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Dates to Remember

JUNE

June 26-28

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference/Animal Science Round-up/Camera Corps @ ISU campus, Ames
LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY DAY – all animal entries & stall fees due in office for the Palo Alto Co. Fair

June 29

JULY

July 1

Iowa State Fair Livestock/Horticulture entries due in 4HOnline

July 1

Deadline to ID rabbits and poultry in 4HOnline

July 1

Iowa State Fair Volunteer & Staff apps due online

July 1

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

July 1

Maxine Sampson Memorial Scholarship - Palo Alto County Fair Apps due in county office

July 1

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

July 1

Dog Practice – 5:00 PM @ fairgrounds

July 1

Horse Practice – 6:00 PM @ fairgrounds

July 2

4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. & Shooting – 6:30 PM @ Sportsman's Park

July 2-Aug. 1

Clay County Fair Entries open online – entries will not go through the Extension Office this year

July 4

Office Closed – 4th of July Holiday

July 8

Dog Practice – 5:00 PM @ fairgrounds

July 8

Horse Practice – 6:00 PM @ fairgrounds

July 10

Clothing Event Judging at office – 4:00-8:00 PM

July 14

Fair Clean-up – 8:30 AM until finished – fairgrounds

July 15

Dog Practice – 5:00 PM @ fairgrounds

July 15

Horse Practice – 6:00 PM @ fairgrounds

July 17

Pre-Fair Judging Day – for all Static (non-livestock) Exhibits – check-in – 9:00-11:00 AM

July 19

Horticulture Judging – 9:30-noon in Exhibits Building

July 19-22

PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST

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| Aug. 6 | State Fair exhibits due in office by noon |
| Aug. 9-19 | IOWA STATE FAIR |
| Aug. 9 | ISF 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event, State Fairgrounds Youth Inn |
| Aug. 14 | Record Book Workshop – 8:30-4:00, come & go, @ office |
| Aug. 19 | Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 4-H Exhibits Building, ISF |
| Aug. 20 | State Fair Exhibits Pick-up Day |
| Sept. 8-16 | Clay County Fair |

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

State Fair Livestock/Horticulture Entries – Due July 1

The process of verifying market animals does NOT constitute an entry for the Iowa State Fair. Exhibitors are to make entry online through the Fair Entry system. State fair livestock and horticulture entries close at **11:59 PM on July 1**. These entries no longer go through our office. All payments, whether by check or credit card will go directly to the State Fair Office. Participants will need to send a copy of their invoice along with a personal check if that is the payment method chosen. Click [here](#) for an entry help sheet to help you navigate the website. Please call if you have any questions.

2018 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Premium Book & Ticket Order Forms – Now Posted!

The 2018 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Premium book is now posted on the [4-H State Fair Livestock](#) page. Here you will also find the Exhibitor Ticket Order form, as well as Youth Inn information. If you plan to show livestock at the Iowa State Fair, I strongly encourage you to look over this page of information.

Palo Alto County Livestock Fair Entry Day – June 29th

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 2018 Livestock/Animal Entry Form by **Friday, June 29th**. 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 17th. 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 14th, 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. Remember to wear old clothes!

Fair Book

The 2018 Fair Book is now completed and is on our website at

www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h. This is a must see if you plan to bring exhibits to the Palo Alto County Fair. The fair book includes rules, fair classes and descriptions, premiums, etc. Please read before you exhibit!

***A number of static exhibit class numbers have changed and some of the past classes have been split into more than one class for clarification. Please use the new class numbers when filling out entry tags.**

2018 Maxine Sampson Memorial Scholarship Program – Palo Alto County Fair

The Maxine Sampson Memorial Scholarship Program - Palo Alto County Fair 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 2018 are eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Actively participate in the Palo Alto County Fair (past or present);
- 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:

- Exhibits/Performances/Participation at the Palo Alto County Fair (30 pts.)
- Essay explaining the impact the Palo Alto County Fair has had on your life (25 pts.)
- Extracurricular and community activities; community service/volunteerism (25 pts.)
- Paragraph explaining favorite fair memory/event (10 pts.)
- 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. (I will accept them Monday morning since July 1st is on a Sunday.)

NEW: Clay County Fair Entries – To Be Done Online

This will be done completely different than in past years. There will be NO entry cards. Entries will be made online and paid for online – you will not need to come to the office to do this. Fair Entry will be open for entry from July 2-August 1 (there will still be a late entry period August 2-15 for a \$25 fee). Starting on

July 2nd there will be a direct link to Fair Entry which I will post in a future Clover Connect.

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 1st** 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 1st 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. Applicants may be asked to attend a Youth Committee or Fairboard meeting to explain their reason for the application.

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 20th. Bucket/bottle calves will show first with the bottle lambs/meat goats to follow.

Open Class Exhibitors – remember to bring your poster to be hung in your stall! Refer to the letter sent out in June with all the details of what to include on it. Can't wait to see them!

Fair Exhibitor T-shirts



Again this year all 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be expected to wear their fair T-shirt that they received two years ago 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.**

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/premiseIDapp.pdf>

Animal Camps & Workshops

Each spring our Extension Office is notified about a number of animal camps, workshops, trainings, etc. that are open to all 4-Hers in the state of Iowa. If you are interested in attending a camp 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.

2018 Palo Alto County Fair Animal Show Schedule

Thursday, July 19th

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| Dog Agility Show | 9:00 AM |
| Dog Obedience Show | 10:30 AM |
| Rabbit Show | 12:00 PM |
| Dairy Show | 2:00 PM |
| Poultry Show | 3:00 PM |

Friday, July 20th

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| Swine Show | 8:00 AM |
| Sheep Show | 11:30 AM |
| Meat Goat Show | 1:00 PM |
| Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews | 1:00 PM |
| Bottle Lamb/Goat Interviews | 4:00 PM |
| Bucket/Bottle Calf Show & 2 nd Yr. Bucket Calves | 5:30 PM |
| Bottle Lamb/Meat Goat Show | following calves |
| Bottle Animal Costume Class | following lambs/ meat goats |
| Horse Show – Game Classes | 7:00 PM |

Saturday, July 21st

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| Beef Show | 8:00 AM |
| Horse Show – Performance | 9:00 AM |
| Pet Show | 1:30 PM |

* 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 19th (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 22nd, at 12:30 PM.**

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 <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list> and select the area they are interested in exhibiting in. On that page 4-Hers can get exhibit ideas and links to resources from the project “hot sheet”. Also included is an “exhibit tip sheet” which can help members know what the judge is looking for. There is also a “poster tip sheet” for members wanting to design a poster in that project area.

As 4-Hers complete exhibits they need to complete a fair entry tag which contains the three questions below. This tag then needs to be attached to the exhibit. To obtain an entry tag click [here](#).

The three questions are:

- 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?

*Please note that photography, poster art, and flower and vegetable exhibits have a different tag.

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. I will also have all the fair forms, entry tags, etc. here at the office for pick-up and I would be more than happy to go through them with you.

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”.

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 10th**, 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 July 9th 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 2018 Awardrobe Clothing Event (state level event) will be held on Thursday, August 9th at the State Fairgrounds Youth Inn.

AGAIN in 2018 – 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 10th and again taken to the fair as an exhibit on July 17th.

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 20th beginning at noon**. We are looking at doing them in the old country schoolhouse on the fairgrounds. 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 – 712-852-2865!

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 2018 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.).

Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs Quick Reference Guide for Exhibits

This is a must-read for all exhibitors planning to exhibit foods at the county fair! It was just updated this month. This piece tells you what you can and can't exhibit, lists resources, contact info if you have questions, etc.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/6434.pdf>.

2018 Challenge Class for Food & Nutrition

Rules:

1. Open to all 4-H members & Clover Kids.
2. Entries in this class will not be eligible for state fair. A designated judge will judge all entries in the class and select winners. This class WILL be conferenced judged.
3. An entry should include 3 standard-sized decorated cupcakes on a paper plate/flat piece of cardboard. Limit – one entry per exhibitor.
4. Entries should be brought to fairgrounds on judging day with their other exhibits.

5. 4-H members will need to include the fair entry tag with their entry (the same form that is used with their other exhibits – the one with the 3 questions). This should be attached in the same manner as with any of their other static exhibits.
6. There will also be a division for Clover Kids. Clover Kids entries should have a 3x5 index card attached to their entry with the following information:
Name _____
Division Clover Kid – Challenge Class
7. All entries will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon with the exception of Clover Kids who will get a special ribbon. 4-Hers will receive a premium for their entry just like they do for their other entries: Blue - \$2.00, Red - \$1.50, White - \$1.00
8. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected from the entries. Medallions will be awarded to these top two entries.
9. All entries are to remain in the Exhibits Building until the release of all other exhibits which will be Sunday afternoon at 12:30 PM. The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time.

Challenge Class Recipe: Please follow these recipes exactly:

Decorated Chocolate Cupcakes

Chocolate "Wacky Cake" Cupcake Recipe

Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 tbsp. cocoa
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2/3 cup salad oil
- 2 tbsp. vinegar
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Line standard-sized cupcake pan with paper cupcake liners.
3. Measure all dry ingredients into bowl and whisk to combine. Make a large hole in the dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, combine salad oil and vinegar. Pour this into the hole. Pour the water over entire mixture. Mix until completely combined. Add vanilla and stir.
4. Using an ice cream scoop that holds approximately 3 tbsp. (such as the large Pampered Chef scoop), divide mixture into the cupcake liners.

- Bake for 25-30 minutes, removing from the oven as soon as a toothpick comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting.

Buttercream Frosting Recipe

Source – www.wilton.com

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ½ cup solid vegetable shortening (Crisco)
- ½ cup butter (softened)
- 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar (approximately 1 lb.)
- 2 tbsp. milk

Directions:

- In large bowl, beat shortening and butter with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla.
- Gradually add sugar, one cup at a time, beating well on medium speed. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl often. When all sugar has been mixed in, icing will appear dry.
- Gradually add milk; beat at medium speed until light and fluffy.
- Hint: Keep bowl covered with plastic wrap until ready to use.

Rules for Decorating:

- Frosting may be colored by using liquid food coloring or paste.
- Use of decorating bags and tips is permitted.
- Must display 3 decorated cupcakes on plate. They don't have to all be the same but should like nice together. Get creative!!!
- Use only the frosting above to decorate – no purchased decorations, sprinkles, beads, colored sugars, eyes, etc. allowed.

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 2018 fair, July 19-22, 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 – Beautiful Iowa “Bountiful Harvest” and Conservation Iowa “Windbreaks for Wildlife”. 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 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.

A full list of rules, classes, and entry information is posted on www.paloaltocountyfair.com. 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.

RED STAR Yeast Competition – Back for 2018

Open class food entries containing **RED STAR** Yeast are eligible for this competition. Entries **must** have the empty **RED STAR** Yeast packet attached to the entry or a photo of the entrant using **RED STAR** Yeast in a jar. Entry tags will be marked with a red star. **RED STAR** Yeast will provide 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place merchandise prizes. All eligible yeast products will be judged together for this special award.

2018 Iowa State Fair Communications Dates for Palo Alto County Qualifiers

Educational Presentation 1: Saturday, August 18th Morning

Educational Presentation 2: Saturday, August 18th Afternoon

Educational Presentation 3: Thursday, August 9th Afternoon

Educational Presentation 4: Saturday, August 18th Afternoon

Working Exhibits 1: Saturday, August 18th Afternoon

Working Exhibits 2: Saturday, August 18th Morning

Working Exhibits 3: Thursday, August 9th Afternoon

Share-The-Fun 1: Saturday, August 18th @ Noon

Share-The-Fun 2: Saturday, August 18th @ 5 PM

Share-The-Fun 3: Thursday, August 9th @ Noon

2018 Fair Animal Check-In Schedule

Wednesday, July 18th – Beef & Sheep

6:00-8:30 p.m. – all lead calves, pens of three, 2nd yr. bucket calves

6:00-7:00 p.m. – 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 this year. Ducks and geese will be checked for Avian Flu on Thursday morning.

Thursday, July 19th – Swine & Meat Goats

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

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

Also On Thursday, July 19th

BUCKET/BOTTLE CALVES & BOTTLE LAMBS

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

RABBITS

* should be in their cages by 10:00 AM

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 @ 9:00 AM – are released right after the show

Saturday, July 21st

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

Judging Day Procedure (Non-Livestock) – Tuesday, July 17th

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!

2018 Judging Schedule For Exhibits Building Tuesday, July 17th

The 2018 judging schedule for the Exhibits Building for Tuesday, July 17th, 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 19th, 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.

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| 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 fairgrounds 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 18th.** 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 22nd. 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 every-**

thing cleaned up and out of the building on that Sunday.

Important Note: Vegetable and flower exhibits will be conferenced judged on **Thursday, July 19th (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 17th, 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 17th. This is actually a pre-fair judging day as the fair is scheduled to begin July 19th and go through July 22nd. We will need lots of help on the 17th. If you got a letter about this please consider working a shift. If you didn't but would like to help, please call the office at 712-852-2865. Basically what the job entails is to be judges' helpers, help youth get in the right lines to have their exhibits judged, and help set up the club booths.

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.

Exhibit Building Host Schedule

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| Thursday, July 19 | 10:00-2:30 | Cantering 4-Hers/ Indep. Boosters |
| Thursday, July 19 | 2:30-7:00 | Highland Cruisers |
| Friday, July 20 | 10:00-2:30 | Greattinger Pirates |
| Friday, July 20 | 2:30-7:00 | Junior Clippers |
| Saturday, July 21 | 10:00-2:30 | Fern Valley 4-Hers |
| Saturday, July 21 | 2:30-7:00 | 4-H Shooting Sports |
| Sunday, July 22 | 9:00-noon | PARTs (Palo Alto Robo Techs) |
| Sunday, July 22 | noon till done | County Council |

2018 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 2018 Palo Alto County Fair Queen will be crowned the first evening of the fair, Thursday, July 19th, 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 19th, 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. Those will then be given 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: Clover Kid King/Queen Contest
WHERE: At the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds – in the open air pavilion
WHEN: Thursday, July 19th at 6:15 PM

DETAILS: ALL Clover Kids should sign up under the open air pavilion between 5:00-6:00 PM on Thursday. 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 20th at 2:30 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 21st, 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 21st, 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 20th 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 Play – Put together teams of people and play human foosball anytime throughout the fair. A fun activity for all ages! Use of court will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Bean Bag Tournament – Grab a partner and join us for a Bean Bag Tournament on Sunday, July 22nd, 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 per 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 2018-2019. 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 19th. 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 19th, 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: Sarah Brown, Emma Anderson, Kristen Kassel, Mary Nelson, Anna Sorenson, and Abi Hoffman. All will be greatly missed!

Exhibit Release Time – Sunday, July 22nd – 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Record Book Workshop

We will be holding a Record Book Workshop on **Tuesday, August 14th, 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.



Palo Alto 4-Hers Attend 2018 4-H Youth Conference

Ten Palo Alto County 4-Hers attended the 2018 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, entitled *Your Passport to Adventure*, at Iowa State University in Ames. The three-day conference, designed to inspire the state's future leaders, hosted just under 700 youth.

4-Hers who attended from Palo Alto County were Delaney Joyce, Grace Olesen, Sarah Brown, Maggie

Nelson, Abi Hoffman (State Council member), Rachel Miner, Alexis Louwagie, Kinsey Kogel, Aliza Woodford, Lauren Kenyon, and Lydia Reding (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 26th through June 28th.

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.



Birthdays

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

July

Jackson Utesch
Alexis Welter
Celia Lowman
Jaxson Nock
Mica Theesfeld
Braylen King
Kennedy Marchand
Morgan Schmidt
Rachel Chapman
Kinzee Thilges
Rachel Miner
Jacob Radebaugh
Trenedy Allen
Kysen Kogel

August

Ava Faulkner
Shaylynn Montag
Anna Sorenson
Kadin Norris
Lauryn Hough
Kinsey Kogel
Abigail Schmidt
Frank Reding
Amber Garrett
Kamden Maaland
Emma Anderson
Jaxon Zaugg
Josi Reiman
Rylie Frerk
Josephine Joyce
Paige Clabaugh
Bentlee Harson
Macy VanWyhe
Abigale Gehrt
Emerson Krieg



Quinn Bernardy
Logan Studer
Kinnick Peton

Palo Alto County Extension Website – Check it Out!

Check out our county web page at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/>! On the 4-H & Youth page I will be posting the 4-H newsletters, forms and documents, registration forms, fair book, and links to other 4-H info. You just might find what you are looking for!!!

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.

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Aerial photo of Palo Alto County Fairgrounds – taken in 2017.