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Worth County FOCUS

Keep up with deadlines and announcements related to Worth County Extension.

4-H New Member Night

On Sunday January 12th Worth County Extension held our annual 4-H New Member Night. We are so excited to welcome our new members in the world's largest youth organization 4-H. Like any new adventure, there are always many questions. We hope that we were able to answer those questions for you.



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.



4-H Junior Fun Night

The Worth County 4-H Annual Junior Fun Night event that is partnered with Mitchell County 4-H was held on Saturday January 25th at the Cedar River Complex in Osage. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-Her's age 4th-6th grade to experience healthy living, meet new people, and enjoy the evening in the midst of snow storms and cold weather.



Understanding Farm Stress



The Worth and Cerro Gordo County Extension Offices co-sponsored an "Understanding Farm Stress" meeting on January 7th. The program was led by Dr. Larry Tranel, Iowa State University Extension Mental Health Specialist who shared information about Farm Stress with mental health professionals, pastors, public health officials, agriculture business leaders and farm loan officers.



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Start A 4-H Project--- Need Ideas?



You can get great project information for any project area by going to the [Iowa 4-H Website Project Page](#). Click on the project area you are interested in to find more information on it. These sheets include great ideas for project specific citizenship and leadership activities. The project page will also tell you what informational literature is available to order and show you a connection to that website. Take advantage of these great information tools!

Worth County Farm Bill Meeting



The Worth County Extension hosted a Farm Bill Meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd. 2020. The speaker was ISU Extension Farm Management Specialist, Kelvin Leibold. Kelvin presented all the options and possibilities that farmers will have to make decisions about when signing up for the next Farm Bill. The meeting was organized and publicized in collaboration with the Worth County Farm Service Agency

4-H State Recognition Event

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12th graders can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. Applications are due Saturday February 1st at midnight. Recognition Interviews will be held on Saturday March 28th 2020 at Iowa State University Campus.



Worth County Community Foundation Grant

Awards Ceremony



The Worth County Extension Service was awarded a grant from the Worth County Community Foundation to investigate and get plans and potential costs for a covering over our Worth County 4-H Horse Arena. Pat Rothove, Worth County 4-H Hoofprints Horse Club Leader wrote and submitted the successful grant proposal and was recognized at an award ceremony at Fertile on January 9th.

Grove Progressive Farmers



When: Sunday February 9th from 4-7pm.

Where: First Lutheran Church-Northwood

Cost: Children & Under \$5, Adults \$7

Warm up your winter with favorites like Chicken Noodle, Chili, & Beef Stew. All Proceeds benefit the Grove Progressive Farmers 4-H Club.



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Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, Plant Disease Training Course

Worth County will offer the Commercial Ag Weed, Insect and Plant Disease Management Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The program will be shown at locations across Iowa through the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP). The local attendance site is the Worth County Extension office, 1206 3rd Ave N, Northwood, IA 50459.

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m., and the course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$35. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lacey Waller Office Manager, at the ISU Extension and Outreach office in Worth County by phoning 641-324-1531. Accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP/.

Apply to Attend Animal Science Round-Up June 30th - July 2nd 2020

The theme for the 2020 State 4-h youth Conference is “Go for the Gold” Youth in 8th grade and older may attend this three day event in Ames. 4-H members interested in participating the Animal Science Roundup Sessions must apply online beginning March 1st 2020.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>

State Conference Details:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>



Worth County 4-H State Capitol Trip

Worth County 4-H 8th, 9th and 10th graders, you're invited to participate in a **free** trip to the Iowa State Capitol on Wednesday, February 19th 2020.

Iowa Extension Council Association and 4-H Legislative Day is a county program opportunity for elected extension council members and senior-level 4-H members to learn about and experience the legislative process. Participants will meet with legislators, network with one another, and participate in educational activities. The 2020 trip will include a tour and activities at the World Food Prize.



Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Worth County Extension along with Cerro Gordo County Extension will once again be offering a Private Pesticide Applicator Training set for Tuesday February 25th at Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Registration will begin at 6:15pm. The registration fee is \$20.00. In order to qualify for recertification by training, private applicators must attend a private continuing instruction course.





Worth County 4-H Club Spotlight

Take a peek at what our local Clubs are doing! If you're interested in submitting a Spotlight feature, please contact Lacey @ ljwaller@iastate.edu or 641-324-1531.



Silver Lake Huskers



Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club started out the New Year with new members and some great activities and community service projects. They marbled ceramic pumpkins with finger nail polish which turned out to be fun, messy and very smelly! Club members had fun making Christmas cookies and goodies.

Community service projects thus far were their annual collections of winter gear for the Lake Mills Community School nurse to hand out to those in need. Personal care items were also given to the residents at the Lake Mills Care Center for Christmas, and collected Toys for Tots donations. Club members collaborated with Pastor Bill from One In Christ Lutheran Parish to pack holiday food donations for the local food shelf.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday February 16th @ 6pm 4-H Club Meeting in Lake Mills.

Silver Lake Husker's 4-H Leader Mary Buren

“Our club looks forward to our next community service project of donating supplies and spending time at the Humane Society of Freeborn County.”





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CALENDAR

February

- 1 State Recognition Applications Due
- 2 Worth County Hoofprints 4-H Club Meeting
- 3 Washington D.C. Participants Final Payments are due
- 5 Region 3 County Youth Coordinator Meeting in Mason City
- 5 Worth County Extension Council Public Hearing
- 8 4-H Record Book Intermediate Award Trip
- 9 Green Shamrocks 4-H Club Meeting
- 9 Grove Progressive 4-H Soup Supper Fundraiser
- 12 Commercial Ag Weed Applicator Training
- 13 Worth County 4-H Leader Meeting & Livestock Meeting
- 15 Worth County Clover Kids Meeting
- 16 Worth County Hot Shots 4-H Club Meeting
- 16 Grafton Green Clovers 4-h Club Meeting
- 16 Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club Meeting
- 19 4-H Legislative Day at the Iowa Capitol
- 23 Washington D.C. Trip Laying the Wreath Presentations
- 25 Private Pesticide Applicator Training in Manly
- 28 6-8th Grade 4-H Snow Tubing Trip in Boone, IA.

FOR PARENTS: Why 4-H?

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CONTACT

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out Worth County Extension Staff at 641-324-1531.

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- Mindy Tenold- County Youth Coordinator
- Lacey Waller- Worth County Extension Office Manager
- Theresa Cooper- Worth County Clover Kids Coordinator
- Paige DeArmoun- Worth County 4-H Summer Intern

ABOUT

Worth County Extension has many programs to offer every group of individuals. We have excellent family programs and resources, wonderful opportunities for youth K-12 to get involved in from 4-H to Clover Kids and more. We have outstanding resources and programs for area farmers and residents. Our office is always a wealth of information for anyone looking for an answer- and if we don't know, we'll find out! It's always a great time to Join 4-H! if you're interested in becoming a 4-H member or just want more information, please contact the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531 or email us at xworth@iastate.edu and we'll be sure to help!

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