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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY
Feb. 28  4-H Lock-in – 7:00 PM – midnight @ Smith Wellness Center – pre-registration is required (rescheduled from Jan.)

MARCH
Mar.  1  Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office
Mar.  2  Clove Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion
Mar.  3  Clove Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom
Mar.  5  Clove Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
Mar.  8  Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club Mtg. – 2:00-3:00 PM in basement of Graettinger Legion
Mar.  9  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
Mar. 10  Terrarium Workshop – 5:30-7:00 PM @ Willow Tree Garden Center, Emmetsburg – pre-registration is required
Mar. 11  Clove Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school lunchroom
Mar. 11  Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Town Hall
Mar. 12  Clove Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 2:30-4:00 PM @ Extension Office (please note the earlier time – due to an early out)
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. 13-15  Shooting Sports Instructor Training & Recertification – Ames Izaak Walton Range & ISU Campus Office
Mar. 15  Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. – more details to come
Mar. 15  4-H Gardeners 4-H Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ Extension Office
Mar. 21  Fern Valley 4-H Club Mtg. – 9:00 AM @ West Bend Library

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Mar. 22  4-H Bowling Party – 5:00-7:00 PM @ Shamrock Lanes, Emmetsburg – pre-registration is required

Mar. 22  4-H County Council Mtg. – to follow 4-H Bowling Party @ Extension Office

Mar. 28  PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Mar. 28  Clover Kid Lock-In – 7:00 PM – midnight @ Smith Wellness Center – pre-registration is required

APRIL

April 2  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

April 5  Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club Mtg. – 2:00-3:00 PM in basement of Graettinger Legion

April 5  Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office

April 6  Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion

April 6  Youth Committee Mtg. – Interviews for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference/Animal Science Roundup – 6:30 PM @ office

April 7  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom

April 8  Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school lunchroom

April 10  Spring Holiday – Office Closed

April 11  PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

April 15  Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Town Hall

April 15  Applications due online for Animal Science Roundup

April 16  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

April 17  Chamber Coffee @ office (in celebration of Extension Week, April 12-18)

April 19  Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. @ Ruthven Methodist Church

April 19  4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

April 20  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM – Sportsmen’s Park, Cylinder – weather permitting

April 25  Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In for Market Lambs & Meat Goats – 9:00-10:30 AM @ fairgrounds

April 25  Fern Valley 4-H Club Mtg. – 9:00 AM

April 25  @ West Bend Shelter House

State Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon Competitions, ISU campus – Kildee Hall

April 26  4-H Gardeners 4-H Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ Extension Office

April 30  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

MAY

May 1  Deadline for accepting new enrollments to be eligible to show at fair

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

May 4  Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion

May 11  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM – Sportsmen’s Park, Cylinder – weather permitting

May 12  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom

May 14  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

May 15  DEADLINE FOR ALL ANIMAL IDS TO BE ENTERED IN 4HONLINE

May 17  Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. @ Ruthven Methodist Church

May 30  2020 Multi-County Int./Sr. Trip to Sioux City – more details to come

Other Dates TBA

May  First Dog Obedience Practice

May  First Horse Practice

August  Clover Kid Day Camp

FUTURE DATES

June 1  YQCA Certification must be completed online (animal exhibitors)

June 10  2020 Multi-County 4-H Junior Camp @ Meredith Park (Plover Pit) – more details to come

June 30-July 2  Iowa 4-H Youth Conference/Animal Science Roundup @ ISU campus, Ames

June 29  Fair Livestock Entry Forms due

July 7  Clothing Event Judging

July 11  Fair clean-up @ fairgrounds

July 14  Pre-Fair Judging Day – all exhibits in Exhibits Building

July 16-19  PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR

Aug. 13-18  Iowa State Fair

*Watch for additional opportunities, workshops, updates, etc. in the Weekly Clover Connect sent to your family email.
**2020 Palo Alto County Fair Dates**

The dates have been set for the 2020 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! Plans are to run the fair from Thursday, July 16th through Sunday, July 19th with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building to be judged on Tuesday, July 14th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Event judging will be held on Tuesday, July 7th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 11th. Livestock entries will be due on Monday, June 29th. Any changes to this will be posted in future newsletters.

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**Terrarium Workshop**

All Palo Alto County 4-Hers are invited to participate in a Terrarium Workshop on **Tuesday, March 10th** from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Willow Tree Garden Center in Emmetsburg. Each participant will complete a terrarium to take home. Come and learn about succulents and caring for them. Cost is $20 and will include all materials and a snack. Pre-registration is required and due March 6th so an adequate amount of supplies can be purchased. Click [here](#) for a registration form or see enclosed registration form.

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**Annual 4-H Lock-In – Rescheduled From January**

The annual 4-H Lock-In for all Palo Alto County 4-Hers (grades 4-12) will be held **Friday, February 28th from 7:00-midnight** at the Author & Audrey Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Chaperones will be needed. Everyone will be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the center. Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register will be Wednesday, February 26th. This is the lock-in that was postponed in January due to weather. If you weren’t signed up before you are welcome to sign up now if this date works for you. Everyone in attendance will be required to have turned in a registration form with a parent signature prior to the event in order to participate. We prefer not to have to take registrations and payment at the door. Click [here](#) for a registration form or see enclosed registration form.

*If you were previously signed up and paid and you can make the new date work, you do not have to fill out a new registration form again – just let us know you are coming. If it will no longer work for you to attend just let us know and we will reimburse your $12.*

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**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 and encouraged to participate. Just find us in the parade line! The parade begins at 1:30 PM. (We will do this if weather permits – please watch your email for updates.)

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**4-H Bowling Party**

All 4-H members are invited to a 4-H Bowling Party on **Sunday evening, March 22nd** from 5:00-7:00 PM at Shamrock Lanes in Emmetsburg. Pre-registration is required—teams will be assigned on Friday before the event. Cost is $15/ person and includes pop & pizza and 2 games of bowling. For all 4-Hers in grades 4-12—no friends, please. Prizes will be awarded. Deadline to register is March 22nd. Click [here](#) for a registration form or see enclosed registration form.

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**2020 Equine Extravaganza – March 20-22**

Entries Due March 1 – Don’t miss out on this year’s event! March 20-22 at Ellsworth Community College Equine Center in Iowa Falls. Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging, Public Speaking and a whole host of “Horseless Horse” activities! Click [here](#) for all rules, details, and entry forms.

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**Clover Kid Lock-In**

A Clover Kid Lock-In has been scheduled for all Clover Kids in the county for **Saturday, March 28th** from 7:00PM-midnight at the Smith Wellness Center. Chaperones will be needed. Everyone will be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the center. This event is only for Clover Kid members. Cost is $10/person. Pre-registration is required and is due March 25th. Click [here](#) for a registration form or see enclosed form.
Animal Science Roundup

All youth in 8th-12th grades are invited to apply to attend this 3-day conference all about animal science. This runs at the same time as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference which is scheduled from June 30-July 2 on the ISU campus in Ames. Species that you may choose from include beef, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horse, poultry, and goat (meat and dairy). Hands-on learning from the top scientists in the country. Activities include: dissection, ration formulation, meats, reproduction, selection, careers, competitions, and more! All applications are due April 15th and participants will be notified by May 1st. For more information and to apply, go to: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalsciencerooundup

2020 Iowa Youth Conference Interviews

All enrolled 4-Hers (grades 8-12) will be receiving information on the 2020 Iowa Youth Conference to be held June 30-July 2 on the ISU campus in Ames. We strongly encourage 4-Hers to look over the materials carefully and consider participating. Interviews with Youth Committee members will be held on Monday evening, April 6th, beginning at 6:30 PM. Youth who interview will earn $75 from the Palo Alto 4-H Foundation to put towards the total cost of the conference along with making them eligible for a $50 scholarship from the Pratt family. This truly is a great opportunity for our high school youth.

Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Competitions

The State Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Competitions are scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Find competition information and registration on the Iowa 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl webpage. The skillathon contest is a new event for 2020 and teams may compete in both quiz bowl and skillathon. Links for rules, practice questions, resources, and promotional materials are located on the side bar of the Iowa 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl webpage. Deadline to register a team is April 15th.

New IFYE International Exchange Program Opportunity

Iowa 4-H is excited to partner with IFYE (formerly known as International 4-H Youth Exchange) to offer international exchange opportunities for 4-H alumni, 19 years or older. The IFYE foreign exchange program offers the opportunity to experience another way of life by living it: truly a “learn by doing” experience. IFYE participants join in on all aspects of family life -- sharing quiet moments, enjoying family outings, and joining community activities as well as helping with household and family chores. Iowa 4-H is currently accepting applications for both alumni who would like to travel abroad and for those interested in being a host family for young adults from other countries, for summer 2020. Check out the Iowa 4-H website for application details. Contact Haley Jones with questions.

State 4-H Council Announces 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign

The State Council invites 4-H’ers from across the state to “Count Your Clovers” and help provide support for 4-H members across the state. Funds raised from this campaign provide financial aid support for young people, helps to keeps costs low for the State 4-H Conference and supports the State Council’s efforts. Clubs should complete the Count your Clovers pledge form and return the bottom portion to local County Extension Offices by Friday, May 15. Learn more about the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign on the Iowa 4-H Foundation webpage. Let’s see if all our clubs can meet the $3/member goal! (We will recognize the club who donates the most per member at our Leaders’ Appreciation & Awards Banquet in the fall.)

Identifying Animals in 4HOnline – Must be done by 11:59 PM on May 15th – No Late Entries Accepted

Again this year - we are asking 4-H exhibitors to identify their animals in 4HOnline. 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/meat goats, 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 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 add after that is rabbits and poultry. Rabbits and poultry can be added until 11:59 PM on July 1st.

5. BEFORE LOGGING OUT REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR ANIMAL LIST AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT YOU ENTERED IS ON THAT LIST! If it is coming to fair it has to be on that list!

Additional Information:

- **Market Beef** – all is done
- **Breeding Beef** – must have a tattoo (if none, put in tag #) and birthdate listed in 4HOnline by May 15th – calfhood vaccination number is not an allowable tattoo. All registered breed heifers must have breed and registration number in 4HOnline by May 15th – no “pending” will be allowed. If switching a market heifer to a breeding heifer you do NOT need to go into 4HOnline and re-identify her. HOWEVER, if you want to change her to breeding as a registered breed animal, you should re-enter her under Beef, Breeding and enter the breed, tattoo, birthdate, and registration number by May 15th. *Again for 2020 State Fair – tattoo + one of the following: registration # (if a purebred), calfhood vaccination #, or official 4-H ear tag.
- **Cow/Calf Pair** – You must identify in 4HOnline by May 15th – if calf is not born yet put in projected date
- **Market Swine** – You will need to come to the office and get your ear tags ($1.50 each – must have the USDA symbol) first and then complete the entry online. All State Fair Swine must have a 4-H DNA punch tag and a USDA tag, both available at the Extension Office, and be recorded into 4HOnline by May 15th.
- **Dairy Cattle** – You can upload .jpg photos of your animal into 4HOnline (optional). You can also re-activate your animal(s) from last year in 4HOnline – just click each animal you want to re-activate. In 2020, the Palo Alto County Fair will not have a Dairy Cattle Show.
- **Dog** – Now you can upload your rabies certificate into 4HOnline. You can also upload .jpg photos of your animal and even re-activate an animal from last year – just click the animal you want to re-activate.
- **Horse** – You will need to upload 4 photos (front view, rear view, left side view, and right side view) to complete your entry. You can also re-activate an animal from last year by clicking on that animal.
- **Market Meat Goats** – Remember to verify in 4HOnline after weigh-in but before May 15th – I will send out an email about this – includes does & wethers.
- **Breeding Meat Goat Does** – All does MUST have a 4-H tag OR official tattoo; and birthdate in 4HOnline. Retinal images are needed for State Fair eligibility.
- **Sheep** – Remember to verify in 4HOnline after weigh-in but before May 15th – I will send out an email about this. All State Fair eligible sheep MUST have a 4-H tag and retinal images collected at a county weigh-in – includes market lambs, commercial ewes, and purebred ewes.
- **Poultry** – will be able to identify birds until July 1st in 4HOnline.
- **Rabbits** – will be able to identify rabbits until July 1st in 4HOnline. All rabbits must have a tattoo.
- **Prospect Calves for Clay County** – These, too, are to be entered in 4HOnline. Enter under the category “Beef, Feeder/Prospect Call”.
- **Bucket/Bottle Animals** – Use the appropriate category in 4HOnline for all bucket/bottle calves, lambs, or meat goats. Animal must have an ear tag. You can upload .jpg photos of your animal into 4HOnline (optional).

*Questions? Please call the office (712-852-2865) and let me help you! It would be a shame to put in all the work and then not be able to show!*

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

Weigh-in for 4-H/FFA market lambs & meat goats to be shown at the 2020 Palo Alto County Fair will be held Saturday, April 25th, at the fairgrounds in Emmetsburg from 9:00-10:30 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 this 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, and retinal imaging. 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.

**Market Meat Goats** – All State Fair market goats (both market does and wethers) must have retinal images collected and an official 4-H tag. Also, meat goat does can now be shown in the market class along with wethers; however, a doe can only show market or breeding, not both.

**Breeding Meat Goats** – All State Fair breeding goats must have either a 4-H tag or tattoo. If using a tattoo, it must follow the official guidelines: Left ear = individual animal identifier; Right ear = herd prefix. Retinal images and a recorded birthdate are also required.

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

**Verifying Market Lambs & Meat Goats in 4HOnline**

All weigh-in information for market lambs and meat goats will be entered into 4HOnline soon after weigh-in on the 25th. If you plan to weigh in any of these animals you should also plan to go into 4HOnline and verify that all the information entered is correct. This needs to be done by midnight on May 15th. Failure to do this means that data entered stays "as is" regardless of any mistakes made during entry. Extension staff will not be held responsible for mistakes.

**Directions to Verify Animals:**

1. Log into 4HOnline (https://iowa.4hornline.com) just like you did when you enrolled in 4H.

2. On the member list, click "edit" to the right of the member whose animals you want to verify.

3. Locate and click on the "Animals/Livestock" link in the upper left. All animals should be listed.

4. Click the edit button to the right of each animal to view the information for that animal. If anything listed is incorrect, please call the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 ASAP - DO NOT VERIFY. If everything looks correct, click on the box next to the statement "I verify the information above accurate".

5. Click on the "Save" button to submit your approval. When you have "verified" your information and hit save, this information can no longer be edited by Extension staff.

If you have any questions please call the Extension Office and I will try to walk you through the process.

**Swine Identification for State Fair**

All State Fair swine identification will happen at the county level. **ALL** State Fair swine will need a DNA punch tag and a USDA tag.

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

1. 4-H family goes to county office before May 15th and requests the # of DNA punch tags they need (one per pig), same number of USDA tags as DNA tags, a tagger, and a DNA envelope. **Both** market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair. Cost per tag is $10.00.

2. 4-Her returns home and tags each pig.

3. Puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs (one envelope per 4-Her).

4. Writes down both tag numbers on back of DNA envelope.

5. 4-Her and parent/guardian signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns tagger and DNA envelop to county office by noon on May 15th.

6. **By May 15th** – 4-Her then inputs all data for each pig into 4HOnline under Swine (not weighed in).

7. 4-Her then makes actual State Fair entry by July 1st.

**FSQA/YQCA Update**

All swine, beef, sheep, meat goats, dairy, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors must be certified to show at the 2020 Palo Alto County Fair. All FSQA certifications are now expired so EVERYONE will need to do the new YQCA certification. You can certify in YQCA
online by going to
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca to the
"YQCA Youth Login" link and signing in with your
4HOnline account. The cost to certify is $12 and is
good for one year. Contact the Extension Office if
you have any questions about this. Included with this
newsletter is a step-by-step instruction sheet to help
you do this. This must be completed by June 1st.

2020 Livestock Identification
Changes/Updates

Go and check out the 4-H 202 for all of your livestock
information—It can be found at
https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf

Beef (State Fair)
- Adding Bred & Owned Breeding Heifer Show
  - Each breed will show, then the
    bred/owned eligible heifers will follow
    in that breed
  - Angus
  - Angus (Bred/Owned)
- Heifer’s registration papers MUST indicate
  animal was raised by 4-H member at check-in

Dog
- 2nd Dog Judge’s Training – coming in
  February 2020

Horse – Class Change 2020
- Add Ranch Horse Walk/Trot (Grades 5-8; Grades 9-12)

Meat Goat – New Rule for 2020
- 4-H/FFA No-Fit Shows (State Fair, not Palo Alto County Fair):
  - No use of adhesives, paint, color,
    oils, other aerosols or powder
    products allowed
- Same Rule for 2020
  - No clipping or shearing in the barn;
    goats must come show-ready (same
    as sheep rule)

Sheep – New Rule for 2020
- No cable halters allowed in any sheep shows
  (4-H/FFA/Open)
- Pedigree Wether Dam – rule clarification – all
  breeds accepted. Animals must be
  registered, with papers presented at check-in.
  Only purebreds are eligible to show in
  purebred classes. Any percentage papered
  animals will show as a commercial ewe.
  Classification will be based off of registration
  papers.
- Classifying Speckle-Face/White-Face Lambs
  - 3-person committee to classify lambs
    at check-in

Swine – Ractopamin/Paylean Issue
- State Fair – substance will be allowed
- Residue issues and liability issues if
  substance is found, but is “banned” – stays in
  animal and facilities for considerable time
- County decision on allowing/banning the feed
  additive

2020 State Livestock Event Calendar
- 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza
  o March 20-22, Ellsworth Comm.
    College, Iowa Falls
  o Entry Deadline: March 1
  o http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/
    equineextravaganza
- 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl
  o April 25, ISU Campus
  o http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/li
    vestock-quiz-bowl
- 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
  o June (date TBD), Starmont School,
    Arlington
  o https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/
    projects/dairy-cattle
- 4-H Animal Science Roundup
  o June 30-July 2
  o Applications due Spring 2020
  o https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/
    /projects/animal-science-roundup
- State 4-H Dairy Judging
  o Aug. 12, State Fair
  o https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/
    /projects/dairy-cattle
- State 4-H Livestock & Meats Judging
  o Aug. 29, Ames
  o https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/
    /livestock-judging

2020 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program and the
Iowa 4-H Foundation are sponsoring the 17th 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.

*If you have someone you want to nominate, let Julie
know! I would like to have the name no later than
May 15th.

IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarships

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA
livestock projects and current undergraduate
students may apply for scholarships available from
the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement
(IFAA). Current undergraduate applications postmark
deadline, April 1. Incoming freshmen applications

The Uncommon Student Award

The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award is a $10,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The program annually identifies and honors up to 15 Iowa high school juniors who propose and then accomplish a project of their own choosing and design. Grades, test scores, essays and financial need are not evaluated. Application deadline is March 15th. Go to http://www.hooverpresidentialfoundation.org/uncommon-student.php for more information.

4-H Youth in Action Awards

In January, the National 4-H Council introduced a new application season for the 4-H Youth in Action program. From now until April 27, youth can share their stories of developing passion, finding purpose, and inspiring others. Youth can apply online for the 4-H Youth in Action Awards for a chance to earn a $5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Register Teams for AgOvation

There is still time to register a team for AgOvation. In this state-wide program, teens identify an issue in agriculture and then develop and present solutions. Top teams at the final event receive scholarships. For more information and to register visit the Iowa 4-H AgOvation webpage.

Youth Rabbit/Cavy Workshops

At a Rabbit/Cavy Workshop, youth learn about animal care, showmanship, feeding, etc. from speakers and time will also be devoted for adults to learn more about rabbit judging. The first one will be held Sunday, March 22, at the Muscatine Ag Learning Center in Muscatine, Iowa, from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. The second one will be held Sunday, April 26, at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, Iowa, from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. Find more information about the workshops on the 4-H Rabbit website.

4-H Rabbit Judge’s Training

There will be a 4-H Rabbit Judges training Saturday, April 4, in Red Oak, Iowa from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. This is a workshop for anyone interested in judging rabbit shows at fairs. Email Mike Anderson to RSVP by Monday, March 30.

Iowa Youth Dairy Coalition

This year the Iowa Youth Dairy Coalition is going to be held in Le Mars on March 28-29. This is an annual event, however this is the first year that it is being hosted in northwest Iowa instead of northeast Iowa. This event is open to 4th-12th graders. Registration deadline is Friday, March 6th. You can find the registration forms at: https://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/site/170/committees

Shooting Sports Instructor Training & Recertification - Ames Izaak Walton Range and Iowa State
Campus Office

Agenda

March 13-14, 2020 - New Leader training $75
Arrival 1 p.m. for Face-to-Face Volunteer training (not required if you had Face-to-Face in your county) 
Discipline training 4:30 pm Friday – 9 pm Saturday. 
Overnight on your own.

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Overnights on your own
Recertification Sunday AM and PM Discipline trainings. You can register for one or two disciplines.

March 15, 2020 – Recertification - $40
Recertification Sunday AM and PM Discipline trainings. You can register for one or two disciplines.

SESS LEADERS CAP - $20

Pop Tabs for Jacy Service Project

The 2019-2020 State 4-H Council wants to carry on Jacy McAlexander’s legacy by continuing to collect pop tabs from around the state in his honor. Check out the Pop Tabs for Jacy flyer to find out more about Jacy’s legacy and details of the program. Counties can collect pop tabs and bring them to the Youth Conference check-in on Tuesday, June 30, or choose to drop them off at the state office anytime between now and then. Families can also get them to Aliza Woodford, our State Council Representative, and she will get them to where they need to go.

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 19th at 5:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office. Seven 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.

New members included Lily Straw, Drake Mehan, Jacob Radebaugh, Julia Swift, Myah Wise, Natalie Cadwell, and Adeline Lowman.

Cookie Sheet Magnetic Memo Board Workshop

A Cookie Sheet Magnetic Memo Board Workshop was held for all 4-H members at the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Thursday evening, January 23rd. Six 4-H members enjoyed an evening of designing a memo board using a cookie sheet, scrapbooking paper, and lots of other small items found lying around the Extension Office. They also made magnets to adhere notes to their cookie sheet. No two cookie sheets looked alike. Most participants said they plan to use this as one of their fair projects.

4-Hers attending the workshop included Jacob Radebaugh, Adeline Lowman, Katie Nelson, Peyton Fay, Drake Mehan, and Jadyn Joyce.

Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

The 2020 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza was held on Saturday, February 1st at the Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg. There were 22 youth and 7 accompanying adults represented from seven counties including Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Clay, Buena Vista, and Plymouth. All participants and adults attended four educational sessions throughout the day.

Dr. Dan Berkland from the Sibley Vet Clinic and Stacy Geerdes, an Iowa Lakes Community College professor who teaches Animal Nutrition and Beef Production, taught the session "It's Not Just a Shot in the Dark". Participants learned about reading vaccine/medical labels and withdrawal periods. They also learned about implants and how they impact beef production. Participants even administered implants into a real cow's ear.

Beth Doran, a Beef Specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Sidney Riemenschneider, County Youth Coordinator in Emmet County, taught the session "The Two T's – How to Tag and Tattoo". They explained how cattle identification is needed and demonstrated how to tag and tattoo cattle properly. Participants got to use taggers and tags to properly place a tag in a cutout of a cow's ear.

Youth also attended a session titled "Beef Skill-a-thon – Test Your Knowledge" taught by Amy Powell, a 4-H Livestock Specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, along with some of help from ISU Animal Science students. Participants "tested their knowledge" on beef cuts of meat, breeds, beef, medication labels, feed samples, and beef equipment and their uses.

Lisa Berkland, 4-H Youth Field Specialist, along with Liza Zeman and Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinators in Pocahontas and Palo Alto counties, led the session "Is It Really Meat?" Participants learned some facts about the differences between ground beef and beef substitutes. Youth actually cooked 85% ground beef and Beyond Beef burgers and compared texture and taste. Participants also compared grams of fats, calories, protein, carbohydrates, sodium, and price of 85% ground beef, Beyond Beef, and the Impossible Burger.

At noon youth enjoyed a delicious beef burger grilled by Palo Alto County Cattlemen members, Bryon Hoffman, Nate Dreyer, and Eugene Ruppert, with chips, baked beans, cookie, and pop provided by Iowa Lakes Community College.

Thank you to the other sponsors who helped provide this learning experience to the local youth: Iowa State
University Extension and Outreach, Iowa Lakes Community College, Palo Alto, Emmet, and Kossuth County’s Cattlemen, and Hohensee Farms.

REMINDER – Palo Alto County Extension has a phone app! Just go to your app store on your phone and search “Palo Alto County Extension” and download this free app. We will try to post all Extension programs, events, updates, etc. and keep it current. Let us know if there is something that you would like to see there and we will see if we can get it added!

Babysitting Clinic Held in Palo Alto County

On Saturday, Feb. 15th, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Palo Alto County along with help from the Palo Alto County Hospital offered a Babysitting Clinic for all youth in the county ages 10 and up. A total of 29 youth completed the course. All youth in attendance received a folder of take-home materials and a first aid kit. Sessions included CPR for Adults, Infants, and Toddlers and Basic First Aid – taught by Jesse Radebaugh of Ruthven – Babysitting Basics & Responsibilities, Basic Care, and Safe Play. Participants had fun with the many hands-on activities which included practicing CPR on adult and infant manikins; holding, diapering, and dressing dolls; making bottles of formula and cutting up food in small pieces; and even making slime. A special thanks to the Palo Alto County Hospital for providing an instructor and manikins for the CPR/Basic First Aid session.

Participants who were trained included Myah Burns, Gabby Buscher, Natalie Cadwell, Paige Clabaugh, Laelah Crawmer, Taryn Duus, Rory Elbert, Riley Elbert, Grace Gellerman, Tyler Hansen, Kamryn Hough, Josephine Joyce, Kenna Kajewski, Kaitlyn Kemna, Kinsley Moeller, Olivia Moen, Trevin Montag, Ali Muzik, Scarlett Olson, Jacob Radebaugh, Lauren Rouse, Shelby Schneider, Layna Schupbach, Alana Soenen, Josie Van Wyhe, Lillian Vanderhoff, Myah Wise, Page Witta, and Lily Swift.

Palo Alto County 4-H on Facebook

Check out the photos on the Palo Alto County 4-H Facebook page! Many pictures have been posted from our county events. Feel free to download and use in your 4-H Record Book. Just do a search for “Palo Alto County 4-H” and click “like” to continue to get updates.

Birthdays

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

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Newsletter prepared by Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinator. Email at naig@iastate.edu.
Palo Alto County
4-H Lock-In

Friday Night, February 28, 2020
(rescheduled from Saturday, Jan. 18th)

7:00 PM-Midnight

Smith Wellness Center, Emmetsburg, IA
3200 College Drive

For all 4-Her Members (no friends, please)

✦ Make new friends with others in the county
✦ Have some FUN!

Schedule for the evening:

7:00 PM  Registration, Ground Rules
7:15-9:00  Swimming (pool closes will close at 9:00), volleyball, basketball, racquetball, ping pong
9:00-9:30  Eat Pizza
9:30-10:15  Recreation of choice—will also include a movie, cards, & board games
10:15-11:15  Large Group Games—County Council will lead
11:15-11:45  Recreation of choice
11:45-midnight  Clean-up—Homeward bound

Return to Palo Alto County Extension Office—2008 10th Street, Emmetsburg, 50536 by Feb. 26th.

NAME: ___________________________  GRADE: __________

HOME PHONE #: ____________________  PARENT CELL PHONE #: ____________________

PARENTS' NAMES: ___________________________

FAMILY EMAIL: ___________________________

___ I would consider being a chaperone for the night. Chaperones are at no charge.

My son/daughter has my permission to attend the 4-H Lock-In. The staff of the Wellness Center and any chaperones have the right to eject and/or call me if my child is misusing or abusing the rules of the establishment.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

* The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.
Terrarium Workshop
For All Palo Alto County 4-Hers

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
5:30-7:00 PM

Where: Willow Tree Garden Center,
2103 19th St., Emmetsburg, IA

Cost: $20.00 to cover materials
& a snack

Sponsored by Palo Alto County
Extension

Details:
- Each participant will complete a terrarium
to take home
- Maximum of 20 participants
- Participants will get the container, dirt,
sand/rocks for on top of the dirt, and 3
succulents OR 2 succulents and 1-2
figurines. Figurines to choose from
include farm animals, dinosaurs, bugs,
fairies, and other types of animals.

Learn about
succulents and
design your own
terrarium!

Return to the Palo Alto County Extension Office by March 6th.
(2008 10th St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536) – Terrarium Workshop

NAME: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________ CITY: ____________________________
PARENT CELL PHONE #: __________________ GRADE: __________________

FAMILY EMAIL: _______________________

PARENTS’ NAMES: ____________________

The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

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4-H Bowling Party
Sunday, March 22, 2020
5:00-7:00 PM

@ Shamrock Lanes in
Emmetsburg

Details:
Pre-registration will be required—teams will be assigned on Friday before the event.

Cost: $15/person (Includes pop & pizza and 2 games of bowling.)

For all 4-Hers in grades 4-12—no friends, please.

Meet at Shamrock Lanes, 1301 Broadway St., Emmetsburg.

4-H Bowling Party: March 22, 2020
Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020
Cost: $15.00 Make checks payable to Palo Alto Co. Extension—send to 2008 10th St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536

NAME: ___________________________ GRADE: ___________

HOME PHONE #: ___________________ PARENT CELL PHONE #: ___________________

PARENTS’ NAMES: ____________________________

FAMILY EMAIL: ____________________________

My son/daughter has my permission to attend the 4-H Bowling Party. The staff of the Shamrock Lanes and any chaperones have the right to eject and/or call me if my child is misusing or abusing the rules of the establishment.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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Palo Alto County
Clover Kid Lock-In

Saturday Night, March 28, 2020
7:00 PM-12:00 Midnight
Smith Wellness Center, Emmetsburg, IA
3200 College Drive
For all Clover Kids (no friends, please)

Make new friends from throughout the county!
Have some FUN!

Schedule for the evening:
6:45-7:00 Registration, Rules
7:15-9:00 Swimming (pool will close at 9:00 PM),
basketball, racquetball, ping pong, pool
9:00-9:30 EAT PIZZA
9:30-10:00 Recreation of choice—will also include an optional
Craft time
10:00-11:00 Large Group Games—County Council will lead
11:00-11:45 Recreation of choice
11:45-midnight Clean-up—Homeward bound

Return to the Palo Alto County Extension Office (2008 10th St., Emmetsburg) by March 25th.

NAME: ____________________________ GRADE: __________

HOME PHONE #: ___________________ PARENT CELL PHONE #: ___________________

PARENTS’ NAMES: ________________________

FAMILY EMAIL: _________________________

_____ I would consider being a chaperone for the night. Chaperones are at no
charge.

My son/daughter has my permission to attend the Clover Kid Lock-In. The staff of the Wellness
Center and any chaperones have the right to eject and/or call me if my child is misusing or abus-
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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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June 30-July 2, 2020

ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUNDUP

All youth in 8-12th grades are invited to apply to attend this 3-day conference all about animal science.

Species you may choose from:
Beef, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Horse,
Poultry, Goat (Meat and Dairy)

Hands-on learning from the top scientists in the country.
Activities include:
Dissection, ration formulation, meats, reproduction, selection,
careers, competitions and more!

For more information and application, visit:
extension.iastate.edu/4h
/animalscienceroundup

Apply by April 15.
Participants will be notified by May 1.
4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL AND SKILLATHON COMPETITIONS

April 25, 2020
ISU CAMPUS
LUSH AUDITORIUM, ROOM 125 KILDEE HALL
Registration 10:00AM, Contest 10:30AM

Teams include 3-5 individuals
**Mixed Division:** ages 9-18 as of January 1
**Senior Division:** ages 14-18 as of January 1

*Winner of this division in both skillathon and quiz bowl will represent Iowa at the National 4-H Contest held during the North American International Livestock Exposition in November.

Registration deadline is April 15

For more information and to register: [extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl](http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl)

Contact Amy Powell
ampowell@iastate.edu
515-294-3441

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Creating An Account

Go to https://yqcallearngrowio

4-H Online Sign In
If you have an Active account in 4-H Online, select to Sign in with 4HOnline.
Will be prompted so select a state, then enter the Login Information for your 4-H Online account.
After successfully logging in, you will be given a list of Active family members. Select a family member and start the account creation process.

FFA & Independent Sign In
For FFA members and those who do not have an active 4-H Online account
Creating An Account – FFA & Independent

Enter information for the individual whose name will appear on the certificate.

A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger.

Email entered for member that is 12 or younger, must be that of a parent or guardian.
Independent
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Account –
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For members 12 or younger
Parent/ Guardian Consent
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals
Data Sharing Consent
Parent/ Guardian Consent
NAVIGATING THE ACCOUNT
Navigating The Account

To start a course, click one of the Home screen for member

Course Issue:

Read the description of the course or instructor-led training carefully to make sure the individual associated with the account meets the course requirements.

Home screen for member

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals
Navigating The Account Menu

Account Menu
- Upper right of every screen after logging in

My Account Screen
- Shows individual's information
- If account is not linked to 4-H Online, password can be changed here
Navigating The Account - Help

After clicking 'Help', user will be presented with a screen to send a message.

Logging in lower right of every screen after Help.
PURCHASING A COURSE
Purchasing a Course

1. Select a course
2. Purchase the course
3. Pay for the course
Purchasing A Course

4. Finalizing payment
5. Viewing the receipt
Completing Certification
Completing A Course

Must pass 3 quizzes to get certified

- Animal Well-Being
- Food Safety
- Life Skills

Select a Knowledge Builder and Skills to gain knowledge and test your skill

- Status will show throughout to track progress

Back to Course

- Will return user to menu page to select another Knowledge Builder, Skills Lab or Quiz
Certificate of Completion

Course: Junior

Age: 12

Electricity locally and/or send to PDF. Can download as a PDF to print certificate after all quizzes have been passed.

Return to course menu screen.