**Dates to Remember**

**DECEMBER**
- Dec. 24-25: Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
- Dec. 31: Office will close at noon for New Year’s Holiday
- Dec. 31: PACGDC grant apps must be completed online

**Enrollment forms, medical/release forms, Code of Ethics forms, & membership fees due to office – re-enrollment should be done online if possible – see instructions included in this newsletter**

**JANUARY**
- Jan. 1: New Year’s Holiday – Office Closed
- Jan. 5: PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office
- Jan. 5: **Beef Weigh-In – 1:00-3:00 PM @ fairgrounds**
- Jan. 6: Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office
- Jan. 8: Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – in lunchroom until 5:00 PM
- Jan. 8: 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
- Jan. 9: Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Heritage Center
- Jan. 10: Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
- Jan. 10: Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
- Jan. 17: 4-H Club Leaders’ Training – 6:30 PM @ office
- Jan. 17: PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office
- **Jan. 19: “Let’s Build a Snowman” Workshop**
- Jan. 20: Highland Cruisers Holiday Party/Club Outing – TBA
- **Jan. 20: New Member Pizza Party – 5:30-7:00 PM @ office – Co. Council Mtg. to follow**
- Jan. 23: Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in West Bend school lunchroom
- Jan. 26: 4-H Lock-In – 7:00 PM – midnight @ Smith Wellness Center – pre-registration is required

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**FEBRUARY**

Feb. 1

Applications for State Opportunities due in State 4-H Office – Project Awards, National Congress, National Conference, 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, State Council, & Iowa 4-H Reporter Program 4-H Scholarship Applications due online (seniors in high school)

Feb. 2

Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza – 9:45AM-3:00PM @ ILCC Campus in Emmetsburg – pre-registration is required

Feb. 2

PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Feb. 3

Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg – 3:30 PM @ office

Feb. 4

Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion

Feb. 5

Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – in lunch-room until 5:00 PM

Feb. 6

Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Heritage Center

Feb. 7

Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Feb. 11

4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Feb. 14

Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Feb. 16

Babysitting Clinic – 9:00AM-4:00 PM @ VFW – pre-registration required

Feb. 16

PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Feb. 16

Fern Valley 4-Hers Club Mtg. – 9:00 AM @ West Bend Library

Feb. 17

Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. – 1:00 PM – location to be announced

Feb. 17

4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Feb. 27

Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in West Bend school lunchroom

*Watch for additional opportunities, workshops, updates, etc. in the Weekly Clover Connect sent to your family email.

**Beef Weigh-In – Jan. 5th**

All 4-H & FFA members must weigh in their market steers, market heifers, feeder pens, and 2nd year bucket calves for their animals to be eligible to show at county and district fairs. In order to show at the Iowa State Fair calves must also go through a state verification process (have retinal images taken).

Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, January 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Calves being shown only at the county or district fairs will just need to be weighed. Those calves are to be tagged at home prior to the weigh-in. Tags may be purchased at the Palo Alto County Extension Office at a cost of $1.50 per tag. Anyone with a scheduling conflict for the 5th will need to contact the Extension office at least one week prior to the 5th so other arrangements can be made.

To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair: Anyone planning to nominate calves for the Iowa State Fair should contact the Extension Office by Wednesday, Jan. 2nd and let us know an exhibitor name and the # of calves to be verified. Time and location for retinal imaging will be determined after we know who is planning to nominate calves for these opportunities.

*New for Breeding Beef for State Fair – all heifers will need to have a tattoo plus a secondary ID – secondary ID could be a calfhood vaccination #, registration # (if purebred), or an official 4-H ear tag.

**Ak-Sar-Ben** – county offices will no longer handle Ak-Sar-Ben entries. Families wanting to nominate for Ak-Sar-Ben will need to go online and follow directions to make sure their animals are eligible to show. Contact the Extension Office for more information if interested.

If you have any questions regarding the weigh-in process, please contact the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 or call the beef superintendents, Brian Rouse at 712-260-7731 or Pat Vonnahme at 515-351-8983.

NOTE: Any youth who were in 3rd grade or above last year and who brought a bucket/bottle calf to the 2018 fair, we encourage you to bring your calf back to show in the 2nd year bucket calf class at the 2019 fair. Calves should be brought to this weigh-in so weights can be recorded. If anyone has questions about this new class, please contact the Extension Office.

**Re-Enroll in 4HOnline ASAP!!!**

Remember that re-enrollments in 4-H were due Dec. 31st. Below are step-by-step directions to complete this process.

- Open a web browser and type in https://ia.4honline.com.
- Choose "Family" from the “Role” drop-down box.
• “Members logging in the first time (or if you have forgotten your password) mark “I forgot my Password”.
• *Click “Send my Password*. Do not close the internet window.
• “Go to your own email account and find the email sent to you from 4HOnline. It will have your temporary password.
• Return to 4H online. Click “I have a profile”. (This is where you will begin if you already have your password.)
• Paste or type your password exactly as sent by 4H online. It is CASE SENSITIVE.
• The email box should still have your family email in it. You should still have “Family” chosen as your “Role”. Click “Log In”.
• *Re-enter current password as sent by 4H Online*. Even though the screen looks like it’s been entered, you have to type it into the “Current Password” box.
• *Enter (twice) a new family password*. Click “Continue”. Your passwords must be a minimum of 8 characters, and must contain 2 of the 3: letters, numbers, symbols. You will be able to skip these steps if you know/ memorize your password for re-entry into the program. This will take you to the Member List which includes all family members enrolled in 4-H.
• Click “Edit” to the right of the “Inactive” member listed. On the Personal Information screen, scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Enroll for 2017-2018”. Now you will have an editable Personal Information screen. Update all your information on each page and hit “Continue” at the bottom of each page until you have selected all of your projects. Click “Submit Enrollment”.
• Your enrollment status will show as “Pending” on your family member list. Your enrollment will be marked “Active” upon the Extension office receiving your $20 membership fee. Again this year is the option to pay online with a credit card – in which case I can make you “active” immediately.
• You may return to this page by logging in, at any time during the year, to view or edit your information.

* REMINDER: New members will need to fill out the paper copies which are available at the Extension Office. New members have until May 1st to enroll in a 4-H club and be eligible to show at the 2019 Palo Alto County Fair.

If there is anyone who feels the payment is too much of a financial burden, please contact the Extension Office. The 4-H Foundation has set aside funds to help families with this.

Clover Kids from last year can also re-enroll using the same steps as a 4-Her. Their membership fee is $15.

If you have any problems with this process and would like some help please call the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 or email Julie at jnaig@iastate.edu.

Below is a list of members who are currently “pending”. Most have completed the online part but have not turned in the $20 membership fee ($15 for a Clover Kid) or we are missing a signature.

Jayson Akridge
Ciara Bennum
Conrine Cook
Justin Guinn
Tate Jensen
Norah West
Jonathon Krieger
Maddie Morey
Hunter Strohman
Tannya Strohman
Abigale Gehrt
Brooke Schneider

Below is the “inactive” list. They are members who have not re-enrolled online (a few have already paid, though.)

Nathan Adams
Shelby Aguta
Alex Anderson
Ashton Beal
Quinn Bernardy
Allivah Bibler
Peyton Bohl
Connor Egland
Jayden Enderson
Paige Frekr
Grace Gellerman
Henrik Gustafson
Paytn Haack
Miriam Hackbart-Morlock
Brady Harris
Monica Hellyer
Jesse Hoffman
Camryn Hough
Caylen Kampen
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Alexis Louwagie
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Shaylynn Montag
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Madisen Fay
Rylie Frekr
Everett Gonzales
Nolan Gustafson
Maddlyn Hall
McKenzie Krug
Olivia Lace
Gus Luiken
Aden Montag
Lanez Montag
Devin Morey
Maggie Nelson
Hannah Noethe
Kinnick Peton
Anna Rienhardt
Nathan Rosburg
Owen Rouse
Chloe Schneider
Katherine Scott
Weather-Related Announcements

Iowa’s winter weather can cause havoc with 4-H activities. If there is a need to cancel or postpone an event, meeting, or activity, we will have KICD (107.7) and KLGA (92.7) announce the information. We will also use email as a way to communicate cancellations – be sure to check your email before heading out if weather is questionable.

2019 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

Beef is a year-round favorite, from grilling burgers in the summer, to enjoying a hearty stew in the winter. Attention 4-H and FFA youth grades 4–12, join us for the 2019 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza on Saturday, February 2nd from 9:45AM-3:00PM at the Iowa Lakes Community College Campus in Emmetsburg. This event will be an educational hands-on event all about beef. Cost is $5 per participant. ALL 4-H/FFA members and accompanying adults are welcome to participate for the $5 fee. Deadline to register is January 24th. Sessions will include Beefing Up! with Tammy Chapman, RD; Calving Simulator – ISU College of Vet Medicine & Dr. Dan Berkland, Sibley Vet Clinic; How do You Score? with Dr. Beth Doran, ISUEO Beef Specialist & Mark Jensen, ILCC Beef Instructor; and You Be the Judge with Mike Anderson, 4-H Livestock Specialist & Lisa Berkland, 4-H Specialist. Click here for a registration form.

*Please note – we are not able to grant YQCA credit for attending this event.

“Do You Want To Build A Snowman?” Workshop

4-H members of all ages are invited to attend our “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” Workshop to be held on Saturday, January 19th from 9:00AM-2:00PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office (downstairs meeting room). This hands-on, snowman-themed workshop will include snowman crafts, snowman art, snowman games, and snowman treats. Cost is $15 and will include a lunch and all supplies for the activities. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to first 15 youth with paid registration. Registrations due January 15th. See enclosed/attached registration.

New Member Pizza Party

We would like to welcome all new members and their parents to the 4-H program. To help us do this we will be having a New Member Pizza Party at the Extension Office in Emmetsburg on Sunday, January 20th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All new members will receive an invitation with more details. The purpose of this party is to inform the new member and their parents about all the aspects of 4-H and to have FUN! Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend!

If you have any questions about the 4-H program, please feel free to call the office (712-852-2865). Sometimes we forget that not everyone knows the “system”.

4-H Lock-In at the Wellness Center

The annual 4-H Lock-In for all Palo Alto County 4-Hers will be held Saturday, January 26th from 7:00-midnight at the Arthur & Audrey Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Chaperones will be needed. Everyone will be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the center. This event is only for 4-H members. Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register will be January 23rd. All registered participants will receive a letter/email with more details. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun event! Click here for a registration form.

Babysitting Clinic

Palo Alto County Extension will again be sponsoring a Babysitting Clinic for all youth ages 10 and up. The program will be held on Saturday, February 16th from 9:00-4:00 p.m. at the VFW in Emmetsburg. Cost to participate is $25.00 to cover materials, lunch, and snacks. Sessions will include Basic First Aid, Babysitting Responsibilities, Basic Care, and Safe Play. Sessions will include hands-on activities and take home materials. Pre-registration is required. Click here for a registration form.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip (CWF)

What does it mean to be a good citizen or a leader? Are you being a strong civic leader for your community, country, and world? Make plans to explore these topics at the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in 2019! The trip is set for June 14-22.

CWF is more than just another DC field trip. 4-H’ers learn essential civic leadership skills and leave with the tools that will allow them to bring about real change in their communities.
Many have asked great questions about details for the week. Unfortunately, we do not yet have the tentative agenda from the national CWF program staff. They are working hard on a redesign for the program to celebrate the 60th year of the program. While we anticipate many of the same field trips to memorials and destinations like Mount Vernon, we are eagerly waiting just like you for the schedule.

What we DO know:
- Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania will be the first memorial on Saturday
- Gettysburg National Military Park will be the Sunday morning education
- Watching “Grease” performed at a dinner theatre is the evening out together
- your own day on the National Mall to visit Smithsonian Museums and possibly the US Holocaust Memorial Museum is in the works

We also know that no matter how the schedule changes, the week will be an amazing one! Gail Castillo has led groups during regular CWF weeks, as well as the altered 4th of July week. Everyone works really hard to ensure young people get a taste of what Washington DC has to offer for sights, sounds, as well as education. They never have quite enough time at any one location, but it is amazing how many places they do visit. Most importantly, the youth build life-long friendships with others throughout the week.

As soon as tentative schedules are released, they will be posted on the CWF webpage and an email note will be sent.

Total cost of the trip is $1850 and includes all lodging, travel, tours, and a majority of your meals.

A non-refundable deposit of $650 is due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be split into two payments ($600 each) due March 1 and April 15.

To learn more about the trip, visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

If you have any questions, please email Gail Castillo at gail@iastate.edu.

2018-2019 Annual Leader Training: 4-H Fosters Independence

Volunteers who are club, project, or Clover Kid leaders, SESS leaders or assistant leaders are required to attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development knowledge and skills. Training occurs in each county and is designated as the annual training module.

This year leaders will explore the role they can play in helping foster independence in our 4-H youth. By supporting youth to foster independence, we are providing opportunities for youth to develop life skills such as self-discipline, responsibility, and decision-making.

During this training, 4-H leaders will define independence and the role they play in fostering independence in 4-H youth. In addition, leaders will discuss and share resources that can be used with 4-H youth throughout the year.

This year’s training for Palo Alto County club leaders has been scheduled for Thursday, January 17th at 6:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office. Bryan Whaley will also be joining us and explaining the new club financial policy that will be implemented this spring.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension Office to learn more about participating through other training options.

Please mark your calendars now as this will be an important meeting for all our leaders to attend.

State Recognition Opportunities for 4-Hers in grades 9-12

- Applications open in 4HOnline November 15, 2018 (Instructions in the sidebar)
- Application deadline 11:59PM February 1, 2019
- Interviews March 30, 2019, 9AM-3PM, ISU Campus

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition, and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college.
and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

Please note many of the processes related to State Recognition Day have been updated. If you have participated in the past, you will find that the following changes have been made and may be helpful to know about in advance of applying.

- The online application process has been moved to 4HOnline.
- Applications for each opportunity (below) are in a fillable PDF format to facilitate a smoother process for writing, reviewing and revising prior to submission.
- One, one-page resume per youth is the only supplemental material requested in addition to your application(s).
- Project area awards and Iowa 4-H Reporters are both offered as a written-application-only process (no in-person interview required).
- Interviews for SESS Ambassador, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress and State 4-H Council will be limited to a pre-determined maximum number (below) and those will be determined through the written application round. Interviews will now be 20 minutes long instead of 10.

If You Are Unable to Attend State Recognition Day

You will have the opportunity to address your availability on your application in 4HOnline. We will ask you to indicate at that time if you are unable to attend State Recognition Day in person, and to list the reason for your conflict. If you are selected to interview for SESS Ambassador, State 4-H Council, National 4-H Congress, or National 4-H Conference, your interview committee will set up a video conference for you to participate in. These will be scheduled for either the same day as state recognition day, or on another day just prior to the event. If you can not attend in person you will be limited to only two interviews, and you may select them after the written application round is completed.

State Project Awards

4-H'ers who have focused on specific project areas during their 4-H experience can apply for recognition for their efforts through this program. Awarded to 4-H'ers who have demonstrated mastery, leadership, communication, and service in their project.

- Applicants must be in grade 9-12 at the time of application.
- Up to 50 award recipients chosen.
- $100 per award (dependent on funding) made possible by Iowa 4-H Foundation donor.

- Submit **APPLICATION** in 4HOnline, 1 page resume.
- Applicants may apply for two project area awards, but may only be awarded one per year, each area awarded to a youth only once.
- No interview is required. Award recipients will be selected through the written application round.
- **Program Overview, Goals and Expectations**

**National 4-H Conference**

National 4-H Conference is a week-long trip to our nation's capital, **March 28 – April 2, 2020**. Youth stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD with delegates from across the nation. This is a working event where youth will share their perspective on the 4-H program with national leaders, including Congressional members.

- Applicants must be in grade 9-11 at the time of application
- 5-6 delegates will be chosen (dependent on funding)
- $500 cost per participant (dependent on funding, additional support available), estimated trip value $2500
- Submit **APPLICATION** in 4HOnline, 1 page resume
- Applicants may only attend either National Conference or National Congress in one year, if you apply for and are selected for both, you will be awarded the National 4-H Conference trip.
- Youth may only attend National Conference one time.
- A maximum of 12 interviews will be scheduled for this opportunity, candidates will be selected through the written application round.
- **Program Overview, Goals and Expectations**
- **Conference Interview Evaluation Form**

**National 4-H Congress**

This event is held over the Thanksgiving holiday, **November 22-26, 2019** in Atlanta, GA. The event includes dynamic keynote speakers, community service in the Atlanta area, workshops on leadership, cultural issues, and team building. Delegates will also get a chance to tour the city of Atlanta.

- Applicants must be in grade 10-11 at the time of application
- 20 delegates will be chosen (dependent on funding)
- $500 cost per participant (dependent on funding, additional support available), estimated trip value $1300
State 4-H Council

This group of high school students works directly with Iowa 4-H Youth Development staff to represent the program across the state. They speak to local 4-H groups, represent 4-H'ers ideas to staff, and work in committees to plan the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign, and 4-H promotional ideas.

- Applicants must be in grade 10-11 at the time of application.
- Up to 40 applicants will be chosen with geographic and 4-H delivery mode representation disbursement considered.
- Terms will be from the upcoming June through July of the following year.
- All youth may apply. A minimum of four members should represent 4-H delivery modes beyond traditional 4-H club membership.
- Submit APPLICATION in 4HOnline, 1 page resume.
- Applicants may only apply for either SESS Ambassador or State 4-H Council Member in any given year.
- You may apply for a second year if requirements are met.
- A maximum of 9 interviews will be scheduled for this opportunity, candidates will be selected through the written application round.
- Program Overview, Goals and Expectations
- Shooting Sports Ambassador Interview Evaluation Form

Iowa 4-H Reporter Program

The 4-H Iowa 4-H Reporters is an opportunity for youth who have an interest in media and the communications project area. Selected participants will get to work with professional media mentors from Iowa Public Television, WHO Radio and the Iowa Newspaper Association and develop news media during two consecutive weekdays of the Iowa State Fair. Participants will also attend a workshop in mid-July.

- Applicants must be in grades 9-12 at the time of application.
- Up to 16 of applicants will be chosen to participate in the following July/August.
- Submit APPLICATION in 4HOnline, 1 page resume.
- Opportunities in this experience include producing, audio, social media, video, and photography as a part of a team.
- Applicants may apply multiple years.
- No interview is required. Opportunity candidates will be selected through the written application round.
2019 Scholarship Information

Are you an Iowa 4-H’er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it’s not easy to finance a college education, and we know that many Iowa 4-H’ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school, our current scholarship program offers over 90 scholarships worth more than $100,000. Scholarships range in value from $500 to $10,000.

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements (i.e. designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence, 4-H event participation, etc.) Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards. Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year. Please visit the links below for more information.

To be eligible for any of the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships 2 letters of recommendation are required - one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher. College undergraduates may submit both letters from academic advisors.

All 4-H scholarship applications are due February 1, 2019, 11:59 p.m. A list of scholarships and qualifications can be found at the application site and in the links below.

- Quick Scholarship List and Qualifications
- 2019 Full Scholarship Criteria
- Instructions and Hints for Applying
- APPLICATION WEBSITE

2019 Livestock Identification Changes/Updates (State Fair)

Go and check out the 4-H 202 for all of your livestock information—it can be found at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf

Breeding Beef
- ALL heifers need a tattoo entered in 4HOnline plus one of the following:
  - Registration # (if a purebred/breed) or
  - Calfhood Vaccination # or
  - Official 4-H ear tag

Dairy Cattle
- Two of three identifiers required
  - Tattoo/Ear Tag # (tattoo, DHIA official ID acceptable
  - Registration # (all levels of registry)
  - Photos (2 – left side, right side)

4-H 202 Publication Update
- Updated for 2019 – see above link
  - Removed registration paper requirement for state fair horse halter/conformation classes
  - Removed Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show verbiage with that show’s changes for 2019

Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show Changes
- ALL Ak-Sar-Ben animals will be both identified AND entered for the show through AK-Sar-Ben
- County Staff will not handle any paperwork, payment, or DNA hair samples (no retinal images either)
- Families will go online and submit DNA hair samples and later in the summer, submit show entries on their own

YQCA
- YQCA – required for ALL 4-H livestock exhibitors
  - County and State Fair
  - Certification due by July 1 (county could set earlier date for early fairs)
  - Animal Care & Discloser Statement (drug affidavit) – required for all county/state fair exhibitors (beef, meat goat, sheep, swine) (horse – state fair only)
  - YQCA Youth Online Certification – online option ($12/youth)
  - Previous FSQA testing will be honored through expiration date
  - Website: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca

Sheep
- Add rule: If less than 5 head are entered, will show in “All Other Breeds” class
- New Class: “Pedigree Wether Dam”
  - All breeds accepted. Animals must be registered, with papers presented at check-in. Classification will be based off of registration papers. Hair sheep (Dorper) will also be accepted in this class.
  - Entries must be born after January 1 of the current year.
  - Classes will be split into breeds with 5 or more entries in the particular
breed. Breeds with less than 5 head will show in the “All Other Breeds” class.
  o Breed champions will compete for Grand Champion 4-H Purebred Wether Dam.
  o Animals must be slick-shorn prior to entering the fairgrounds.
  • Re-word class description:
    o White-face (add Southdown lambs to qualify for this)
    o Speckled-face (will call it White-breed influence/speckled face) and include acceptance of piebald lambs to class qualification/description

2019 State Livestock Event Calendar
  • 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza
    o March 22-24, Ellsworth Comm. College, Iowa Falls
    o Entry Deadline: March 1
    o [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza)
  • 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl
    o April 13, ISU Campus
    o [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl)
  • 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
    o June (date TBD), Starmont School, Arlington
    o [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Projects/dairy-cattle](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Projects/dairy-cattle)
  • 4-H Animal Science Roundup
    o June 25-27
    o Applications due Spring 2019
    o [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Animalscienceroundup](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Animalscienceroundup)
  • State 4-H Dairy Judging
    o Aug. 7, State Fair
    o [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Projects/dairy-cattle](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Projects/dairy-cattle)
  • State 4-H Livestock & Meats Judging
    o Aug. 24, Ames
    o [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-judging](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-judging)

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant Application Now Open

4-H clubs can apply for “seed money” from DuPont Pioneer in the form of grants up to $500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community.

Applications are due to the state office by January 30th, 2019. For application materials, tips, and more info check out the [DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant webpage](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statecouncil). For questions contact Haley Jones.

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2019 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

Tentative dates have been set for the 2019 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! Plans are to run the fair from Thursday, July 18th through Sunday, July 21st with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building to be judged on Tuesday, July 16th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Event judging will be held on Tuesday, July 9th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 13th. Livestock entries will be due on Monday, July 1st. Any changes to this will be posted in future newsletters.

President’s Environmental Youth Award Program

The Environmental Protection Agency seeks to recognize school projects (K-12) that demonstrate environmental stewardship through the President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA). PEYA has two parts: a regional award for Grades K-5 and a regional award for Grades 6-12. Find out more information on the [PEYA webpage](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statecouncil). The deadline to apply is February 1, 2019.

What is the State 4-H Council up to?

*Brought to you by the State 4-H Council Communication & the Arts Committee*

This past December, we met at the State 4-H Office in Ames to experience a youth-adult partnership training. We all got the opportunity to grow closer with our CYCs or other county adult volunteers that we each brought along to the training. We are grateful for the impact these adults have made in our 4-H careers. In the month of January, State Council has their winter retreat at Clover Woods on the 5th and 6th to further their planning of the 2019 State 4-H Conference held every year on the campus of Iowa State University for high school youth. The official theme of the Youth Conference was decided at our October retreat and is “A Universe of Possibilities”.

Learn more about the State 4-H Council here: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statecouncil](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statecouncil)

*Pop Tabs for Jacy* – The 2018-19 State 4-H Council wants to carry on Jacy McAlexander's legacy by continuing to collect pop tabs from around the state in his honor for the Ronald McDonald House! We will collect the pop tabs at our office for anyone who wants to contribute to this great cause.
Leaders’ Appreciation & Awards Banquet Held in November

We salute our 4-Hers who were recognized during our 2018 Leaders’ Appreciation & Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 11th for their outstanding achievements during the 4-H year. Special congratulations go to Thomas Woodford for being selected for the Galen Smith Memorial Award, Betty Sue Strohman for being selected for the Noah Flaherty Memorial Award, Thomas Woodford for being selected for the R.W. Ashby Outstanding 4-Her Award, and Abigail Hoffman for being selected for the Jeanette Anthe Outstanding 4-Her Award. Other special award winners included: Ak-Sar-Ben – Kyle Licht, and “I Dare You” – Lauren Kenyon and Mackenzie Berkland.

We acknowledge also, with great appreciation, the many adult volunteers who were recognized for giving willingly of their time and energy so that the 4-H program can have an impact on the lives of young people. Leaders who reached milestones this year were Alan Montag, Heather Studer, Lisa Reiman, Melissa Haukap, and Marilee Lace, all of whom have been club leaders for 5 years. Receiving an Alumni Award was John Banwart, and Honorary Awards were presented to Dennis and Sharon Manwarren.

If you would like a complete listing of all the awards presented at the banquet please email jnaig@iastate.edu or stop by the office and we will get you one. We would like to thank everyone who attended the awards banquet for helping us honor those recognized. A special thank you to Kampen Foods for the great food and to our servers who served the meal – Angie Strohman, Jody Leuer, Roberta Hersom, Devona Perkins, Mary Woodford, Dan Voigt, and Bert Naig.

4-H Sewing Workshop was held at the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Saturday, November 17th. Twelve 4-H members enjoyed a day of sewing, pizza, and fellowship. Participants learned some basic sewing skills while sewing a pair of pajama pants. Because of a grant from the Palo Alto County Gaming and Development Corporation sewing machines and sewing supplies were provided for the group. Hopefully we will see some of them at the fair!

4-Hers attending the workshop included Claire Kassel, Emily Kreutner, Jadyn Joyce, Ava Swift, Hannah Noethe, Gabe Swift, Lauren Swift, Gavin Swift, Josephine Joyce, Rachel Miner, Audrey Garrelts, and Rory Elbert.

If you would like to learn more about workshops and events being offered, contact the Palo Alto County Extension Office at 712-852-2865.

4-H Sign Painting Workshop

On Thursday evening, December 6th, 10 4-Hers and 3 adults came together to learn how to sign paint. Participants got to choose one design to paint from a total of five different designs. Kim Hohensee, a parent volunteer, worked with the participants to teach them about preparing the wood for their sign, painting the boards, and placing the stencils. Then every participant chose their paint colors and painted their sign.

4-H members and adults who participated in the workshop were Paula and Rebecca Licht, Kourtney Kogel, Rachel Chapman, Claire Kassel, Jadyn Joyce, Chloe and Emmy Schneider, Katie Nelson, and Jack Trick. Adult painters included Sherry Schneider, Ashley Trick, and Jody Leuer. Special thanks to Kim Hohensee for teaching the workshop and to Diane Nelson for lending a hand where needed.

4-H Sewing Workshop – Pajama Pants
4-H Candy Workshop

A 4-H Candy Making Workshop was held at the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Saturday, December 8th. Seventeen 4-H members enjoyed a day of candy making, pizza, and a Christmas craft. Participants learned to make seven different candy recipes. Each participant then got to take home a container full of samples for their families and a copy of all the recipes they made that day. Recipes included Homemade Caramels, Elf Munch, Chocolate Mint Cream Cheese Buttons, Easiest-Ever Fudge, Funfetti Fudge, Cookies & Cream Bark, and Peanut Butter M&M’s Truffles.

4-Hers attending the workshop included Mackenzie Berkland, Thomas Woodford, Aliza Woodford, Ava Salas, Claire Kassel, Emily Kreutner, Wyatt Kreutner, Sheila Reding, Rylie Frerk, Paige Frerk, Austin Lenz, Kenzie Hoffman, Paula Licht, Rebecca Licht, Kourtney Kogel, Addison Hansen, and Liberty Corderman. We would like to extend a special thanks to the adults that helped with the workshop – Carrie Frerk, Jan Westergaard, Brenda Corderman, Val Jones, Susanne Reding, and Bev Salas.

4-H County Council Wants You to Vote!

The Palo Alto 4-H County Council held their annual Christmas Party on Sunday evening, Dec. 16th. Members started the evening with making gingerbread barns from a kit and then went for bowling and pizza at Shamrock Lanes. Now they would like you to vote for your favorite gingerbread barn! Go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLTORMH and place your vote! Entry #1 is the first photo; entry #2 is the second one.

National Youth 4-H Photography Summit

Join delegates from across the country to explore emerging photography careers and related skills necessary for entry into tomorrow’s workforce. Sample mini-tracks to include sports photography, forensic science, photographic arts, nature photography, photo-technology, medical photography, photo-editing, photojournalism, space and military photography and show-animal photography. Summit takes place February 28 - March 3. Cost is $500 per youth. Deadline February 3rd. Only a few spots available, apply online.

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps December Theme: Exploring Doors

For all youth interested in developing their photography skills and creating great work to submit to their county fairs! Apply online for Iowa 4-H Camera Corps, and submit December’s "Exploring Doors" theme photographs via the jotform link.

World Food Prize

4-H youth participants are encouraged to register for the 2019 World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute on April 29, 2019 at Iowa State University. Registration will open February 7-March 25, 2019. During this daylong event students are able to explore majors
and careers related to combating global hunger &
poverty while also presenting their own ideas and
solutions to real-world experts and professionals.
More information can be found on the World Food
Prize webpage.

**Leadership Opportunity for High School Youth**

Youth in grades 9th-12th can apply to be teen
leaders for the National 4-H Native Bee Challenge.
This is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills for
youth interested in insects, agriculture, conservation,
or horticulture. Youth just need to complete this short
online application! Contact Maya Hayslett to get more
information.

**Palo Alto County 4-H on Facebook**

Check out the photos on the Palo Alto County 4-H
Facebook page! Many pictures have been posted
from our county events. Feel free to download and
use in your 4-H Record Book. Just do a search for
“Palo Alto County 4-H” and click “like” to continue to
get updates.

**Birthdays**

Join us in wishing the following 4-Hers and Clover
Kids *Happy Birthday*!

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