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Dates to Remember

JULY
June 30-July 2 Iowa Youth Conference/Animal Science ROUND-UP/CSI: Crops – “Dare to Discover” – ISU Campus, Ames, IA

July 1 LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY DAY – all animal entries due in office for the Palo Alto Co. Fair – do not pay stall fees – Farm Bureau is picking up the cost of the wood chips for fair 2015

July 1 Iowa State Fair Livestock/Horticulture entries due – must be done online

July 1 2015 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship App due in county office

July 1 Iowa State Fair Volunteer & Staff apps due online

July 1 Horse practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds

July 3 Office Closed – Holiday (4th of July Observance)

July 5 NO dog practice due to holiday weekend

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

July 8 Horse practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds

July 9 Livestock/Animal Workshop – 6:30-8:30 PM @ Fairgrounds – see enclosed flyer

July 12 Dog practice – 4:00-6:00 @ fairgrounds

July 14 Clothing Event Judging at office – 4:00-8:00 PM

July 15 Horse practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds

July 18 Fair Clean-up – 8:30 AM until finished – fairgrounds County Council Mtg. following clean-up

July 19 Dog practice – 4:00-6:00 @ fairgrounds

July 21 Pre-Fair Judging Day – judging of static exhibits (exhibits in Exhibits Building) – 9:00-noon – must be checked in by 11:00 AM

July 22 Beef Weigh-In – 6:00-8:30 PM @ fairgrounds

July 22 Horse practice – 6:30 PM @ fairgrounds

July 23 Horticulture Judging – 9:30-noon in Exhibits Building (for flowers & vegetables)

July 23-26 PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR

Iowa State University and U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating
Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, and disability.
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.

2015 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 class numbers. The numbers have all changed since last year!

Fairgrounds Clean-Up

When: Saturday, July 18th, 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, lawnmowers, weed trimmers, etc.

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

Livestock/Animal Workshop

Come to the fairgrounds on July 9th from 6:30-8:30 PM and learn about getting your animal ready for the fair. Listen to some local experts and learn tips about animal selection, nutrition, preparing your animal for fair, grooming your animal for the show ring, and what to bring with you to the county fair. Animal species covered will be beef, sheep, meat goats, swine, rabbits, horses, and dogs. Sessions will be informal so be sure to bring questions with you. All 4-Hers and their parents are welcome. Cost is $5 per family. Please pre-register – see enclosed flyer. A registration form can also be found on our website: www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h.

NEW: 2015 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship Program

The 2015 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 2015 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.)
Palo Alto County Livestock Fair Entry Day – July 1st

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 2015 Livestock/Animal Entry Form by Wednesday, July 1st. This form will include the numbers that are needed for our superintendents to make pen assignments for fair. Leaders will have copies of the form and the form is also available online at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h.

*Reminder – The animal stall fees have been waived for fair 2015. Farm Bureau will be picking up the cost of the wood chips.

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 21st. 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 prior to the first day of the fair. 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, and rabbit exhibitors – all must be FSQA certified in order to show at fair – NO EXCEPTIONS! Call the office if you have questions.
- Remember to check all withdrawal periods for any drugs administered to your market animals.
- 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.

Clay County Fair Entries

Clay County livestock/animal fair entries for the Clay County Fair will be due in our office on Wednesday, July 29th. Any Palo Alto County fair exhibitor can show their animal(s) at this fair since they are a district fair. Entry cards and forms are available at the Extension Office. New this year: From July 30-Aug. 15 families may enter directly to the Clay County Fair Office for an additional fee of $25. Families will need to provide summary sheet, FSQA certificate, animal IDs, entry cards, and payment 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.

4-H Fair T-Shirts

All 4-H exhibitors are required to wear a Palo Alto County fair T-shirt while showing their animals (except horses). These T-shirts can be purchased at the Extension office for $7.00. The T-shirts are the same as in the past – green with white outline of pavilion on the front.
2015 State Fair 4-H Livestock/Horticulture Entry Deadline

The 2015 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Entry Process is to be done online this year and is for members who have completed 5th grade and above.

- Then go to [https://iowastatefair4hlivestock.fairentry.com](https://iowastatefair4hlivestock.fairentry.com) and sign in with your 4HOnline email and password. Follow the entry help sheet’s directions.

Entry deadline: The entry system will close at 11:59 on July 1st. Your check (made payable to Iowa State Fair) MUST be at the Palo Alto County Extension Office by July 1st (hand delivered or postmarked). Payment is not to be sent to the Iowa State Fair Office.

Go to [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock) for other important information:

- Drug Affidavits
- 2015 Premium Book
- Exhibitor Ticket Order Form
- 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/](http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/categories/# 4-h/)
See also Livestock info: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/livestock.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/livestock.htm)
And State Fair 4-H webpage: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/)

Attention 4-Hers – FUN State Fair Opportunity

Wouldn’t it be great if there was a fun, summer get away in August and an opportunity to help others? Well, look no further! A great opportunity for 4-H members is to volunteer in the 4-H Building at the Iowa State Fair, August 13-23rd, 2015. You can come for one day or stay for many! Volunteers will be given a free admissions ticket, meal vouchers, overnight lodging AND you get to spend time experiencing the Iowa State Fair. You will be assigned opportunities around the building and will have the chance to interact with other 4-Hers from all over Iowa and make new friends. Keep in mind this opportunity is not limited to only youth, but adults are welcomed too!

If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact Natalie Lord at 515-294-7594 or [4hexhibits@gmail.com](mailto:4hexhibits@gmail.com). You can find online Volunteer Forms here: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/state-fair-4-h-volunteer-form-0.](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/state-fair-4-h-volunteer-form-0.)

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/premiseDapp.pdf](http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseDapp.pdf)
2015 Palo Alto County Fair Animal Show Schedule

Thursday, July 23rd
- Dog Obedience Show 10:00 AM
- Dog Agility Show 1:00 PM
- Rabbit Show 1:30 PM
- Dairy Show 3:00 PM
- Livestock Judging Contest 4:00 PM

Friday, July 24th
- Swine Show 8:00 AM
- Meat Goat Show 11:00 AM
- Sheep Show 2:30 PM
- Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews 4:00 PM
- Bottle Lamb/Goat Interviews 6:00 PM
- Bucket/Bottle Calf Show 6:00 PM
- Bottle Lamb/Goat Show 7:00 PM
- Horse Games 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 25th
- Beef Show 8:00 AM
- Horse Show 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 23rd (the first day of fair). Exception – animals to be weighed in and/or tested (poultry).
* All livestock and non-livestock exhibits except livestock being auctioned will be released from the fair on Sunday morning, July 26th, at 9:00 AM.

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.

Horse Practices

Horse practices are now being held at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds in Emmetsburg and will continue until fair. Horse exhibitors from any 4-H club should plan to attend these practices to help them prepare for fair. Exhibitors should plan to arrive at practice at 6:30 PM for tacking and warming up horse. Practices will begin at 7:00 PM. Rain date is the following Sunday, same time and place.

*Please make sure that Ronia Klootwyk has a cell phone number that she can use in case there is a sudden change in weather. She will send out a mass text to horse project members. Members should check for messages periodically before each practice. Practice schedule is subject to change.

Horse Practice Schedule:
*July practices will be on both Wednesday & Sunday.
- Wed., July 1st Western Pleasure & game
- Wed., July 8th Horsemanship & game
- Wed., July 15th Ranch Pleasure & game
- Wed., July 22nd Trail & game

Other Horse Events:
I will send out emails to all horse exhibitors as other counties invite us to their shows. Watch your email!

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 that you have as we continue to transition to the new project areas.
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.

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

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.

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.

Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/$15 Challenge Judging

This year we are going to change a couple of things for our Clothing Event. Judging for Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/$15 Challenge will be held Tuesday, July 14th, 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 1st 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 2015 Awardrobe Clothing Event (state level event) will be held on Friday, August 14th in the Memorial Union on the ISU campus.

AGAIN in 2015 – Participants can now 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 14th and again taken to the fair on July 21st.

Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs

Reminder: Be sure to check out "Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs", 4H 3023, April 2009 if you are bringing food exhibits to the fair. http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H3023.pdf.

2015 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 muffins 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 Food & Nutrition information form with their entry (available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects). 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 ________________

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 morning at 9:00 AM. The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time.

**Challenge Class Recipe:** Please follow this recipe exactly:

**Whole Wheat Banana Muffins**
*Make half your grains whole grain!*
*Makes 12 servings.

**Ingredients:**
1 egg
¾ cup brown sugar
1 1/3 cups banana (mashed, about 2 medium bananas)
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup white flour
¾ cup whole wheat flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon

**Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 375° F. Coat a muffin pan with cooking spray or line with paper cupcake/muffin cups.
2. In a large bowl, mix together egg, brown sugar, banana, vegetable oil, and vanilla until combined.
3. Stir in white flour, whole wheat flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon just until combined (batter will be lumpy).
4. Spoon batter into muffin cups.
5. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until muffins are browned and toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

**FSI (Food Science Investigators) Contest at Fair**

Since we continued to encouraged FSI (Food Science Investigators) with our clubs we have decided to continue our FSI Contest at fair. We know different clubs did activities during their meetings related to this theme.

**Class Description** – any outgrowth by individuals, teams, or clubs that attempts to answer any food science question using the scientific method. Exhibit must include: Hypothesis, Method, Findings, and Conclusions. Be sure to cite your sources. May be presented in notebook, digitally, or display board.

Exhibits for this contest will be State Fair eligible and could be entered in either:

10404 **Food & Nutrition** – an exhibit that shows learning through cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, including safety practices.

**OR**

10603 **Science, Engineering & Technology** – any exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), robotics, or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.

Please notify the judge at the time of your conference that you wish your exhibit to be included in the contest and it will be specially marked. At the end of the judging day, judges will work together to select the top 4-H FSI exhibit. The winner (individual, team, or club) will be given a Big of Bag of Science! See fair book for more information.

**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 24th 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!

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 2015 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.).

2015 Iowa State Fair Communications Dates for Palo Alto County

Educational Presentations: Friday, August 21st – PM; Saturday, August 22nd – AM & PM
Working Exhibits: Friday, August 21st – PM; Saturday, Aug. 22nd – AM
Share-the-Fun: Friday, Aug. 21st – PM; Saturday, Aug. 22nd – AM

2015 Fair Animal Check-In Schedule

Wednesday, July 22nd – Beef Weigh-In
6:00-8:30 p.m. – all lead calves and pens of three (feeder pens)

Thursday, July 23rd – Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goats Weigh-In
SWINE: 8:00-9:30 AM – weigh-in at the scale house in the sheep barn

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

Also On Thursday, July 23rd
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 for the 10:00 AM Dog Show – are released after the show

Saturday, July 25th
PETS – need to be on the grounds for the 1:30 PM Pet Show – 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!

### 2015 Judging Schedule For Exhibits Building Tuesday, July 21st

The 2015 judging schedule for the Exhibits Building for Tuesday, July 21st, 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 23rd, 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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- 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 22nd.** 4-H club leaders will be allowed in the Exhibits Building during the day to arrange their club’s fair booth.
- **Exhibits are not to leave the building until after 9:00 AM on Sunday, July 26th.** The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time. Please have all exhibits picked up no later than noon on Sunday. If this will not work for you, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your exhibits. We will need to get everything cleaned up and out of the building on that Sunday.

### Important Note:

Vegetable and flower specimens will be conferenced judged on **Thursday, July 23rd (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 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 21st, 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 21st. This is actually a pre-fair judging day as the fair is scheduled to begin July 23rd and go through July 26th. We will need lots of help on the 21st. 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

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2015 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 2015 Palo Alto County Fair Queen will be crowned the first evening of the fair, Thursday, July 21st, 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!

Open Class Yeast Bread Contest at Palo Alto County Fair

The Palo Alto County Fair Association and Red Star Yeast are again sponsoring an open class yeast product contest as the Palo Alto County Fair.

The yeast contest will consist of three classes:
- Youth through 12 grade
- Adult
- Bread machine breads

Prizes will be awarded in all classes. Entries will be accepted at the 4-H Exhibits Building on the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 25th from 10:00-12:00 noon. All entries must include yeast as an ingredient and must include the recipe. A representative sample will be kept for display. Contestants may pick up their remaining bread after judging. For more information contact Angie Beem at 712-852-3869.

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 23rd at 6:00 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 5:45 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 Saturday, July 25th at 4:00 PM on the fairgrounds. Teams of four will race to complete five 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 25th, at approximately 3:30 PM the “anticipation” will begin. Winners will be announced 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 Friday, July 24th, at 1:45 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 24th at 1:00 PM 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 Saturday, July 25th at 1:00 PM. Prizes for the winning team. Show off your soccer skills!

**4-H/FFA BBQ** – Support the 4-H County Council and Emmetsburg FFA by joining us for a BBQ meal on Friday, July 24th with serving between 5:30-7:30 PM. Your choice of a hamburger or hot dog, chips, bar, and a pop for $6.00/person. All profits will be split between the two groups. We would appreciate your support!

**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 2015-2016. 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 23rd. 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 23rd, at approximately 7:15 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: Kirk Kenyon, Emily Riesenbergs, and Alicia Mogler. All will be greatly missed!

**Exhibit Release Time** – **Sunday, July 26th – 9:00 AM – NOON**