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Dates to Remember

JANUARY

Jan. 1	New Year's Holiday, Office Closed
Jan. 3	Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Heritage Center
Jan. 4	Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
Jan. 6	PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM @ office
Jan. 6	Beef Weigh-In – 9:00-11:00 AM @ fairgrounds
Jan. 7	Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office
Jan. 8	Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM @ American Legion
Jan. 8	4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
Jan. 9	Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – in lunchroom until 5:00 PM
Jan. 9	Cooking & Sharing Workshop – 5:30 PM @ office
Jan. 10	Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in West Bend school lunchroom
Jan. 11	Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
Jan. 11	Annual Leaders' Training – 7:00 PM @ office
Jan. 20	PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM @ office
Jan. 21	Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. – Holiday Party/Club Outing
Jan. 27	Sign Painting Workshop – 9:00-noon @ office
Jan. 28	New Member Pizza Party – 5:30-7:00 PM @ office – Co. Council Mtg. to follow

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
Feb. 1	4-H Scholarship Applications due online (seniors in high school)
Feb. 1	Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 –

- Feb. 3 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM @ office
- Feb. 3 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza – 9:45AM-3:00PM @ ILCC Campus in Emmetsburg – pre-registration is required**
- Feb. 4 Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office
- Feb. 5 Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM @ American Legion
- Feb. 6 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – in lunchroom until 5:00 PM
- Feb. 7 Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Heritage Center
- Feb. 8 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
- Feb. 10 4-H Lock-In – 7:00 PM – midnight @ Smith Wellness Center – pre-registration is required**
- Feb. 12 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
- Feb. 14 Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in West Bend school lunchroom
- Feb. 17 Babysitting Clinic – 9:00AM-4:00 PM @ VFW – pre-registration required**
- Feb. 18 Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. – 1:00-3:00 @ Ruthven United Methodist Church
- Feb. 28 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. 6th

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 or Ak-Sar-Ben calves must also go through a state verification process (have retinal images taken).

Weigh-in will be held on **Saturday, January 6th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**. 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 6th will need

to contact the Extension office ASAP so other arrangements can be made.

To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben:

Anyone planning to nominate calves for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben should contact the Extension Office by Tuesday, Dec. 26th 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.

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 2017 fair, we encourage you to bring your calf back to show in the 2nd year bucket calf class at the 2018 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Since everyone will be verifying weigh-in information in 4HOnline, all 4-H beef exhibitors must have an “active” status (be enrolled in 4-H) at the time of weigh-in.

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 2018 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.

<i>Jayson Akridge</i>	<i>Payton Akridge</i>
<i>Trenedy Allen</i>	<i>Addie Banwart</i>
<i>Thad Banwart</i>	<i>Colleen Cook</i>
<i>Corinne Cook</i>	<i>Grace Gellerman</i>
<i>Aylee Herke</i>	<i>Abbie Morton</i>
<i>Mya Morton</i>	<i>Wyatt Rose</i>
<i>Isaac Strohmman</i>	<i>Abner Zaugg</i>

Jaxon Zaugg
Madison Fay
Morgan Hellyer

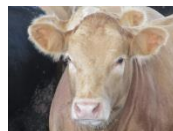
Tabatha Zitterich
Monica Hellyer

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

<i>Madelyn Anderson</i>	<i>Brent Blake</i>
<i>Kaleb Borchers</i>	<i>Lucas Carter</i>
<i>Tate Carter</i>	<i>Ella Casey</i>
<i>Cael Currans</i>	<i>Hudson Williamson</i>
<i>Elyssa Flannegan</i>	<i>Lillian Wickman</i>
<i>Teagan Hanson</i>	<i>Braelyn Henaman</i>
<i>Mylee Hoffman</i>	<i>Andrew Hohensee</i>
<i>Hudson Holscher</i>	<i>Kamryn Hough</i>
<i>Shea Johnson</i>	<i>Jenna Joyce</i>
<i>Remmington Laidig</i>	<i>Rueger Laidig</i>
<i>Alexis Longman</i>	<i>Jenna Longman</i>
<i>Alexis Louwagie</i>	<i>Jaquelynn Magana</i>
<i>Lucas Malm</i>	<i>Kaylee Masese</i>
<i>Cecilia Mielke</i>	<i>Lily Morwitzer</i>
<i>Grace Murphy</i>	<i>Pierce Naeve</i>
<i>Zoe Ohrtman</i>	<i>Austyn Orr</i>
<i>Jesse Powers</i>	<i>Tashina Rasmussen</i>
<i>Matthew Reding</i>	<i>Lachlan Rooda</i>
<i>Latham Rooda</i>	<i>Kyson Schultz</i>
<i>Brileigh Simington</i>	<i>Tannya Strohmman</i>
<i>Reese Taylor</i>	<i>Maysen Theesfeld</i>
<i>Mica Theesfeld</i>	<i>Caitlin Thorsbakken</i>
<i>Noah Thorsbakken</i>	<i>Logan Treiber</i>
<i>Norah West</i>	

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.



2018 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 2018 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza on Saturday, February 3rd 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 and participation in this program will meet the FSQA/YQCA certification requirement for this year. Deadline to register is January 26th. Sessions will include *Telling it Like It Is* with Darcy Maulsby, author & speaker; *It's Not a Shot in the Dark* with Dr.

Dan Berkland, Sibley Vet Clinic & Mark Jensen, ILCC Beef Instructor; *OUTBREAK!* with Dr. Beth Doran, ISU Extension Beef Specialist; and *Your Bottom Line* with Farm Credit Services of America. ALL 4-H/FFA members and accompanying adults are welcome to participate for the \$5 fee. Click [here](#) for a registration form. Pre-registration is required.

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 28th**, 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, February 10th** 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. Watch for a registration form in your weekly Clover Connect email. Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register will be February 7th. All registered participants will receive a letter with more details. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun event!

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 17th** 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. Watch for a registration form in your weekly Clover Connect email. Pre-registration is required.

Sign Painting Workshop

Palo Alto County Extension is in the process of planning a Sign Painting Workshop for **Saturday,**

January 27th from 9:00-noon in the Extension Office meeting room. Diann Minion from Estherville will be coming to teach 4-Hers of all ages how to sign paint. Please email jnaig@iastate.edu if you are interested in participating. As it gets closer I will send out an email with your painting choices so we can be prepared for the day. All participants will take home a painted sign. Cost will be approximately \$30 with all supplies furnished.

Cooking & Sharing Workshop

Do you like to cook? Do you like to try new recipes? Do you like to share what you have made? Well, we have a workshop just for you! Palo Alto 4-H is inviting all 4-Hers to participate in a Cooking & Sharing Workshop on Tuesday, January 9th beginning at 5:30 PM in the Extension Office Meeting Room. Plans are to prepare 2-4 recipes to share with the community. Younger 4-Hers are asked to bring an adult to help them. Cost is approximately \$10/person and will include supper for the evening. Please email jnaig@iastate.edu if you are interested in participating.

Citizenship Washington Focus

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? Explore these topics at Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF). The 2018 trip is set for June 15-23 at the National 4-H Conference Center in the Washington, DC, area.

CWF is more than just another DC field trip. 4-Hers learn essential civic leadership skills and leave with the tools that will allow them to bring about real change in their communities. Learn more and register at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>. Deadline to register is **Wednesday, January 10th**.

2017-2018 Annual Leader Training: *4-H Builds Resilience*

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 learn more about engaging youth in intentional, meaningful ways. By creating opportunities for youth to make decisions, take on responsibilities, and contribute to improving outcomes for themselves and others, 4-H volunteers are providing opportunities for youth to build mastery in decision making skills as well as reinforce their work towards independence.

This year's training for Palo Alto County club leaders has been scheduled for **Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 PM** at the Palo Alto County Extension Office.

Winter Sports Waiver—Risk Management

Snow means it's the season for 4-H club sledding and skiing trips. There are two things clubs need to remember for proper insurance and risk management coverage:

1. **The club must take out Special Activities coverage** through American Income Life. The regular \$1/yr./member coverage that the Extension Office takes out does not include downhill winter activities, but coverage is provided through the Special Activities program. (<http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance>). January 1, 2012, AIL rolled out a new plan coverage with levels for Special Activity Coverage. In case of an accident, the new plan will provide benefits at the coverage level chosen. (Option A, B, or C at 20, 25, or 30 cents/day/person respectively). Given the minor cost difference between Option A and Option C, and considering that when accidents happen during sledding or skiing they can be rather serious, it would seem prudent to insure at the highest level.
2. **Participation in Downhill Winter Sports (downhill skiing, tobogganing, bobsledding, snow tubing, and ice skating) requires the use of an additional waiver.** You can obtain the [Winter Sports Waiver](#) at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/RMIowa4HWinterSportsPermissionAgreementJan2010.pdf>. (The Jan10 date is the most current version.)

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

4-H'ers: Learn how to apply for state recognition and trips.

Get more involved in 4-H and expand your horizons! If you are a ninth through twelfth grader, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition awards or to represent Iowa in upcoming conferences on the state and national levels.

These include: National 4-H Conference (for 9th-11th grade); National 4-H Congress (for 10th-11th grade); State 4-H Council (10th-11th grade); Iowa

4-H SESS Ambassador (for grades 9-11); and State 4-H Project Awards (9th-12th grade). Contact your county extension office to find out more information about each of these awards or trips.

If you would like to apply, information is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities. The state selection process for the above opportunities will involve:

- submitting an online application including 5 to 6 short answer questions
- gathering and putting together up to 2 pages of support material
- an interview at Iowa State University Campus on Saturday, March 24th

The online application deadline is 11:59 PM, February 1st.

****2018 Scholarship Information** Applications Open November 20, 2017 through February 1, 2018**

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-Hers 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.

2018 Undergraduate 4-H Scholarships

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.

Within the application is a section to send the request to each reference for a letter to be submitted on your

behalf. Please begin your application in a timely fashion to give your references time to submit their letter.

All 4-H scholarship applications are due **February 1, 2018**, 11:59 p.m.

A list of scholarships and qualifications can be found at the application site and [HERE](#).

2018 State Fair Livestock Updates

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>

Dairy Cattle—will require a registration #

Horse—registration papers for halter classes will be required

Meat Goat—birthdate will be required on all breeding does

Additional Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine ID'd between May 16th—June 15th are AK-SAR-BEN only animals!

State Fair Changes & Reminders

Beef—split Hereford heifers into polled & horned classes

Horse—halter class horses MUST be owned and papers must be in 4h Online

- split Pony Halter Class into mares & geldings
- split Pony Walk/Trot into English walk/trot and Western walk/trot
- split Pony Pleasure into Pony Hunter Under Saddle and Pony Western Pleasure

Meat Goats—birthdate field now required

- no clipping or shearing in the barn at the State Fair
- no altering physical appearance of animal through topical or internal administration of substance

Rabbit—check-in at the State Fair on Wednesday afternoon and evening, not on Thursday

Swine—tentatively using a declared weight system

Livestock Youth Events for 2018

- 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza - March 23-25 @ Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls.
- Animal Science Roundup applications will be due March 1st
- Skillathons at the State Fair for teams of 3 for the following species:
 - Meat Goats
 - Sheep
 - Swine

2018 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

Tentative dates have been set for the 2018 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! Plans are to run the fair from Thursday, July 19th through Sunday, July 22nd with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building to be judged on Tuesday, July 17th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Event judging will be held on Tuesday, July 10th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 14th. Livestock entries will be due on Friday, June 29th. Any changes to this will be posted in future newsletters.

Application Available for DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Community Improvement Projects

We are happy to report that the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants are back for 2017-18. Applications should be turned into county extension offices by Jan. 16th and will then be forwarded with our support by the Jan. 30th deadline. You can find information, application tips, application, and a promotion brochure for these grants on the Iowa 4-H website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants. Grants can be awarded from \$50 to \$500 but typically will not exceed half of the cost of the total project as groups are encouraged to work at obtaining local support as a match.

Successful projects are those that enlist partnerships with other community entities, demonstrate engagement by the full 4-H club, and make a positive impact on the community. Send questions regarding the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants to Brenda Allen at bsallen@iastate.edu.

2018 Equine Extravaganza – March 23-25

Held at Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls. We all know that having horses requires more than riding and jumping! Get motivated to learn more about the science behind horses at Equine Extravaganza! It isn't too soon to start gathering a team! Information from previous years is available. Check back for 2018 information and registration. If you have never participate before, consider attending this year and observing or jump right in!

JoAnn Fabrics in Partnership with 4-H

Customers can get a free 4-H Reward Card that will allow them to receive a 15% discount on their total in-

store and online purchases every day! A minimum of 2.5% goes back to 4-H as a donation. 30% of the donation goes to the National 4-H Council and 70% goes to the State 4-H Program. [More Information](#). Watch the website for service projects and great deals for 4-H.

4-H Sewing Workshop

A 4-H Sewing Workshop was held at the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Saturday, November 11th. Seven 4-H members enjoyed a day of sewing, pizza, and fellowship. Participants learned some basic sewing skills while sewing a Fold & Stitch Wreath. Because of a grant from the Palo Alto County Gaming and Development Corporation sewing machines and sewing supplies were provided for the group. Directions were also provided to all participants so they could go home and make more wreaths, giving them a chance to practice their newly learned skills. Hopefully we will see some of them at the fair!

4-Hers attending the workshop included Becca Licht, Paula Licht, Rachel Chapman, Olivia Anderson, Isabella Anderson, Kennedy Schurg, and Hannah Noethe.



4-H Christmas Candy Workshop

A 4-H Candy Making Workshop was held at the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Saturday, December 9th. Eleven 4-H members enjoyed a day of candy making, pizza, and a Christmas craft. Participants learned to make six 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 Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter Pretzel Bites, Dipped Ritz Caramel Cookies, Peppermint Red Velvet Fudge, Marshmallow Popcorn Balls, Rocky Road Peanut Clusters, and Christmas Puppy Chow.

4-Hers attending the workshop included Ben Hurley, Claire Kassel, Paula Licht, Samantha Davis, Jadyn Joyce, Kylie Hoffman, Patience Wiita, Thomas Woodford, Delaney Joyce, Rebecca Licht, and Aliza Woodford. We would like to extend a special thanks

to the adults that helped with the workshop – Devona Perkins, Jody Leuer, and Billy Jo Hoffman.



4-H Membership Cost Decreased in Palo Alto County

MaxYield Cooperative announced recently that they are continuing their commitment to Palo Alto County 4-H members and clubs by decreasing the cost of enrollment in the youth program.

“We are continuing our support of local 4-H clubs and our commitment to 4-H,” said Chad Meyer, MaxYield client relations/communications director. “Recently, we presented a contribution for \$10.00 per 4-H member in Palo Alto County to decrease the cost of 4-H membership.”

Meyer said the cooperative has two goals in providing the program. “First, we want to make 4-H an affordable youth program for local families. Secondly, by paying a portion of each 4-H member’s enrollment fee, we are able to continue our mission in supporting 4-H so that each member benefits.”

The cooperative contributed nearly \$1200 to Palo Alto County Extension.

“We believe that 4-H is one of the cornerstones in developing youth and 4-H provides an excellent foundation to build strong families in this area. 4-H also provides a great way for young people to learn more about agriculture and its exciting future,” commented Meyer.

MaxYield Cooperative is a local farmer-owned cooperative serving members and clients in Iowa, and southern Minnesota. Founded in 1915, MaxYield Cooperative is headquartered in West Bend, Iowa. More information about the cooperative can be found online at www.MaxYieldCooperative.com and www.FromTheField.com.



4-H County Council Wants You to Vote!

The Palo Alto 4-H County Council held their annual Christmas party at the Extension Office on Sunday evening, Dec. 17th. Members enjoyed an evening of gingerbread house making and pizza. Now they would like you to vote for your favorite gingerbread house! Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L3HTB5J> and place your vote today! Voting ends on Jan. 1st.



Entry #3

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.



Entry #1



Entry #2

Birthdays

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

January

JT Schrieber
Page Wiita
Remmington Laidig
Matthew Poepe
Ashton Beal
Braelyn Henaman
Audrey Kirk
Noah Gerber
Ian Montag
Isabell Gehrt
Abbie Morton
Lucas Carter
Drake Mehan
Matthew Reding
Jenna Joyce
Madisen Fay
Nolan King
Presleigh August

February

Mackenzie Berkland
Madison Norris
Corinne Cook
Brady Harris
Liberty Corderman
Mackenzie Hoffman
Ava Salas
Addison Hansen
Gabriel Swift
Gracie Marcellus
Lincoln Schurg
Kristen Kassel
Abigail Hoffman
Gavin Swift
Grace Olesen
Makaylah Thate
Wyatt Kreutner
Ava Swift
Savannah Faulkner
Cecilia Mielke
Kaylee Masese
Kyson Schultz
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