Don’t forget that if you weighed in Market Beef animals, you must go into your 4-H Online account to verify the information. If something needs to be corrected, please contact the Extension Office BEFORE you verify. Deadline to verify is February 1, 2019.

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List of Events at a Glance

January 10: Youth Committee/County Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. **Note date change**

January 12: Wonder League 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Extension Office

January 23: New Volunteer Training, Extension Office, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Extension Office

February 1: Deadline for State Recognition Applications

February 1: Deadline for Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

February 2: Wonder League 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Extension Office

February 9: Judge’s Training (Tentative) - Council Bluffs, Time/Place TBD

February 14: Deadline to order Iowa 4-H Fun Night at the Lancers tickets

February 16: Iowa 4-H Fun Night at the Lancers (7:05 p.m.)
Iowa 4-H Fun Night at the Lancers!

What: 4-H Fun Night at the Lancers
Who: All Region 17 4-H’ers, family and friends!
Where: Ralston Arena
When: Saturday, February 16th
Time: 7:05 p.m.
Cost: $14.00 per ticket (Region 17 earns $5 back for every ticket sold!)

Tickets must be purchased online at http://bit.ly/iowanight18. The first 25 kids will be able to attend the tunnel walk and 10 additional kids will be chosen at random, so don’t delay, get your tickets purchased soon! Deadline to order tickets is February 14th.

For questions about ordering (or if you need more than 15 tickets), please contact Kevin Burns at 402-934-4732 or email him at kburns@lancers.com

Come and join other families and friends from across Region 17 for a fun night of hockey and entertainment!
**Leader Training Updates!**

If you are a new leader and have not attended the New Volunteer Training (NVT) yet, make sure to get to the West Pottawattamie Extension Office on Wednesday, January 23rd (snow date Jan. 30). Rhesa Leiding, Youth Program Specialist, will be hosting a New Volunteer Training in Council Bluffs from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Leaders must attend a NVT within their first 12 months of appointment to remain a leader in good standing.

There is no cost to attend the training, but pre-registration is required. You can register online at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining. Scroll down the page to find the Council Bluffs, January 23rd location and date. Snacks will be available (dinner will not be served). Volunteers must complete three video segments before attending the training, so make sure to sign up early to receive that information to view the videos. Once the videos and face to face training are completed, the training will be logged onto your 4-H Online account. This training is for NEW VOLUNTEERS ONLY and does not take the place of the annual 4-H Leader Training. If you have questions about the New Volunteer Training, contact Rhesa Leiding at rleiding@iastate.edu.

**OOPS!**

Did you miss the face to face annual leader training on November 7th “4-H Fosters Independence”? No worries, the training is now available on your 4-H Online account for you to complete. Remember, all annual leader trainings must be completed by July 1, 2019 for you to remain a leader. If you missed the November 7th annual leader training here is what you need to do before July 1:

1. Log onto your 4-H Online account and click “edit” by your name
2. In your record click on the “trainings” tab towards the top of the screen
3. Click on the “sign up for training” button on the top right
4. Make sure to choose 2018-2019 “4-H Fosters Independence” to view and complete the training
5. The state will send notification when training is completed

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

If you are a 9th-12th grade 4-H member, you are encouraged to apply for state recognition awards. Applications are completed online (through 4-H Online) and the deadline for submission is February 1st at 11:59 p.m.

What does the state recognition awards involve?

1. Answering application questions and completing a one-page resume.
2. Submitting the online application by 11:59 p.m. on February 1st.
3. Selected applicants for State Council, SESS Ambassador, National Conference and National Congress will be invited for an interview opportunity at the ISU campus on March 30, 2019.

Recognition you can apply for:

1. **National 4-H Conference**—a forum to discuss issues of concern to youth and for 4-H’ers from across each state to share future 4-H program needs at the national level. Held at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C.

2. **National 4-H Congress**—an educational event for youth to learn about 4-H programs nationwide and be exposed to new cultural experiences (usually held in Atlanta, GA).

3. **State 4-H Council**—members serve as ambassadors for the Iowa 4-H program by providing input on 4-H program issues, planning and executing state events (4-H conference), practicing leadership, civic engagement, and communication skills.

4. **SESS Ambassador**—ambassadors for the 4-H Shooting Sports program to provide public relations support and serve as spokespersons helping to make SESS more visible while developing skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, public relations and team building.

5. **State Project Awards**—recognition for youth who have excelled in projects by participating, learning, leading, and evaluating 4-H experiences.

6. **Iowa 4-H Reporters**—members will participate in learning experiences with WHO radio and Iowa Public Television and then will serve as Iowa 4-H Reporters during the Iowa State Fair.

You can find more information about each of the experiences at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities). Apply for as many as you are eligible to apply for—applying for state recognition awards is a great learning experience and looks awesome on your college scholarship applications and job resumes!
State 4-H Scholarships

Are you an Iowa 4-H’er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it is not easy to finance a college education, and we know that many Iowa 4-H’ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

The current scholarship program has over 90 scholarships worth more than $100,000. Scholarship values range from $500 to $10,000.

Scholarship criteria:

- Applicants must enroll as a full time student (min. 12 credit hours)
- Must meet all eligibility requirements for scholarship opportunity you are applying for (county of residence, age, area of study, etc.)
- Submit two letter of recommendation (one from 4-H staff or 4-H volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher)
- Complete and submit the application by the February 1st deadline.

Applicants can apply for as many scholarship opportunities as they wish, but will only be awarded one scholarship per individual per academic year. For a complete list of scholarships available, hints and tips for applying and 2019 full scholarship criteria, visit https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships.

NOTE: These are state 4-H scholarships, NOT the county 4-H scholarships that West Pottawattamie awards during Westfair. The county scholarships (awarded at Westfair) have a deadline of July 1, 2019.
West Pott 4-H App is HERE!

**Make sure to check out and download our “West Pott 4-H” app to your smartphone or tablet. The app is FREE and is available on Google Play and the App Store. You can find it by searching for “West Pott 4H”.

The app features include:

- About Us
- 4-H Focus Newsletter
- 4-H Events Calendar
- 4-H Online
- West Pott 4-H Facebook
  - Fair Entry
  - Contact Us
  - Map
  - Photos
  - And more!

Content is being added all the time, so make sure to check it out and download it today! Stay in the loop of all things “West Pott 4H”.

Upcoming Fair Dates to Remember:

Saturday, April 27th: Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh In

Wednesday, May 15th: Deadline to ID all animals in 4-H Online

Monday, July 1st: Fair Entry Deadline (for everything except static exhibits)

Monday, July 1st: State Fair Livestock and Horticulture entries due

Monday, July 15th: Deadline to enter static exhibits in Fair Entry

Monday, July 15th: Table Setting/Educational Presentations (evening) C.B. Library

Wednesday, July 17th: Scholarship Interviews

Thursday, July 18th: Apple Pie Baking Contest

Saturday, July 20th: Westfair Clean Up Day

Monday, July 22nd: Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/$15 Challenge/Photography judging (evening) ISD

Tuesday, July 23rd: Horse Show (8:30 a.m.) / Sheep and Goat Weigh In (6-7 p.m.)

Wednesday, July 24th: Monday, July 29th: Westfair

August 8-18: Iowa State Fair

*More fair dates and upcoming events will be added, so make sure to check back often!