your willing hands and hearts. For questions, Call 961-6237 or email ampalmer@iastate.edu.

BEEF WEIGH-IN

Market Beef Weigh-In for Fairs

Below is information for Market Beef Weigh-in. If this is your first year, please read carefully:

All 4-Hers who wish to exhibit market beef animals at the 2016 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. If there is any chance that your heifer will be a market heifer, you must attend weigh-in (you can change later).

Date: January 2nd, 2016
Location: Warren County Fairgrounds
Time:
7:00– 11:00 AM is for County weigh-in calves.
9:00– 11:00 AM is for County weigh-in, Iowa State Fair, and Ak-Sar-Ben.

COST
Ear Tag: $2.00/animal
Retinal Scan (ISF): $5.00/animal
DNA (Ak-Sar-Ben): $5.00/animal

Market Beef ID’s must be completed with tattoo, breed & sire information and signed.

FORMS:
Affidavit of Warren County Produced Animal, (must be turned in to Fair Secretary before last day of Fair Entry week)
Advanced Cattle Feeders (Pen of Three) is declared at weigh-in. This declaration will be noted by you on your beef ID form. Shortly after the weigh-in, those of you who have declared the Pen of Three will receive notification, via email, of an informational meeting you will be expected to attend.

Reminder: Ear Tag Policy. 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)

Snow Date: January 9th, 2016

If you are unable to participate in the Warren County Beef Weigh-in, please contact extension at 515-961-6237 or at ampalmer@iastate.edu. We can help you make arrangements in another county to get your animals weighed in and to have your Warren County ear tags and DNA envelope (if needed) in hand before you go.

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.
MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING

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**UPCOMING OFFERINGS**

**Presentation 101 Workshop**
Have you wondered how to give a presentation for your club? Come to the workshop on Monday, January 25th from 7-8 pm at the Extension Office and you will learn the ins and outs of how to give one! Learn the parts in a presentation, delivering methods, what props you need, and how to speak with confidence.

Even if you have given presentations before join us and learn new tips and techniques to help with your next one. You will also learn about the County Fair judging day for Presentations. This workshop will be led by Hannah McCoy. Please sign up by January 18th by calling 515-961-6237 or emailing ampalmer@iastate.edu.

**Knitting Workshops**
Shake off the winter shivers and join us for a fun knitting workshop in the Meeting Room at extension on Tuesday, January 19th from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. where you will learn to make a headband. This FREE workshop will be taught by Cortney Garrington and Grace Jakes. RSVP by January 12 to ampalmer@iastate.edu or by calling (515) 961-6237.

Already know how to crochet or knit? On Saturday, January 23 from 9:00 am to noon, come back to the extension for a community-wide knit/crochet-in making squares for the Intertwine Project. Materials will be provided. We will be making 12”x12” knit squares for the **Intertwine Project** in Ames (learn more at: [http://artistsnextdoor.tumblr.com/Intertwine](http://artistsnextdoor.tumblr.com/Intertwine)).

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**VOLUNTEER TRAINING ~ DECEMBER 10 @ 6:30 PM**

**Encouraging the HEART of Leadership- 4-H Volunteer**
Join Warren County 4-H leaders on December 10th at 6:30 pm at extension (West Door) for an annual volunteer training.

Youth do not magically become leaders at the age of 13! Leadership is nurtured from their first 4-H experience. In this training, you’ll receive tools to help inspire youth of all ages to discover and develop independence and mastery.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, contact extension to learn about an online option.

RSVP to extension by December 8th at 515-961-6237.

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**TEEN RETREAT**

**YOLO! Youth Outstandingly Lean Onward**
Youth in grades 7-12th are invited to join Dallas, Madison, and Polk counties on Tuesday, December 29th–Wednesday, December 30th at Camp Wesley Woods, Indianola. Youth will learn secrets to:

- Kickin’ Out stress
- Dream it, plan it, do it!
- Stylin’ with leadership

Creating and Building Trust
Networking To Success
No “I” in Team Work
The author of “Power, Presence, and Style”, Jodie Beach, will show youth how to project more power, confidence, and credibility.

Please invite your friends to join the experience! The cost is $85 for this two-day, overnight experience. For more information and to register go to: [http://bit.ly/Warren4HTeenRetreat](http://bit.ly/Warren4HTeenRetreat). The first 5 Warren County 4-H’ers to register online, turn in 2 additional forms and pay get this great experience for $60! Contact Andrea with questions at ampalmer@iastate.edu or 961-6237.
Looking for College Scholarships?

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CWF TRIP FOR 9-12TH GRADE

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Trip

Looking for an experience of a lifetime? Look no further than the Citizenship Washington Focus trip where you as a 9th-12th grader can travel by charter bus to visit Washington D.C. and the National 4-H Center. Experience leadership and citizenship on a higher level with this epic opportunity June 10-18, 2016.

Approximately 90 Iowa 4-H Youth will have the opportunity to attend this leadership program. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.

**Trip highlights** include the Flight 93 Museum, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museum, Mount Vernon and the Holocaust Museum. Youth will also meet with the Iowa Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues.

On top of tours and workshops, 4-H’ers will have time for socializing and meeting new friends!

Cost of the trip is $1,570. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions and most meals. Registration and a $510 deposit is required to secure a spot.

Space is limited. Registration deadline is January 4, 2016. To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf).

Expensive? We get that. Following are opportunities to assist:

Write and submit an essay to [delayedacres@iowatelecom.net](mailto:delayedacres@iowatelecom.net) or mail to:

**Jane Ann Putney 4-H Memorial Fund**
203 North Buxton
Indianola, IA 50125

The essay to be received by January 15th, is to be based upon how 4-H has impacted your life and the experiences and rewards you hope to receive from the CWF trip. You could be the recipient of the $500 Jane Putney 4-H Memorial Scholarship to help cover your costs.

**AND**

The first two Warren County 4-H youth to register for CWF, will receive a $200 reduction in their fee, donated by Warren County residents.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
**HOG RAFFLE**

### 4-H Foundation Raffle and Soup Supper

The Warren County 4-H Foundation is hosting a raffle for two half-hogs at the second annual *Soup Supper* on Saturday, January 30th. The Soup Supper will be held at American Legion Hall, 105 W 1st Ave, in Indianola. Serving is from 4:30 pm through 7 pm. **Free-will offering.** *4-H Leaders:* Please rally members to *sell raffle tickets*

All proceeds to benefit Warren County 4-H. The Foundation raises funds to help clubs with activities through grants and scholarships and to support Warren County 4-H programming. The foundation is steered by volunteers. **A pizza party** will be given to the club selling the most tickets (percentage-wise based on club enrollment). If you’ve not yet been contacted to obtain a raffle ticket supply please contact Kim DeLay. Call 515-681-7526 or delayedacres@iowatelecom.net. Mark Putney donated the hog with processing donated by Indianola Locker. Thanks to both for their generous donations.

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### DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant for Iowa 4-H Club Community Improvement Projects

The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. Applications are due at Warren County Extension by December 15th. Go to [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants).

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### Calendar

#### DECEMBER

- **3RD**– Sr. 4-H Meeting
- **6TH**– Int. Leadership Team Mtg.
- **10TH**– Annual Leaders Training
- **24-25TH**– OFFICE CLOSED– HOLIDAY
- **29-30TH**– Leadership Retreat (grades 7-12)

#### JANUARY

- **1ST**– OFFICE CLOSED– HOLIDAY
- **2ND**– Beef Weigh– In (9th– snow date)
- **3RD**– Int. Leadership Team Mtg
- **7TH**– Sr. 4-H Meeting
- **21ST**– Youth Committee Mtg @ 6:30
- **18TH**– OFFICE CLOSED– HOLIDAY
- **19TH**– Knitting Workshop
- **19TH**– New Volunteer Training (Part 1)
- **19TH**– Extension Council Mtg @ 6:30
- **21ST**– Youth Committee

#### FEBRUARY

- **23RD**– Intertwine Project
- **25TH**– Presentation Workshop
- **26TH**– New Volunteer Training (Part 2)
- **30TH**– New Volunteer Training
- **TBD**– Rabbit/Cavy Workshop

#### APRIL

- **3RD**– Int. Leadership Team Mtg
- **7TH**– Sr. 4-H Meeting
- **16TH**– Extension Council Mtg @ 6:30
- **18TH**– Youth Committee
- **TBD**– Sewing Workshop
- **TBD**– Upcycle Workshop

#### MARCH

- **3RD**– Senior 4-H Meeting
- **4TH**– Clover Kid Event
- **6TH**– Int. Leadership Team Mtg.
- **11-12TH**– Jr. Lock-In

#### WARREN COUNTY FAIR

- **Sign-Up Week:** June 20– June 25th
- **Fair Dates:** July 27th– August 1st
- **Theme:** A Reunion of Memories