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Dates to Remember

MARCH
Mar. 1 MaxYield Ag Scholarship Apps for graduating seniors due – https://www.maxyieldcoop.com/agscholarships
Mar. 2 PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office
Mar. 3 Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office
Mar. 4 Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion
Mar. 5 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – in lunchroom until 5:00 PM
Mar. 6 Independence Boosters 4-H Club Mtg. – 7:30 PM @ Cylinder Heritage Center
Mar. 7 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ office
Mar. 7 BonBons, Bath, & Beauty Workshop – 5:30-8:00 PM @ office – re-scheduled from Feb. 14th
Mar. 9 Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:00-3:00 – Air Madness
Mar. 9 Fern Valley 4-Hers Club Mtg. – 9:00 AM @ West Bend Library
Mar. 9 Clover Kid Lock-In – 7:00-midnight @ the Smith Wellness Center, Emmetsburg – pre-registration required
Mar. 11 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
Mar. 13 Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in West Bend school lunchroom
Mar. 14 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 2:30-4:00 PM @ office (please note the earlier time – due to an early out)
Mar. 16 PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office
Mar. 16 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. 17 | Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. – 1:00 PM @ TBA |
| Mar. 17 | 4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office |
| Mar. 19 | 4-H Gardeners Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office – re-scheduled from Mar. 5th |
| Mar. 22-24 | 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza @ Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls |
| Mar. 23-24 | Spring 2019 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training @ Clover Woods, Madrid, IA – deadline to register is March 15th or as soon as possible – talk to Julie if interested |
| Mar. 24 | 4-H Bowling Party – 6:00-8:00 PM @ Shamrock Lanes in Emmetsburg – pre-registration required |
| Mar. 30 | State Recognition Day – Interviews (Ames) |
| April 1 | Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion |
| April 1 | 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM – location to be announced |
| April 19 | Office Closed – Spring Break |
| April 27 | Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In for Market Lambs & Meat Goats – 9:00-10:30 PM @ office |
| April 28 | Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. – 1:00 PM @ Ruthven United Methodist Church |
| April 30 | Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – in lunchroom until 5:00 PM |
| MAY | DEADLINE FOR ALL ANIMAL IDs TO BE ENTERED IN 4HONLINE |
| May 1 | Deadline for accepting new enrollments to be eligible to show at fair |
| May 11-12 | Emmet County Cattle Fitting Clinic – Palo Alto Co. 4-Hers invited |
| May 15 | DEADLINE FOR ALL ANIMAL IDs TO BE ENTERED IN 4HONLINE |
| Other Dates TBA | Other Dates TBA |
| FUTURE DATES | Science Roundup |
| June 1 | YQCA Certification must be completed |
| June 11 | 2019 Multi-County 4-H Junior Trip to Des Moines – more details to come |
| June 25-27 | Iowa 4-H Youth Conference/Animal Science Roundup @ ISU campus, Ames |
| July 1 | Fair Livestock Entry Forms due |
| July 9 | Clothing Event Judging |
| July 13 | Fair clean-up @ fairgrounds |
| July 16 | Pre-fair Judging Day – all exhibits in Exhibits Building |
| July 18-21 | PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR |
| Aug. 8-18 | Iowa State Fair |

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

## 2019 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

Tentative dates have been set for the 2019 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! Plans are to run the fair from Thursday, July 18th through Sunday, July 21st with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building to be judged on Tuesday, July 16th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Event judging will be held on Tuesday, July 9th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 13th. Livestock entries will be due on Monday, July 1st. Any changes to this will be posted in future newsletters.
FSQA/YQCA Update

All swine, beef, sheep, meat goats, dairy, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors must be certified to show at the 2019 Palo Alto County Fair. All FSQA certifications are now expired (with the exception of a couple graduating seniors) 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. They are working on a 3-year test out option which should be available soon. 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.

2019 Equine Extravaganza – March 22-24

Entries Due March 1 – Don't miss out on this year's event! March 22-24 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.

New! 4-H Garden Club

We are excited to announce that we now have a garden club and are open to any youth interested in plants, flowers, and gardening! Help us spread the word! We have a club leader and a youth leader who I know will make this a fun, and active club. Their first official meeting will be Tuesday evening, March 19th beginning at 6:30 PM. Current 4-Hers can join this club with no additional enrollment fee. New members are welcome and will be eligible to show at this year’s fair! Please call the office (712-852-2865) if your child or a friend of theirs is interested. This will be a great opportunity for youth to learn, work, and grow!

BonBons, Bath, & Beauty Workshop

It is not too late! Due to the weather this workshop has been re-scheduled for Thursday evening, March 7th from 5:30-8:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room of the Extension Office. Join us for a fun work-shop to learn to “treat yourself” (or someone special). Learn to make bath bombs, lip gloss, sugar scrubs, and lip scrubs and even some chocolate truffles. Pizza will be included. Pre-registration is required and is due March 5th. Cost is $15 and will include take-home samples and recipes. Click here for a registration form or see enclosed form.

Clover Kid Lock-In

A Clover Kid Lock-In has been scheduled for all Clover Kids in the county for Saturday, March 9th 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 7th. Click here for a registration form or see enclosed form.

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 16th. 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.)

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 25-27 on the ISU campus in Ames. Species that you may choose from include beef, dairy, swine, sheep, horse, poultry, and meat goat. Hands-on learning from the top scientists in the country. Activities include: activities 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/animalsciencero

4-H Bowling Party

All 4-H members are invited to a 4-H Bowling Party on Sunday evening, March 24th from 6:00-8:00 PM at Shamrock Lanes in Emmets-
Out-of-County Events

Interviews

All enrolled 4-Hers (grades 8-12) will be receiving information on out-of-county events for summer 2019 in the mail soon. We strongly encourage 4-Hers to look over the materials carefully and consider participating in at least one of the events. Interviews with Youth Committee members will be held on Wednesday evening, April 3rd, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Cattle Fitting Clinic – May 11th & 12th at the Emmet County Fairgrounds – open to any 4-H or FFA member – limited to 20 youth. Deadline to register is May 1st. See attached/enclosed registration form.

4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl

April 13th in Kildee Hall, ISU campus. Two divisions (teams are 3-5 individuals) – Mixed Division: ages 10-19 as of Jan. 1; Senior Division: ages 14-19 as of Jan. 1. Winner of senior division will represent Iowa at the National 4-H Contest held during Ak-Sar-Ben in September. For complete rules and sample questions go to: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/quizbowl.

Registration deadline is April 1st.

Date Set for Block & Bridle Horse Show

The 2019 Block & Bridle Horse Show will take place April 19-20. A clinic will take place on April 19th with the regular show to follow on the 20th in Elkhart, Iowa. Check out the show bill for more information. The event organizers are looking for sponsorships, check out the sponsorships form for more information.

New Limits for Tractor Restoration Program

The Antique Tractor Restoration Program, sponsored by Titan Tire, is receiving applications for 2019. 4-H and FFA members can register to receive donations of front or rear tires while supplies last. There are new limits for the number of tires 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and individual members can be awarded. See the program flyer and application for details. Find out more information by visiting the Iowa 4-H Tractor project webpage or the Titan Tire webpage.

Iowa Poultry Queen

Are you a 4-Her who shows poultry at the fair, are between the ages of 16 to 21, and wants to share your knowledge of poultry with others? If you answered yes to these questions, then we would like you to apply to be the next Iowa Poultry Queen! The application is easy! Contact the office and we will get you all the details. Applications are due March 15th.

2019 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference: A Universe of Possibilities

The dates have been set for June 25-27, 2019 for a great three-day adventure at ISU for Iowa’s youth. We also wanted to share that the registration cost will be $180 per person. This is the same 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!

*4-Hers who interview with the Youth Committee on Wednesday, April 3rd will earn $75 to put towards the conference fee. Again this year, we will be giving Pratt Scholarships worth $50 each to eight participants.

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 be added 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 Breed, Breeding and enter the breed, tattoo, birthdate, and registration number by May 15th. *New for 2019 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) and then complete the entry online. All State Fair swine MUST have a 4-H DNA tag 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.
- **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 Calf”.
- **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 2019 Palo Alto County Fair will be held **Saturday, April 27th**, 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 due 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 24th. 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 27th. 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.4honline.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.

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 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 $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 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 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.

2019 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

Breeding Beef

- ALL heifers need a tattoo entered in 4HOnline plus one of the following:
  - Registration # (if a purebred/breed)
  - Calfhood Vaccination #
- Official 4-H ear tag

Dairy Cattle

- Two of three identifiers required
Tattoo/Ear Tag # (tattoo, DHIA official ID acceptable)
• Registration # (all levels of registry)
• Photos (2 – left side, right side)

4-H 202 Publication Update
• Updated for 2019 – see above link
  o Removed registration paper requirement for state fair horse halter/conformation classes
  o Removed Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show verbiage with that show’s changes for 2019

Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show Changes
• ALL Ak-Sar-Ben animals will be both identified AND entered for the show through AK-Sar-Ben
• County Staff will not handle any paperwork, payment, or DNA hair samples (no retinal images either)
• Families will go online and submit DNA hair samples and later in the summer, submit show entries on their own

YQCA
• YQCA – required for ALL 4-H livestock exhibitors
  o County and State Fair
  o Certification due by July 1 (county could set earlier date for early fairs)
  o Animal Care & Discloser Statement (drug affidavit) – required for all county/state fair exhibitors (beef, meat goat, sheep, swine) (horse – state fair only)
  o YQCA Youth Online Certification – online option ($12/youth)
  o Previous FSQA testing will be honored through expiration date
  o Website: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca

Sheep
• Add rule: If less than 5 head are entered, will show in “All Other Breeds” class
• New Class: “Pedigree Wether Dam”
  o All breeds accepted. Animals must be registered, with papers presented at check-in. Classification will be based off of registration papers. Hair sheep (Dorphers) will also be accepted in this class.
  o Entries must be born after January 1 of the current year.
  o Classes will be split into breeds with 5 or more entries in the particular breed. Breeds with less than 5 head will show in the “All Other Breeds” class.
  o Breed champions will compete for Grand Champion 4-H Purebred Wether Dam.
  o Animals must be slick-shorn prior to entering the fairgrounds.

• Re-word class description:
  o White-face (add Southdown lambs to qualify for this)
  o Speckled-face (will call it White-breed influence/speckled face) and include acceptance of piebald lambs to class qualification/description

2019 State Livestock Event Calendar
• 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza
  o March 22-24, 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 13, ISU Campus
  o http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-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 25-27
  o Applications due Spring 2019
  o https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

• State 4-H Dairy Judging
  o Aug. 7, State Fair
  o https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/dairy-cattle

• State 4-H Livestock & Meats Judging
  o Aug. 24, Ames
  o https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-judging

2019 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.*
4-H Summer Youth Assistant

Palo Alto County is again looking for a 4-H Summer Assistant. The Summer Youth Assistant is a part-time position for approximately 10 weeks to work with the 4-H & youth programs of Palo Alto County. Duties will entail working with youth events; working at the Palo Alto County Fair; and doing miscellaneous work in the Extension office. Assist with day camps, recreation activities, and workshops. Some evening or weekend work may be required.

QUALIFICATIONS:
1. To have a minimum of 1 year of college beyond high school training.
2. To have a valid driver’s license and available transportation.
3. To have 4-H experience or experience in working with youth and adults preferred.
4. To have effective verbal and written communication including phone and computer skills.
5. To have effective organizational and multi-tasking skills (time management).
6. To be self-motivated and enthusiastic.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:
Approximately 10 weeks employment: May 28th through August 5th, and approximately 15 to 20 hours per week.

APPLICATION:
One page resume and simple cover letter due to Palo Alto County Extension Office by April 10, 2019. Interviews will be conducted at the Palo Alto County Extension Office, 2008 10th St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536.

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 postmark deadline, May 1. Go to https://ifaa.org/scholarships.php for more information.

The Uncommon Student Award

The 22nd annual Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, a scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors, will award up to $50,000 in scholarships this year. Application deadline is March 15th. Go to http://www.hooverpresidentialfoundation.org/uncommon-student.php for more information.

Spring SESS 4-H New Instructor Training

The Spring 2019 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training will be held March 23-24 at Clover Woods, Madrid, IA – Saturday, 8:00 AM arrival and Sunday, 2:00 PM departure. Disciplines offered are Coordinator, Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun and Wildlife. There is a minimum number of people required to hold each training so register early to avoid cancelation of a discipline. $150 registration fee includes an overnight lodge stay, meals, hat, and training materials. Register online to attend the training. Registration deadline is March 8th. (The Palo Alto County Extension Office will pay the registration fee – talk to Julie about this.)

NEW – Palo Alto County Extension now 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!

Agricultural Youth Grants

Every year I-CASH has funds available for small grants helping community youth groups for farm safety-related projects. In addition, I-CASH awards an Outstanding Youth Grant Award, the winners are invited to the annual Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health Conference to present their project. Find out more information and a link to register on the I-CASH webpage. Deadline to apply is this Friday, March 1.

AgOvation Team Registration

There is still time to register teams for AgOvation. Youth in this program explore solutions to issues in agriculture and present their work for a chance to win scholarship money. Check out the link for more information!

Iowa Youth Dairy Coalition

Youth ages 10-18, with an interest in the dairy industry are encouraged to participate in the 2019 Youth Dairy Coalition hosted in Dyersville by the Dairy Science Club at Iowa State University March 29-30. Check out the 2019 YDC Youth Letter for more information. To register, download and send in the registration form and parental permission agreement by March 8th. Contact Ashley Schwartzhoff with questions.
What is the State 4-H Council up to?

*Brought to you by the State 4-H Council Communication & the Arts Committee*

Several council committees have been busy throughout the month of February making planning decisions for the Youth Conference! The Keynote Committee has successfully lined up their two keynote speakers, the Food, Housing & Registration Committee is working on banquet entertainment ideas, and the Promotion Committee has completed the conference logo and promotional brochure. Council members are also looking into the possibility of implementing a conference app for delegates and chaperones to use during the conference. We are gearing up for our final retreat March 16-17 at Clover Woods where final conference planning will take place just in time for registration to open on March 20th. We are excited to begin promotion and recruitment following our March retreat!

4-H Clover Fabric On Sale At JOANN’S Fabric

In addition to the 4-H clover fabric that is now on sale at JOANN’S fabric stores nationwide, the coin boxes at each register are collecting funds to support state 4-H programs. JOANN’S’s Clover for Kids coin box promotion will run February through April. These funds will be rolled into any paper clover sales at the end of the campaign as well. Encourage your local 4-H youth to visit their local JOANN’S store or shop online during the promotion. More information about the promotion can be found on the national 4-H webpage.

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 20th at 5:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office. Ten 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 Elizabeth Thoren, Landon Hoogterp, Justine Reese, Trent Morey, Audrey Garrelts, Mary Vanderhoff, Nora Nelson, Ava Salas, Addison Hansen, and Isaiah Warnke.

Annual 4-H Lock-In

The Palo Alto County 4-H Lock-In was held on Saturday night January 26th, from 7:00-midnight at the Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Twenty-nine 4-Hers participated in the event. They swam; played basketball, kick ball, racquetball, pool and ping pong; participated in an hour of group games;
and ate pizza and snacks. Special thanks to the staff at the Wellness Center, all the County Council members who brought cookies and bars, and to the adults who stayed and chaperoned for the evening. Fun was had by all!

2019 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

The 2019 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza was held on Saturday, February 2nd at the Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg. There were 33 youth represented from nine counties including Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Clay, Ida, Sac, Plymouth and Winneshiek. All participants and adults attended four educational sessions throughout the day.

Dr. Dan Berkland from the Sibley Vet Clinic and Dr. Grant Dewell, ISU College of Veterinary Medicine, taught the session “Calving Simulator”. Dr. Dewell brought “Frosty the Cow”, which is a calving simulator, with him from Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Dr. Berkland and Dr. Dewell taught youth the proper way to pull a calf when a cow (the mother) cannot have it on her own. They also taught youth what hormones in a female cow stimulation the birthing process. Youth participants actually practiced pulling a calf from a cow using the calving simulator.

Beth Doran, a Beef Specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Mark Jensen, ILCC Beef Instructor, taught the session “How do you Score?”. They taught youth about body, teat, and foot condition in beef cattle. Youth learned how to score those three traits and what the ideal score is for each trait in a herd.

Youth also attended a session titled “Beefing Up” taught by Tammy Chapman, Dietitian for the Palo Alto County Hospital. Youth learned about safe storing, cooking, and temping beef while preparing a beef recipe – English Muffin Cheeseburger Pizzas or Quick Beef Fajitas with Pico De Gallo.

Youth participated in the “You Be the Judge” session. Mike Anderson, 4-H Livestock Specialist, and Lisa Berkland, 4-H Youth Specialist, taught this session. Youth learned the fundamentals of livestock judging, specifically beef cattle. They learned how to evaluate differences and compare traits of several animals in order to select the best animal based on personal preferences.

At noon youth enjoyed a delicious beef burger grilled by Palo Alto County Cattlemen members, Bryon Hoffman 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, Farm Credit Services of America, Palo Alto & Emmet County's Cattlemen, Grove Trucking, Ltd., and Hohensee Farms.

4-H Ice Skating Party

Held February 9th at the West Bend Grotto Pond from 2:00-4:00 PM. What a great way to enjoy Iowa's winter!

Babysitting Clinic Held in Palo Alto County
On Saturday, Feb. 16th, 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 30 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 and Heidi 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 instructors and manikins for the CPR/Basic First Aid session.

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!

March
Carson Schneider
Jack Trick
MaKenna Burns
Maggie Nelson
Cael Rodemeyer
Bristol Allen
Julia Olson
Rory Elbert
Abner Zaugg
Landon Haack

April
Aliza Woodford
Gabe Janssen
Trista Guinn
Nathan Adams
Oliver Hurley
Justin Guinn
Logan Treiber
Payton Akridge
Grace Gellerman
Ryen Morey

Hannah Tindall
Laney Montag
Will Swift
Ryan Girres
Andrew Huhensee
Leah Hoffman
Thomas Woodford
Devin Morey
Cole Rouse

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