

# WARREN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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 (With the exception of Holidays)



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## 4-H CAMP—"CAMPLIFY YOUR SUMMER"

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Join the **adventure** and **experience** the great outdoors! For ages 9-15. We also need teen and adult leaders, 16 years old and up.

**Dates: June 29 (after 2 p.m.)- July 3, 2025**

**Location: West Kentucky 4-H Camp**

**Price: Early-bird \$335, after April 15- \$350**  
 (includes transportation, lodging, classes and fun!)

Applications: Scan QR code for more information

Questions? 270-842-1681

- Meet New Friends
- Try New Activities
- Gain New Skills
- Learn About the Outdoors
- Swim Every Day
- Fun & Games
- Cabin Life
- Find Your "Spark" and Amplify Your Summer Break



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## YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROJECTS GET \$30,000 IN FUNDING

Thanks to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF) and approved by the Warren County Agriculture Development Board, 48 Warren County youth are sharing \$30,000 in 50-50 cost share funding. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that the Warren County 4-H Council has administered this program. Letters have already gone out to youth who were approved to receive a 50-50 cost share reimbursement of up to \$625 back for agriculture projects. If you missed the application deadline, check us out for next year. All information is on the Warren County Extension website, [YAIP | Warren Co. Extension](#). The deadline for next year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in February.



*Janet is the contact agent for the YAIP program.*

## ACHIEVEMENT SUCCESS—WAY TO GO!

Congratulations to the eleven 4-H members who were recognized as an achievement winner this year! Extra bonus points, those receiving Bronze, Silver, or Gold will get a scholarship to Teen Conference. Congrats to the following Gold Achievement Winners who will receive a full scholarship: Piper Hosay, Neal Brown, and Avenley Cole. Silver Achievement Winners (\$200 scholarship)- Baylee Belcher, Isaiah Ledbetter, and Kenna Graham. Bronze Achievement Winners (\$100 scholarship)- Kenzie Rotermann. Other achievement winners are our Clover Level winners: Level 1- Nealey Webster and Tabitha Sweets, Level 3- Alexander Ledbetter and Thomas Brown. Teen Conference information will be out soon. Those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up should watch their email for updates.

*Julie is the contact agent for Achievement and Janet is the contact agent for Teen Conference.*

## WE APPRECIATE FARMERS!

**Ag Tag Program:** In March, Farmers had the chance to give a \$10 donation to support three programs, 4-H, FFA, and Kentucky Proud when they renewed their farm license plates. Since the inception of this program, Warren County has had the highest number of donations in the entire state. THANK YOU for supporting us! The 4-H program receives 1/3 of total donations. We use the donations to assist our leadership programs.

**Farm Bureau Donation:** Twice each year, the Warren County Farm Bureau invites 4-H and FFA officers to their meetings to give an update of our programs. We always appreciate the opportunity to interact with our farmers and get to know them. Special thanks to their bi-annual donation of \$499. This donation really helps support our key programs. Great job to County Teen Council Members, Baylee Belcher and Kenzie Rotermann who represented 4-H.



## Practice Your Public Speaking Skills!

The county 4-H speech, demonstration, and mock interview contests will be on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren County Extension Office. 4-H members will have a chance to practice their skills and win ribbons and awards. A communications contest packet is available on our website at:

<https://www.warrencountyextension.com/general-6-2>.  
Registration for this event is April 7th at 270-842-1681.

*Janet is contact agent for public speaking and Julie is contact agent for demonstration and mock interviews.*

## 4-H Agent wins State Award

Congratulations to Janet Turley for winning the Patricia Brantley Todd Award of Excellence. She was recognized for this achievement at the State Extension Conference held in Louisville in early March. Janet was one of three extension agents to win this award.



**Together We Grow: Youth Art Contest**

In celebration of National Agriculture Week, the UK Cooperative Extension Offices are excited to invite youth from our communities to participate in a fun and creative art contest! This contest is an opportunity for young artists to showcase their creativity while learning about the important agricultural commodities that are represented in their county. Each participant will receive a coloring page that features various local commodities, with plenty of space to add their own personal touch and imagination. The winning entry will be featured at the KY State Fair in August. If interested in participating, please contact the Extension Office for a coloring sheet or use the back page of this newsletter. We will be giving prizes to the winner of each grade group Kindergarten-2; 3-5; 6-8; and 9-12 grade, along with an overall prize. All entries are due to the Warren County Extension Office no later than Friday, April 25.

*Both Janet and Julie are contact agents for the Ag Week Coloring Contest.*

**4-H CLOVERBUD CAMP IN JUNE**

**4-H Cloverbud Camp in June**

The 4-H Cloverbud Camp will be held on June 20-22 at West Kentucky 4-H Camp. The Cloverbud Camp is open to 5–8-year-olds and is designed for campers and parents, who are not ready for a full week of residential camping experience. The cost is \$170 per cloverbud and \$160 adults/teens, this includes meals, lodging, supplies, and t-shirt. While at Cloverbud Camp campers will still participate in all the traditional camp activities offered at 4-H Camp, including crafts, cooking, canoeing, swimming, and recreation, as well as fun nighttime activities.

*Julie serves as the contact agent for Cloverbud Camp.*



**MCA 4-H POSTER CONTEST**

**THEME:**  
**"4-H IN MY COMMUNITY"**

-  Entries due May 1st.
-  Entries will be judged by 4-H age for each category.
-  Digital flyer category added this year!
-  Poster must be 1/2 sheet of poster board



**COME GET YOUR GROOVE ON**

**AT THE 4-H DISCO THEME FASHION REVUE**



**APRIL 14, 6PM**

**WARREN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**5162 RUSSELLVILLE RD**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**  
**WARREN COUNTY 4-H SEWING CLUB**



**4-H HOMESCHOOL CLUB REPORT**



The 4-H Homeschool Club has enjoyed a fun-filled year! In the fall, we painted, opened geodes, played games and worked on different crafts. We conducted our second annual Coat drive, and we want to thank everyone for your donations! We also had a Christmas party with food, fun games and crafts. This season we have had a Valentine's Exchange Party. In March we had some baby goats come in and the students got to hold them. We enjoy some friendly competition every month to see who gets a picture with the Snork Award! The club is looking forward to an end-of-the-year field trip.



## LEADERSHIP FUN FOR TEENS

**Lock-In Fun:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 4-H Leadership Lock-in this past January was FUN FUN FUN! Teens had fun learning leadership games as well as getting to socialize with their peers. If you missed this lock-in, there will be another opportunity next January.

**Warren/Casey County Exchange:** In February, teens from Warren and Casey County came together for an overnight exchange program. Casey County teens came to Warren County for leadership fun, fellowship, and tourism. This fall, Warren County teens will experience Casey County. If you missed out on this event, contact Janet or Julie to get in on the fun.

**Teen Leadership Boards:** Have you ever thought you'd like to get involved in a leadership role on the state level? It's not too late to apply to be on a shooting sports teen ambassador board, SET board, or natural resources board. Contact Janet Turley if you are interested in applying. Teens currently involved in leadership boards are Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Board- Harrison Shaff, Christopher Sweets, and Neal Brown, and SET Board- Avenley Cole.

**Area Teen Council:** The next Area Teen Council Meeting will be May 12. Watch your email for upcoming information on details.

**Teen Conference:** Did you know teens in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up can attend Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference? Dates are June 10-13. The cost is \$300. The application deadline is April 24. This is a fun conference. Teens stay in dorm rooms at the University of Kentucky, attend educational workshops, engage in community service, dance, and so much more! Watch upcoming emails for more information.

*Janet is contact agent for Teen Leadership Boards, Area Teen Council, and Teen Conference.*



## SUMMER POULTRY DAY CAMPS

### Poultry Judging Day Camp

Join us on **July 8 and July 31** to learn about poultry judging. The day camps will be from 9-3 p.m. at the Warren County Extension Office. Participants will learn all aspects of the poultry judging contest that will be held at the Kentucky State Fair. These will include grading eggs (via candling), judging for egg quality, identifying food grade chicken parts, judging laying hens, carcass judging, and more. You don't have to know anything about poultry, just come to learn. Pre-register for this day camp by **Thursday, June 26**. The cost will be \$10 to cover lunch.



*Janet is contact agent for Poultry Judging Day Camp.*

### Chicken/Turkey BBQ Camp

Do you want to learn how to use a charcoal grill, how about how to make delicious turkey burgers, or have a fun time hanging out with friends? Then join us the **Chicken/Turkey BBQ Camp** on Thursday, **July 10<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. at the Warren County Extension Office. Everything will be provided at the BBQ camp, but participants can bring their own BBQ sauce or secret ingredients for the turkey burger. At this camp participants will also learn about the State Chicken/Turkey BBQ Contest on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Julie is the contact agent for the BBQ Camp.*

## COLLEGE & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Would you like some financial assistance with your college or vocational education? Check out the Kentucky 4-H Foundation 2025 Scholarship Program. They are awarding twenty scholarships, 18 high school senior scholarships and 2 current college student scholarships. Applications can be found on the following website: [www.kentucky4hfoundation.org](http://www.kentucky4hfoundation.org). The applications and all supporting documents must be submitted electronically via email to [melissag.miller@uky.edu](mailto:melissag.miller@uky.edu) no later than Friday, May 16, 2025.



*Both Janet and Julie are contact agents for Foundation Scholarships.*

# LIVESTOCK NEWS

## Livestock Exhibitors Must Validate Animals

Congratulations if you've decided to show livestock this year. The lessons you learn and the hard work you put into it will last you a lifetime! Please be aware that certain rules and guidelines must be followed. All 4-H members must have attended a minimum of six hours or more of education under a certified livestock leader before you validate a market animal. All market animals must complete the Livestock Validation Process which requires in-person tagging at an official validation site. Go to the following website for more information and forms: <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth/validations>

Bowling Green Validation Site: Tuesday, May 13, 4-7 p.m., WKU Expo Equestrian Barn.

*Janet is the contact agent for 4-H Livestock*

## Livestock Club Excels at State Skillathon!

This was our year! We finally made it to the banner level! Congratulations to the eight 4-H livestock club members who competed in the State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest in February. Results are as follows:

**Juniors:** Karlie Grant- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Top 9-10 year old, 10<sup>th</sup> place Identification, 17<sup>th</sup> Overall Junior. Tabitha Sweets- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Top 9-10 year old, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Evaluation. Jensen Massey- 19<sup>th</sup> Overall Junior. Team: Karlie, Tabitha, Jensen and Luke Renfro- 5<sup>th</sup> Identification, 3<sup>rd</sup> Evaluation, 7<sup>th</sup> Overall Junior Team. **Seniors:** Isabella Taylor- 1<sup>st</sup> place Evaluation; Team Members: Isabella, Loralie Taylor, Madison Metzger, and Tucker Metzger. **Cloverbuds:** Bear Sweets and Noraya Riley. Special thanks to Rachel Grant and Cynthia Taylor for coaching the teams.

*Janet is contact agent for State Livestock Skillathon Contest.*



## 4-H SUMMIT

Six teens and tweens attended 4-H Summit in March. This year's summit was held at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp. This mini conference introduced participants to leadership activities, networking, and comradery. For many, this experience will jump start a 4-H member towards more active leadership roles in 4-H and the community. Neal Brown, Harrison Shaff, and Christopher Sweets, Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Board members assisted at this event. We can't wait to see what the future holds for these bright young stars.



## NUTRITION TIPS FOR KIDS

There is a lot of advice for kids' eating habits. The USDA recommends following these simple tips:

- Eat more fruit and vegetables. Make half your plate fruits and veggies every day.
- Try whole grains. Add things like oatmeal and whole-wheat bread and pasta to your dishes.
- Think about your drink. Choose water and low-fat or fat-free dairy milk (or lactose-free or fortified soy versions) when you're thirsty.
- Mix up your protein foods. Include different foods like seafood, beans, peas, lentils, nuts, seeds, soy products, eggs, meats, or poultry.
- Involve kids in the kitchen. Let them help by putting away groceries, stirring ingredients, peeling fruits, or setting the table.
- Be active. Find ways for your kids to be active and move their body for at least 1 hour a day. Try walking to school, bike riding, or playing a sport with friends.

Source: <https://www.myplate.gov/life-stages/kids>

## UPCOMING HORSE EVENTS/DATES

The area 4-H **Horse Judging Hippology** Contest will be held in conjunction with the WKU Youth Field Day on Tuesday, April 15 at the L.D. Brown Exposition Center and Anderson Arena. The contest will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Registration is due April 11. Call the Extension Office to get signed up, 270-842-1681.

The area 4-H **Horse show** is back by popular demand! The show will be open to any youth (9-18 years old) in the state interested in competing. Dates will be June 3-4 at the L.D. Brown Exposition Center. Specific schedule to be announced when registration goes out. The registration deadline is May 9. Coggins, Health Papers, and Flu/Rhino vaccine will be checked at the show.

If you are interested in showing at the **State 4-H Horse Show**, please adhere to the following dates:

- May 15: Online Eligibility Form due
- May 15: Educational Hours Due (6 hours)
- June 1: Nominations due: State Horse Show Dedication, Outstanding Agent/Volunteer
- June 9: State 4-H Horse Show Registration Deadline
- June 14: Flu/Rhino Vaccine must be administered by this date
- June 29-July 1: State 4-H Horse Show

Go to the following website for state horse show information: [Kentucky State Fair 4-H Horse Show | Animal & Food Sciences](#)

If you are interested in competing at the State 4-H Horse Contests, check out the dates below:

- June 13: State Horse Contests Registration Deadline
- June 17: State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- June 18: State 4-H Horse Contests (Bowl, Hippology, Arts, Photos, Speech/Demo)

Go to the following website for more horse contests information: [Kentucky State Horse Contest | Animal & Food Sciences](#)

Interested in Southern Regionals? Mark July 30-August 3 on your calendars. Contact Fernanda Camargo for more information, [Fernanda.camargo@uky.edu](mailto:Fernanda.camargo@uky.edu).

*Janet is contact agent for Area and State Horse Show and State Horse Contests.*



## SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS

### Safety Training is Required!

If the 4-H Shooting Sports project sounds fun, make sure you attend a safety training. This is required to join and participate. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and last training of the year will be on **Monday, April 21** at 6 p.m. at the Warren County Extension Office. The 4-H Shooting Sports program encompasses nearly all shooting disciplines including archery, rifle, pistol, black powder, and trap. Participants will practice weekly with certified volunteer coaches. If you have any questions, please contact our coordinators, Darrel and Julie Sweets, [wc4hss@gmail.com](mailto:wc4hss@gmail.com).

### Local Shooting Sports Event- June 7

The Warren County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will host a shooting tournament at the Green River Gun Club on Saturday, June 7. All shooting sports members interested in competing must attend at least 3 practice sessions prior to the event. Watch your email for upcoming practice dates, first practice will be May 6. Parent volunteers are needed to help run logistics of the event. If you can assist, please contact Darrel and Julie Sweets, [wc4hss@gmail.com](mailto:wc4hss@gmail.com).

*Janet is the contact agent for 4-H Shooting Sports.*



## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Each year the Kentucky 4-H Program welcomes youth and adults from Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. This is a short summer program from mid-July to mid-August. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture while introducing teens to our American way of life. Host family requirements: have a child of the same gender within 3 years of hosted youth (9+ are eligible to host), families with no children (or younger children) may host an adult chaperone, no special activities need to be planned- host youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by becoming a member of your family. We are actively trying to get youth and adult chaperone placed. Please contact Janet or Julie if you are interested in hosting or if you have any questions. Families do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to host.

## 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE

It was a great day to experience our legislative process in February. Eight 4-H members trekked to Frankfort to visit with Senator Mike Wilson and Representative Duvall. They also got to tour the Capitol, Old Capitol, and Kentucky History Museum.

*Julie is contact agent for Capitol Experience.*



## CAREER SHADOWING WAS A SUCCESS

What does Anne Howard Waugh, Ronald Howe, Whitney Alford, Kayley Hudnall, Lainey Collins, Madelynn Garner, Tabitha Sweets, Ella Martin, Kenna Gilbert, & Amelia Martin have in common? They all participated in our county career shadowing program. They shadowed a veterinarian, teachers, florist, county attorney, 4-H agents, and several other careers. Everyone learned more about the career they were interested in and enjoyed being with their host for the day. We appreciate our Career Shadowing hosts because without them this program would not be possible. For next year the career shadowing books will be available in December/January with due date in February.

*Julie is the contact agent for the career shadowing program.*

## NATURAL RESOURCE ACADEMY

Are you in 5th grade and love the outdoors? If so, you might be interested in participating in the Natural Resources and Environmental Science Academy. This is a three-year program designed to teach youth about their natural environment. This will include hands-on investigations to learn about Kentucky's water, forest, entomology, and wildlife resources. The cost is \$175. If interested, act quickly. Registration deadline is April 15.

*Julie is contact agent for Natural Resources Environmental Science Academy. Page 7—Natural Resource Academy*



**EXPLORE KENTUCKY'S NATURAL WORLD**

**Natural Resources & Environmental Science Academy**

Three-year program designed to teach youth about their natural environment. Participate in hands-on investigations to learn about Kentucky's water, forest, entomology, and wildlife resources.

**Who can Apply?**  
• Must be in 5th grade at time of application.

**Cost: \$175**

**Registration Deadline**  
**April 15th**

Kentucky 4-H Youth Development  
Warren Co. Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development  
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## 4-H END OF SCHOOL BASH

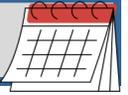


Come join us for the end of school bash on Friday, May 2nd from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Warren County Extension Office. We had a family bash back in the fall and everyone had a great time so decided to do a spring bash. We will be playing games, eating smores, and having

GaGa Ball tournaments. The 4-H Council will provide the pizza again if the attendees bring chips, desserts, and drinks. We will also honor our graduating 4-H members as well.

*Both Julie and Janet serve as contact agents for 4-H Bash.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### April

- 11 WKU/4-H Horse Judging Contest Registration Deadline
- 14 Shooting Sports Coaches Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 14 County Fashion Review, 6pm
- 15 WKU/4-H Horse Judging Hippology Contest
- 15 County Communications Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Shooting Sports Final Safety Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 24 Teen Conference Registration Deadline
- 25 Youth Art Contest Entries Due
- 25-27 South Central KY 4-H Horse Camp
- 28 Mock Range Shooting Sports, 6pm

### May

- 2 4-H Fun Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 5 Area Communications Night, 6:30 p.m., Barren County Middle School
- 6 Shooting Sports- 1<sup>st</sup> Practice Night
- 9 Registration Deadline for Area 4-H Horse Show
- 12 Area 4-H Teen Council
- 13 Market Animal Validation, 4-7 p.m., WKU Equestrian Barn
- 15 Online Eligibility & 6 Educational Hours Due
- 16 4-H Camp Deadline
- 16 KY 4-H Program Scholarship Applications Due
- 17 State 4-H Trail Ride (for horses) at Mammoth Cave National Park
- 22 4-H Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

### June

- 3-4 Area 4-H Horse Show
- 5 4-H Camp Leader Training, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 7 County Shooting Sports Contest
- 9 State Horse Show Registration Deadline
- 10-13 Teen Conference
- 13 Horse Contest Registration Deadline
- 16 4-H Camp Orientation
- 17-18 State 4-H Horse Contests
- 20-22 Cloverbud Camp
- 26 Pre-register Deadline for Poultry Judging Camps
- 29-July 1 State 4-H Horse Show
- 29-July 3 4-H Camp

### July

- 8 Poultry Judging Camp, 9am-3pm
- 10 Chicken/Turkey BBQ Camp, 9am
- 12 State Communications Contest, Winchester KY
- 21-26 SoKY Fair (more information to come)
- 26 State Chicken/Turkey BBQ Contest, Hardin Co.
- 31 Poultry Judging Camp, 9am-3pm



**TOGETHER WE GROW: YOUTH ART CONTEST**  
**WARREN COUNTY**

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