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## Dates to Remember

<b>June 30</b>	<b>Horticulture Workshop – 7:00-9:00 PM @ office</b>
<b>June 30-July 2</b>	<b>Iowa 4-H Youth Conference – “Voyage to Greatness” – ISU Campus, Ames</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>FAIR ENTRY DAY &amp; Clay Co. Fair Entries all due to office</b>
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
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Iowa State Fair Livestock/Horticulture entries due in county office</b>
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
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge Judging beginning at 1:00 PM at office</b>
July 15	Quilt Block designs due in county office
<b>July 18</b>	<b>Fair Clean-up – 8:30 a.m. until finished – fair-grounds</b>
<b>July 21</b>	<b>Pre-Fair Judging Day – for all static exhibits</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Horticulture Judging – 10:00-2:00 in Exhibits Building</b>
<b>July 23-26</b>	<b>PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR</b>
<b>July 29-30</b>	<b>Tri-County Leadership Camp @ Dolliver Memorial State Park</b>
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
<b>Aug. 10</b>	<b>State Fair exhibits need to be in the office no later than 4:00 PM</b>

Aug. 11	Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibit Entry Day Check-In
<b>Aug. 12</b>	<b>Tri-County Junior Day Camp</b>
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. 15	Last day for “early” registration fee for NCRV Forum
<b>Aug. 18</b>	<b>Record Book Workshop – come &amp; go – 8:00-4:00 at office</b>
Aug. 22	4-H Scholarship Recognition Ceremony – 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
<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Record Books Due</b>
Sept. 7	Holiday – Office Closed
<b>Sept. 12-20</b>	<b>Clay County Fair</b>
<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>Pedal with Pete – Bike Ride for Cerebral Palsy – meet at fairgrounds at 2:00 PM</b>
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Youth Committee Mtg. – 7:00 PM at office – Awards Selection – record books must be turned into the office by noon on this day to be eligible for awards</b>
Sept. 24-27	Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition & Rodeo, Omaha, NE
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
Oct. 1-4	North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum – Lincoln, NE
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Penny Carnival at fairgrounds – 3:00-5:00 PM</b>
Oct. 4-10	National 4-H Week

### State Fair Entry Deadline

The process of verifying market animals does NOT constitute an entry for the Iowa State Fair. Members must make an entry at the Extension office no later than **Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**. All State Fair livestock and horticulture entries are due on this date. No late entries will be accepted.

### State Fair 4-H Premium Book – NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2009 Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book is now available to view online at, <http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>.

**Official State Fair Website:** [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)

**4-H State Fair Website:**

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/statefair/StateFairInfo.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/statefair/StateFairInfo.htm)

### Fair Entry Day – July 1<sup>st</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.**

### NOTE FOR THE PARENTS OF CLOVER KIDS :

Please call the Palo Alto County Extension Office (712-852-2865) and let us know what your child(ren) are planning to bring to the fair. That information will help us plan for the correct amount of space and pens needed in the fair buildings. No extra entry forms are required.

### Attention Market Animal/Horse Exhibitors:

- ✓ Please turn in your market beef, market swine, market lamb and horse drug affidavits to the office **prior to the first day of the fair**. Exhibitors should have received these in the mail. Exhibitors who plan to exhibit more than one market species will need a form for each species. If you need another form or have questions concerning these forms please contact the Extension Office at 712-852-2865.
- ✓ Swine, sheep, beef, dairy, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors – all must be FSQA certified in

order to show at fair – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Call the office if you have questions.

- ✓ Remember to check all withdrawal periods for any drugs administered to your market animals.
- ✓ Market Heifer Exhibitors – Rule #10 – All market heifers must be on MGA at least 30 days prior to fair and for the duration of the fair.
- ✓ All animals must have an ear tag to be shown at the fair. If you have an animal that has lost their tag please contact the office immediately.
- ✓ Swine Exhibitors – please note that there is now a space for your premise ID # on the drug affidavit form. Please make sure to write that in.
- ✓ Remember to have COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) paperwork on file.
- ✓ Swine Exhibitors – It is strongly encouraged that you vaccinate all swine with the swine flu – H1N1 strain. It probably will not protect the fair from experiencing a flu-like episode that would surely be investigated. Vaccine takes 2 doses, 2 weeks apart. Vaccinate all exhibit swine with erysipelas vaccines. All injectable vaccines have a 21 day withdrawal so timing is crucial.



### **NEW for 2009: Horticulture Workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

<b>WHO:</b>	All 4-Hers and their families
<b>WHAT:</b>	A workshop for 4-Hers to learn how to actually prepare vegetables and flowers for exhibit at the county fair.
<b>WHERE:</b>	Palo Alto County Extension Office
<b>WHEN:</b>	Tuesday, <b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b> from 7:00-9:00 PM.
<b>Details:</b>	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 & 2010 Fair Book**

Do you have your family copy of the Palo Alto County 4-H and FFA Fair Book? Have you had a chance to read the sections of the fair book for which you plan to exhibit? Now is the time to read through the fair book and become familiar with the general and

department rules. It is better to take a look at it now and know what to expect than to wait until the last minute and be surprised. Staying informed and up-to-date is a good thing! If you plan to exhibit, it is your responsibility to know the rules and follow them.

Club leaders are a great resource and help to club members, but they cannot possibly inform all 4-Hers of the rules for exhibiting at the Palo Alto County Fair. Rely on yourself to be informed and READ☺

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge Judging**

Judging for Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge will be held **Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Extemporaneous Speaking – Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (AM only)

Clothing Event – Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

### Volunteers Needed!!!

Judging day for all non-livestock exhibits will be Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. This is actually a pre-fair judging day as the fair is scheduled to begin July 23<sup>rd</sup> and go through July 26<sup>th</sup>. We will need lots of help on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Any parent, grandparent, or senior 4-H'er who would be willing to help should call the office and volunteer their services. If we don't get enough volunteers we will send a letter assigning people to a shift. We are anxious to hear from you!

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 4:30 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!

## 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.).

## Themes for 4-H Poster Communications

- 4-H is... (open to 4-Her's interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- *Voyage to Greatness* (2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- *4-H Time* (2009 Iowa State Fair theme is *State Fair Time!*)
  - a) "U Gotta Love It" (2008 Iowa State Fair theme)

## 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.

#### **Helpful Hints for Fair Exhibits:**

- Baked items – include the recipe & source – be sure to read the *Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs* in your fair book – it has been updated just this year!
- Use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation of production of 4-H food exhibits is not permitted.
- Charts, display boards, etc. are to be measured when flat (unfolded).
- Make sure the write up is complete. For State Fair the judge will only have your write-up to learn about your exhibit and see what you have learned.
- Include the steps of completion (research, baked items that flopped and what you learned, etc.)
- Include Design Elements/Art Principles if applicable – see fair book – class description
- If Child Development – include what are the ages and stages for the project, if your item is age

appropriate, when you tested it out, what were the kids' responses, etc.

- Be sure to include where you got your information (source).
- Personal Development – you need to be able to show how your involvement in the project has helped you grow and develop personally. This includes the self-determined area.

### **Food & Nutrition Info.**

#### **Canned Food Items**

Preserved food exhibits should have two (2) product samples if possible. One sample may be opened for evaluation. If it is opened, it will be returned to the exhibitor for disposal after the judge has completed their evaluation. The second sample will then be put on display. If only one sample of the product is available, the judge may open the sample for evaluation and no sample will be on display.

If your product is selected to go to the Iowa State Fair, you will need to send two (2) sealed samples for judging if possible. At the State Fair, one sample of the exhibit WILL be opened for evaluation. Again, the first will be opened, judged, and discarded while the second will be put on display (the contents will be discarded and the jar saved). If only one sample is available, it will be judged and no sample will be displayed during the fair.

### **Fair Entry Forms & Tags**

The following forms may be available from your leader or can be picked up at the Extension office:

- Yellow and green entry tags that get attached to all fair exhibits
- Photography tags that get attached to the back of photography exhibits
- Poster tags that get attached to the back of communication posters
- Horticulture cards for horticulture exhibits
- Preserved food labels for all canned exhibits
- Individual fair entry form for both livestock & non-livestock – one per member – due July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Report forms for Clothing Selection/ Fashion Revue (one for juniors & intermediates, one for seniors)

### **Judging Day Procedure**

Here is some information to help make our pre-fair judging day go a little smoother.

1. Make sure all exhibits have the appropriate entry tag completely filled out and securely

attached to the exhibit before you get to the fairgrounds.

2. Pick up your entry form from the front desk when you arrive.
3. Sort your exhibits by project area – put all Food & Nutrition exhibits together, Clothing exhibits together, etc. in your club booth.
4. Find the table with a sign for one of your project areas and get in line with your entry form and all your exhibits that are in that project area. (Try to find the shortest line!)
5. Wait patiently and quietly for your turn to talk to the judge.
6. After you are finished talking to the judge for that project area, pick up your entry form and take your exhibits back to your club booth and get exhibits for another project area and repeat steps 4 & 5.
7. When all your exhibits have been judged, check your entry form to make sure the ribbon marking is correct, that all exhibits brought have a ribbon marking, cross out any exhibits that you didn't bring, and return your entry form back to the front desk. Failure to return your form to the front desk means that your name and ribbons earned won't be in the newspaper and you won't get a premium because premiums are figured off this form.

## What Will The Judge Ask Me At Fair???

The questions the judge will ask depend on your exhibit goals and how the exhibit looks. Usually the judge asks you to explain your goal. You will find it helpful to write down a clear, short, one-sentence goal statement before you begin to create your exhibit.

After the judge knows what your goals were, he or she will want to know how you worked toward reaching your goal. You may want to share where you found your information or how you learned the skill. You may also want to share the decisions you made and how you made them, or some of the problems you had and how you solved them.

Take the time to think about the most important thing(s) you learned while you created your exhibit and be prepared to share this with the judge. The judge also will want you to explain what plans or ideas you have, based on what you have learned or discovered. Do you have ideas of what you would like to do in this project area next year?

A good way to practice what you will tell the judge is to visit with an adult such as a parent, leader, or another 4-H'er. Tell them about your goals, how you worked towards them, what you learned and your

future plans. It is better to simply talk with someone about these items than to memorize a speech, since you don't know exactly what the judge will ask.

Remember that the judge isn't the only one who can ask questions. If you don't understand something the judge says or would like their idea on something, you can ask them questions, too!

## 2009 Judging Schedule For Exhibits Building Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

The 2009 judging schedule for the Exhibits Building for Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, is as follows. Your exhibits are to be brought for judging during the time period scheduled for your club. This includes all non-livestock exhibits, challenge class entries, and George of the Jungle contest entries. Horticulture exhibits will be judged on the first day of the fair, Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00-2:00. Judging will be done as in the past in that one judge will judge all Clothing, another will judge all Food & Nutrition, etc., and exhibitors will have to get in the line that pertains to each one of their exhibits.

\* Please make sure you pick up your entry form from the main desk when you arrive and that you return it back to main desk before you leave the building. Premiums are determined from this form so it is important that we get it back before you leave.

8:45 a.m.	Judges' Helpers Briefing
9:00 a.m.	Fern Valley 4-Hers
10:00 a.m.	Ayrshire Beavers, Independence Boosters
11:00 a.m.	Highland Cruisers, Canterling 4-Hers
	LUNCH
12:15 p.m.	Judges' Helpers Briefing
12:30 p.m.	Junior Clippers
1:30 p.m.	Graettinger Pirates
2:30 p.m.	4-H Shooting Sports, Palo Alto Rockets
3:30 p.m.	Make State Fair Selections

\*\*\* Clover kids will have the option to be judged in a 10:00-noon time slot or a 1:00-3:00 time slot.

- Please note that no one will be allowed in the Exhibits Building when selecting State Fair exhibits.
- **The Exhibits Building will be closed to the public on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.** 4-H club leaders will be allowed in the Exhibits Building during the day to arrange their club's fair booth.

- Exhibits are **not to leave the building until after 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time. Please have all exhibits picked up no later than noon on Sunday. If this will not work for you, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your exhibits. We will need to get everything cleaned up and out of the building for our teen dance that evening.

**Important Note:** Vegetable and flower specimens will be conferenced judged on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> (the first day of the fair) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Exhibits Building. We do this judging on this day to improve the quality and appearance of the exhibits while on display during the fair. Children in grades K-3 are also encouraged to bring exhibits at this time and take part in our open class.

\* Judging for George of the Jungle Buckets will be done on the pre-fair judging day, Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, so we will have a chance to get them placed around the fairgrounds before the fair officially begins.

## Design Elements & Art Principles

For those planning to exhibit in the areas of Visual Art, Home Improvement, or Clothing, you **must** include design elements or art principles of design in writing with each entry and how it is used.

Design Elements are line, shape, color, texture, and space. Art Principles are rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity. We have 4-H literature in our office that better describes these if you need some help. We have a pamphlet titled "Unraveling the Mystery of Design Elements and Principles in Clothing" which is a very helpful piece for those clothing exhibits. New this year is a pamphlet called "Pulling it Together – Elements and Principles of Design in Home Improvement" which I think will be very helpful for identifying those elements and principles in home improvement exhibits. Come check them out!

A written example might look like this: "I used the primary colors of red, blue, and yellow to emphasize the geometric shapes." – Not just, "The element I used was color."

**AGAIN THIS YEAR:** a check sheet that you can fill out and attach with your entry tag with explanations on the back!

**AGAIN THIS YEAR IN CLOTHING:** When application of design elements and art principles must be explained, the following guidelines shall be used:

- Members in grades 4-6 are responsible only for application of the design elements line or color.
- Members in grades 7-8 are responsible only for application of two design elements.
- Members in grades 9-12 are responsible only for application of at least one design element and at least on principle of design.

## Sewing Project Resource

If you are looking for sewing ideas for 4-H members who are new to sewing, check out:

[http://4h.wsu.edu/clothing/quick\\_projects/list.htm](http://4h.wsu.edu/clothing/quick_projects/list.htm).

Many ideas with easy directions!

**NTE:** If you have an exhibit that is chosen to go on to the State Fair, please let us know if you choose NOT to send it as soon as possible. It is for this reason that we choose State Fair alternates. We want to completely fill our quota and have as many 4-Hers as possible get the opportunity to have an exhibit at the Iowa State Fair!

## Exhibit Building Host Schedule

Thursday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00-1:00	Highland Cruisers
Thursday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00-4:00	Graettinger Pirates
Thursday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00-7:00	Cantering 4-Hers
Friday, July 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-1:00	Fern Valley 4-Hers
Friday, July 24 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-4:00	Palo Alto Rockets
Friday, July 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-7:00	Ind. Boosters
Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-1:00	Junior Clippers
Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-4:00	4-H Shooting Sports
Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-7:00	Ayrshire Beavers
Sunday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 - ?	County Council (Clean-up crew)

## 2009 Fair Weigh-In Schedule

### Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Beef

6:00-8:30 p.m. – all lead calves and pens of three

### Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Swine & Sheep

SWINE: 8:00-9:30 AM

SHEEP: 8:00-10:00 AM – weigh-in at the sheep barn

### Also On Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

BUCKET/BOTTLE CALVES & BOTTLE LAMBS

\* do not need to be weighed in – should be in barn by 10:00 AM

RABBITS

\* should be in their cages by 10:00 AM – There will be an organizational meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the swine barn (near the cages) for all exhibitors. Rabbit exhibitors must be present in order to show.

## POULTRY

\* should be in place by 10:00 AM – Birds 6 months and older will be required to undergo a pullorum-typhoid test before being unloaded. Ducks and geese will be checked for Avian Flu.

## DAIRY CATTLE

\* should be in barn by 10:00 AM

## HORSES

\* should be in barn by 10:00 AM

## DOGS

\* need to be on the grounds for the 10:00 AM Dog Show – are released after the show

## Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

PETS – need to be on the grounds for the 1:30 PM Pet Show – are released after the show

**Attention Poultry Exhibitors:** If you were wondering if there is a class for market broilers – there is. It was inadvertently missed in the new fair book.

- One pen of males
- One pen of females
- Champion & Reserve Champion Meat Class Broilers

## 4-H Fair T-Shirts

All 4-H exhibitors are required to wear a Palo Alto County fair T-shirt while showing their animals (except horses). These T-shirts can be purchased at the Extension office for \$7.00. The T-shirts are the same as in the past – green with white outline of pavilion on the front.

Clover Kids are encouraged to wear their T-shirts that they colored at their last meeting!

## County Council Recruitment

Now is the time for senior 4-H'ers to consider being a part of the Palo Alto 4-H County Council for 2009-2010. It's a great way to promote 4-H activities, gain leadership skills, get in on the planning of 4-H activities, and have some fun with other 4-H'ers in the county. Any 4-H'er who will be entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade or above in the fall is eligible. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested. Forms will be available for pick-up at the office or on the fairgrounds and will need to be turned in before noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are losing some very good members of our group so there will be plenty of room for new members and their energy!

We will have installation during the fair on **Thursday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at approximately 7:30 p.m.** Old and new council members are asked to be present for the installation.

Youth that have graduated and will be leaving our council are: Amber Vonnahme, Kristin Wirtz, Bridget Rouse, Shawn Molitor, and Laura Smith. All will be greatly missed.

## 2009 Fair Queen Contest

Needed: Fair queen contestants ages 16-21.

How to Enter: Pick up an application at the Extension office or from Devona Perkins. Entries are due **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**NEW RULE:** Applicant must be an active member of 4-H or FFA who has exhibited at the Palo Alto County Fair.

What it Involves: Filling out an application, an interview and dinner with the judges, and an on-stage question at the fairgrounds. The 2009 Palo Alto County Fair Queen will be crowned the first evening of the fair, Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and then hopefully be on hand to hand out ribbons and trophies during the fair. The winner will also represent Palo Alto County in the State Fair Queen Contest held during the Iowa State Fair in August. In the following March she will be invited to participate in the St. Pat's Parade. *Great prizes and fun!*

**Exhibit Release Time – Sunday,  
July 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

## 4-H Style Show

There will be a 4-H Style Show during the fair on **Thursday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at approximately 7:15 p.m.** for all 4-H'ers to model their clothing exhibits for fairgoers to see. We strongly encourage our 4-H'ers to consider taking part in this as fairgoers really enjoy seeing these exhibits and the members who created them. Cards for exhibit descriptions will be handed out on judging day for participants to fill out and give to the emcee before the show.

## Open Classes at Palo Alto County Fair

### Yeast Products Contest

The Palo Alto County Fair Association is again sponsoring an open class "**Yeast Products**" for people of all ages, including 4-Hers. Entry will be Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Exhibits Building from 10:00-noon. Judging will take place after all entries are received. Entries must be made with yeast and

the recipe must be included with the entry. Prizes will be awarded.

### **Cupcake Decorating Contest**

The Palo Alto County Fair is again sponsoring the open class cupcake decorating contest which will feature three age divisions: youth up to age 12, teen 13-18, and adult. An entry will consist of a single decorated cupcake and will be judged solely on the decorating.

Entries will be accepted between 10:00-noon on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Exhibits Building. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded to the top three cupcakes in each division along with an Overall Grand Champion cupcake. All contestants will be awarded a participation ribbon.

### **Cow Pie Bingo**

The 4-H County Council will again be sponsoring Cow Pie Bingo. Squares will be sold for \$5.00 each all during the fair (or until all the squares are sold!). On Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 4:00 p.m. the "anticipation" will begin. Winners will be announced and will receive a cash prize – winners do not need to be present to win.

### **Mud Volleyball**

The 4-H County Council is again sponsoring a Mud Volleyball Tournament during the Palo Alto County Fair. The tournament is scheduled for Friday evening, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Plan now to enter a team. Teams should sign up in the fair office by no later than 3:00 PM on Friday. The number of teams will be limited.

### **Watermelon Eating Contest**

Do you like watermelon and can you eat it fast? The 4-H County Council is again sponsoring a contest for all fairgoers – a watermelon eating contest. The contest will take place on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 PM on the fairgrounds. There will be 3 age divisions: 10 & under, 11-17 year olds, and 18 & over. Prizes will be awarded. Plan now to come out and have some cool, refreshing fun!

### **Livestock Judging Contest**

Again this year there will be a Livestock Judging Contest for all 4-H/FFA exhibitors on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM. Individuals and teams may sign up in the fair office on the fairgrounds. Sign-up is at 3:30 PM before the event. Participants will judge six classes of animals – breeding heifers, market beef, breeding ewes, market lambs, breeding gilts, and

market swine. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate. There will be a senior and junior division with 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place ribbons awarded in both divisions. A medallion will be awarded to the top individual winner in each of the two divisions.

### **Clover Kid King/Queen Contest To Be Held During the Fair**

WANTED: All Clover Kids in Palo Alto County  
WHAT: King/Queen Contest  
WHERE: At the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds – under the big tent  
WHEN: Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**DETAILS: Clover Kids should sign up at the fair office on the fairgrounds by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and then show up at 6:15 p.m. under the big tent. Contestants will be asked to stand on the stage and answer a couple of questions. One king and one queen's name will be drawn. Prizes for all contestants!**

### **2009 Fair Teen Dance**

The 2009 Fair Teen Dance will be held on Sunday evening, July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-midnight. Teens are encouraged to come out and bring their friends. Cost is \$5.00 per person. All teens are welcome.

Reminder: Chaperones are county council members' parents – in case you child has not asked you yet!

### **Fairgrounds Clean-Up**

**When: Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 AM**  
**Who: We need all 4-H'ers, and any parents, leaders, brothers, sisters, and friends who would be willing to help.**  
**What: Bring brooms, rags, pails, lawnmowers, weed trimmers, etc.**

\* Lunch will be served by the Fair Board when clean-up is finished. Wear old clothes!

### **Why Volunteer at the Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibits Building?**

Here's what some 4-Hers have to say about their experience: "Volunteering at the Iowa State Fair has been a wonderful opportunity to expand all my citizenship, leadership, and communication skills by interacting with many different people." Emily Haselhoff, Sac County.

“One of my most awesome experiences in 4-H was volunteering for the past five years at the Iowa State Fair! I have worked at the Information Desk, the poster board for alumni 4-Hers, Share-the-Fun exhibit booths, behind the counter selling products, etc. I have seen how kids work together coming from different schools and not knowing one another. The thing we had in common was 4-H. I think the most important thing I learned was that people from all different ages, races, and different parts of the nation can come together for the purpose of 4-H! By being involved in 4-H, we are not only helping ourselves by learning new things, but also learning to help our communities.” Devin De Weerd, Sioux County.

Volunteer Applications are **due July 1<sup>st</sup>** and are available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm>. There are different forms for youth, adults, and evening exhibit hosts; please make sure you use the right one. If you have any questions at any time please feel free to contact Karen Naig at [kmnaig@extension.iastate.edu](mailto:kmnaig@extension.iastate.edu) or 515.294.1982. She is excited to hear from you.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## Copyright in Visual Arts

Guidelines for 4-H members:

- Create something original.
- If it's not yours, obtain permission.
- Give proper credit, even when you have permission.

## Reminder: 2009 4-H'ers in Action Photo Exhibition: Holidays & Seasons

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in the 3rd annual, statewide photo exhibition titled, *4-H'ers in Action!* The theme this year is **Holidays & Seasons**, so all photos submitted should represent this theme. The exhibition will feature the best photo from each participating county and will be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. See Guidelines at <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/StaffOnly/4HinAction/2009%20Hers%20in%20Action.pdf>.

## Record Book Workshop

We will be holding a Record Book Workshop on **Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Extension office for all 4-H'ers wanting help in putting together a record book. Forms will be available at the office but we ask 4-H'ers to bring a 3-ring binder or 4-H folder; pictures of projects, events, etc.; newspaper clippings; glue; dividers; and anything else they would like to include in their books. Record books are due to the office in the month of September but members need to remember that the Youth Committee will be selecting awards on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and that record books must be turned into the office by noon that day to be eligible for awards.

## 4-H License Plate

It's not too late to showcase your love for 4-H with a personalized 4-H license plate! The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate, but in order to create this special designed plate, we must submit 500 pre-paid orders by July 14, 2009. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates

and \$60 for personalized plates. It's only \$10-\$15 each year after that. Apply for your 4-H License Plate today at

<http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/PDF/LicensePlate/4H%20license%20plate%20app.pdf>.

## Risk Management & Summer Events

Prepared by Carol Ehlers, NW Iowa 4-H Youth Development Specialist - May 2009

Before you leave for the 4-H club swim party, plan that club tour or meet for a 4-H community service activity, we all need to think about . . . safety.

### What is Risk Management?

It means the 4-H club, group or planning committee anticipates potential risks as the activity is planned and decides ways to manage these risks. It is the many unexpected things that can happen to the participants, the spectators, the properties and reputation of 4-H.

### How is Risk Management a Part of our 4-H Program?

It's all our responsibility to plan for the unexpected as much as possible. While you plan an event or activity, take time to consider the risks and develop a risk management plan that includes a strategy to address each risk. Consider this checklist:

- ✓ Proper supervision (one adult to every eight to ten youth)
- ✓ Club field trips/outings are in our club program
- ✓ Supplemental accident insurance is received for riskier activities
- ✓ Emergency preparation plan for bad weather, injuries, and/or medical treatment
- ✓ 4-H club's emergency notebook and members medical forms are with the group
- ✓ Know what's expected to report an incident
- ✓ Know who needs special medication during the activity
- ✓ Transportation is arranged by authorized 4-H volunteers based on parent's permission

### Additional Resources and Link:

- Creating Safe Environments in 4-H Clubs - Emergency Notebook (available in every club)
- ISU 4-H Volunteer Resources:  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Volunteers/volrisk.htm>

If you have any questions please call the Extension Office at 712-852-2865.

## Looking for a FREE Family Vacation? The Iowa 4-H Center has what you're looking for!

This summer the Iowa 4-H Center is offering families an opportunity for a free family vacation at camp. They are calling it the Great Camp Getaway Giveaway. Families sign up for a week (Sunday thru Saturday) or a half-week (Sunday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Saturday) session during their summer camp season. While they are there, family members will be asked to volunteer daily hours to help with camp projects such as wash dishes in the camp kitchen, mop the dining hall floor, clean cabins, deliver firewood, paint, stain, clear trails, etc. In exchange for volunteer hours the families will stay in air-conditioned family cabin, eat meals in the dining hall, and get to do camp activities such as swimming, climbing, and archery - all for FREE! This getaway giveaway is only good during the 9 weeks of summer camp between June 7th and August 8th. If you are interested, or would like more details, please call the camp manager, John Roosa, at 515-795-3338.

## See the Bigger Picture Photography Contest

Youngsters around the world are invited to enter the "See the Bigger Picture" photography contest by submitting images illustrating plants, animals or anything else that captures biodiversity to [www.seethebiggerpicture.org](http://www.seethebiggerpicture.org). The winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C., and will meet with renowned photojournalist Joel Sartore, a contest judge. Entries must be received by Sept. 8, 2009.

"See the Bigger Picture" is a joint project of Airbus, National Geographic and the Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity in support of "The Green Wave" — an outreach program that promotes the goals of the United Nations biodiversity treaty and that will contribute to the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010. As part of "The Green Wave" project, children and youth in schools worldwide plant a local tree species on May 22 each year, uniting to send a "green wave" across time zones from east to west.

The organizers hope the "See the Bigger Picture" contest will encourage children around the globe to snap and submit a photograph illustrating biodiversity in their community or from their travels and help to create the world's largest biodiversity outreach program.

Sartore, one of National Geographic's best wildlife photographers, suggests a few photo tips to get the perfect shot.

- Shoot early in the morning or late in the day for the best light. This is also when many kinds of animals are at their most active and interesting.
- Work all the angles; walk around your subject 360 degrees to find the best background, then also go from a bird's eye view (up high) to a worm's eye view (low to the ground) to get photos that are fresh and unexpected.
- Study your subjects, and have patience. While nature can be unpredictable, some animals have routines just like people. Spending a little time observing what your subjects do and when they do it can pay off with much better photos.
- You don't have to travel around the world to view and photograph wildlife. The variety of animals in your own back yard — from insects to birds to amphibians — may surprise you.

"See the Bigger Picture" contest rules can be found on [www.seethebiggerpicture.org](http://www.seethebiggerpicture.org) as well as in the July and August issues of National Geographic magazine and in the June/July and August issues of National Geographic Kids magazine. In the United States the contest is open to kids ages 6-14, and internationally to kids ages 6-16.

## Wedding Dresses Needed for "Stitch This"

The wedding dress that you no longer need could get a new life as a deconstructed and reconstructed new designer garment. All you have to do is donate it to the Iowa 4-H Foundation for the Stitch This! fashion design competition at the Iowa State Fair Aug. 21-22. The State Office has been overwhelmed by the response and need more dresses! They have applications from 50 individuals for a total of 14 teams. You can view video applications from some of the teams on the Iowa 4-H YouTube Channel, [www.youtube.com/iowa4h](http://www.youtube.com/iowa4h). They're all hoping to be selected for the competition. If they just had a few more wedding dresses! If you know of a wedding dress that needs a new life, please contact Shelly at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or (515)294-1607.

## Seeking IFYE Host Families!

Iowa will be hosting a 19-year-old German man from September 19-December 17. He is interested in agricultural production, particularly the swine industry and crop production. The goal of his stay in Iowa is a cultural experience—living with and learning about Iowa families. He will not be a student during this time, rather he will live with and participate in the daily family life of his hosts. We are looking for

families to host for periods of 3-4 weeks during this time. If you are interested or have suggestions of possibly host families, please contact Brenda Allen at [bsallen@iastate.edu](mailto:bsallen@iastate.edu) or 515-294-1567.

## Alumni 4-H'ers Got Talent! And we need yours!

Former 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Share-the-Fun competition, Alumni 4-Hers Got Talent! At 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, alumni from across the state will perform a variety of acts on the Main Stage of the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Iowa State Fair. As long as one member is a former 4-H'er, anything goes! A committee will review the applications, due July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and select a variety of performers. Look for the application at [www.extension.iastate.edu/statefair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/statefair), coming soon!

## Your Video Wanted for 4-H TV

Now that summer has rolled around and you get involved in 4-H projects, fairs, and activities the State Office would like to encourage you to record your efforts as video and send them to E-SET on campus to post on 4-H TV. They would like to feature Iowa 4-Hers and their videos. Be creative and take advantage of this to demonstrate your creativity, skills, learning, and work!

Guidelines: Video must be 2 minutes or less (if you have a larger story to tell, tell it in episodes)  
Video must be original work and not violate copyright.  
Video should not identify individuals.

If you would like your video on 4-H TV send it on a CD or DVD and they will post it for you. Email questions or comments to [4heset@iastate.edu](mailto:4heset@iastate.edu).  
Send to: Jay Staker, Extension 4-H Youth Bldg, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630.

**2009 Iowa State Fair Discount Exhibitor Ticket Order Forms are available at the Extension Office. These are due to the Iowa State Fair on or before July 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## Ag Opportunity for Youth

Palo Alto County Extension would like to promote an ag education event that Monsanto is sponsoring in Ft. Dodge, IA. For this event a traveling technology unit will be in Fort Dodge for 3 days (July 21-23). This unit's goal is to encourage kids and youth to get involved in agriculture and to show them that there are more job opportunities in agriculture than solely being a producer. Youth could be into robotics,

public relations, biotechnology, chemistry, etc., and still have a career in agriculture. The tours through the unit should take between 30-40 minutes with the opportunity to ask questions at the end. Tours are given by Monsanto's Ag Educators, which are mostly retired PhD's who travel around with the unit one week a month.

## **Registration Opening for 2009 North Central Region Volunteer Forum**

4-H volunteers from 12 states will converge on Lincoln, Nebraska, this fall to learn more about their importance to the organization. Registration begins this month for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension's North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum scheduled Oct. 1-4 at the downtown Holiday Inn. The theme is "Giving Them Our Best." About 300 adult 4-H volunteers from 12 states are expected.

"The forum will focus on what it takes to be a good 4-H volunteer," said Doug Swanson, extension educator of professional development in the state 4-H office. The volunteer forum rotates each year among the states of the North Central Region: Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The event will feature 70 educational workshops, many of which will focus on 4-H's three areas of emphasis -- science, engineering and technology; healthy lifestyles; and life skills. Three keynote speakers are scheduled.

The registration fee is \$200 for the full forum or \$110 per day. Early-bird registration is from June 1 to Aug. 15. Late registration will be open until Sept. 15 with an additional \$50 fee. Registration information and the workshop schedule are available at <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>. "It's vital to have volunteers involved in 4-H because they expand what we can do," Swanson said. "They bring a new set of skills, commitment to the community and enthusiasm."

## **Upcoming Animal Events**

**Good Handy Helpers 4-H/FFA Horse Show**  
Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> @ the Western Iowa Expo Indoor Arena, Crawford County Fairgrounds, Denison, IA. Registration: 8:00 AM – Show Time: 9:00 AM. For a copy of their flyer contact the Palo Alto County Extension Office. For more information contact Kelly at 712-263-6707.

**Shawn Berg Memorial Show**

Jr. Beef Breed Association Show – Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> @ the Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Osage, IA. Check-in/Weigh-in: 8:00-10:00 AM – Entry fee: \$30/animal. For more information contact Terry Kruse at 319-240-9128.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ashley Rassel Memorial Beef Show**  
Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> @ the Cherokee County Fairgrounds, Cherokee, IA. Weigh-in: 2:00-4:00 PM – Show: 6:00 PM – Entry fee: \$20/animal. For a copy of their flyer contact the Palo Alto County Extension Office. For more information contact Stephanie Spieler at 712-540-4590 or Brenda Medick at 712-225-6196.

**2009 Northwest Iowa Livestock Judging Contests**  
For a complete list of livestock judging contests in northwest Iowa contact the Palo Alto County Extension Office. The list includes counties such as Buena Vista, Calhoun, Clay, Kossuth, and O'Brien.

## **Subscribe to the Monthly FourWord e-Newsletter**

Find out about the many things happening in Iowa 4-H and keep up to date with what is happening with the ISU Extension and 4-H reorganization. Sign up for this monthly e-newsletter today by sending an email to [iowa4h@iastate.edu](mailto:iowa4h@iastate.edu)

## **Event Discounts for 4-H'ers and their Families**

Several Event Locations have partnered with the Iowa 4-H Foundation to offer discount tickets to Iowa 4-H'ers. Find tickets to the Chiefs vs. NY Giants game in Kansas City, and Disney Live, Shawn Johnson, Keith Urban and Britney Spears at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. Find out more at <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/news/events/index.htm>

## **4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium in KC**

4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City – Cheer on the Chiefs & the Cyclones. It's an outing where Iowa 4-H'ers can connect with other 4-H'ers from the Midwest including Kansas and Missouri. We're offering discount tickets to a Kansas City Chiefs football game on October 4th as well as the Iowa State vs. Kansas State game at Arrowhead on October 3rd. You won't want to miss this fun opportunity for your club, county, or family. At this time, there is not a coordinated travel option, but if there is enough interest from an area it could be arranged. To order tickets, find the order form on the

left hand side of the Iowa 4-H Foundation website:  
<http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org>.

## Birthdays

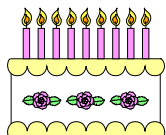
Join us in wishing the following 4-H'ers, Clover Kids, and leaders *Happy Birthday!*

### July

Kiersten Aldous  
Charlie Fehr  
Jack Fehr  
Laura Fehr  
Tory Fogarty  
Shelby Gappa  
Eric Goeders  
Kylie Hoch  
Alex Hoffman  
Josh Kibbie  
Megan Long  
Mason McGrauth  
Morgan McGrauth  
Aaron Montag  
Tegan Olson  
Emily Park  
Taylor Park  
Jeff Riesenber  
Tristen Ruppert  
William Schany  
Faith Schmidt  
Garret Schmidt  
Morgan Schmidt  
Jared Sikora  
Kylee Thilges  
Amber Vonnahme  
Reba Williams  
Shyanne Zaragoza  
Abby Zaugg

### August

Emma Anderson  
Megan Brown  
Kendall Deitering  
Logan Egland  
Jeremy Girres  
Grant Hall  
Brooke Hoffman  
Clyde Johnson  
Kelli Klepper  
Tommy Kuecker  
Kadin Norris  
Ryan Sikora  
Grace Skattelbo  
Rose Smith  
Anna Sorenson  
Maddie Stubbs  
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Keely Williamson



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## Don't Forget Our Web Page!

If you have misplaced your newsletter or need forms, visit our web page at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/kidsteens.htm>.

Newsletter prepared by Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinator. Email at [jnaig@iastate.edu](mailto:jnaig@iastate.edu).



## Best Wishes for Bob Behnkendorf As He Announces His Retirement

In case you haven't heard, Palo Alto County Extension will soon be losing their County Extension Director, Bob Behnkendorf. His last day will be Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. With the restructuring of Iowa State University Extension, Bob has chosen to take the early retirement option. Please join us in wishing him the very best as he begins a new chapter in his life! He will be greatly missed.

Please be assured that the Palo Alto County Extension Office will remain open and will continue to assist clients with all their needs.

- Location: brick building next to the Courthouse
- Phone: 712-852-2865
- Fax: 712-852-3175

## 2009 Palo Alto County 4-H & FFA Fair

Tuesday, July 21 – Judging day in exhibits building

Wednesday, July 22 – Exhibits Building closed for displaying.

6:00 – 8:30 Beef Weigh In

Thursday, July 23

10:00 Animals to be exhibited must be on grounds  
10:00 Dog obedience show  
10:00 – 2:00 4-H Horticulture Judging  
10:00 – 9:00 4-H Exhibits Building Open  
11:00 Rabbit Show  
1:00 Dog Agility Show  
2:00 Poultry Show  
4:00 Livestock Judging  
4:30 4-H Communications – Educational Presentations & Working Exhibits  
5:00 – 7:00 Extension Council BBQ  
5:00 – 9:00 Commercial exhibits building open  
6:00 Special Presentations  
6:00 Baby Crawl Registration  
6:30 Clover Kid King/Queen  
6:30 Baby Crawl – Sponsored by Wells Fargo  
7:00 Introduction of Fair Queen Candidates  
7:15 4-H Style Show/Awards Program/County Council Installation  
7:45 Crowning of Fair Queen  
8:00 4-H Share the Fun

Friday, July 24

8:00 Hog Show  
10:00 – 9:00 4-H Exhibits Building open  
12:00 – 9:00 Commercial Exhibits Building open  
1:00 – 3:30 Bucket Bottle Calf – Interviews  
1:30 Horse Show – Game Classes  
2:00 – 7:00 Amy – Face Painter/Balloon Artist  
2:30 Rumpstiltskin – Sponsored by Palo Alto County Arts Council  
4:00 Bucket Bottle Calf Show  
4:30 Bucket Bottle Lamb – Interviews  
5:00 – 7:00 Cattlemen's BBQ  
6:00 Bottle Lamb/Sheep Show  
6:00 Danny Grause – Acoustic Country Artist  
7:00 Mud Volleyball  
8:00 Comedian

Saturday, July 25

8:30 Beef Show  
9:00 Horse Show – Halter/Performance Classes  
10:00 – 9:00 4-H Exhibits Building open  
10:00 – 9:00 Commercial Exhibits Building open  
1:00 – 6:00 Amy – face painter/balloon artist

1:30 Pet Show  
2:00 Scavenger Hunt  
3:00 Pedal Pull – Sponsored by Daybreak Foods  
4:00 Cow Pie Bingo  
4:30 Watermelon Eating Contest  
5:00 Ray Thompson - Mentalist  
6:00 Ag Olympics  
8:00 Dairy Show  
8:00 Ray Thompson – Hypnotist

Sunday, July 28

9:00 – 1:00 Exhibits, except livestock being auctioned, released from fair  
11:00 Pony Express Open Class Horse Show  
12:30 Go Kart Hot Laps  
1:00 Go Kart Races  
2:00 All premium Livestock Auction  
9:00 Teen Dance - \$5