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Dates to Remember

April 25-May 2	State Fair Swine Identification & Weigh-Ins
May 1	All Livestock/Animal IDs due to office (except bucket/ bottle calf)
May 1	Deadline for accepting new enrollments for 4-H Iowa 4-H Youth Conference registrations due to office
May 1	Financial Aid apps due in county Extension office – for state camps at Iowa 4-H Center
May 1	EPAK Program at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds
May 5-8	Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group
May 6	Dog Obedience Organizational Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds – no dogs – will be putting up fence
May 12	Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group
May 14	4-Hers for 4-H Campaign contributions due in county office
May 15	IDs for bucket/bottle calves due in county office
May 15	Come & Go Leaders' Mtg. – 6:30-8:30 PM – to pick up all fair materials & fair books
May 19	First Horse Practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds – for all 4-H horse exhibitors from any club
May 20	FSQA Certification Training – 7:00-8:30 PM @ Office
May 21	Deadline for 4-H Youth Conference registrations at regular price
May 23	Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 25	4-H County Council Mtg. – 7:00 PM at office
May 31	Iowa State Fair 4-H Broiler Request forms due in State Office
June 1	Iowa State Fair Exhibits Building Youth & Adult staff apps due in State Office
June 1	Deadline for purebred swine papers to State Office
June 10	IDs due for prospect calves for the Clay County Fair
June 11-13	Cyclone Horse Judging Camp
June 15	Second enrollment deadline for additional market lambs/pigs for shows after September 1

June 16 State Conference Orientation –
7:00 PM at office

June 16 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl in Oelwein

June 30 Horticulture Workshop – 7:00-9:00
PM @ office

June 30-July 2 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference –
“Voyage to Greatness” – ISU
Campus, Ames

July 1 FAIR ENTRY DAY & Clay Co. Fair
Entries all due to office

July 1 Iowa State Fair Livestock Youth &
Adult staff apps due in State Office

July 1 Iowa State Fair Volunteer apps due
in State Office

July 1 Iowa State Fair Livestock/Horticult-
ure entries due in county office

July 1 4-H Market Beef Nomination and
DNA sample of animal due for
National Western Stock Show

July 3 Holiday Observance – Office Closed

July 10 Iowa 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
entries due in State Office

July 15 Fall 2008 & Spring 2009 Volunteer
training must be completed

July 15 Clothing Selection/Fashion
Revue/\$15 Challenge Judging at
office

July 15 Quilt Block designs due in county
office

July 18 Fair Clean-up – 8:30 a.m. until
finished – fairgrounds

July 21 Pre-Fair Judging Day – for all
static exhibits

July 23 Horticulture Judging – 10:00-2:00
in Exhibits Building

July 23-26 PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR

July 29-30 Tri-County Leadership Camp @
Dolliver Memorial State Park

Aug. 1 American Royal DNA Nomination
due

Aug. 1 Premier Exhibitor Contest entries
due in State Office

Aug. 1 Iowa 4-H State Livestock Judging
Contest entries due in State Office

Aug. 10 Ak-Sar-Ben entries due in county
office

Aug. 11 Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibit Entry
Day Check-In

Aug. 12 Tri-County Junior Day Camp

Aug. 12 Iowa 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, ISF

Aug. 13-23 IOWA STATE FAIR – “State Fair
Time!”

Aug. 14 State Fair Clothing Event Program

Aug. 18 Record Book Workshop – 8:00-
4:00 at office

Aug. 22 4-H Scholarship Recognition Cere-
mony – 4-H Exhibits Building, ISF –
4:00 PM

Aug. 23 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony –

4-H Exhibits Building, ISF – 3:30 PM

Aug. 24 ISF 4-H Exhibits Check-out

Aug. 29 State 4-H Interviews & Recognition
Event, ISU campus

Aug. 29 Iowa 4-H State Livestock Judging
Contest, ISU campus

Sept. 12-20 Clay County Fair



Clover Kids Lock-In a Success

The Clover Kids mini lock-in in March was a real success. Fifty-three Clover Kids from our four groups participated in the county-wide event. The event was held at the Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg on Friday, March 27th from 7:00-midnight. Clover Kids enjoyed swimming, pizza, games, playing in the gym, and crafts.

Special thanks to the nine county council members who helped entertain the Clover Kids - Kristin Wirtz, Dillon Thiner, Phillip Schmitt, Bridget Rouse, Laura Smith, Logan Fischer, Michael Sundall, Neal Norland, and Amber Vonnahme. Thanks, also, to the adult chaperones who stayed the evening to help where needed – Dan Voigt, Rose Smith, Angie Strohm, Stacy Kafer, Tracy Licht, Al Goeders, Craig & Debbie Kassel, Howard Henkelvig, and Darrel Ruppert.



4-H Bowling Party

A fun time was had by all at the 4-H Bowling Party held on Sunday, March 22nd, from 2:00-4:00 PM at Family Fun Zone in Pocahontas. Twenty bowlers competed for prizes. The top three juniors (grades 4-6) were: 1st – Kylie Hoch, 2nd – Dusty Kafer, and 3rd – Jeff Riesenber. The top three seniors (grades 9-12) were: 1st – Dillon Thiner, 2nd – Logan Fischer, and 3rd – Cody Hoch. The top bowler of the tournament was Dillon Thiner with a score of 140. All the winners received a certificate and a coupon for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. Congratulations to all the winners and special thanks to Family Fun Zone for the use of their facility and the great pizza!

Reminder – All livestock/animal IDs are due May 1st. This includes cow/calf pairs, horses and ponies, dairy cattle, swine (other than derby), poultry, rabbit, dogs, bottle lambs, and pets. Bucket/bottle calf IDs are due May 15th. All IDs that come in after May 15th will need to go to the Youth Committee for approval.

Upcoming Animal Events

Madison County 4-H Horse Project

Madison County is teaming up with Wildwood Hills Ranch to bring 4-Hers a series of horsemanship workshops with the purpose of improving horse handling and riding skills.

- April 26, 2009 – Horsemanship For All Disciplines – all day

To register call Jana Peters at 515-462-4177.

www.wildwoodhillsranch.com &
www.madisoncountyhorseproject.org

4-H Equine Adobe Connect Webcast

Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. will be the third of three Adobe Connect webcasts. Topics of Interest – Correctly Identifying your Horse, 4-H State Fair Show, Special topic(s) on skill development.

The webcast will be recorded and archived. The link to tune in is

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/equinejudging/>.

PBR Des Moines Classic Rodeo

May 8 & 9, 2009 at the Well Fargo Arena – 4-H members and their families save up to \$10 on select tickets (\$10 off \$31 tickets or \$5 off \$21 tickets). For more information and to order tickets, contact Jason Evans at 515-564-8146 or

jevans@iowaeventscenter.com

Clay County Horse Project Workshop

Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the 4-H Auditorium on the Clay County Fairgrounds. Open to all 4-H horse exhibitors. Dr. Jeremy Bedford, Animal Medical Centers of Spencer and Hartley, will be the guest speaker. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their child(ren). Topics will include – vaccinations, nutrition, and general spring care. For more information and to pre-register, contact Kathy Day at 712-262-2264 or email kday@iastate.edu.

35th Annual Cass County Cowpokes 4-H/FFA Horse Show

June 7, 2009 at the Cass County Fairgrounds, Atlantic, IA – Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. – show starts at 9:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$4 per class or \$20 per horse per rider all day. For more information contact Christy Cunningham at 712-769-2652 or 712-249-4718.

Cyclone Horse Judging Camp

What: A 3 day camp for youth interested in horses and horse judging

When: June 11-13, 2009

Where: Iowa State University Campus

Who: Youth ages 12 to 18 years interested in horses, judging

Camp fees will include on-campus housing, food, instruction and evening fun! Register by May 15, 2009! For registration and forms:

<http://www.ans.iastate.edu/faculty/index.php?id=nikkif>

For questions: Contact Nikki, nikkif@iastate.edu or 515-294-3996.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Scheduled

The 2009 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th in Oelwein. For more details, go to

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookdairy.htm>.

Iowa State Fair Vet Camp

Registration due June 1, 2009. Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon for Kids Vet Camp,

<http://www.iowastatefair.org/entertainment/justforkids.php#alc>, is a two hour program aimed at encouraging children ages 10-17 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp will meet in the media center of the Cattle Barn and will tour that facility along with the other barns on the Fairgrounds. Vet Camp is free with gate admission. Questions regarding Vet Camp may be directed to ebrewer@iowastatefair.org or 515/262-3111 ext. 244. [Download info flyer and registration form.](#) Vet Camp is sponsored by Agri-Pro Enterprises.

4-H Horse Enthusiasts – Win a FREE Mustang

A free Mustang horse, that is. In June, Gentle Mustang Connection and Quantum Horseman will be giving away a gentled mustang to a lucky 4-H youngster. The horse is absolutely free, no strings attached, as a way to showcase the American Mustang breed of horse. The recipient will be able to use the horse as a 4-H project, thus spreading the word about the usefulness and beauty of this breed. To enter, go to www.quantumhorseman.com and look on the 4-H page. For more information, contact Linda Adams at mustangtreat@yahoo.com, or Diane Swick at lazyspurranch@yahoo.com.

State Fair Reminder

The process of verifying market animals does NOT constitute an entry for the Iowa State Fair. Members must still make an entry with the Extension office by the **July 1st** deadline.

Swine ID Forms

All swine ID forms for swine other than derby will need to be filled out completely and turned into the Extension office by **May 1st**. This includes notches, tags, sex, color markings, and birthdate. An exhibitor may identify a total of 15 pigs on this form. Forms are available from the Extension office or on the website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/kidsteens.htm>.

Remember that a Youth Committee member needs to check your 4-H pigs and make sure tags are in place and initial the ID form before you turn it in. ID forms will not be accepted without this signature! It is **your** responsibility to contact one of the committee members and make the necessary arrangements to get this done. Youth Committee members are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Lost Ears Tags: Contact the office immediately! All animals must have an ear tag to be shown at the fair.

Substitute Showman Policy

Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence we are requiring livestock exhibitors who know in advance that they are not going to be present to show their own animal(s) at the fair to file an application for a substitute showman

no later than **July 10th** to the Palo Alto County Extension Office. At that time exhibitors will be asked to name a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be an eligible Palo Alto County 4-H/FFA member. Exceptions for the July 10th deadline will include injury, serious illness, bereavement, other state 4-H/FFA activities, unforeseen events, or other extreme emergency situations. Exceptions will be taken up until the start of the respective animal show with a contact made to the Extension office/fair office. Applications will be available at the Extension office. The Youth Committee reserves the right to reject any application. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold animal(s) exhibited by an alternate showman from the premium auction.

2009 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance Rules

Here are the county guidelines for the Iowa 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) Program for this year:

- All 4-H/FFA **swine** exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA **beef** exhibitors (market including feeder pens, breeding, and bucket/bottle calf) must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA **sheep** (market and breeding) exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA **dairy** (cattle and goats) exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All other 4-H food animals (**rabbits, poultry**, etc.) must be certified in FSQA.
- Youth, ages 9-11 by January 1, 2009, must recertify in FSQA annually.
- Youth ages 12-14 by January 1, 2009, can recertify annually or can test out. If youth pass the test, certification will be good until they turn 15 years of age.
- Youth, ages 15-19 by January 1, 2009, can recertify annually or can test out. If youth pass the test, certification will be good until they graduate.
- Youth can be certified in FSQA by attending an Extension sponsored FSQA training. Youth are able to attend training in any county; however, youth need to contact the host county to pre-register.
- There will be no tape of the training available for check-out.

Palo Alto/Kossuth County FSQA Trainings:

- **May 21, 2009 7:00-8:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office**
- **June 18, 2009 7:00-8:30 PM at the Kossuth County Extension Office**

Other Counties:

- **May 12, 2009 5:00-7:00 PM – Clay Co. – call 712-262-2264 to register.**
- **May 14, 2009 5:00-7:00 PM – Clay Co. – call 712-262-2264 to register.**
- **June 4, 2009 1:00-3:00 PM – Pocahontas Co. – call 712-335-3103 to register.**
- **June 18, 2009 7:00-9:00 PM – Emmet Co. – call 712-362-3434 to register.**

Testing :

Anytime during office hours – please call ahead to set up an appointment – 712-852-2865.

Horse Practice Begins

All horse exhibitors planning to show at the 2009 Palo Alto County Fair are encouraged to attend the first horse practice of the season on **Wednesday, May 20th, beginning at 6:30 PM.** These practices are for all horse exhibitors no matter what club they are a member of. Additional weekly practices and times will be announced at this meeting.

Dog Obedience 2009

4-H members interested in dog obedience and agility and in showing their dog at the 2009 Palo Alto County Fair should make plans to attend an organizational meeting on **Tuesday evening, May 12th at 6:30 PM** at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds. This meeting is for both parents and 4-Hers and will not include the dogs. The meeting will be kept brief as to allow time to put up the dog fence on the fairgrounds. Sheri Kenyon has agreed to be our instructor again this year. Please call the office if you are interested in being a part of this group but will not be able to attend on the 12th. Weekly training sessions will start the next week and continue until fair. Dates and times will be determined at the organizational meeting. Exhibitors are reminded that they must turn in a dog ID by May 1st in order to show at fair.

New Poultry Class Coming to the Palo Alto County Fair

Palo Alto County will be adding a new poultry class to the 2009 Poultry Show at the Palo Alto County Fair – a Chicken Rooster contest. Poultry exhibitors are encouraged to enter any breed of chicken rooster in this new class. For more information contact Mark Strohm, Poultry Superintendent, at 712-363-6001. Remember that poultry more than 4 months of age need to be blood tested for Pullorum-typhoid Disease.

2009 Palo Alto County Fair Animal Show Schedule

Thursday, July 23rd

Dog Obedience Show	10:00 a.m.
Rabbit Show	11:00 a.m.
Dog Agility Show	1:00 p.m.
Poultry Show	2:00 p.m.
Livestock Judging Contest	4:00 p.m.

Friday, July 24th

Swine Show	8:00 a.m.
Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Horse Show – Game Classes	1:30 p.m.
Bucket/Bottle Calf Show	4:00 p.m.
Bottle Lamb Interviews	5:00 p.m.
Sheep Show	6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25th

Beef Show	8:30 a.m.
Horse Show	9:00 a.m.
Pet Show	1:30 p.m.
Dairy Show	8:00 p.m.

* Times are approximate and subject to change.

* All livestock/animals to be exhibited at fair are to be on the fairgrounds by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23rd (the first day of fair).

* All livestock and non-livestock exhibits except livestock being auctioned will be released from the fair on Sunday morning, July 26th, at 9:00 a.m.

2009 Iowa 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

Every year the State 4-H Council sponsors the 4-Hers for 4-H Campaign. This campaign raises money to be used throughout the state to help with things like financial assistance, intermediate 4-H programs, and improvements at the 4-H camping center. The money donated by 4-Hers stays in Iowa to help other youth. Iowa 4-Hers donate more money to their 4-H youth program than any other state in the nation.

The theme this year is *Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams* and the campaign goal is \$30,000. The State 4-H Council is asking each 4-H club to help achieve this goal by donating **\$2.50** per member.

The money raised from this campaign will be used to:

- Provide financial assistance for youth participants to attend the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and summer 4-H camps.
- To assist 4-H families who need help paying the 4-H program fees.
- To support dances, speakers, and exciting learning opportunities at the Iowa Youth Conference.

- To fund intermediate 4-H youth activities in our area.
- To promote the Iowa 4-H Youth Program statewide.

All clubs meeting the \$2.50 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate. Top contributing counties and areas will be recognized at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in June. The campaign begins March 1st and all contributions must be turned into the Extension office by May 15th.

Iowa State Fair Volunteer Employment Opportunities

There are many opportunities for volunteer positions and even employment during the Iowa State Fair. These positions are for adults and youth. Contact the Extension office for more information or check out the website at

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm

Iowa State Fair – Looking for Volunteers

All 4-H clubs are invited to participate in “Day of Volunteers” at Little Hands on the Farm. As a participant, your club would commit to providing the volunteers for the exhibit for an entire day. In return they would name that day “(your club’s name here) Day at the Little Hands on the Farm.”

The Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the farm provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on this mock farm. They plant and harvest products, earn money at the market for their work, and then buy food at the grocery store. The children are asked to do chores on the farm, ranging from gathering an egg from the chicken coop, to planting a carrot or onion seed, then digging up an artificial vegetable, or picking an apple off of a tree. They also get the chance to feed and milk a cow and drive a pedal tractor. The program helps kids connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way.

The 2009 Iowa State Fair is August 13-23. In order for the exhibit to run as smoothly as possible, it is necessary to have 20-25 volunteers at the exhibit at all times. Although clubs may choose how they would like to schedule their group, the coordinators have found that dividing the day into three equal shifts works well. This allows volunteers the opportunity to work four hours and then have time to experience the fair. Suggested shifts would be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., noon to 4:00 p.m., and 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers would receive one admission

ticket, one parking pass, and a Little Hands on the Farm volunteer t-shirt.

If any Palo Alto 4-H clubs are interested in participating in this opportunity, please contact the Palo Alto County Extension Office.

4-H Youth Conference Orientation

There will be an orientation for all delegates going to the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference/Roundup/Crops CSI on **Monday evening, June 16th, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office in Emmetsburg. This is an important meeting as all the details of the event will be covered. We will also be discussing transportation to and from ISU, Ames. If you are not able to make this meeting you will need to stop by the office and get briefed on what is going on, turn in transportation money, etc.

Chaperones Needed for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Adult chaperones are needed to accompany the Palo Alto County youth attending the three-day event at Iowa State University in Ames. Adults have their choice of attending the leadership conference activities, CSI: Crops, or the Animal Science Roundup events. Without the help of adults, this conference would not be possible. Please contact the Extension office as soon as possible if you are able to volunteer. Chaperones’ registration fees will be paid by the office.

Fair Entry Day – July 1st

ALL ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN THIS DAY!

* AGAIN FOR 2009: There is no club form for livestock/animal exhibits. All 4-H/FFA members will need to turn in an individual entry form. This form will include both livestock and non-livestock entries. Forms will be available from your club leader or on our website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/kidsteens.htm>. Also, all stall fees for beef, dairy, and swine will be due when the entry form is turned in. Every exhibit that is being brought to the Palo Alto County Fair should be on this form and turned in to the Extension office no later than July 1st. If you have any questions about filling out this form or questions about fair classes, contact the office at 712-852-2865. Remember to also turn in your signed Code of Ethics with your entries.

* **Clay County Fair entries are also due this day. No late entries will be accepted.**

Lost: The Extension Office is missing a couple of ear taggers and a rabbit tattoo kit. If you know the whereabouts of any of these items, please contact the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 ASAP!

Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge Judging

Judging for Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge will be held **Wednesday, July 15th**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Remember that any 4-H'er can participate. For the member who wishes to sew his/her garment, the class is called "Fashion Revue". For those who wish to purchase a garment the class is called "Clothing Selection". The "\$15 Challenge" is when the participant purchases an outfit at a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop (i.e. Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other stores of this type) for a cost of \$15 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.

Please contact the Extension Office by July 5th if you are planning to participate. There are forms that will need to be filled out before the judging. A schedule for judging will also need to be put together. For information about these clothing events and eligibility requirements, please refer to the fair book. Senior winners in these events will advance to the State Fair. The Clothing Event at the State Fair will take place Saturday, August 14th.

* Remember that Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge is 2 projects: July 15th and again taken to the fair on July 21st.

Stitch This!

Announcing Stitch This!, a 16-hour fashion design competition for Iowa high-school youth inspired by the hit TV show "Project Runway". The competition will involve teams of youth working together to deconstruct wedding dresses and design them into new wearable garments, which will culminate into a runway-style fashion show during the 2009 Iowa State Fair. Visit

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/stitchthis.htm for more information, the application, and photos of the dresses. Please note that this event is open to youth not yet enrolled in 4-H. Application deadline is June 1, 2009; winners will be announced July 1. Information has also been sent to all FCS teachers in the state to encourage all youth to apply. We want to strongly encourage Palo Alto 4-Hers to apply. For more information contact Shelly Greiving, shellyg@iastate.edu or 515-294-1607.

2009 Challenge Class for Food & Nutrition

Rules:

1. Open to all 4-H members & Clover Kids.
2. Entries in this class will not be eligible for state fair. A designated judge will judge all entries in the class and select winners. NEW for 2009: This class WILL be conferenced judged.
3. An entry should include 3 samples on a paper plate. Limit – one entry per exhibitor.
4. Entries should be brought to fairgrounds on judging day with their other exhibits.
5. 4-H members will need to include a yellow or green fair entry tag on their brownie entry. This should be attached in the same manner as with any of their other static exhibits. Fill out completely.

Class No. 101 Division a, b, or c

Class Title Challenge Class

Divisions:

- a. Junior (4-6 grades)
 - b. Intermediate (7-8 grades)
 - c. Senior (9-12 grades)
6. There will also be a division just for Clover Kids. Clover Kids entries should have a 3x5 index card attached to their entry with the following information:
Name _____
Division Clover Kid – Challenge Class
 7. All entries will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon with the exception of Clover Kids who will get a special ribbon. 4-H'ers will receive a premium for their entry just like they do for their other entries: Blue - \$2.00, Red - \$1.50, White - \$1.00
 8. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected from the entries. Medallions will be awarded to these top two.
 9. All entries are to remain in the Exhibits Building until the release of all other exhibits which will be Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time.

Rice Krispie Treats

- Can use any Rice Krispie recipe – additional ingredients may be added as long as the main ingredients are Rice Krispies cereal and marshmallows.
- Can be any size or color and may be shaped – just have to have 3 on the plate.
- Can be "decorated" as long as all decorations are edible.
- Will be judged on creativity, appearance, and taste.

4-H Communications Judging

This year working exhibits and educational presentations will be done during the Palo Alto County Fair. They will be scheduled for **Thursday, July 23rd beginning at 5:00 p.m.** We encourage all 4-H members to give this a try! What a great life skill to develop at an early age!

An *educational presentation* is a formal kind of communications. Educational presentations are talks or demonstrations, given in front of an audience, about some topic that interests the 4-Her. The idea is to teach the audience about a topic or to demonstrate how to do something. Many school speeches fit nicely in this category.

Working exhibits are informal 4-H presentations where the audience gets involved. The fun part of this is that 4-H'ers are teaching a skill to an audience that they first have to catch the attention of to make them stop, listen, and then participate. A judge will be hired to judge these events and make selections for State Fair and Clay County Fair. Call the office to get signed up!

SCORE With Your Posters

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| S imple | Put one or two basic points on each poster. |
| C olorful | Use color for emphasis or variety. |
| O rganized | Make your points easy to read and follow. |
| R eadable | Use a broad tip marker so letters are easy to read. |
| E ducational | Only use a poster when it helps explain a point more clearly to your audience. |
- Write LARGE.
 - Use the broadest tipped pen you can purchase; it will be easier to read and easier for you to use in lettering. Stick on letters can be purchased, but they are expensive. Computer generated letters using an easy-to-read font also work well.
 - Use color for variety and emphasis. However, color combinations that clash, create annoyance in the audience, and interfere with clear perception of the message should be avoided.
 - If using more than five or six words, use both capital and lower case letters rather than only capitals.
 - Use plain, vertical letter style except where EMPHASIS or emotional impact is desired.

- Space areas between letters adequately. Use one and one-half letter width between words and three letter widths between sentences.
- Illustrations should be at least one-fourth the size of the overall area unless they are extremely simple.
- Margins should be larger on the bottom and equal on the other three sides.

Share-the-Fun to be Held During the Fair

Reminder: Again this year Share-the-Fun will be held on the **Thursday** night of the 2009 Palo Alto County Fair beginning at 8:00 p.m. The fair board would like **every 4-H club** to have at least **one** entry. Entries can include skits, speeches, musical entries, etc., and can include any number of 4-H club members. The 4-H County Council will emcee and provide the opening act. Entries will be judged and 3 acts will be chosen to perform at the Iowa State Fair and 1 will be chosen to perform at the Clay County Fair. All acts/skits must adhere to the 8 minute maximum length.

When you have an act selected please contact the Extension office with the names of the participants and the supplies you will need (mics, piano, etc.).



NEW for 2009: Horticulture Workshop 2nd Session

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| WHO: | All 4-Hers and their families |
| WHAT: | A workshop for 4-Hers to learn how to actually prepare vegetables and flowers for exhibit at the county fair. |
| WHERE: | Palo Alto County Extension Office |
| WHEN: | Tuesday, June 30th from 7:00-9:00 PM. |
| Details: | This workshop will be taught by Millie Madsen from West Bend. We ask that you pre-register by calling the office at 712-852-2865. |

2009 ISF Dates

Following are the dates available for participation in the Iowa State Fair Communication program events (Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Share-the-Fun, and Extemporaneous Speaking) and the Clothing Event.

Northwest Area – Friday, August 14th, Saturday, August 15th, Wednesday, August 19th, Thursday, August 20th

Extemporaneous Speaking – Thursday, August 20th, Sunday, August 23rd (AM only)

Clothing Event – Friday, August 14th

Call For High-Quality 4-H Photos

In an effort to create a database of Iowa 4-H photos to be used for marketing purposes across the state, the State Office is asking 4-H staff, volunteers, and members to submit photos that may be used for these purposes. They would like to have individuals in the photos wearing 4-H apparel; however they are accepting photos without clovers in the photo. Once a photo is submitted, the owner gives rights to the Iowa 4-H Foundation for the use of the image for marketing purposes. Please include contact information for the individual or club who submits the photo. High-resolution images are requested, therefore if the files are too large to email, mail a CD with the photos to: Shelly Greving, Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames, Iowa 50011-3630, email to shellyg@iastate.edu

NW Area 4-H Lock-In for Intermediate and Senior 4-H'ers & Friends (7-12th grades)

May 1-2 (Friday 7:30 PM to Saturday 8:00 AM)

Registrations due April 15th!

Ida Grove Community Recreation Center

<http://www.idagroverec.com/>

Our Northwest Area 4-H Council has planned an overnight area 4-H event of swimming, games, simulated golf/hunting, dancing, workshops, community service, movies, food and all the Ida Grove Recreation Center has to offer.

Ida Grove will host the Northwest Area 4-H Council's fourth annual **Northwest Area 4-H Lock-In** at Ida Grove Community Recreation Center, 311 Barns Street - (712)364-3716 <http://www.idagroverec.com/>

Lock-In Schedule: Registration 7-7:30 PM

The fun begins at 7:30 PM on Friday night and concludes at 8:00 AM Saturday morning.

Activities include swimming, basketball, volleyball, leadership games, movies, workshops, exciting 4-H opportunities, and a community service project are included. Pizza and breakfast will be provided. Bring swim gear and towel, a sleeping bag, and your favorite midnight snack.

April 15th Registration is \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. We'll need your registration form, 4-H medical form, confirmation of 4-H county or club insurance and lock-in payment. Encourage a friend to register and attend!

Adult Chaperones attend for "FREE!" - NW 4-H Council Members ½ price!

Direct any questions to Carol Ehlers, NW Area 4-H YFS - (712)732-5056 or Chelsey Rouse, Palo Alto's County's NW Area Representative. Registrations due Wednesday, April 15th. Forms can be obtained from your local county extension office or online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista/>

Get a Club Started with Community Mapping

Fantastic training opportunity to get a club started with community mapping! Debbie Stevens, a 4-H volunteer club leader, has organized a two day training on how to get your youth involved in community mapping using GIS/GPS. Included in the training is; how to get software, support, and training for your youth on using software and equipment, free curriculum to use in club meetings, where to find grants to pay for activity supplies and how to apply for them, and how to find and develop community partnerships to work on mapping projects which will have real benefit to the community.

This training is free and available to both formal educators and staff, volunteers, and leaders like Debbie who work with youth in nonformal settings. For further information contact Debbie Stevens at stevensde@wmpenn.edu.

Reminders:

- All livestock IDs are due **May 1st** (or weigh-in/identification day) to the Extension Office except Bucket/Bottle Calf IDs which are due **May 15th**. Animals needing to be identified on a form by May 1st include horses and ponies, dairy cattle and goats, swine, bottle lambs, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and other pets. IDs turned in after May 1st may or may not be accepted – decision will be made at a meeting with the 4-H Youth Committee. ID forms are available at the Extension Office or at the website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/kidsteens.htm>.
- Deadline for new members to join 4-H and exhibit at the 2009 Palo Alto County Fair is **May 1st**.
- Additional livestock IDs for market pigs, market lambs, and prospect calves for the Clay County Fair must be turned into the office by **June 10th**.
- Fair entry day for all fair projects (livestock and non-livestock) will be **July 1st**.

Financial Assistance for 4-H Camp and State 4-H Youth Conference DUE MAY 1

Here are some helpful reminders regarding 4-H financial assistance:

- Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from the 4-H Foundation website: <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/financial/applications/index.htm>.
- Financial assistance is available to ALL youth. 4-H membership is not a requirement to receive assistance.
- Applications require a statement of need and the signatures of the applicant, parent/guardian, and county Extension CEED, CYC, or YFS.
- All financial aid requests are CONFIDENTIAL!
- Applications are due to county Extension offices by May 1.
- Applicants will be notified no later than May 31. Recipients will have their registration fees reduced by the amount of the award.

Questions? Contact Albert Grunenwald (515-294-4780, abgrunen@iastate.edu).

IFAA Winner's Circle Scholarships Information Available

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement is again asking our help in getting information out to eligible high school students in Iowa about IFAA's twenty-five (25) scholarships totaling \$39,000. These scholarships are available to incoming freshman in the Fall of 2009 at any four- or two-year post-secondary institution in Iowa. The application deadline is June 1, 2009.

You will find the following information at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/Public09IFAAInfo.pdf>:

1. Scholarship Information Letter
2. List of 2009 Winner's Circle Scholarships available to Incoming Freshman
3. 2009 Winner's Circle Scholarship Application for all Incoming Freshman Scholarships

Entries Sought in Non-Traditional Quilt Block Competition

Quilt block designs are being sought to represent Palo Alto County in an outdoor mural at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The winning designs from each of Iowa's 99 counties will be constructed in tile on the exterior of the new Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, a multi-use facility scheduled to open in 2010.

The contest is coordinated by the Palo Alto County Extension Office, which will submit the final design to the State Fair. Designs must be submitted to the Extension Office no later than **July 15th**. Fair attendees will have the opportunity to view the designs and vote for the "People's Choice Award" during the county fair, July 23-26. The award winners will be announced following the Palo Alto County Fair. The contest is open to all 4-H members and any interested adults.

Guidelines:

- Designs must consist of a patchwork pattern using geometric shapes (no animals, words, symbols, or logos are allowed).
- Designs must use 2-5 colors chosen out of the specific color palette (blue, red, orange, green, teal, yellow, purple, brown, black, and white).
- Submissions must be drawn to scale on white paper using appropriate colors. Final design will consist of four 8"x8" tiles to form a 16"x16" block, with a 1" border on the outside.

The quilt block project will incorporate Iowa's heritage and tradition of barn quilts into the fairground's newest facility. The 110,000 square foot Jacobson Exhibition Center will feature an indoor arena, practice arena, and seating for 3,500.

For more information, contact the Palo Alto County Extension Office.

2009 Fitting Challenge at Ak-Sar-Ben

A fitting challenge will be held in conjunction with the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition September 24-27, 2009 at the Quest Center in Omaha, NE.

Rules:

- Each team must be made up of 3 members from the same county – both sexes need to be represented.
- One of the 3 must be 13 years or younger as of January 1, 2009.
- Only one of the 3 members needs to be exhibiting a calf at Ak-Sar-Ben.
- The calf used during the event must be owned by one of the team members.
- Preliminary event will be held about 11:00 AM on Friday, following the Dairy Show.
- The top 5 teams will be entered in the finals on Saturday night, following Market Beef Showmanship.

To enter or receive more information visit the website at www.aksarben.org.

Sac County Fair Livestock Shows – Open to all 4-Hers

The Sac County Fair always opens up their livestock shows to any 4-H member in Iowa to show at the Sac County Fair. The Sac County Fair is July 30-August 2 in Sac City, Iowa. All 4-H'ers wanting to show livestock must have their ID sheet in their county office by the county deadline and their FSQA certification up-to-date. They must fill out a Sac County Fair Livestock Entry Form and have it into the Sac County Extension Office by July 6th at 4 PM. Exhibitors can request a copy of the fair book from the Sac County Extension Office by calling 712/662-7131 or emailing erpeldin@iastate.edu. The fair book is also on their website along with the livestock entry form.

Clay County Fair ID Deadlines

For all 4-H youth planning to exhibit poultry, rabbit, and/or prospect calves at the Clay County Fair, below are the Clay County Fair animal identification requirements. IDs are to be turned in to the Palo Alto County Extension Office where they will be kept on file until entries are sent to Clay County.

- Poultry ID Deadline – May 10th
- Senior Rabbits ID Deadline – May 10th with Junior rabbits listed on Senior Rabbit ID sheet as “to be born”
- Prospect Calves ID Deadline – June 10th
- Junior Rabbit ID Deadline – July 10th

(See Clay County Extension website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/fairinformation.htm> for details and specific show dates).
(See Clay County Extension website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/animalidentification.htm> for identification sheets with ID deadlines).

“Catch the Clover” – 5K 10K Race & Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, May 30th at the Sioux County Fairgrounds, Sioux Center, IA – Race time: 8:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Register online at www.allsportcentral.com or email clever@iastate.edu or call 712-737-4230. Sponsored by the Sioux County 4-H Youth Council with proceeds going to Sioux County 4-H and the new building on the fairgrounds. Long sleeve T-shirts for all participants. Food stand onsite – champion chip timing system to be used.

Nick Offers Grants and Features 4-H Million Trees Project On-Air

Nickelodeon is offering grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to 10 Green Teams—extraordinary youth across the nation that are helping to make smart, eco-friendly changes in their home, school and community. This initiative is a part of the "Big Green Help," an environmental awareness campaign and kid-led movement that provides information and tools to help explain climate change to young people, and connects them to energy-saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives.

This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers that are currently engaging in environmental projects. Youth can register their projects online—starting on Earth Day, April 22, and through the end of the year. Details about "The Big Green Help" and the grants are available online at 4-H.org.

Also, Laura Webber, who conceived the 4-H Million Trees community service project with her Belmont, California 4-H Club, was featured in a 20-second profile airing on the network on Earth Day. As a part of their "Big Green Help" initiative, Nickelodeon will highlight youth who are make a huge impact on the environment. To learn more about these grants and the 4-H Million Trees Project profile airing on Earth Day, visit 4-H.org or contact Nancy Cole (ncole@fourhcouncil.edu) at National 4-H Council.

Do Something.org Disaster Grants

Do Something and the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation have teamed up to offer **\$500 Disaster Grants** to young people across the US and Canada. Are you building houses down in New Orleans, planning an emergency coat drive for families in crisis this winter, or collecting toys for kids who've been through a natural disaster? Then Do Something wants to hear from you!

Each week in 2009 the organization will be giving out \$500 to an awesome person with a project idea around the themes of disaster preparedness and emergency response. They want to recognize YOU for what you're doing in your community. For more information, please visit the Do Something.org Web site at <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster>

4-H'ers can Nominate Their Livestock Farming Neighbors for the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey is encouraging Iowans to nominate their farm neighbors for the Gary Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, in partnership with the Iowa Ag Radio

Network, honors Iowa livestock producers for their commitment and dedication to the environment, their community and their livestock through this award.

4-H'ers can nominate their neighbors who raise livestock – including club and project leaders – to help celebrate the community service provided by 4-H volunteers. The award is made possible through the financial support of The Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers. "This award is a tremendous opportunity to tell the story of agriculture and the important role it plays in Iowa's economy," Northey, a 4-H alumnus and past Foundation Trustee, stated.

The award recognizes Iowa livestock producers who care for their operations and their neighbors and is named for Gary Wergin, a former WHO Radio broadcaster who helped create the award. To nominate someone you know write a letter or e-mail explaining why your neighbor should receive this recognition on WHO's Big Show.

Applications may be submitted to:
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award
Henry A. Wallace Building
Des Moines, IA 50319
Or call 515/281-8606 or email tess.capps@iowaagriculture.gov

In the e-mail subject line please type: Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award Nomination. Your letter should detail the livestock producer's commitment to the environment, community, neighbors, and preserving the land for future generations.

Birthdays

Join us in wishing the following 4-H'ers, Clover Kids, and leaders *Happy Birthday!*

May

Tayla Banwart
Angie Beem
Matt Berkland
Kylee Bonnstetter
Ashley Brown
Sarah Brown
Jenna Chapman
Joseph Chapman
Hannah Eubank
Julia Fehr
Patrick Hazelett
Denise Flaherty
Alex Gramowski
Dusty Kafer
Talli Leners
Kyle Licht

June

Hannah Adams
Briley Banwart
Connor Fehr
Heather Fehr
Thomas Fehr
Dylan Fischer
Megan Hall
Roberta Hersom
Rachel Hoffman
Tyler Hoffman
Bob Huberty
Marie Jensen
Lex Kassel
Katie Long
Weston Long
Tanner Lundgren

Rebecca Licht
Jack Miller
Luke Mogler
Pat Molitor
Laura Moser
Mike Norland
Blake Schany
Donald Strohmman
Ashton Tonderum
Shelby Wagner
Rylee Williamson

Neal Norland
Nicolas Owens
Madison Reimer
Taylor Reimer
Emily Riesenber
Lisa Riesenber
Sean Riesenber
Megan Rouse
Madison Wickman

Congratulations, Graduates!

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to the 2009 graduating senior 4-H members and thank them for their contributions to Palo Alto County 4-H.

Graduating 4-Hers are:

Kyle Brown	Shelby Gappa
Randy Kenyon	Shawn Molitor
Bridget Rouse	Katelyn Schany
Laura Smith	Lucas Thomsen
Amber Vonnahme	Kristin Wirtz

We will miss you very much and wish you continued success in everything you do. We sincerely hope your 4-H "roots" have been and will be an asset in your life!

Newsletter prepared by Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinator. Email at jnaig@iastate.edu.

