**Dates to Remember**

**FEBRUARY**
Feb. 28 6th Annual Iowa 4-H Foundation Gala, The Marriott, Cedar Rapids, IA

**MARCH**
Mar. 1 Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. - 1:00-3:00 PM @ office
Mar. 1 Animal Science Round-Up online entries due online
Mar. 3 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 1:30-3:00
Mar. 5 Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM
Mar. 8 Pirates 4-H Club Soup Supper Fundraiser – 4:30-6:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Graettinger
Mar. 9 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
Mar. 11 Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM
Mar. 11 FSQA Training – 7:00-8:30 PM @ office
Mar. 11 Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Heritage Center
Mar. 12 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group – 3:30-5:00 PM
Mar. 14 St. Pat’s Parade – 1:30 PM – promote 4-H with us – come and walk in the parade and hand out 4-H suckers
Mar. 15 DuPont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grants due in county office
Mar. 20 Chamber Coffee @ Extension Office
Mar. 21 4-H Bowling Party – 2:00-4:00 PM @ Family Fun Zone, Pocahontas – see enclosed flyer
Mar. 21 County Council Mtg. – following bowling party – at Family Fun Zone
Mar. 22 Cantering 4-Hers Club Mtg. – 3:30-5:00 PM @ office
Mar. 22-28 Extension Week
Mar. 27 County Clover Kid Lock-In – 7:00-midnight @ Smith Wellness Center – see enclosed flyer
Mar. 28 State 4-H Recognition Day Interviews, ISU Campus

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**4-H County Council**
- Kirk Kenyon
- Alicia Mogler
- Kelli Klepper
- Eli Reichert
- Cassy Olesen
- Eric Sundall
- Corbin Studer
- Kyle Kassel
- Noah Flaherty
- Sarah Brown
- Taylor Park
- Dexter Knobloch
- Mason Studer
- Dalton Bunda

**Extension Council**
- John Banwart
- Tim Naig
- Paul Molitor

**4-H Youth Committee**
- Debbie Kassel
- Angie Joyce
- Lori Wickman
- John Banwart
- Jennifer Fehr
- Michelle Kogel
- Cassy Olesen(Y)

**Fair Board**
- Colin Hoppe
- Dan Voigt
- Brian Rouse
- Bert Naig
- Clyde Johnson
- Jon Sorenson
- Scott Smith
- Devon Perkins – Business Manager
- Rachel Hoffman & Cassy Olesen(Y)

**4-H Foundation**
- Ronia Klootwyk
- Kim Hoffman
- Jill Schany
- Ronda Olesen

**Office Staff**
- Bryan Whaley, Regional Director
- Julie Naig, CYC
- Angie Strohm, Program Coordinator
FUTURE DATES

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APRIL
April 1  Equine Extravaganza (Jamboree/Horse Judging) online entry deadline
April 1  Youth Committee Mtg. – Interviews for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference/Animal Science Roundup/CSI: Crops – 7:00 PM @ office
April 2  Clover Kids after school – Graetinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM
April 3  Office Closed
April 4  Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 9:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt @ Cylinder Town Park – possible road ditch pick-up
April 5  Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. - 1:00-3:00 PM @ office
April 5-10  Screen Free Week – watch for more details in the weekly Clover Connect
April 9  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group – 3:30-5:00 PM
April 13  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM – location to be announced
April 19  Cantering 4-Hers Club Mtg. – 3:30-5:00 PM @ office
April 19  4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
April 21  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 1:30-3:00
April 25  Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In for Market Lambs & Meat Goats – 9:00-11:00 AM @ fairgrounds
April 25  Spring Camp Volunteer Day, Iowa 4-H Center
MAY
May 1-3  Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, Iowa 4-H Center
May 1-3  Equine Extravaganza, Ellsworth Comm. College Equestrian Center, Iowa Falls
May 1  Deadline for accepting new enrollments to be eligible to show at fair
May 3  Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. - 1:00-3:00 PM @ office
May 5-7  EPAK Program for 4th graders @ Fairgrounds
May 7  Clover Kids after school – Graetinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM
May 11  4-H Shooting Sports 4-H Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ Sportsmen’s Park, Cylinder
May 12  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00
May 13  FSQA Training – 7:00-8:30 PM @ Office
May 14  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group – 3:30-5:00 PM
May 15  DEADLINE FOR ALL ANIMAL IDs TO BE ENTERED IN 4HONLINE
May 15  4-Hers for 4-H Campaign contributions due in county office

Other Dates TBD
May  First Dog Obedience Practice
May  First Horse Practice

2015 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

Since we no longer print a fair book for everyone, the fair book will be updated every year instead of every other year. The fair book is 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. I hope to have it updated by April 1st for the 2015 fair.

2015 Fair Book

Due on Wednesday, July 1st.

2015 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance Rules

Here are the county guidelines for the Iowa 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) Program for this year:

- All 4-H/FFA swine exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA beef exhibitors (market including feeder pens, breeding, and bucket/bottle calf) must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA sheep (market and breeding) exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA dairy (cattle and goats) exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA meat goats (market and breeding) exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All other 4-H food animals (rabbits, poultry, etc.) must be certified in FSQA.
• Youth in grades 4-6 must recertify in FSQA annually by attending a training.
• Youth in grades 7-9 can recertify annually or can test out. If youth pass the test, certifica-
tion will be good until they enter the 10th grade.
• Youth in grades 10-12 can recertify annually or can test out. If youth pass the test, certifi-
cation will be good until the fall after gradua-
tion.
• Youth can be certified in FSQA by attending an Extension sponsored FSQA training. Youth are able to attend training in any county; however, youth need to contact the host county to pre-register.

FSQA Training Dates:
• March 11, 2015 7:00-8:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office
• May 13, 2015 7:00-8:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office
• June 4, 2015 8:00-9:30 AM at the Pocahontas County Extension Office – call 712-335-3103 to pre-register

Testing:
Anytime during office hours – please call ahead to set
up an appointment – 712-852-2865.

County Council Float in St. Pat’s Parade

Again this year the 4-H County Council will pull their
float in the St. Pat’s Parade on Saturday, March 14th. 4-Hers who would like to walk beside the
County Council float and hand out 4-H suckers are
welcome to participate. Just find us in the parade
line! The parade begins at 1:30 PM.

Annual 4-H Bowling Party

The Palo Alto 4-H County Council is in the process of planning a 4-H Bowling Party for all 4-Hers in the county. The event will take place at the Family Fun Zone in Pocahontas on Saturday, March 21st, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Cost is $15.00 and will include 2 games of bowling, pop, and pizza. Prizes will be
awarded. Transportation will not be provided but carpooling is encouraged. Pre-registration is
required – teams will be assigned on Friday before the event. Deadline to register and pay is March 19th. See the registration included with this newsletter.

Clover Kids Lock-In

Plans are now underway to hold a lock-in for all the Clover Kids in Palo Alto and Emmet counties on
Friday evening, March 27th at the Smith Wellness Center. The lock-in will run from 7:00 p.m. until
midnight. This event will include pizza and pop, games, swimming, crafts, and more! Everyone will
be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the center. This event is for Clover Kids only –
no friends, please. If you plan to attend please return
the registration form included with this newsletter. A
letter with more details will be given to all paid partici-
pants.

Out-of-County Events

All enrolled 4-Hers (grades 8-12) will be receiving
information on out-of-county events for summer 2015
in the mail soon. We strongly encourage 4-Hers to
look over the materials carefully and consider particip-
ing in at least one of the events. Interviews with
Youth Committee members will be held on Wednesday evening, April 1st.

2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference:  Dare to Discover

The dates have been set for June 30-July 2, 2015
for a great three-day adventure at ISU for Iowa’s youth. We also wanted to share that the registration
cost for this year’s conference has been set as well. Delegate registration costs will be $175 per
person. This is the same fee for both youth and adults and covers 2 nights of lodging, 7 meals, 3
keynote speakers, transportation for workshops and community service, facility rental, 2 dances, and a t-
shirt, among other supports and services. More
information will be sent to eligible 4-Hers in the first part of March. Mark your calendars now and plan to
attend this fun event!

2015 Roundup Update – Applications due March 1!

This year the State 4-H Office is changing things up a
bit – 20 youth will be selected for each of the 5
species tracks (beef, dairy cattle, horse, sheep, swine) through an online application process. Check out the 4-H Animal Science Roundup page – the
online application deadline is March 1st. Once applicants are selected, they will go through the
regular conference application and the fee will be
$175, same as the regular conference delegates.

“30K for 30 Years” – 4-Hers for 4-H Campaign

The 2015 4-Hers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council Finance Committee has made it their goal to raise $30,303.30 for Iowa 4-Hers. Contributions raised through this campaign support
Identifying Animals in 4HOnline

Again this year - we are asking 4-H exhibitors to identify their animals in 4HOnline instead of on ID forms. This will cut out a lot of extra paperwork plus will give us the reports that we need for the fair. Remember that only animals identified can be shown at our fair. **Animals that need to be entered in 4HOnline include swine, cow/calf pairs, breeding beef (unless you already identified animal at Jan. weigh-in), sheep (breeding only), horse, dairy cattle, bottle lambs, bucket/bottle calves, poultry, rabbits, pets, meat goats (breeding only), or dogs.**

Here is what to do to enter animals in 4HOnline:

1. Go to [https://ia.4honline.com](https://ia.4honline.com) and login like you did when you re-enrolled in 4-H. If you have never logged in before please call the office so we can give you a temporary password. Once in the program you will be able to reset your password to something that you can remember.

2. Once you are in the program, find your name and click “Edit”. That will take you to your Personal Information Screen. On that screen near the top of the page you will see a tab titled “Animals/Livestock”. Click on the tab.

3. There you will then see a drop down box and any previously entered animals listed. Select the animal you want to enter and click the “Add Animal” button.

4. Enter the information requested and click the “Save” button. **All animal IDs must be submitted no later than May 15th at 11:59 PM. At midnight the program will shut down and the only animals you will be able to be add after that is rabbits and poultry. Rabbits and poultry can be added until 11:59 PM on July 1st.**

   - **For market swine:** You will need to come to the office and get your ear tags ($1.50 each) first and then complete the entry online.
   - **Horse Exhibitors:** You will need to upload 4 photos (front view, rear view, left side view, and right side view) to complete your entry. If you have problems with this, please contact the Extension Office.

LIKE LAST YEAR: There will NOT be a breeding beef ID day this year. Breeding beef are to be identified in 4HOnline. Remember the following:

   - You MUST enter at least one tattoo if you plan to show your heifer at the Iowa State Fair. If you enter the calfhood vaccination number or leave both fields blank, the heifer WILL NOT be eligible for the Iowa State Fair.
   - All fields (including registration number) must be complete and accurate no later than May 15th.
   - If no registration number is entered by May 15th, the heifer will only be allowed to show as crossbred.

Swine Identification for State Fair

ALL State Fair swine will need a DNA punch tag.

Below are the steps a 4-Her must do to identify swine for State Fair:

   - 4-H family goes to county office before May 15th and requests the # of DNA tags they need (one per pig), a tagger, and a DNA envelope. **Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair. Cost per tag is $8.00.**
   - 4-Her returns home and tags each pig.
   - Puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs (one envelope per 4-Her).
   - Writes down tag numbers on back of DNA envelope.
   - 4-Her and parent/guardian signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns tagger and DNA envelop to county office by May 15th.
• **By May 15**—4-Her then inputs all data for each pig into 4HOnline under Swine (not weighed in).
• 4-Her then makes actual State Fair entry by July 1st.

### 4-H/FFA Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In

Weigh-in for 4-H/FFA market lambs & meat goats to be shown at the 2015 Palo Alto County Fair will be held **Saturday, April 25th**, at the fairgrounds in Emmetsburg from 9:00-11:00 AM. Exhibitors need to have their animals weighed and identified on this day. Lambs and goats are to be tagged at home prior to weigh-in. Tags are available at the Extension Office for $1.50 each. A maximum of 30 market lambs and 10 meat goats can be weighed in.

All information recorded during the weigh-in will be recorded in 4HOnline. Exhibitors will have until midnight on May 15th to verify that all information is correct. Failure to do so means that data entered stays "as is" regardless of any mistakes made during data entry. Extension staff will not be held responsible for mistakes. After the weigh-in an email will go out explaining the verifying process.

* At this time we will also be offering to do the State Fair verification process for exhibitors who want to nominate lambs or meat goats for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. This process includes weighing, tagging, retinal imaging, and collecting hair samples. If you are planning to participate in this process you must contact the Extension office and let us know by April 22nd. This will be our only site and date for State Fair verification of sheep and meat goats. Anyone who has a scheduling conflict will need to get someone else to get their animals to the weigh-in site. The cost to nominate lambs and meat goats will once again be $5.00 per head. There will be an additional fee for those same animals wishing to be eligible for Ak-Sar-Ben.

Meat Goats – ALL meat goats (wethers AND does) MUST have a 4-H tag in place and wethers must have retinal images to show at State Fair.

Sheep – ALL State Fair sheep must have a 4-H tag and retinal images – includes market sheep, commercial breeding, and purebred breeding.

### 2015 Equine Extravaganza

The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza is a newly combined event of the Youth Horse Jamboree (typically held in late March) and the State Horse Judging Contest (typically held in November) that will be held at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls on May 1-3. Look for more information on entry deadlines and processes coming soon on the [Equine Extravaganza](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opport) website. There are a couple of blocks set up at the AmericInn and Super 8 in Iowa Falls. Be sure to ask for the **Ellsworth College 4-H Horse Event** block to reserve.

### Spring Camp Volunteer Day, Iowa 4-H Center, Saturday, April 25

The Iowa 4-H Center is gearing up for the 2015 summer camping season and they will need help with several projects to be ready in time for summer! These projects will take numerous helping hands - both big and small - so they are looking for youth and adults!

Come as an individual, family, 4-H club or volunteer group for some awesome bonding time in the great outdoors. Get this on your calendar now—more information will be shared as final projects and details are determined.

### 2015 State 4-H Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center

Young people grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. While exploring the special themes, campers will live in a camp community for five days and four nights, enjoying traditional camp favorites like swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and campfires. Each camp will also include an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

The dates and themes of the three camps are:

- **June 21-25**—State 4-H “…And My World” Camp; Campers will choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen leadership skills
- **July 5-9**—State 4-H Science Explorers I; Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture.
- **July 12-16**—State 4-H Science Explorers II; Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture.

Registration cost is $350 for 4-H members, $380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs. Financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H camps at the Iowa 4-H Center is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opport](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opport)
Preliminary information on State 4-H camps has been posted to the 4-H Camping website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping with more to come as program details are finalized. Link to the online registration form will be posted in March. Contact Bill Beckley for more information (wbeckley@iastate.edu).

Summer Staff Positions at the Iowa 4-H Center

Summer staff positions to support educational programs at the Iowa 4-H Center this coming summer are now open. Positions include lifeguards, health aides, and programming specialists working with adventure/challenge programs, creativity and the arts programs, nature and science programs, outdoor skills, and shooting sports. Applicants need to be at least 18 years of age; at least one year of college or other relevant post-high school experience is preferred. People interested in applying can view the position descriptions and access the link to the online application at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/now-hiring-summer-camp-program-staff. They will be conducting a “rolling” application process—positions will be filled as applications are received. For more information, contact Bill Beckley, Youth Program Specialist, Camping (wbeckley@iastate.edu).

Summer Hiring Underway at the Iowa 4-H Center

In addition to the summer 4-H Camp Program Staff positions currently open (see the website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/now-hiring-summer-camp-program-staff), the Iowa 4-H Center is seeking applicants for:

- grounds maintenance (http://www.iastatejobs.com:80/postings/10053), and

Remember to check out the project “hot sheets” that are available to all our 4-Hers and their families at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects. Lots of great ideas and online resources. Fair will be here before you know it!

Spring 2015 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Community Improvement Projects

It’s time for DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Spring 2015. They are accepting grants for Spring from now through April 1. Applications should be turned into County Extension Offices by March 15th.

You can find information, tips for applicants, and applications for these grants on the Iowa 4-H website at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants. Grants will be awarded for anywhere from $50 to $500 but typically will not exceed half of the cost of the total project as groups are encouraged to work at obtaining local support as a match. Successful projects are those that enlist partnerships with other community entities, demonstrate engagement by the full 4-H club, and make a positive impact on the community. Send questions regarding the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants to Brenda Allen at bsallen@iastate.edu.

SESS Instructor Training Iowa 4-H Center

Online registration is now available for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop! It will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center on May 1-3, 2015. All volunteers MUST have successfully completed the background screening process through their county extension office before participating in the training. Early Bird Registration ends March 31, 2015 and will cost $250. Late Registration will take place from April 1-10, 2015, and will cost $275. Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun, and Wildlife will be offered if minimum registration numbers are met. Visit the website (http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/shootingsports/training) for information, tentative agenda, and online registration.

4-H Experience Agronomy Event

The Iowa State University Agronomy Club is excited to announce a new and educational opportunity for middle school 4-Hers grades 4-8 who are interested in agriculture and agronomy. Together with the staff and professors of the Iowa State University Agronomy Department, the club will be hosting a fun-filled interactive day full of demonstrations by world renowned ISU Agronomy faculty and teaching assistants, a career fair with companies in agricultural industries, a lunch, and a raffle. The day will focus on many important areas such as weeds, seeds, crops, weather, and soil. This event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Ames at Agronomy Hall. We are asking for $5 per attendee to help cover
the cost of lunch and one t-shirt per person. For the flyer/registration, (Ctl click)

2015 Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event Intern

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program is hiring a 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event Summer Intern. Responsibilities include: leading the organization and implementation of the two-day event (Aug. 13-14, 2015), recruiting and managing volunteers to assist with the event, and collaborating with the Apparel, Merchandising and Design program. For more information regarding the position, please visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair, or contact: Cayla Taylor, 4-H Program Coordinator, cayla@iastate.edu, 515-294-1877.

2015 Healthy Living and Commodity Carnival Intern

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program is hiring a 4-H Healthy Living and Ag Commodity Carnival Summer Intern. Responsibilities include: leading the development, organization and implementation of the healthy living track of the And My World 4-H Camp (June 21-25) and Ag Commodity Carnival Events and county fairs and the Iowa State Fair (August 13-23) for youth audiences. For more information regarding the position, please visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair, or contact: Cayla Taylor, cayla@iastate.edu, 515-294-1877, or Mike Anderson, mikeande@iastate.edu, 515-294-8617.

New Member Pizza Party

The Palo Alto County Extension Office held a New Member Pizza Party for new 4-Hers and their parents on Sunday evening, January 18th at 5:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office. Fourteen new 4-Hers and their parents enjoyed pizza, pop, chips, & bars while they learned about the 4-H program and some of the opportunities 4-H has to offer. Towards the end of the meeting County Council members played games with the new members while parents took part in a question/answer session.

We invite any new members who couldn’t make the pizza party to stop by the office and pick up a “How-to” Guide for 4-H Families. This handout could prove very helpful in the coming months. Please don’t be afraid to let us know how we can help make your 4-H experience a positive one!

Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

On Saturday, January 24th over 70 Northwest Iowa 4-H and FFA youth and over 35 of their parents participated in the Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza at Iowa Lakes Community College - Emmetsburg Campus.

During the event, youth rotated through the following sessions:
Youth also got the opportunity to tour the Hospitality program offered by ILCC.

Additional sponsors for the day included: Pro Cooperative, Palo Alto, Emmet and Dickinson County Farm Bureaus, Kerber Milling, Emmet and Palo Alto County Cattlemen, Iowa Trust and Savings Bank, Spencer Ag Center, Aden Trucking, Inc., Al and Deb Madden, Grove Trucking, Ltd., and Ralco Animal Nutrition – Gary Eckelberg.

Forty-three 4-Hers in grades 6-8 and four adults from Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Emmet, and Calhoun counties boarded a charter bus on Saturday, January 31st for a day trip to Des Moines for the 2015 Quad County 4-H Intermediate Trip.

After arriving in Des Moines participants began their adventure with a service project at Meals From The Heartland Packaging Center. 4-Hers learned about feeding the hungry around the globe and right here in Central Iowa. Our group put together rice-and-soy meals and packed 25 boxes, enough to feed approximately 5,400 people. Then it was on to the Wells Fargo Arena to watch the Iowa Wild hockey team take on the Hamilton Bulldogs from Canada. Following the hockey adventure we boarded the bus and traveled to Fort Frenzy in Fort Dodge where kids enjoyed food at the café, mini bowling, roller skating, arcade games, and bumper cars.

Most participants commented that they would go on this same trip again if it was offered.

Participants from Palo Alto County included Grace Olesen, Deven Morse, Abigail Hoffman, Jackson Lowman, Kristen Davis, Betty Sue Strohman, Tricia Fay, Kiwi Carlson, Morgan Hellyer, Brighten Egland, and Mackenzie Depyper.

For more information about this trip and other 4-H opportunities, contact the Palo Alto County Extension Office at 712-852-2865.

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4-H Ice Skating Party

Thirty-one skaters, including 4-Hers, their families, and friends took to the ice on Sunday evening, January 25th from 6:00-8:00 PM to take part in a 4-H Ice Skating Party at the Grotto Pond in West Bend. For some it was the first time on skates. Skaters and spectators enjoyed the sights and sounds of an evening full of family fun. Special thanks to the Riesenberge family for the success of this event and to

4-Hers Participate in the 2015 Quad County Intermediate Trip to Des Moines
the Fern Valley 4-H Club for supplying marshmallows for roasting in the fire pit.

Babysitting Clinics Held in Palo Alto County

On two Saturdays this winter, Feb. 7th and Feb. 21st, the Palo Alto County Extension Office offered two Babysitting Clinics for all youth in the county ages 10 and up. A total of 38 youth were certified in the two 7-hr. sessions. All youth in attendance received an American Red Cross Babysitting Handbook and other take-home materials. Sessions included CPR for Adults, Infants, and Toddlers and Basic First Aid – taught by Miranda & Jerimiah Depyper from Graettinger – Babysitting Responsibilities, Basic Care, and Safe Play. Participants had fun with the many hands-on activities which included practicing CPR on adult and infant manikins; practicing first aid on each other; holding, diapering, and dressing dolls; making bottles of formula; and even making edible playdough. A special thanks to the Palo Alto County Hospital for providing instructors and manikins for the morning and Ronia Klootwyk for being an instructor and helper for both Saturdays.

Participants that were trained included Bryce Rosacker, Kaylee Lowe, Rachel Arndorfer, Savannah Faulkner, Mattie Dooley, Noah Gerber, Cloey Elbert, Amelia Ort, Katelyn Christensen, Savannah Wolff, Sierra Wolff, Hailey Ebel, Macy Alderson, Mara Koenck, Sophie Petersen, Madison Petersen, Taytum Sargent, Becca Farris, Morgan Borkowski, Olivia Sanders, Riley Fuchs, Ariah Sanculi, Macaela King, Kristen Davis, Quinn Swift, Gavin Swift, Ryan Hoch, Maddi Hall, Libbi Gentry, Hailey Griffin, Ben Massner, Mitchell Lowman, Jackson Lowman, McKenzie DeMoss, Mandy Raska, Jonah Hackbart-Morlock, Paige Lemcke, and Shemiaya Obeng.

IFAA Scholarships

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA).

The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two or four-year, post-secondary institution this fall or current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry. Winners will be announced during the 2015 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on August 22, an event sponsored by IFAA. IFAA scholarship funds come from a percentage of Sale of Champions proceeds as well as Winner’s Circle Club donations.

Click on the links below for information on the 2015 IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarships:

- Incoming Freshman Scholarship List
- Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application – Due May 1, 2015
- Undergraduate Scholarship List
- Undergraduate Scholarship Application – Due April 1, 2015

If you have questions, contact Harold Hodson at 515/290-8875 or boars@swinegenetics.com OR Tracy Tarlton at 515/979-1013 or t_tarlton@yahoo.com.

Save the Dates – June 8-10 – Robot Camp & June 11-13 – Mad Science Camp

Palo Alto County 4-Hers have again been invited to attend summer camps in Pocahontas in the month of June. This year 4-Hers in grades 4-6 can attend Robot Camp on June 8-10. 4-Hers in grades 6-8 can attend Mad Science Camp on June 11-13. Cost will be $60 again this year for all 3 days of camp. Watch for more information and a registration form soon.

Little Hands on the Farm

The Iowa State Fair invites all Palo Alto County 4-H clubs to participate in a shift at Little Hands on the Farm. As a participant, your club would commit to providing the volunteers for the exhibit for an entire shift. The Little Hands on the Farm allows kids ages 2-10 hands on experiences to connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way. In order for the exhibit to run smoothly as possible, it is necessary to have a minimum 30 volunteers at the exhibit at all times. Little Hands on the Farm needs to be staffed from 8:30am—8pm and each day is split into 3 shifts. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, one vehicle permit, and
a Little Hands on the Farm volunteer t-shirt. If interested, please contact Emily Brewer at 515/262-3111 ext. 244 or ebrewer@iowastatef.org.

2015 Hall of Fame

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program and the Iowa 4-H Foundation are sponsoring the 13th annual 4-H Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair to recognize volunteers and staff who have exhibited outstanding service to the 4-H program. The 4-H Hall of Fame is an opportunity for counties to have their outstanding volunteers or staff recognized at the state level.

Information about the 2015 Hall of Fame and the 2015 selection form are available at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/restrict/halloffame.htm. The deadline for names, accompanying biographies, contact information, and photos is May 29th.

Please get your nominations to Julie by May 1st!

Birthdays

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

March
Mason Studer
Jayden Enderson
Breighton Egland
Isabelle Ruppert
Carson Schneider
Dexter Knoebel
Maggie Nelson
Brady Rosacker
Rory Elbert
Abner Zaugg
Austyn Orr
Landon Haack
Hannah Tindall
Lane Montag
Joseph Horst
Ryan Girres
Andrew Hohensee
Leah Hoffman
Shalaki Soukup
Thomas Woodford
Kiwi Carlson
Ashtyn Bollig
Devin Morey
Stefan Kirk
Jayden Bollig
Cole Rouse

April
Alicia Mogler
Aliza Woodford
Kayley Ruehle
Trista Guinn
Paige Gamble
Owen DeMoss
Elyssa Flannegan
Marie Trewin
Abby Boone
Brennan Fay
Jacob Conlon
Avery Wooten
Logan Treiber
Braxton Long
Kyle Kassel
Raelyn Mere
Grace Gellerman
Monica Hellyer
Kristen Davis

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, fairbook, 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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