

WARREN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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4-H ENROLLMENT BEGINS NOW!



The new 4-H year began September 1. That means everyone must enroll or re-enroll. Each family can go online to enroll, 4-H Enrollment | Warren Co. Extension. Please enroll ASAP

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FIND A 4-H CLUB FOR YOU!



Scan QR code for the 2025-2026 club list

This year the Warren County 4-H Program has 25 different clubs to choose from. The clubs meet monthly for 1- 1.5 hours. There is truly something for everyone. Find your spark by getting involved. The 4-H Club List can be found at: 4-H Clubs & Activities | Warren Co. Extension.

4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Were you elected as a 4-H Club Officer? If so, don't miss out on the 4-H Club Officer Training. This will be Thursday, November 6 at 6 p.m. at the Warren County Extension Office. Newly elected officers will learn about parliamentary procedure, club meeting outlines, and their role in their positions. Pizza and drinks will be served.

TEEN CLUB EXCHANGE TRIP

The 4-H Teen Club Exchange with Casey County was a huge success. Our teens traveled to Casey County to learn about their county and network with their teens. The teens toured a creamery, meat processing plant, and visited with the tourism commissioner. Casey County visited us back in February. If you want to join the Warren County Teen Club, contact Julie for more information.





TSC 4-H CLOVER CAMPAIGN



There will be an opportunity to donate to the 4-H Program by purchasing a "clover" at all TSC stores, November 28-December 14.

This is a great time to support 4-H.

Any club wishing to set up a fundraising booth (petting zoo, bake sale, etc.) can contact TSC directly to get a date set up.

In the past, this was a great way to showcase the 4-H program.

KY VOLUNTEER FORUM

Mark your calendars! The 2026 KY Volunteer Forum will be February 26-28. This is the largest volunteer conference in the nation! A total of 225 workshops will be offered, lots of networking, volunteer recognition events, commercial and educational exhibits and so much more! Every Warren County volunteer, especially club leaders, are encouraged to attend. Registration is due December 1. Registration information can be found at the following website: Kentucky Volunteer Forum | 4-H Youth Development. The Warren County 4-H Council will sponsor up to 30 volunteers.



PARADE OF BREEDS

The Rough Riders 4-H Horse Club is hosting a Parade of Breeds on Tuesday, November 4 at 6 p.m. at the L.D. Brown Exposition Center in Bowling Green. The public is invited to attend and watch our 4-H members showcase different breeds of horses.





4-H CAMP

July 13-17 will be the camp dates for 2026. All Warren County students are invited to attend. Age Categories include Campers- 3rd grade through age 14; CIT's (counselor in training)- Age 15; Teens- Age 16-17; Adults-18 and up. Volunteers 15 and up will attend training(s) in the spring to define roles, expectations and responsibilities at camp.

AREA ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

4-H members who have received awards on the area, district, state, and/or national level will be recognized at the Area 4-H Achievement Banquet on December 15th at the National Corvette Museum. Watch your email for an invitation from our 4-H Gmail Account. RSVP for the banquet by December 1st. The cost is \$16/person.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEW COACHES

Congratulations to all!

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program would like to welcome our new coaches that

completed certification training in October:

Level 1 Archery Instructors- Stephen Epley, George Patton

Level 1 Rifle Instructors- Kody King, Brad Mullins **Apprentice Level 1 Instructor**- Harper Patton



SHOOTING SPORTS TEEN AMBASSADORS



Three Warren County teens, Harrison Shaff, Christopher Sweets, and Neal Brown, have wrapped up another year on the Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Board (SSTAB). This state leadership board attends quarterly meetings, Teen Conference, and assists with the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. The 2025-2026 SSTAB members from Warren County are Christopher Sweets, chairman, Neal Brown, and Will Rybolt.

SHOOTING SPORTS - NATIONAL BOUND!

Congratulations to Christopher Sweets (archery), Neal Brown (black powder), and Will Rybolt (shotgun)! They each competed well at the state shooting sports contest and qualified for nationals which will be held in Nebraska next June.



YAIP

The Youth Agriculture Incentives Program has finally wrapped up!

Thirty-four youth participated in the program. This 50-50 cost-share program reimbursed participants up to \$1381. Warren County residents age 9 through 12th grade can apply for this program. Application information will come out in January, 2026. The application deadline is the 2nd Friday in February. More information will be on the Warren County Extension website in January.

SRTLC

Southern Regional Teen Leadership Conference in Crossville, TN.

Two teens from Warren County, Neal Brown and Will Rybolt, attended this 4-H conference with delegates from southern states. They networked with teens and learned leadership skills. Neal taught a STEM workshop on catapults and did an excellent job!



AREA TEEN RETREAT

Eight teens attended the Area Teen Retreat at West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs



Neal, Thomas, Christopher, Dylan, Isaiah, Alexander, Owen, and Macyn attended this weekend camp with Julie Brown and Andria Higdon. They networked with teens from the western part of Kentucky and learned leadership skills. Neal and Christopher taught a fun shop and did an excellent job! Great job, Neal and Christopher!

CLOVERBUD CAMP

There were 38 Cloverbuds and parents that attended Cloverbud Camp June 20-22!

All had a wonderful time and the Cloverbuds got a taste of what 4-H Camp is really like. The campers participated in different classes like canoeing and fishing, nighttime activities, free swim, and roasting s'mores. Cloverbud Camp is open to all 5–8-year-olds and a parent must attend as well. Watch your newsletter for more information on the 2026 Cloverbud Camp.

Julie is the contact agent for Cloverbud Camp.

PIGGY BANK CONTEST

The 2026 Piggy Bank Design Contest is a creative way for youth to learn the importance of saving money and reducing debt.

Students will create a piggy bank of their own design with the following rules:

- Any K-12th grader
- Banks do not have to be in the shape of a pig
- Banks must be created or decorated by the contestant
- Banks must hold coins
- Banks cannot be larger than 12 inches x 12 inches x 12 inches (1 foot square)
- You may use or repurpose other containers
- Deadline to enter is Friday, December 5th

The county winner will advance to the district contest. District winners will have their name, grade, county and winning piggy bank displayed in the spring. For more information contact Julie at the Warren County Extension Office. Julie is the contact agent for the Piggy Bank Design Contest.

4-H CAREER SHADOWING PROJECT

Still thinking about what you want to be when you grow up? If so, take advantage of the 4-H Career Shadowing Project. Now is the time to start the 4-H Careers Project. This is a short-term project for youth in the 5th-12th grade. Youth must complete a project book according to grade level and turn in the completed project book January 26-30, 2026. Project books can be picked up at the office. All youth will be required to attend a career shadowing orientation on February 16th at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. Shadowing dates will be March 5, 10, and 18. 4-H members will get to shadow on one of these dates. Any youth 5th grade and up is eligible to participate in the 4-H Careers Project.

If you have questions, contact Julie at 270-842-1681 or <u>julie.brown@uky.edu</u>

Julie is the contact agent for Career Shadowing Program



TEEN CONFERENCE

Teen Conference was a blast in June.

Participants included, front row: Trista Dewey, Kenna Graham, Baylee Belcher, Piper Hosay. Back row: Janet Turley, Harrison Shaff, Isaiah Ledbetter, Jordan Grimes, Jake Dargo, Neal Brown, Christopher Sweets, Anna Sweets. Not pictured: Anthony Akridge and Kenzie Rotermann.

STATE FAIR - 4-H POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Christopher Sweets- Poultry
Showmanship- Reserve Grand Champion
Bantam, Reserve Overall Grand Champion.
Dylan Klett- blue ribbon in Poultry
Showmanship.



CHICKEN/TURKEY BBQ CONTEST



Isaiah Ledbetter – Senior Turkey BBQ 3rd place Alexander Ledbetter – Junior Turkey BBQ 3rd place

STATE CUPCAKE WARS

Warren County had 3 teams:
Sour Patch Sisters (Nealey and Anabeth Webster)
Sweet Bells (Tabitha Sweets and Whitlee Bell)
The Daisies (Harper Patton & Kylie Reynolds)

They all made very tasty cupcakes and received blue ribbons.





FORESTRY FIELD DAY

The 2025 Forestry Field Day was held in September. Ellie Ashley received 2nd place in Senior Compass and Pacing and 2nd place in Tree Measurement. Lainey Collins and Mason Ray tied for 1st place in Junior Compass and Pacing.

AREA POSTER ART WINNERS

9 year old - Victor Perez - Champion

10 year old - Austin Brennan - Red Ribbon

11 year old - Nicole Favela - Champion

12 year old - Rebeca Perez - Champion

14 year old - Brooklyn Upchurch - Champion



COUNTRY HAM RESULTS

Akai Riley- 2015 Smoked- 3rd place Ham Speech, 3rd place overall **Isaiah Ledbetter-** 2009 Smoked- 3rd place overall

CULINARY CHALLENGE TEAMS

Congratulations to all our teams!!

Pro Chefs (Allie Ford, Ella Martin, & Nealey Webster) and Super Heros (Jacob Higdon, Alexander Ledbetter, & Tabitha Sweets) competed in the Junior Culinary Challenge Competition and received excellent scores. Our Senior Team Ellie Ashley and Jordan Grimes received champion in the senior division.



NATIONAL BLACK POWDER TEAM

Christopher Sweets competed at the National Muzzle Loading Competition in Nebraska! Christopher is the first Warren County 4-H Member to compete at a national shooting sports event.

ARCHERY EXTRAVAGANZA

9-11 Barebow Compound- Zoey Trujillo- 3rd place **12-14 Barebow Compound**- Stella Johansen- 2nd place **15-18 Barebow Compound**- Christopher Sweets- 3rd place

15-18 Freestyle Limited Recurve- Christopher Sweets-2nd place



STATE COMMUNICATIONS DAY

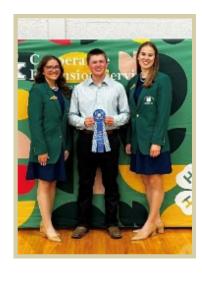


Seven Warren County 4-H Members competed at the State 4-H Communications Contest in July.

Results are:

- 14 year old speech Baylee Belcher 3rd place
- Visual Arts Demo Nealey Webster 3rd place
- Shooting Sports Demo Christopher Sweets 1st place
- Digital Media Demo Akai Riley- 3rd place
- Agriculture Demo Neal Brown- 2nd place
- Animal Science Demo Thomas Brown Blue Ribbon
- Clothing & Textiles Demo Lainey Collins 1st place







SOKY FAIR RESULTS

Wow! 345 entries representing 38 4-H members were exhibited at the Southern Kentucky Fair in July. We had lots of outstanding entries. A total of 110 entries advanced to the Kentucky State Fair.

Congratulations to: Aurora Marquardt, Akai Riley, Anna Rogers, Alyvia O'Hara, Amelia Martin, Anabeth Webster, Baylee Belcher, Bear Sweets, Ben Kraus, Colby Crittenden, Ella Martin, Elliette Pullium, Gideon Sweets, Grace Brown, Grayson Pullium, Hadassah Sweets, Hunter Eversole, Jason Hoots, Jayce Eversole, Jesse Poteet, Kayson Collins, Kendee McCarty, Kenna Graham, Lainey Collins, Lydia Martin, Maddie Kraus, Maria Eversole, Neal Brown, Nealey Webster, Noraya Riley, Piper Hosay, Sarah Kiell, Tabitha Sweets, Taryn Turner, Thomas Brown, Travis Kraus, Violet Walden, and Whitlee Bell.

A special thank you to everyone who assisted with set-up & entry of exhibits, watched the 4-H exhibits during the fair, and took down the exhibits when it was over. This program could not be conducted without volunteers helping throughout the week!! Another big thank you goes to the Bowling Green Jaycees for conducting the SoKy Fair and allowing the 4-H members to be a part of the fair. The county fair checks will be mailed out next week and you should receive your state fair check by November 30th, if you do not receive either of these checks by December 5th please let Julie know.

STATE FAIR CLOVERVILLE RESULTS

Warren County was represented very well at the 2025 State Fair with 110 exhibits.

A special congratulations go to:

Maria Eversole received class champion in Photography (Set-Mechanics)

Jason Hoots received class champion in Horticulture (largest watermelon)

Piper Hosay received class champion in Arts & Crafts (mixed media)

Sarah Kiell received class champion and grand champion in Needlework (granny square) and class champion in Needlework (pattern cross stitching)

Tabitha Sweets received class champion in Foods (cinnamon twist)

Congratulations to the following participants in Cloverville:

Baylee Belcher, Neal Brown, Thomas Brown, Lainey Collins, Colby Crittenden, Maria Eversole, Kenna Graham, Piper Hosay, Sarah Kiell, Travis Kraus, Ben Kraus, Aurora Marquardt, Amelia Martin, Ella Martin, Alyvia O'Hara, Jesse Poteet, Elliette Pulliam, Akai Riley, Anna Rogers, Tabitha Sweets, Taryn Turner, Anabeth Webster, and Nealey Webster.

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS RESULTS

Nearly 40 youth competed at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. Warren County had 4 state champion individuals and 4 state champion teams. Results are as follows:

Archery

- 12-14 Year Old Compound Bare Bow- 5th place team (Stella Johansen, Harper Patton, Jake Shevetz, Charlotte Wright)
- 15-18 Year Old Compound Bare Bow- 1st place team [Wyatt Bradshaw (4th), Jace Coles (8th), Whitney Alford, Kenna Graham]
- 15-18 Year Old Target Recurve Bow- Christopher Sweets- 5th

Black Powder- 9-11 Year Old

- Percussion Sport, 2nd place team [Tabitha Sweets (8th), Jackson Petty (9th), Zoey Trujillo, Ernest King]
- Percussion Target- 1st place team [Zoey Trujillo (1st), Jackson Petty (2nd), Tabitha Sweets (5th), Earnest King (7th)]

Black Powder- 12-14 Year Old

- Percussion Sport- James Willoughby, 8th
- Percussion Target- Charlotte Wright, 4th
- Black Powder Pistol James Cary, 1st

Black Powder- 15-18 Year Old

- Percussion Sport- 1st place team (Anthony Akridge (1st), Neal Brown (6th), Isaiah Ledbetter, Garrett Johnson)
- Percussion Target- Christopher Sweets (2nd), Neal Brown (4th)
- Black Powder Pistol, 1st place team (Anthony Akridge (1st), Christopher Sweets (4th), Neal Brown (5th).

Pistol

12-14 .22 Pistol- James Cary, 3rd

Rifle

15-18 .22 Sport- 2nd place team (Anthony Akridge (3rd), Garrett Johnson, Isaiah Ledbetter, Jace Coles.)

Shotgun

Congratulations to the following youth who shot near perfect scores:

- Will Rybolt- 99/100 clays (5th place with shoot-off)
- Elivia Heard- 99/100 clays (7th place with shoot-off)
- 15-18 Year Old Team- 3rd place (Will, Elivia, Harrison Shaff, Tyler Dawley, Thomas Kirby)









STATE DOG SHOW RESULTS

The 4-H Dog Club did outstanding at the State 4-H Dog Show held in Bowling Green.

Warren County won the Michele Reilly Dedication Award. Results are as follows:

Baylee Belcher- 3rd Sr. Showmanship, 2nd Sr. Obedience, 1st Sr. Rally, 1st Agility On-Lead, 2nd Jumpers Off-Lead, 2nd Tunnelers Off-Lead, Most creative dog and 4-Her costume, 1st Sr. Skillathon.

Lainey Collins- 1st Jr. Rally Obedience, 1st Agility Off-Lead, 1st Jumpers Off-Lead, 1st Tunnelers Off-Lead, and was awarded Off-Lead Agility High in Trial Award, 1st Jr. Skillathon.

Jackson Murphy- 2nd Agility On-Lead, 3rd Jr. Skillathon

Anne Howard Waugh- 3rd Agility On-Lead

STATE FAIR DOG BOWL CONTEST

Two Warren County Dog Bowl Teams went head-to-head at the Kentucky State Fair.



Team 1 (Baylee Belcher, Whitney Alford, Anne Howard Waugh) were state champions, and Team 2 (Lainey Collins, Thomas Brown and Jackson Murphy) were reserve grand champions.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Eight Warren County 4-H Members competed in various livestock shows at the KY State Fair. Below are their results:

Liam Kingery: Market Hog Show- 11th place in 2 classes **Karlie Grant**- Div 1 Champion- Breeding Sheep Show, Hampshire Market Lamb- 2nd in class 2, Natural Colored Market Lamb- 2nd in class 3.

Luke Renfro- Hampshire Market Lamb- 7th in class 2, Natural

Colored Market Lamb- 6th and 7th, class 3. Black-Face Cross Market Lamb- 5th, class 4.

Emma McMurtrey- Black-Face Cross Market Lamb- 7th in class 4.

Micah McMurtrey- Black Face Cross market Lamb- 8th in class 4, 2nd, class 8.

Maggie Owens- 5-year-old Novice Showmanship, 1st place, Novice Market Lamb, class 1, first place.

Madison Metzger- Market Goats, class 7- 2nd place. Also showed in championship drive.

Akai Riley- Market Goats, 9th in class 9, 8th in class 10.

Noraya Riley- Novice Reserve Grand Champion Showman

STATE FAIR POULTRY ACTIVITIES



Warren County had both the Jr. and Sr. Poultry Judging Champion Individuals. Congratulations to Zoey Playforth and Christopher Sweets! Taryn Turner placed 4th and Dylan Klett 5th. Also, Christopher, Taryn, and Dylan will be representing Kentucky at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest in November!

The Avian Bowl Teams were not to be outdone. The junior team was Reserve Grand Champion (Zoey Playforth, Heath Mahoney, Tabitha Sweets, and Zoey Bequeath). Zoey placed 3rd as an individual and Heath placed 4th. The senior team was Grand Champion (Dylan Klett, Hallie Whittaker, and Taryn Turner). Dylan was also Grand Champion individual. Hallie will be representing Kentucky on the National Avian Bowl Team.

STATE HORSE CONTESTS

The Rough Riders 4-H Horse Club Members excelled at the State 4-H Horse Contests this year. Results are as follows:

Kane Alagna: Hippology- 5th stations, 8th overall

Trista Dewey: Hippology- 8th Judging,; Horse Bowl- 4th Team

McKenna Gilbert: Hippology- 2nd Written, 7th Judging, 2nd Stations,

3rd overall; Horse Bowl- 3rd and Champion Team.

Catherine Ivey: Hippology- 4th Written, 1st Judging, 1st Stations, 1st Overall; Judging- 3rd Halter, 1st Performance, 2nd Reasons, 2nd Overall, 1st Team Halter, Performance, Reasons and Overall; Horse Show- 1st Speed Showmanship, 3rd Barrels, 2nd Hunter Showmanship, 5th Hunter Under Saddle, 9th Hunt Seat Equitation, 3rd Bareback Equitation.

Jack Ivey: Horse Bowl- 4th place team; Horse Judging- 7th Halter, 3rd Performance, 5th Overall; Horse Show- 5th Showmanship, 4th Ranch Pleasure W/J, 6th Ranch Horsemanship W/J, 7th Ranch Trail W/J **Anna Rogers**: Hippology- 1st Written, 10th Judging, 9th Stations, 4th overall; Horse Bowl- 6th and champion team; Art- 4th Jr. original design, 1st Sequence of 3 Photo, 2nd and 3rd Black and White Photo.

Jasmine Rogers: Hippology- 6th Judging; Horse Bowl- 5th and Champion Team; Horse Show- 5th Miniature Hunter, 8th jumpers.

Kenzie Rotermann: Judging- 7th Halter, 2nd, Performance, 3rd Reasons, 3rd Overall, 1st Team Halter, Performance, Reasons and Overall; Horse Show- 5th WRM Showmanship, 2nd WRM Equitation, 1st Lite Shod Walking- all ages, 2nd Open Flat Shod Walking.

Finley Shaw: Hippology- 5th Written, 4th Judging, 7th Stations, 6th Overall; Horse Bowl- Champion Individual and 4th place team; Horse Show- 1st Ranch Riding, 4th Ranch Pleasure, 2nd Ranch Horsemanship, 4th Ranch Trail.

Sydney Thomas: Horse Show-7th WRM Showmanship, 1st Classic All Day Pleasure Walking, 1st Country Pleasure Walking, 2nd Trail Pleasure Walking, 1st Open Flat Shod Walking.

Anne Howard Waugh: Hippology- 3rd Written, 2nd Judging, 4th Stations, 4th Overall; Horse Judging-1st Halter, 4th Performance, 7th Reasons, 6th Overall, 1st Team Halter, Performance, Reasons and Overall; Art- 2nd Original Design, 5th Single photo, 4th Black and White.

AREA 4-H HORSE SHOW HIGH POINTS

Congratulations to the following who won high point awards at the Area Open Invitational 4-H Horse Show:

Walking/Racking/Mountain: Jr. Reserve High Point: Kane Alagna; Sr. High Point: Avery Cole;

Sr. Reserve High Point: Kenzie Rotermann

Speed: Jr. High Point: Kenna Gilbert

Hunt Seat: Jr. High Point: Jasmine Rogers; Sr. High Point: Catherine Ivy

Western: Jr. Western High Point: Finlee Shaw; Sr. Western Reserve High Point: Abbey Bouldin;

Walk/Trot Reserve High Point: Tenley Bouldin.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Call 270-842-1681 With Your Event Questions

NOVEMBER 2025

11/2 - 11/3 Teen Club Exchange to Casey County

11/4 Parade of Breeds, 6 p.m., L.D. Exposition Center in Bowling Green

11/6 4-H club officer training, 6 p.m. @WCEO

11/10 Deadline to turn in Area Achievement Banquet Information

11/27 - 11/28 WCEO Closed, Thanksgiving 11/28 - 12/14 TSC 4-H Clover Campaign

11/30 If you have not yet received county OR state fair checks, please contact Julie

DECEMBER 2025

12/1 RSVP deadline for Area Achievement Banquet

12/5 Deadline for Piggy Bank Contest12/14 TSC Clover Campaign ends

12/15 Area Achievement Banquet, National Corvette Museum

12/24 - 1/2 WCEO Closed, Christmas & New Years

JANUARY 2026

1/5 YAIP Applications available

1/26 - 1/30 Deadline to turn in Career Shadowing Project Books

FEBRUARY 2026

2/13 YAIP application deadline

2/16 Career Shadowing Orientation, 6 p.m. @WCEO

2/26 - 2/28 KY Volunteer Forum, Lexington Kentucky

MARCH 2026

3/5 Career Shadowing Date 3/10 Career Shadowing Date

3/12-3/14 4-H Summit

3/18 Career Shadowing Date