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Dates to Remember

June 27-29	Iowa 4-H Youth Conference & Animal Science Roundup, ISU Campus, Ames, IA
June 30	LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY DAY – all animal entries & stall fees due in office for the Palo Alto Co. Fair
JULY	
July 1	2017 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship Apps due in county office
July 1	Iowa State Fair Livestock/Horticulture entries due in 4HOnline
July 1	Deadline to ID Rabbits & Poultry in 4HOnline
July 1	Iowa State Fair Volunteer & Staff apps due online
July 2	Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30-5:00 PM @ office
July 2	Dog Practice – 5:00 PM @ fairgrounds
July 2	Horse Practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds
July 3	2017 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship Apps due in county office
July 4	Office Closed – 4 th of July Holiday
July 9	Dog Practice – 5:00 PM @ fairgrounds
July 9	Horse Practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds
July 10	4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. & Shooting – 4:00 PM @ Sportsman’s Park (please note earlier time)
July 11	Clothing Event Judging at office – 4:00-8:00 PM
July 15	Fair Clean-up – 8:30 AM until finished – fairgrounds
July 15	Relay for Life @ Soper Park – 3:00-10:00 PM
July 16	Dog Practice – 5:00 PM @ fairgrounds
July 16	Horse Practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds
July 18	Pre-Fair Judging Day – for all static (non-livestock) exhibits – check-in – 9:00-11:00 AM
July 20	Horticulture Judging – 9:30-noon in Exhibits Building
July 20-23	PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR
July 24	Clay County Fair Entries due in county office

AUGUST

- Aug. 6 Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30-5:00 PM @ office
- Aug. 7 State Fair exhibits due in office by noon**
- Aug. 10-20 IOWA STATE FAIR**
- Aug. 14 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. & Shooting – 6:30 PM @ Sportsman’s Park
- Aug. 15 Record Book Workshop – 8:30-4:00, come & go, @ office**
- Aug. 20 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 4-H Exhibits Building, ISF
- Aug. 21 State Fair Exhibits Pick-up Day
- Aug. 21 Solar Eclipse Camp – more details coming

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 3 Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30-5:00 PM @ office
- Sept. 4 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 9-17 Clay County Fair
- Sept. 15 Record Keeping Systems/Award Forms due to club leaders**
- Sept. 17 **Pedal with Pete – Bike Ride for Cerebral Palsy – meet @ fairgrounds at 2:00 PM**
- Sept. 19 Monte Thompson Progressive Ag Safety Day for 1st & 2nd graders @ Fairgrounds

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

Palo Alto County Fair is Online

Check this out! <http://www.paloaltocountyfair.com/>
Keep checking as more links and info will be added.
A complete fair schedule can also be found here.

Palo Alto County Livestock Fair Entry Day – June 30th

AGAIN THIS YEAR FAIR ENTRY DAY IS ONLY FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS.

All 4-H/FFA members with livestock/animal entries will need to turn in a 2017 Livestock/Animal Entry Form by **Friday, June 30th**. This form will include the stall fees (if any) and numbers that are needed for our superintendents to make pen assignments for fair. Leaders will have copies of the form and the form will also be available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h>.

NON-LIVESTOCK ENTRIES – All exhibits to be brought to the fair on our pre-fair judging day will still need to be listed on a form but the form will just need to come with the exhibits on judging day, Tuesday, July 18th. The form is similar to last year. Leaders

will have copies of the form and the form will also be available online at the above website. If you have any questions about the forms, please feel free to call the office at 712-852-2865.

***Attention Market Animal Exhibitors:**

- ✓ Please turn in your beef, market swine, market lamb, meat goat, and horse drug affidavits to the office **with your livestock entry form**. Exhibitors should have received these in the mail. Exhibitors who plan to exhibit more than one of the listed 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, meat goat, beef, dairy, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors – all must be FSQA or YQCA 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.
- ✓ All market beef, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, bottle lambs, bucket/bottle calves, and swine 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.

Fairgrounds Clean-Up

- When: Saturday, July 15th, beginning at 8:30 AM**
- Who: We need all 4-Hers, and any parents, leaders, brothers, sisters, and friends who would be willing to help.**
- What: Bring brooms, rags, pails, weed trimmers, basic tools, etc.**

- * Again this year – Donuts will be served by the Fair Board.
- * Wear old clothes!

Fair Book

Since we no longer print a fair book for everyone, the fair book is updated every year instead of every other year like we used to. The updated fair book is now available on our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h. If you do not have internet access and would like a printed copy,

please let us know and we will print one out for you. We can also print out specific sections.

*When writing up your fair entry tag please be sure to check the NEW fair book for the current class numbers. These can change from time to time.

2017 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship Program

The 2017 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding high school seniors who have actively participated in the Palo Alto County Fair. This year two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded on Thursday evening during the Palo Alto County Fair.

Eligibility:

High school seniors who will graduate with the Class of 2017 are eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- o Actively participate in the Palo Alto County Fair (past or present);
- o Plan to enroll in any accredited two-year or four-year college or university

Selection:

The selection committee will consider the following criteria for selection when reviewing the applications:

- o Exhibits/Performances/Participation at the Palo Alto County Fair (30 pts.)
- o Essay explaining the impact the Palo Alto County Fair has had on your life (25 pts.)
- o Extracurricular and community activities; community service/volunteerism (25 pts.)
- o Paragraph explaining favorite fair memory/event (10 pts.)
- o Paragraph explain your future plans (10 pts.)

Click [here](#) for an application or go to our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h. Application deadline is July 1.

Clay County Fair Entries – Due July 24th in Palo Alto Office

This year Clay County Fair entries will be due in the Palo Alto County Extension Office on **Monday, July 24th**. From July 25th through August 15th families may enter directly to the Clay County Extension Office for an additional fee of \$25. Families will need to provide summary sheet, FSQA certificate, animal IDs, entry cards, and payment to the Clay County office to be processed.

*The Clay County Fair Book is posted online at www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/page/clay-county-fair-information.

Substitute Showman Policy

Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence we are requiring livestock exhibitors who know in advance that they are not going to be present to show their own animal(s) at the fair to file an application for a substitute showman no later than **July 10th** to the Palo Alto County Extension Office. At that time exhibitors will be asked to name a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be an eligible Palo Alto County 4-H/FFA member. Exceptions for the July 10th deadline will include injury, serious illness, bereavement, other state 4-H/FFA activities, unforeseen events, or other extreme emergency situations. Exceptions will be taken up until the start of the respective animal show with a contact made to the Extension office/fair office. Applications will be available at the Extension office. The Youth Committee reserves the right to reject any application. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold animal(s) exhibited by an alternate showman from the premium auction.

Costume Class for ALL Bucket/Bottle Classes

All bucket/bottle animal exhibitors are encouraged to get creative and start planning a fun costume for their animals. There will be two classes – one for bucket/bottle calves and one for bottle lambs and goats. The costume classes will be held immediately following the Bottle Lamb/Meat Goat Show (approximately 6:30 PM) on Friday, July 21st. Bucket/bottle calves will show first with the bottle lambs/meat goats to follow.

Fair Exhibitor T-shirts



This year all 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be expected to wear their new fair T-shirt that they received last year to show their animals in at the fair. Additional T-shirts will be available during the fair for a cost of \$8.00. The green T-shirts with

the pavilion on the front will no longer be acceptable show attire. **All new 4-Hers will get a free t-shirt when they bring their first 4-H exhibits to the fair.**

2017 State Fair 4-H Livestock/Horticulture Entry Deadline

These are due July 1 at 11:59 PM. State Fair livestock entries no longer go through our office. Exhibitors are to make entry online through the Fair Entry system. All payments, whether by check or

credit card will go directly to the State Fair Office. You will need to send a copy of your invoice along with your personal check if you use that payment method. Click [here](#) for an entry help sheet to help you navigate the website. Let me know if you have any questions.

Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock> for other important information:

- Drug Affidavits
- 2017 Premium Book
- Exhibitor Ticket Order Form
- Exhibitor Letters
- Species-related announcements & updates

Iowa State Fair 4-H Information Available

Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Books, Rules, Schedule

<http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/categories/#4-h/>

See also Livestock info:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/livestock.htm>

And State Fair 4-H webpage:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/>

Important Information For Swine Exhibitors

According to House File 557, all swine that are part of an exhibition (fair swine show) now have to be “tracked” when they leave the fairgrounds. The positive part of this is that now pigs can go home from our fair and be shown at other shows. Pigs no longer have to be quarantined for 30 days and have a negative pseudorabies test after they leave an exhibition. What this does mean for counties is that every pig that comes to the fair will need to be listed on a form with its destination address following the Palo Alto County Fair. **NO EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE SWINE OFF THE FAIRGROUNDS WITHOUT STOPPING AT THE FAIR OFFICE AND FILLING OUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK FIRST.** The fair board has adopted the policy that swine must go to one of these 3 places upon leaving the fairgrounds:

- 1) To the packer chosen by the fair
- 2) Directly to the locker (exhibitor must provide address for the locker)
- 3) Return to the address of the premise ID prior to coming to the fair without changing ownership

This policy will keep us from requiring exhibitors to have health papers before they can take their swine

off the fairgrounds since no change of ownership will occur.

*Swine Exhibitors: You will need a premise ID number if the location of our 4-H swine does not already have one. Applications are available at the office or at <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiselDapp.pdf>

2017 Palo Alto County Fair Animal Show Schedule

Thursday, July 20th

Dog Agility Show	9:00 AM
Dog Obedience Show	10:30 AM
Dairy Show	2:00 PM
Poultry Show	3:00 PM
Sheep Show	4:00 PM
Open Class Hog Show	7:00 PM

Friday, July 21st

Swine Show	8:00 AM
Meat Goat Show	11:30 AM
Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews	2:00 PM
Bottle Lamb/Goat Interviews	4:00 PM
Bucket/Bottle Calf Show	5:30 PM
Bottle Lamb/Goat Show	following calves
Bottle Animal Costume Classes	following lambs/ meat goats

*Calves 1st, Lambs/Meat Goats 2nd

Horse Show – Game Classes	7:00 PM
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Saturday, July 22nd

Beef Show	8:00 AM
Horse Show	9:00 AM
Pet Show	1:30 PM
Rabbit Show	2:00 PM

Sunday, July 23rd

Pony Express Open Class Horse Show	9:30 AM
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*Times are approximate and subject to change.

*All livestock/animals to be exhibited at fair are to be on the fairgrounds by 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 20th (the first day of fair). Exception – animals to be weighed in and/or tested (poultry).

***All livestock and non-livestock exhibits will be released from the fair on Sunday afternoon, July 23rd, at 12:30 PM unless 4-Her/FFA member has gone through the process to request an early dismissal and it is approved by the fairboard.**

***Reminder: Livestock/Animal Entry Form & Drug Affidavits** – This paperwork was mailed out to all 4-Hers a couple of weeks ago. Please turned these forms in together no later than **Friday, June 30th**. If you are bringing any sort of animal you need to let us know on the form. Besides beef, swine, sheep, meat

goats, dairy cattle, horses, and bucket/bottle animals, this also includes rabbits, poultry, dogs, and pets. Clover Kids bringing animals just need to turn in the livestock/animal entry form. Click [here](#) for a form if you can't find yours.

Animal Camps & Workshops

Each summer our Extension Office is notified about a number of animal camps, workshops, trainings, open shows, etc. that are open to all 4-Hers in the state of Iowa. If you are interested in attending a camp, show or workshop on a specific specie/animal and not afraid to travel, we may have just the opportunity for you. You just need to inquire. Call 712-852-2865 or email jnaig@iastate.edu and I will share any information sent to me.

Need fair help? Having problems with your fair write-ups, entry forms, or just questions about a specific exhibit? Just call Julie and set up a time to come to the office and she would be very willing to help you! You just need to ask! Call 712-852-2865.

Non-Livestock Exhibit Help

The state 4-H website has some great online help for 4-H members exhibiting in the non-livestock areas.

4-Hers are encouraged to go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects and select the area they are interested in exhibiting in. On the right hand side of that page 4-Hers can get exhibit ideas and links to resources from the project "hot sheet". Below that there is an "exhibit tip sheet" which can help members know what the judge is looking for. Below that is a "poster tip sheet" for members wanting to design a poster in that project area. Also included is a fair information form (what we used to call our fair entry tag) which members should print out and put with their exhibit. This piece can be downloaded as a word document or an editable PDF.

Members should answer the 3 questions:

- What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- What steps did you take to learn to do this? Explain what you did so it is easily understood. The judge wants to know and understand the steps you used to make your exhibit.
- What were the most important things you learned?

One more piece that is included is an "exhibit evaluation form". This is a form listing the criteria that the judge will use when evaluating the exhibit.

It is our hope that this will take out a lot of the "guess work" as far as exhibiting at the county fair. Please feel free to call the Extension Office with any questions.

Copyright – Visual Arts

As you design visual art exhibits it is important to get permission from the original artist if you copy their work. You need to respect the artist's rights. You can be creative and do your own original work. You will be judged on workmanship and technique and the judge can ask about source of design – is this an original idea or did you copy/borrow it from another artist. If you "copied" it you should get permission from the artist.

Copyright and 4-H Exhibits, including posters and display boards

We are emphasizing proper citation. The judge would like to know where you found the information you are sharing – did you find it in a magazine article, did you find the recipe in a cook book? Cite the source – name of book, magazine, web site and include date, month and year of publication (i.e. Family Fun magazine, pg. 23 of Sept. 10, 2011 issue) A typical basic citation for web sources: Information retrieved from <http://www.listthesourcewhatever> and include the date month year.

More Copyright Info for Fair – Here is a video explaining copyright. You can access the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8N_X2sRvTk&feature=youtu.be. For a matrix to help with copyright click [here](#). As you prepare fair exhibits please take a look at these important pieces and if this doesn't answer your questions feel free to ask!

Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge Judging

Judging for Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge will be held **Tuesday, July 11th**, beginning at **4:00 PM**. We are hoping that might help our 4-Hers with working parents get to and from the event. Remember that any 4-Her can participate. We will also be simplifying the paperwork for the judging for our senior 4-H members (those in 9-12 grades).

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. Good-will, 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 June 30th if you are planning to participate. A schedule for judging will 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 level. The 2017 Awardrobe Clothing Event (state level event) will be held on Friday, August 11th in the Memorial Union on the ISU campus.

AGAIN in 2017 – Participants can participate more than once in the same category (Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and \$15 Challenge) at the state level. However, they can only participate in one category each year.

* Remember that Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge is 2 projects: July 11th and again taken to the fair on July 18th.

4-H Communications Judging

Again this year working exhibits and educational presentations will be done during the Palo Alto County Fair. They will be scheduled for **Friday, July 21st beginning at noon**. We are looking at doing them in the old country schoolhouse on the fair-grounds. 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 2017 Palo Alto County Fair – time to be determined. 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 the event. Entries will be judged and 3 acts will be chosen to

perform at the Iowa State Fair and 2 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.).

Looking for an entry form? Check out our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h and scroll down towards the bottom of the page. There will be a green heading titled "Fair Entry Forms".

Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide

This is a great new piece for 4-Hers questioning whether a recipe is an acceptable recipe to use as a fair exhibit. Click [here](#) for your copy!

2017 Challenge Class for Food & Nutrition

Cherry Bars

(Recipe courtesy of allrecipies.com)

Ingredients:

For the bars:

1 cup butter, softened
1-3/4 cups sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling

For the glaze:

1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
3 tablespoons milk

Glaze Directions:

In a small bowl, mix powdered sugar, extracts and milk.

Bar Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan.
2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Beat in the eggs and vanilla.
4. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir into the creamed mixture.
5. Reserve 1-1/2 cups of dough and spread the rest into a bottom of prepared pan.
6. Cover this layer evenly with cherry pie filling.
7. Drop tablespoon size scoops of dough over filling. Carefully spread the scoops a little leaving some filling exposed.
8. Bake 35 minutes or until top is golden brown. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack - about 2 hours.

9. Make glaze according to above directions and drizzle over top of cooled bars.
10. Bring three 2"x2" bars to your designated club judging time the Tuesday of fair week. One piece must be a corner, one an edge, and one a center piece. Place bars on a firm paper plate or piece of flat cardboard inside a plastic bag.



(Cherry Bars after baking, before glaze.)

12501 – Challenge Class

NOTE: Google, Pinterest, and Wikipedia are search engines/clearinghouses. 4-H members need to find the original source. A help sheet to do this is available at the Extension Office or on our website
www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h

Open Classes at the Palo Alto County Fair

The Palo Alto County Fair will again be offering open class competition at the 2017 fair, July 20-23, in photography, food, and garden. There will be two divisions in each area consisting of youth age 17 and under and adult. Exhibitors will be allowed up to 6 entries in photography and 8 entries in each food and garden. Premiums will be paid to entries in all classes except the photography challenge classes. Photography will include both color and black & white photos in classes of: people, scenic, building/architecture, nature, and animals. There will also be two challenge classes – “Small Town Treasurers” and “Native Prairies”. The top three photos in each challenge class, youth and adult, will receive cash prizes of \$50/first, \$25/ second and \$10/third place. The Conservation class “Native Prairies” is sponsored by the Palo Alto County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Food classes will include baked goods in the classes of yeast breads, quick breads, cookies, and cakes. Garden classes will include vegetables, flowers, and pails of posies.

Full list of rules, classes, and entry information will be posted on www.paloaltocountyfair.com by May 2nd. For additional information contact photography superintendent, Clyde Johnson, at 515-320-0669 or

clydejohnson1977@gmail.com or food/garden superintendent, Devona Perkins, at 712-490-6611 or manager@paloaltocountyfair.com.

2017 Iowa State Fair Communications Dates for Palo Alto County

Educational Presentations: Sunday, August 13th – PM; Thursday, August 17th – PM; Friday, August 18th – AM; Friday, August 18th – PM

Working Exhibits: Sunday, August 13th – PM; Thursday, August 17th – PM; Friday, August 18th – PM

Share-the-Fun: Sunday, August 13th – 1:00 PM; Friday, August 18th – noon; Friday, August 18th – 5:00 PM.

2017 Fair Animal Check-In Schedule

Wednesday, July 19th – Beef Weigh-In

6:00-8:30 PM – all lead calves and pens of three (feeder pens)

6:00-7:00 PM – all market sheep

POULTRY

*should come in on Wednesday at 6:00 PM – Birds 6 weeks and older will be required to undergo a pullorum-typhoid test before being unloaded – with the exception of broilers being harvested after fair. Bob & Julie Moran will be doing this for us again this year. Ducks and geese will be checked for Avian Flu on Thursday morning.

Thursday, July 20th – Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goats Weigh-In

SWINE: 8:00-9:30 AM – weigh-in at the scale house

MEAT GOATS: 8:00-10:00 AM – weigh-in in the sheep barn

Also On Thursday, July 20th

BUCKET/BOTTLE CALVES & BOTTLE

LAMBS/MEAT GOATS

*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

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 by 8:30 AM on Thursday for the Dog Agility Show at 9:00 AM – are released right after the show

Saturday, July 22nd

PETS – need to be on the grounds by 1:00 PM for the Pet Show at 1:30 PM – are released after the show

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. Make sure you have your non-livestock fair entry form filled out completely with all the exhibits that you brought to the fair.
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 markings are correct and that all exhibits brought have a ribbon marking.
8. Take your entry form to the front desk and turn it in. Failure to turn in your form to the front desk means that your name and ribbons earned won't be in the newspapers and you won't get a premium because premiums are figured off of 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.

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, and what you learned. 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!

Use of 4-H Name & Emblem

As you move into the busy summer activity season, remember to properly use the 4-H Name & Emblem in and on all materials including fair exhibits. Official standards for using the 4-H Name & Emblem are found in "*Using the 4-H Name & Emblem*" at http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/pdfs/using_the_4h_name.pdf. Give special attention to the graphics standards for the 4-H Emblem and proper use of the 4-H Name on pages 2 & 3 of the publication.

2017 Judging Schedule For Exhibits Building Tuesday, July 18th

The 2017 judging schedule for the Exhibits Building for Tuesday, July 18th, will be similar to last year. We will have NO specific times for club judging. 4-H members and Clover Kids should plan to arrive on the fairgrounds from 9:00-11:00 AM. Judging will take place from 9:00-noon. Please plan to arrive NO LATER THAN 11:00 AM so you can be finished by noon. Allow yourself plenty of time – the more exhibits you have the earlier you should arrive.

This pre-fair judging day 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 20th, from 9:30 AM - noon. 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 have your entry form completely filled out before you enter a judging table – extras will be available at the front desk if you forget yours. Also remember to turn it in at the front desk before you leave the building on Tuesday. Premiums and news articles are determined from this form so it is important that we get it back before you leave.

8:30 AM	Judges' Briefing
8:45 AM	Judges' Helpers Briefing
9:00-noon	Judging of Exhibits – at 11:00 AM all exhibitors should be on the fair-grounds with their exhibits ready to be judged
Noon-12:30	LUNCH for judges & helpers @ food stand
12:30-1:30	Judges will make State Fair Selections

- Please note that no one will be allowed in the Exhibits Building when selecting State Fair exhibits except judges' helpers.
- **The Exhibits Building will be closed to the public on Wednesday, July 19th.** 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 12:30 PM on Sunday, July 23rd.** 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 2:00 PM 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 on that Sunday.

Important Note: Vegetable and flower exhibits will be conferenced judged on **Thursday, July 20th (the first day of the fair) from 9:30-noon** 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 horticulture 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 18th, so we will have a chance to get them placed around the fairgrounds before the fair officially begins.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Judging day for all non-livestock exhibits will be Tuesday, July 18th. This is actually a pre-fair judging day as the fair is scheduled to begin July 20th and go through July 23rd. We will need lots of help on the 20th. Any parent, grandparent, or senior 4-Her 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 work. We are anxious to hear from you!

Exhibit Building Host Schedule

Thursday, July 20	10:00-2:30	Cantering 4-Hers
Thursday, July 20	2:30-7:00	Highland Cruisers/ Indep. Boosters
Friday, July 21	10:00-2:30	Fern Valley 4-Hers
Friday, July 21	2:30-7:00	4-H Shooting Sports
Saturday, July 22	10:00-2:30	Graettinger Pirates
Saturday, July 22	2:30-7:00	Junior Clippers
Sunday, July 23	9:00-noon	PARTs (Palo Alto Robo Techs)
Sunday, July 23	noon till done	County Council

2017 Fair Queen Contest

Needed: Fair queen contestants ages 16-21.

How to Enter: Applications are available at www.paloaltocountyfair.com. Entries are due **July 1st**.

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 2017 Palo Alto County Fair Queen will be crowned the first evening of the fair, Thursday, July 20th, 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!*

4-H Style Show

There will be a 4-H Style Show during the fair on **Thursday evening, July 20th, at approximately 7:00 PM** for all 4-Hers to model their clothing exhibits for fairgoers to see. We strongly encourage our 4-Hers 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.

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 – in the open air pavilion

WHEN: Thursday, July 20th at 6:15 PM

DETAILS: Clover Kids should sign up at the fair office on the fairgrounds by 5:00 PM on Thursday and then show up at 6:00 PM 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!

Other Palo Alto County Fair Events Planned by the 4-H County Council

Ag Olympics – scheduled for Friday, July 21st at 1:00 PM on the fairgrounds. Teams of four will race to complete four ag-related activities. Teams can be made up of youth, adults, or both. All members of the winning team will receive a prize.

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 22nd, at approximately 6:00 PM the “anticipation” will begin. Winners will be announced during the rodeo and will receive a cash prize – winners do not need to be present to win.

Watermelon Eating Contest – Do you like watermelon and can you eat it fast? The contest will take place on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3:00 PM on the fairgrounds. There will be 3 age divisions: 12 & under, 13-18 year olds, and adults. Prizes will be awarded. Watermelons will be sponsored by the 4-H County Council. Plan now to come out and have some cool, refreshing fun!

Scavenger Hunt – All youth are invited to come to the fairgrounds on Friday, July 21st at 10:30 AM to explore the fairgrounds while they complete a hunt for answers. Prizes will be awarded to all participants.

Kiss the Swine – held throughout the fair. Vote for your favorite County Council member to kiss the Grand Champion Market Hog at the fair auction! Containers will be located in Exhibits Building. The council member who raises the most money is the winner!

Human Foosball Tournament – Put together a team of 6 people and compete in a human foosball tournament on Friday, July 21st at 7:00 PM. Prizes for the winning team. Show off your soccer skills!

Bean Bag Tournament – Grab a partner and join us for a Bean Bag Tournament on Sunday, July 23rd, beginning at 10:00 AM. Register your team for only \$10. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. Boards and bean bags made by county 4-Hers!

Pancake Omelet Breakfast – County Council is teaming up with the Kiwanis to offer a great breakfast of pancakes, omelets, and sausage prepared by the Kiwanis under the open-air pavilion. Cost is \$6.00/plate. Proceeds will go towards the 4-H program.

County Council Recruitment

Now is the time for senior 4-Hers to consider being a part of the Palo Alto 4-H County Council for 2017-2018. 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-Hers in the county. Any 4-H'er who will be entering **9th grade** or above in the fall is eligible. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested. Applications will be available for pick-up at the office or on the fairgrounds and will need to be turned in before noon on the 20th. 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 20th, at approximately 7:20 PM**. Old and new council members are asked to be present for the installation.

Youth that have graduated and will be leaving our council are: Megan Brown, Eric Sundall, Ryan Kenyon, and Ty Kral. All will be greatly missed!

**Exhibit Release Time – Sunday,
July 24th – 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**

Record Book Workshop

We will be holding a Record Book Workshop on **Tuesday, August 15th, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Extension office for all 4-Hers wanting help in putting together a record book system. Forms will be available at the office but we ask 4-Hers to bring either a 3-ring binder, 4-H folder, memory stick; pictures of projects, events, etc.; newspaper clippings; glue; dividers; logs; and anything else they would like to include in their system. Record keeping systems and award forms are due to club leaders by **September 15th**. More information on this will be mailed out after the fair.

Iowa 4-H Solar Eclipse Day Camp August 21st

On August 21st, a solar eclipse will cross the United States. In Iowa, people will be able to experience a partial eclipse with more than 90% of the sun in the moon's shadow. Watch your Clover Connect for more details for this camp. Camps will be offered at

the West Bend Library and the Palo Alto and Clay County Conservation Boards will offer one on the west side of Lost Island Lake.

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 4-H 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!*

July

Jackson Utesch
Alexis Welter
Celia Lowman
Mica Theesfeld
Braylen King
Maria Santiago
Morgan Schmidt
Rachel Chapman
Tashina Rasmussen
Rachel Miner
Jacob Radebaugh
Trenedy Allen
Jeff Riesenberg

August

Ava Faulkner
Shaylynn Montag
Anna Sorenson
Kadin Norris
Lauryn Hough
Kinsey Kogel
Abigail Schmidt
Frank Reding
Emma Anderson
Jaxon Zaugg
Josi Reiman
Kaleb Borchers
Rylie Frerk
Jenna Longman
Mylee Hoffman
Josephine Joyce
Bentlee Harson
Olivia Chism
Pierce Naeve
Abigale Gehrt
Mitchell Lowman
Megan Brown
Logan Studer
Kinnick Peton

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Palo Alto/Kossuth 4-Hers Attend 2017 4-H Youth Conference

Eight Palo Alto County 4-Hers and one Kossuth 4-Her attended the 2017 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, entitled *Start Your Future Here*, at Iowa State University. The three-day conference, designed to inspire the state's future leaders, hosted more than 735 students and 4-H leaders.

4-Hers who attended from were Alexis Louwagie, Phillip Schmitt – adult chaperone, Aliza Woodford, Lauren Kenyon, Thomas Woodford, Megan Bronk from Kossuth, Ryan Kenyon, Abi Hoffman, Eric Sundall, Kinsey Kogel, and Emily Riesenberg – adult chaperone.

At the conference students participated in workshops, community service, dances, and other social activities. These gatherings and events are designed to create new social networks and to inspire students to reach out to their communities through leadership and service. Participants stayed in the dorms on the ISU campus and attended workshops in many of the campus buildings.

Speakers from across the country came to the conference and presented inspirational stories and speeches.

The 4-H Youth Conference took place June 27th through June 29th.

On behalf of the delegates and chaperones we would like to extend a special thanks to the Palo Alto County 4-H Foundation and the family of Margaret Pratt for their financial support to help county 4-Hers attend this special statewide event.

