During the summer of 2019 a citizens group continued work on planning a trail system that might connect all of the towns in Worth County. The group was greatly assisted by a trio of Iowa State University "Rising Star Intern" students. The Iowa State University Extension "Rising Star Interns" provided significant leadership to the Worth County Recreational Trail project to move it forward. Pictured are the three interns (ISU red shirts) looking on as Tom Reid, President of the "Worth County Top of Iowa Trail" committee makes a point at a recent recreational trail meeting.

The Worth County Fair Bucket Bottle Calf Show was well represented in 2019 with more than thirty 4-H Clover Kids proudly exhibiting their entries and answering judge John Larson's questions about their calf.

Worth County's volunteer 4-H leaders are (front row left to right;) Theresa Butler, (Green Shamrocks), Michelle Moretz, (Deer Creek Wahelos), Mary Buren, (Silver Lake Huskers), Pat Rothove, (Worth County Hoofprints), (second row;) Lacey Waller, (Worth County Extension Office Manager), Kris Woltzen, (Hartland Achievers), Allix Braun, (4-H Beef Team/4-H Committee), Mindy Tenold, (Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator), Jennifer Patterson, Grafton Green Clovers), Michelle Hill, (Golden Banner 4-H Club), Kris Tabbert, (Grafton Green Clovers), Dennis Johnson, (Worth County Extension Education Specialist), Bob Perry, (Community Service Volunteer Coordinator), (back row;) Lynn Tenold, (4-H Beef Team/4-H Committee), Kevin Braun, (4-H Beef Team/4-H Committee), Eric Foss, (Brookfield Boosters), Peter Julseth, (Brookfield Boosters), (not pictured) Scott Moretz, Jason Moeller, Theresa Cooper, Stephanie Eskildsen, Jeff Moretz, Kaitlyn Varner, Jennifer Klooster, Linda Prestholt, Tammy Charlson, Paula Beyer, Bobbi Logeman, Brett and Jacki Backhaus, Donnie Pangburn, Tom and Monica Meyer, Susan and Darrin Kliment, Tracy Hett, Stephanie Lorenson, Irene Nelson, Dean Mueller, Chad and Lori Pestorious and Brad Logeman.

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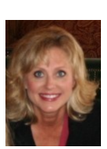

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Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources. We listen, learn, and work with the people of Worth County for a #STRONGIOWA.

Three Worth County 4-Her's Represent Iowa at National 4-H Conference

Worth County 4H was well represented at this year's National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. Three of the five delegates selected to represent the state of Iowa were from Worth County 4-H. Congratulations to these Worth County 4-H Members pictured Left to Right; Kelsie Kinne, Hanlontown, Peyton Pangburn, Northwood, Julia Quisley, Northwood, and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist.

The Worth County 4-H Youth Council organized and conducted a car wash fundraiser for a special disabled veterans fishing camp. The 4-H cooperated with several non profit organizations and businesses to provide disabled veterans the opportunity to participate in the camp held each summer in Central Iowa. Co-sponsoring the event were the Northwood and Kensett Lions Clubs, Northwood VFW, Manly American Legion, and Carquest Auto Parts.

The Worth and Winnebago County Women Land and Legacy group conducted a tour of the POET Biorefinery at Hanlontown. They had an opportunity to observe the day to day operation of the facility and learn about the process of converting corn into biofuel. POET manager, Kelly Hansen also made a presentation about the history of ethanol production and the positive impact it has on agriculture and the demand for corn. The women closed out the evening with a talk by Joni Erwin field representative of the Iowa Corn Growers Association who spoke about what role the ethanol industry has played in maintaining the consumption of corn. She also shared the importance of maintaining a cleaner environment by burning ethanol in our automobiles.

2018-2019 Worth County Extension Council

Front Row Left to Right; Peter Julseth, Amy Jones, Extension Human Science Specialist, Dennis Johnson, Extension Education Specialist, Karla Larson, Sarah Hagen, Karen Beal.
Second Row; Jake Urbatsch, Andy Helgeson, Jayne Lupkes, Extension Council Chair, Jessica Lutz, Curt Schaub, Donovan Olson, Regional Extension Director.

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Curt Schaub of rural Grafton was the Worth County 4-H Hall of Fame recipient at this year's 2019 Iowa State Fair. Curt has served the Worth County 4-H in a number of capacities including as a 4-H Community Club Leader, 4-H Committee Member, Extension Council Member, 4-H County Fair Livestock Volunteer and an extremely supportive 4-H parent to his son Michael. We congratulate Curt and thank him for his dedicated years' of service to the Worth County 4-H program.

Worth County Extension Certifies Private Applicators in Manly

Worth County Extension organized their second Private Farm Pesticide meeting for 2019 in Manly on February 28th after hosting their annual Corn and Soybean Clinic at the same location in December with more than 150 farmers being trained by Iowa State University Extension Field Agronomist Angie Rieck-Hinz at the two meetings. Farmers traveled from several counties in North Iowa to attend the recertification training to maintain their Private Farm Pesticide license.

Worth County 4-Her's Learn about Best Beef Production Practices at Field Day

Worth County 4-H hosted a beef production education field day earlier this summer at the Keith and Sue Bruan farm at rural Worth County. Keith and his son Kevin Braun led the workshop about feeding, fitting, grooming and showmanship skills development for exhibiting beef at the County Fair. Dr. Mike Dierenfeld at the Worth County Veterinary Clinic presented information on the seven best practices of livestock production including keeping 4-H records, establishing a veterinarian- client and patient relationship, healthy production practices, adequate and safe feeding requirements, biosecurity maintenance and exhibiting positive character traits when showing livestock.

Iowa Governor, Kim Reynolds congratulates Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist on behalf of the Worth County 4-H being recognized for the "20 years Group Length of Service Award". Hosting the ceremony on the UNI College Campus was (on the right) Dr. Mark Nook, President of the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls. Worth County 4-H earned the recognition due to their continued volunteerism towards the Department of Transportation's Adopt A Highway roadside cleanup program for the past 20 years.

Fair Grounds Garden Project

More than 450 youth have planted a garden at the Worth County Fairgrounds 4-H Garden over the past 11 years. They are responsible for organizing the planting, maintaining insect and weed control and harvesting at the end of the summer. The youth are also evaluated with a ribbon awarded by a judge during the non-livestock judging day at the Worth County Fair in Mid-June.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Tim Naig kicked off his statewide county fair tour by stopping by on opening day of the Worth County Fair. Secretary Naig was joined by State Representative, Jane Bloomingdale and was greeted by representatives of the Worth County Fairboard and Worth County Farm Bureau. Those hosting the event left to right were: Courtney Bartz, Rose Fredericks, Harlan Helgeson, Jerry Hopperstad, Keith Braun, State Representative Bloomingdale, Secretary Naig, Chad Nelson, Kim Hennigar, Andy Hill, Dennis Johnson, Cary VanVeldhuizen, Scott Severson, Jeff Moretz, and Landon Perkins.

The Worth County 4-H Intermediate Record Book Award winners were recognized with a trip to Iowa State University in Ames. The 4-Her's participated in a walking tour of the ISU Campus, enjoyed a meal at the "Hickory Park" restaurant and watched the ISU Women's Basketball team play Oklahoma State in Hilton Coliseum. The 4-H Award was for 4-H members completing their 4-H Record Book up through 8th grade. Participants Left to Right Front Row; Haley Wallin, Wyatt Willand, Michelle Hill, Teanna Ausborn. Second Row Left to Right; Carly Hengesteg, Paige Barker, Cecelia Hill, Emma Davidson, Wayde Willand. Third Row Left to Right; Kristen Barker, Marli Backhaus, Josiah Kliment, Silas Girouard, Ron Davidson.

Worth County 4-H celebrated National 4-H Week with their annual "4-H Fire Up" at the Worth County Fairgrounds on Sunday, October 13th. Families wanting to join 4-H were informed about the wide array of ways 4-Her's can get involved to enhance their citizenship, leadership and communication skills. Senior High 4-H members shared experiences about attending the State 4-H Conference, Junior 4-H Fun Night, Junior 4-H Camp, 4-H Intermediate Award Trip to and ISU Women's Basketball Game and Campus Tour, Chicago 4-H Record Book Award Trip., State 4-H State Capitol trip to Des Moines, Iowa State Fair, Worth County 4-H Washington D.C. Trip, and the Worth County Fair. Prospective 4-H members were informed about what 4-H Clubs they could join as well as how to get properly enrolled in the 4-H program.

WORTH COUNTY 4-H STATE CONFERENCE 2019 Worth County 4-H was very well represented again at the State 4-H Conference at Iowa State University. The 4-Hers participated in community service projects and educational workshops. They also listened to motivational speakers, and attended the State 4-H Banquet and dances. They have had more than 1,200 Worth County 4-H members in attendance at Conference in the past 25 years. 4-H Members pictured front row left to right ; Nathan Hannemann, Elizabeth Ehrhardt, Emma Logeman, TeAnna Ausborn, Kylie Buns, Jayden Beland and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist. Second row left to right ; Tammy Charlson, Chaperone, Mindy Tenold, 4-H Youth Coordinator, Cecelia Hill, Hannah Lanphere, Halle Varner, Lindsey Davidson, Emma Davidson, Justine Nelson, Sydnee Lindeman, and Carys Christianson. Back row left to right Jennifer Klooster, Chaperone, Austin Patterson, Josiah Kliment, Reece Nelson, Tianna Charlson, Marli Backhaus, Kendra Kinne, Kelsie Kinne, and Josh Dirksen.