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## Dates to Remember

### MAY

**May 1**

**Deadline for accepting new enrollments to be eligible to show at fair**

May 17

4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM (virtual)

### JUNE

**June 1**

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ANIMAL IDs TO BE ENTERED IN 4HONLINE**

June 1

YQCA Certification must be completed online (animal exhibitors)

June 29

Fair Livestock Entry Form & stall fees due

### JULY

July 7

Clothing Event Judging

July 11

Fair clean-up @ fairgrounds

July 14

Pre-fair Judging Day – all exhibits in Exhibits Building

July 15

Judging of Flowers & Vegetables (Horticulture) – 4:30-

July 16-19

7:00 PM in Exhibits Building

Aug. 13-18

**PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR**

Iowa State Fair

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

**COVID-19 Update – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's number one priority is the safety and health of our (citizens) staff, youth, volunteers, and all those who attend our programs. At this time and running through May 31<sup>st</sup> all Palo Alto County Extension programs are canceled until further notice.**

Currently, the Palo Alto County Extension Office is closed to the public but is staffed from 9:00AM until 1:00PM Monday-Friday to take your calls. When not in the office, staff will be working remotely from their homes so please send emails directly to staff or to

[xpaloalto@iastate.edu](mailto:xpaloalto@iastate.edu).

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\*As soon as things change and we are allowed to open up to the public, I will send out a broadcast email to all families letting them know the change.

**Will there be a fair?** – I have been getting this question a lot lately. I am still planning for a fair – working on the schedule, lining up judges, updating entry forms, etc. I can tell you that there is a state committee that is looking into this right now but I have been told to continue as if there is going to be a fair. If I hear anything different I will immediately let all my families know, probably through a broadcast email. There has also been rumors that we might be able to have fairs but they may need to be done a little differently. Sorry, I can't be more help than that but I will do my best to keep you updated during this unprecedented time.

## Summer Horse & Dog Practices

Currently, we are planning to hold summer dog and horse practices during the months of June and the first part of July IF we are allowed to open things back up and hold face-to-face meetings after the May 31<sup>st</sup> date. Please watch the weekly Clover Connect for more updates about these opportunities. Also, be aware that practices may need to look a little different and may include some specific guidelines to be followed for everyone's safety and well-being.

## Important Livestock Updates

A number of changes have recently been made due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **All spring weigh-ins for meat goats, sheep, and swine have been cancelled.**
- **The May 15 livestock ID deadline will be moved back to June 1.** This applies to ALL livestock that are usually identified by May 15<sup>th</sup> including: Breeding Beef, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine. Rabbits and poultry will still remain at the July 1 deadline. The 4HOnline Animal ID Family Help Sheet has been updated for 2020 with the recent changes – see attachment/ enclosed sheet.
- **Tagging Procedures** – We will have tags (\$1.50 each) and taggers available – you will just need to call 712-852-2865 when you get to the office so we can unlock the front door and set them in the front entry. Pick ups for tags/taggers will need to be done between

9:00AM and 1:00PM Monday through Friday. Please put the money for the tags in an envelope with your name on it and we will collect it after you leave. **Additionally, for identification purposes, we are asking all tagged animals (with the exception of swine) be documented by a photo that is uploaded to 4-HOnline. New this year – ear notches will be required for ALL swine, not just the State Fair pigs.** See attached/enclosed sheet (Palo Alto County will be using Option #2.)

- **Retinal Imaging** – In lieu of the COVID-19 situation and its effect on the collection of retinal images, the Iowa 4-H Program in cooperation and approval from the Iowa State Fair Board has decided to forego the retinal imaging requirement for sheep and meat goats for this upcoming Iowa State Fair 4-H show. 4-H swine will still be required to submit DNA samples as those can be collected by families at this time. 4-H sheep and meat goats (both breeding and market animals) will be required to upload 3 (three) photos into 4-H Online **by the June 1 ID deadline.** 4-HOnline has been updated with photo upload fields. The three (3) photos must include one of each of the following:
  - Clear, readable picture of the 4-H/USDA tag in the animal's ear
  - Left, full side view of the animal
  - Right, full side view of the animal

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 June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> – calfhood vaccination number is not an allowable tattoo. All registered breed heifers must have breed and registration number in 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> – 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 15<sup>th</sup>. \*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 15<sup>th</sup> – 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 sample and a USDA tag. ALL swine must have ear notches recorded in 4HOnline.
- 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 – All market meat goats must have a 4-H tag. Remember to upload the 3 photos that it asks for (tag in animal's ear, left full side view of the animal, right full side view of the animal).
- Breeding Meat Goat Does – All does MUST have a 4-H tag OR official tattoo; and birthdate in 4HOnline. Remember to upload the 3 photos that it asks for (tag in animal's ear, left full side view of the animal, right full side view of the animal). A doe can show market or breeding, but not both.
- Sheep – All sheep must have a 4-H tag. Remember to upload the 3 photos that it asks for (tag in animal's ear, left full side view

of the animal, right full side view of the animal). This includes market lambs, commercial ewes, and purebred ewes.

- Poultry – will be able to identify birds until July 1<sup>st</sup> in 4HOnline.
- Rabbits – will be able to identify rabbits until July 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

## **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 sample 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 June 1<sup>st</sup> and requests the # of tags they need (one per pig), # of taggers, and # of DNA envelopes for State Fair (1 envelope per 4-Her up to 25 pigs per envelope). **Both** market and breeding swine need to have DNA samples for State Fair. Family pays county office for tags.
2. 4-Her returns home and tags each pig (USDA-type tag for ALL swine; DNA collector/punch tag for any State Fair animal).
3. 4-Her puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs (one envelope per 4-Her).
4. 4-Her writes down tag numbers on back of DNA envelope.
5. 4-Her and parent/guardian signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns taggers and DNA envelopes to county office by noon on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.
6. **By June 1<sup>st</sup>** – 4-Her then inputs all data for each pig into 4HOnline under Swine (not weighed in) – animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc).
7. 4-Her then makes actual State Fair entry by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 2020 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Premium Book

The 2020 State Fair 4-H Premium Book is now posted on the 4-H Livestock State Fair page, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock> under the "Premium Book & Exhibitor Information" Section.

**2020 State Fair Livestock 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>.

**2020 Iowa State Fair 4-H Market Broiler Entry NOW OPEN - Due June 1** – Family helpsheet posted on [State Fair 4-H Livestock](#) page and [4-H Poultry](#) page.

## 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. There is also a test out option for those that are of the right age. Included with this newsletter is a step-by-step instruction sheet to help you so this. **This must be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

\*Due to the coronavirus, YQCA is offering a "Flash Sale" for the web-based training from April 1 – April 30, 2020. More information about this can be found at the above link.



## 2020 Fair Book

The 2020 Fair Book is now completed and is on our website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h).

This is a must see if you plan to bring exhibits to the Palo Alto County Fair. The fair book includes rules, fair classes and descriptions, premiums, etc. Please read before you exhibit! Since we no longer print out a fair book for everyone, the fair book is updated every year. If you do not have internet access and would like a printed copy, please let us know and we will print one out for you. We can also print out specific sections.

\*Please use the class numbers in **this version** of the fair book when filling out fair entry tags/goal sheets as the class numbers and class descriptions have changed in recent years.

## 2020 Palo Alto County Fair Animal Show Schedule (Tentative)

### Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Beef Show – Feeder Pens	8:00 AM
Beef Show – Breeding & Market	9:00 AM
Horse Show – Performance	9:00 AM
Pet Show	1:30 PM

\*Times are approximate and subject to change.

\*All livestock/animals to be exhibited at fair are to be on the fairgrounds by 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> (the first day of fair). Exception – animals to be weighed in and/or tested (poultry).

**\*All livestock and non-livestock exhibits will be released from the fair on Sunday afternoon, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 PM.**

## Palo Alto County Livestock Fair Entry Day – June 29<sup>th</sup>

AGAIN THIS YEAR FAIR ENTRY DAY IS ONLY FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS.

All 4-H/FFA members with livestock/animal entries will need to turn in a 2020 Livestock/Animal Entry Form by **Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**. This form will include the stall fees (if any) and numbers that are needed for our superintendents to make pen assignments for fair. Leaders will have copies of the form and the form is also be available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h>.

NON-LIVESTOCK ENTRIES – All exhibits to be brought to the fair on our pre-fair judging day will still need to be listed on a form but the form will just need

to come with the exhibits on judging day, Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The form is similar to last year. Leaders will have copies of the form and the form will also be available online at the above website.

\*If you have any questions about the forms, please feel free to call the office at 712-852-2865.

**\*Lost Ears Tags:** Contact the office immediately if you notice a missing tag. All market beef, dairy calves, sheep, meat goats, bottle lambs, bucket/bottle calves, and swine must have an ear tag to be shown at the fair.

## Substitute Showman Policy

Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence we are requiring livestock exhibitors who know in advance that they are not going to be present to show their own animal(s) at the fair to file an application for a substitute showman no later than **July 1<sup>st</sup>** to the Palo Alto County Extension Office. At that time exhibitors will be asked to name a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be an eligible Palo Alto County 4-H/FFA member. Exceptions for the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will include injury, serious illness, bereavement, other state 4-H/FFA activities, unforeseen events, or other extreme emergency situations. Exceptions will be taken up until the start of the respective animal show with a contact made to the Extension office/fair office. Applications will be available at the Extension office. The Youth Committee reserves the right to reject any application. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold animal(s) exhibited by an alternate showman from the premium auction.

## Fair Exhibitor T-shirts

Again this year all 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be expected to wear the fair T-shirt that was designed a couple of years ago. Additional T-shirts will be available during the fair for a cost of \$8.00. The green T-shirts with the pavilion on the front are no longer acceptable show attire. **All new 4-Hers will get a free T-shirt when they bring their first 4-H exhibits to the fair.**

## Non-Livestock Exhibit Help

The state 4-H website has some great online help for 4-H members exhibiting in the non-livestock areas.

4-Hers are encouraged to go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list> and select the area they are interested in exhibiting in. On that page 4-Hers can get exhibit ideas and links to resources from the project "hot sheet". Also

included is an "exhibit tip sheet" which can help members know what the judge is looking for. There is also a "poster tip sheet" for members wanting to design a poster in that project area.

As 4-Hers complete exhibits they will need to complete a fair entry tag/goal sheet which contains the three questions below. This sheet then needs to be attached to the exhibit. (Exception: 4-Hers just completing 4<sup>th</sup> grade only need to complete a simple green card – available at the Extension office.) To obtain an entry tag/goal sheet click [here](#).

The three questions are:

- What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- What steps did you take to learn to do this? Explain what you did so it is easily understood. The judge wants to know and understand the steps you used to make your exhibit.
- What were the most important things you learned?

New this year: Written explanation should also include use and understanding of design elements and art principles where appropriate – see the Palo Alto County Fair Book class descriptions for the classes that require these (ex. Visual Arts, Clothing & Fashion, Sewing & Needle Arts, and Home Improvement).

\*Please note that photography, poster art, and flower and vegetable exhibits have a different tag. It is our hope that this will take out a lot of the "guess work" as far as exhibiting at the county fair. Please feel free to call the Extension Office with any questions. I will also have all the fair forms, entry tags/goal sheets, etc. here at the office for pick-up and I would be more than happy to go through them with you.

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

If you are bringing food exhibits to the fair please refer to this piece so you know what is acceptable and what is unacceptable. Knowing this in advance could save you a lot of time and disappointment in this project area!

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

## Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge Judging

Judging for Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge will be held **Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at **4:00 PM**. This opportunity is open to ALL 4-Hers.

For the member who wishes to sew his/her garment, the class is called "Fashion Revue". For those who wish to purchase a garment the class is called "Clothing Selection". The "\$15 Challenge" is when the participant purchases an outfit at a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop (i.e. Good-will, Salvation Army, or other stores of this type) for a cost of \$15 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.

Please contact the Extension Office by Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to participate. A schedule for judging will then be put together. For information about these clothing events and eligibility requirements, please refer to the fair book. Senior winners in these events will advance to the state level. The 2020 Awardrobe Clothing Event (state level event) will be held on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the State Fairgrounds Youth Inn.

AGAIN in 2020 – Participants can participate more than once in the same category (Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and \$15 Challenge) at the state level. However, they can only participate in one category each year.

\* Remember that Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/\$15 Challenge is 2 projects: July 7<sup>th</sup> and again taken to the fair as an exhibit on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Communications Judging

Again this year working exhibits, educational presentations, and extemporaneous speaking will be done during the Palo Alto County Fair. They will be scheduled for **Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon**. We are looking at doing them in the old country schoolhouse on the fairgrounds. We encourage all 4-H members to give this a try! What a great life skill to develop at an early age!

An *educational presentation* is a formal kind of communications. Educational presentations are talks or demonstrations, given in front of an audience, about some topic that interests the 4-Her. The idea is to teach the audience about a topic or to demonstrate how to do something. Many school speeches fit nicely in this category.

*Working exhibits* are informal 4-H presentations where the audience gets involved. The fun part of this is that 4-Hers are teaching a skill to an audience that they first have to catch the attention of to make them stop, listen, and then participate.

A judge will be hired to judge these events and make selections for State Fair and Clay County Fair. Call the office to get signed up – 712-852-2865!

## Share-the-Fun to be Held During the Fair

Reminder: Again this year Share-the-Fun will be held on the **Thursday** night of the 2020 Palo Alto County Fair – time to be determined. The fair board would like every 4-H club to have at least one entry. Entries can include skits, speeches, musical entries, etc., and can include any number of 4-H club members. The 4-H County Council will emcee the event. Entries will be judged and 3 acts will be chosen to perform at the Iowa State Fair and 2 will be chosen to perform at the Clay County Fair. All acts/skits must adhere to the 8 minute maximum length.

\*When you have an act selected please contact the Extension office with the names of the participants and the supplies you will need (mics, piano, etc.) for your performance.

## 2020 Challenge Class for Food & Nutrition

Rules:

1. Open to all 4-H members & Clover Kids.
2. Entries in this class will not be eligible for state fair. A designated judge will judge all entries in the class and select winners. This class WILL be conferenced judged.
3. An entry should include 4 standard-sized muffins on a paper plate/flat piece of cardboard. Limit – one entry per exhibitor.
4. Entries should be brought to fairgrounds on judging day with their other exhibits.
5. 4-H members will need to include the fair entry tag/goal sheet with their entry (the same form that is used with their other exhibits – the one with the 3 questions). This should be attached in the same manner as with any of their other static exhibits.
6. There will also be a division for Clover Kids. Clover Kids entries should have a 3x5 index card attached to their entry with the following information:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Clover Kid – Challenge Class
7. All entries will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon with the exception of Clover Kids who will get a special ribbon. 4-Hers will receive a premium for their entry just like they do for their other entries: Blue - \$2.00, Red - \$1.50, White - \$1.00
8. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected from the entries. Medallions will be awarded to these top two entries.
9. All entries are to remain in the Exhibits Building until the release of all other exhibits which will be Sunday afternoon at 12:30 PM. The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to

exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time.

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

### **Muffins Your Way**

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted
- ¾ cup whole wheat flour (or other whole grain flour)
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ¼ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup milk

### **Variations:**

With the last few strokes, add one or more of the following:

- ¼ cup nuts
- ½ cup shredded coconut
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup apples, chopped
- ¼ cup blueberries (drained if canned or frozen)
- ½ cup grated cheese

Instructions:

1. Sift together the dry ingredients – flours, salt, sugar, and baking powder.
2. Beat the eggs in a separate bowl. Combine the melted butter and milk. Add to the eggs.
3. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and pour in the liquid ingredients. Stir the ingredients together until moistened (10-20 seconds only).
4. Fill greased muffin tins or paper-lined muffin tins two-thirds full.
5. Bake at 400°F for 20-25 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

Source – “Let’s Bake Quick Breads” - Ohio State University Extension

## **Open Classes at the Palo Alto County Fair**

The Palo Alto County Fair will again be offering open class competition at the 2020 fair, July 16-19, in photography, food, and garden. There will be two divisions in each area consisting of youth age 17 and under and adult. Exhibitors will be allowed up to 6 entries in photography and 8 entries in each food and garden. Premiums will be paid to entries in all classes except the photography challenge classes. Photography will include both color and black & white photos in classes of: people, scenic, building/architecture, nature, and animals. There will also be two

challenge classes – themes TBD. The top three photos in each challenge class, youth and adult, will receive cash prizes of \$50/first, \$25/ second and \$10/third place. The Conservation class will be sponsored by the Palo Alto County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The theme for the 2020 ‘Beautiful Iowa’ class will be “**Spring to Life**”.

Food classes will include baked goods in the classes of yeast breads, quick breads, cookies, and cakes. Garden classes will include vegetables, flowers, and pails of posies.

Full list of rules, classes, and entry information will be posted on [www.paloaltocountyfair.com](http://www.paloaltocountyfair.com). For additional information contact photography superintendent, Clyde Johnson, at 515-320-0669 or [clydejohnson1977@gmail.com](mailto:clydejohnson1977@gmail.com) or food/garden superintendent, Devona Perkins, at 712-490-6611 or [manager@paloaltocountyfair.com](mailto:manager@paloaltocountyfair.com).

## **4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign – Deadline Extended**

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 June 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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.)



## **Iowa 4-H Creates Face Masks**

4-H programs empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world! Iowa 4-H is calling all 4-H members, leaders, alumni, judges, and friends to create face masks for their community, including friends, neighbors, hospitals, and care centers. We thank everyone who helped us meet our initial goal of 10,000 masks. We invite you to help us reach our **NEW** goal of 25,000 masks! Find out more [here](#) and don’t forget to record your donation [here](#). Let’s show that Iowa 4-H can and does makes a difference!

Who can make masks? Staff, 4-H members, families, volunteers, judges, 4-H supporters. Don't understand the pattern? Contact me - I would love to help you! Don't have fabric - I can help you with that, too! If you have already made and donated masks, we welcome you to add those to the count!

\*There is also a need for sewn surgical caps for medical professionals and face mask straps. Find out how you can help with these projects, too, at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-creates-face-masks>.

**4-H Club Leaders Note** – If any club leaders would like help setting up a virtual 4-H club meeting in Webex, please let me know and I would be more than willing to help you out! Zoom or Google Hangouts are other options that will also work.

## Feeding Iowa Assistance Needed

Iowa has seen a 65% increase in demand at food banks, food pantries and congregate meal sites. One third of their volunteers are over age 55. Since they are at higher risk from COVID-19, there are fewer volunteers available to help. If you can volunteer, visit [COVID-19 Food Distribution Opportunities](#) and search by zip code. Please review [guidelines for volunteering](#).

## Message for Clover Kid Parents

As I have been doing some much needed cleaning in my office I have found LOTS of left over crafts from Clover Kids meetings. I have decided to put together FREE "grab-n-go" bags for parents to pick up for kids looking for things to do while at home. You may pick up a bag from our front entry Monday-Friday from 9:00-1:00. Since the office is closed to the public please call the office (712-852-2865) and we will unlock the front door for you (the bags will be just inside the door). Each bag will include 8 seasonal crafts. Just grab a bag but please do not sort through the other bags. When you finish all the crafts in your bag and you welcome to come back and grab another!

\*I have also sent out an email with our May Clover Kid agenda with links and directions for all the activities. Remember to send me a photo – I would love to see your child doing one of the activities!

## Annual 4-H Lock-In

The annual Palo Alto County 4-H Lock-In was held on Friday night, February 28th, from 7:00-midnight at the Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Thirty-two 4-Hers participated in the event. They swam; played basketball, 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!



## 4-Hers Participate in Terrarium Workshop

On Tuesday evening, March 10th, thirteen 4-Hers, one friend, and 4 adults attended a Terrarium Workshop from 5:30-6:30 PM held at the Willow Tree Garden Center in Emmetsburg. 4-Hers spent the evening putting together their very own terrarium to take home and care for. They learned about the importance of drainage, good soil, and adequate watering, and about caring for succulent plants. Each participant then picked out 2-3 succulents for their terrarium and 1-2 add ons. Many added colored rocks for a finishing touch. Everyone agreed that it helped get them in the mood for spring and planting. Special thanks to Erica and Matt Janssen, owners of the Willow Tree Garden Center, for giving our 4-Hers this opportunity to learn!



## 4-H Youth in Action Award Deadline Extended

Application deadline for the National 4-H Youth in Action Award has been delayed to May 18, 2020 to allow 4-H leaders and youth more time to promote and complete the [application](#). 4-H youth can complete for a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C.

### Canceled Events for Summer 2020

- Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
- Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington, D.C.

### Congratulations, Graduates!

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to the 2020 graduating senior 4-H members and thank them for their contributions to Palo Alto County 4-H.

Graduating 4-Hers are:

Ian Montag	Kadin Norris
Matthew Reding	Morgan Schmidt
Rebecca Licht	

We will miss you very much and wish you continued success in everything you do. We sincerely hope your 4-H "roots" have been and will continue to be an asset in your life!

### Birthdays

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

#### May

Maddie Fehr  
Teagan Cother  
Julia Swift  
Raegan Studer  
Carver Subbert  
Mary Vanderhoff  
Nathan Utesch  
Henrik Gustafson  
Payton Bormann  
Korbyn Dietrich  
Claire Kassel  
Olivia Lace  
Denver Knobloch  
Jonathon Krieger  
Sydney Martini  
Tyra Schupbach  
Adrianna Krieger  
Cameron August  
Josie VanWyhe

#### June

Ella Harris  
Patrick Harris  
Mitch Stevens  
Levi Zaugg  
Benjamin Zaugg  
Daniel Bahler  
Emersyn Herke  
Tys Cilliers  
Emma Dietrich  
J.C. Moen  
Cassidy Welter  
Kayla Welter  
Lauren Swift  
Lex Kassel  
Noah Thorsbakken  
Scarlett Olson  
Jonah Malm  
Linnea Zaugg

Olivia Sorenson  
Rebecca Licht  
Madilyn Williamson  
Joseph Chapman  
Kennedy Schurg  
Matt Berkland  
Paige Frerk

### Palo Alto County Extension Website – Check it Out!

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

**Did you know? 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!

### 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.

**\*Bored kids at home? Check out the Palo Alto 4-H Facebook page for ideas and fun things for youth to do during their time at home!**

*Newsletter prepared by Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinator. Email at [jnaig@iastate.edu](mailto:jnaig@iastate.edu).*



## YQCA Information

Below are steps to help you get your YQCA training or testing for those that are showing livestock at the fair—beef, sheep, meat goats, swine, poultry, and rabbits.

\* Youth Age January 1st of the Current Year

8-11 year olds—must complete training (Junior)

12-14 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Intermediate)

15-18 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Senior)

19-21 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Young Adult)

- Go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io> — because you have an account in 4HOnline select to sign in with 4HOnline. You will be prompted to select a state, then enter your 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. Do not sign in on the FFA sign in side. (If you need help logging into our 4-H online account, call me – 712-298-1588.)
- Go ahead and fill in the information for the person whose name will appear on the certificate when you are on the create account part. A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger. Email entered for a member that is 12 or younger, must be that of a parent or guardian.
- Check to make sure in the upper right corner of the screen under my account that you are in the correct account.
- Select the Web-Based Training for the age group (as of January 1, 2020) that you need. Select purchase the course.

**\*NOTE — if you are 13 years old as of January 1, 2020 you CANNOT test out - you must take the training, only those that are 12, 15 and 19 as of January 1, 2020 have the test out option.**

- Each web-based training will cost \$12 but during the month of April families can go [here](#) and print off the coupon order form. This will purchase the \$12/person online web-based training for a reduced rate of \$9/person.
- When you get your coupon code enter it in the gift card section and select Apply.
- Select Purchase Course and then select Go to Course.
- You must pass 3 quizzes to pass the certification.
- Select a knowledge builder and skills to gain knowledge and test your skill—your status will show throughout to track your progress.
- Return to course menu screen to print certification after all quizzes have been passed.
- You can download as a PDF to save locally and this is also the time to email the certificate to Julie Naig via screen shot to 712-298-1588 or email [jnaig@iastate.edu](mailto:jnaig@iastate.edu).

\*For more details you can go to the YQCA website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>.



## 4-H Swine ID/Tagging Process

(County & State Fair Shows)

Updated: 2020

- All swine must be identified in 4-H Online by June 1 (extended deadline for 2020)
- **ALL** swine must have a USDA-type tag for both county and/or State Fair exhibition
- **ALL** swine must have ear notches recorded in 4-H Online
- State Fair swine must also have a DNA punch sample collected by June 1
- Below are options for swine to get identified/tagged for county fair and/or State Fair eligibility.
- Contact your County Extension Office on their particular procedure for tagging/identifying swine for exhibition

**\*\*\*Remember: Identifying swine in 4-H Online for State Fair by the May 15 ID deadline only nominates the animal for entry.**

**USDA-type tag: i.e. ZAC 1447 – ALL swine**



**State Fair DNA tag/collector: i.e. DNA 1234 – State Fair swine**



**Option #1** – County Staff – Tags and Inputs Swine Data into 4-H Online using **Swine (Weigh-in)** animal type

- County orders tags, taggers and DNA envelopes from State 4-H Office by January 1
- County either has pigs come to a county ID day (perhaps if the county already has a county weigh-in)
- Or, county staff may travel out to tag pigs
- Information for each pig (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) gets written down on the official ID form
- Staff collects tag fees from 4-H'er; 4-H'er makes check payable to county office to reimburse for tag fees
- **By June 1** - Staff enters EVERY pig's data for that 4-H'er into 4-H Online under the Swine (weigh-in) animal type (see image above) and mails all DNA envelopes with samples inside and signatures on the envelopes to State 4-H Office
- **By June 1** – 4-H'er logs into 4-H Online to verify the information on each pig is complete and correct; if the 4-H'er does NOT verify, the information will stand as-is
- **4-H'er then must make actual State Fair entry by July 1. The 4-H Online ID and tagging process only nominates the pigs for State Fair eligibility. The 4-H member must still make state fair entry by July 1 if they wish to show at the fair. County fairs will also have their respective county fair entry deadline in addition to the May 15 ID deadline.**

Swine (Weigh-in)

Breed:

Sex:

Beginning Weight:

Beginning Weight Date:

Ear notch: i.e. 23-4; (Enter N/A only if ear tag has official US Shield symbol):

Tag: (County and/or State Fair DNA) i.e. 1321; DNA 6432:

Ear tagged:

Birthdate (Breeding Gilts):

Pig Color/Description:

Add. Information:

**Option #2** – 4-H Families – Tag and Input Swine Data into 4-H Online **Swine (not weighed-in)** animal type

- County orders tags, taggers and DNA envelopes from State 4-H Office by January 1
- 4-H family goes to county office before June 1
  - Requests the # of tags they need (one for each pig), # of taggers, and # of DNA envelopes for State Fair (1 envelope per 4-H'er up to 25 pigs per envelope)
  - **Both** market and breeding swine need to have DNA samples for State Fair
  - Pays county office for tags (checks payable to county office)
  - 4-H'er returns home
    - Tags each pig (USDA-type tag for ALL swine; DNA collector/punch tag for any State Fair animal)
    - Puts DNA sample into large, white envelope for all pigs (One envelope per 4-H'er)
    - Writes down tag numbers on back of DNA envelope
    - 4-H'er and parent/guardian signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns taggers and DNA envelopes to county office **by June 1**
    - **By June 1** - 4-H'er then inputs all data for each pig into 4-H Online under Swine (not weighed in) animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) (see example image above)
    - 4-H'er must return taggers to county office as soon as finished tagging
  - County Office signs back of DNA envelope indicating they received it sealed (if not sealed, signs IN FRONT OF family member after sealing)
  - County Office mails all large DNA envelopes (signed and with tag samples) for all 4-H'ers in their county to State 4-H Office (postmarked **by June 1**)
  - **4-H'er then makes actual State Fair entry by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
    - **ONLY pigs that have DNA samples AND are in 4-H Online by June 1 are eligible for State Fair entry and exhibition**

The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Swine (NOT weighed in)". The form contains several fields for data entry:

- Breed:** A dropdown menu with "Crossbred" selected.
- Sex:** A dropdown menu with "Male" selected.
- Ear notch:** A text input field with a small instruction: "i.e. 23-4; (Enter N/A only if ear tag has official US Shield symbol)".
- Tag:** A text input field with a small instruction: "(County and/or State Fair DNA) i.e. 1321; DNA 5432".
- Tag Color:** A dropdown menu with "Green" selected.
- Ear Tagged:** A dropdown menu with "Left" selected.
- Birthdate (Breeding Only):** A text input field.
- Pig Color/Description:** A text input field.
- Addr. Information:** A text input field.

***Check with your county extension office  
on which option above will be used***

- ***June 1<sup>st</sup> – 4-H Online ID Deadline & Tagging Deadline***
- ***July 1<sup>st</sup> – State Fair Entry Deadline (Fair Entry Program)***
- ***County Fair entry deadline (varies by county)***

Log in to 4-H Online:

**\*\*\*May 15<sup>th</sup> ID Deadline is extended to June 1<sup>st</sup> for 2020**

Open a web browser and type in: <https://iowa.4honline.com>

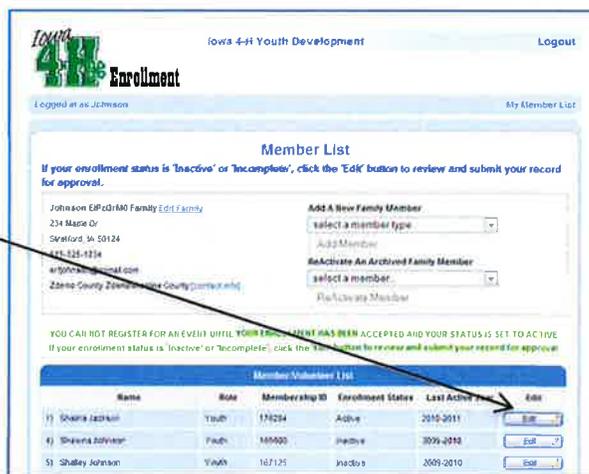
On the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Log In page:

1. Click "I have a Profile."
2. Enter family email address provided to Extension Office.
3. Enter your password.
  - If you have forgotten your password, mark "I forgot my Password."
  - Click "Send my Password." Do not close the internet window.
  - Open your email browser and find the email from 4-H Online. Locate your temporary password.
  - Return to 4-H Online and paste/type the temporary password.
4. Choose "Family" from the "Role" drop-down box.
5. Click "Log In."
  - If you had to have your password re-set, you will need to create a new password before going on. Your passwords must be a minimum of 8 characters, and must contain 2 of the 3: letters, numbers, symbols.



The **Member List** screen includes all of your family members enrolled in 4-H: members, leaders, volunteers.

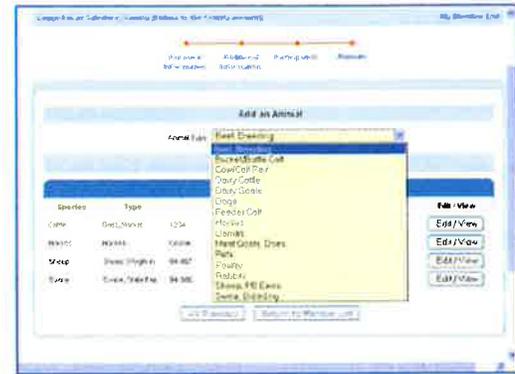
Click "Edit" to the right of the member listed to go to that member's Personal Information Screen.



Locate and click on the Animals/Livestock link in the upper left.



There is a drop-down box and a list of any animals that have already been entered (there may not be any yet). Select the animal type that you want to enter and click the add button below the drop-down box.



The next screen will be a data entry screen for the species you selected (see below for examples). Note that in some species, certain selections will activate extra entry fields [Example: selecting *Registered* will in some cases show a *Breed* drop down box.]

Read the information at the top of each screen, particularly if you are considering exhibiting at the state fair. Some fields that are NOT required (bold) are actually necessary for state fair animals. For each animal entered, enter all the information requested and click the save button. **All fields in bold are required.**

**NOTICE that you have options to print the information that you entered on screen.**

- It is not necessary for you to print paper copies unless you need that information for a show that is outside of Iowa. The information that you enter in 4-H Online is available to Iowa 4-H staff, just as it is available to you.
- If you WISH to print the information on screen, you have two options:
  1. **Animal Exports (to Excel)** – Option is located on the Animal List screen, and returns all information in an Excel spreadsheet, one line per animal. Each animal type uses different fields, so if you have identified dogs and horses and llamas, you’ll export twice. This is for family info only—will not be accepted anywhere as a valid identification because it’s editable.
  2. **Print Animal Information** – This option is located at the top of each individual animal screen, and prints a paper copy of the information that is on the screen for that specific animal. If you want one for each animal, you have to open each animal’s info screen and print the form for each. This is the equivalent of the old paper ID forms, but in Iowa 4-H shows, we will always use the online data, not any paper, as identification.

**REMINDERS:**

- 🔔 **Families are not able to enter information for any weighed-in animals (mkt. beef, sheep, meat goats & swine). Those animals are entered by county staff. Refer to the Livestock Verification Help sheet for more information.**
- 🔔 **All animal ID’s must be submitted no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 p.m. (June 1, 11:59 p.m. for 2020)**

### Breeding Beef

### Beef, Feeder/Prospect Calf

### Bucket/Bottle Animal

**\*\*Bucket/Bottle Calf, Goat and Sheep are each their own animal type**

### Cow/Calf Pair

#### Special Cases:

- 🐾 The calf is not born as of May 15.
  - Leave the calf fields blank, and use the Addl. Information fields to indicate that the calf has not been born yet.
- 🐾 The cow had twins
  - Create two records, one for each calf, using the same cow information on each.

### Cow/Calf Pair

### Dairy Cattle

- 🐾 If you identified dairy cows last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.
- 🐾 You must have **at least 2** of the following ID options completed by the deadline:

1. Official Tattoo
2. Registration #
3. Official DHIA metal tag or 840-type tag
4. Photos (2 photos: right side, left side)
  - Click on the Select button in one of the Documents/Images boxes.
  - Browse to locate the picture of your cow—it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF format.
  - Double-click on the file, or highlight and click Open.
  - If you make a mistake, use the Clear button to remove the picture.

### Dairy Cattle

### Dairy Goats

- 🐾 Be sure you correctly fill in the tattoo of the animal; Right Ear, Left Ear on the same line.

### Meat Goats (not weighed in)

- 🐾 This animal type is for meat goats that did not attend a county weigh-in. Both families and county staff have access to enter information in this animal type.
- 🐾 ~~\*\*State Fair meat goat does must be entered by county staff on the Goats, Meat (Weigh in) animal type screen, not on this screen. (Restriction removed for 2020)~~

### Goats, Meat (NOT weighed in)

**Dogs**

- 🐾 You have the option to upload photos of your dog.
  - Click on the Select button in the Documents/Images box.
  - Browse to locate the picture of your dog—it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF format.
  - Double-click on the file, or highlight and click Open.
  - If you make a mistake, use the Clear button to remove the picture.
- 🐾 You also have an option to upload a scan of your rabies certificate—again, it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF.

**Horses**

- 🐾 If you identified any horses last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated. **You must check the box and RE-ACTIVATE the horse from the previous year, or it will be permanently deleted after May 15.**
- 🐾 You have the option to upload photos and lease agreements.
  - Click on the Select button in the Documents/Images box.
  - Browse to locate the picture of your horse—it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF format.
  - Double-click on the file, or highlight and click Open.
  - If you make a mistake, use the Clear button to remove the picture.
  - **State Fair horses are REQUIRED to have photos uploaded BEFORE MAY 15 (June 1 for 2020).**

**Llamas**

- 🐾 If you identified any llamas last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.

**Pets**

- 🐾 If you identified any pets last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.

**Poultry**

**Poultry**

Type of Poultry:

*Chicken, Duck, Goose, Turkey or Other*

Breed:

*Or Variety*

Birthdate:

*Date Hatched/Purchased*

Sex:

Tag:

*Leg or wing band #*

**Rabbits (ID Deadline is July 1 for all rabbits)**

**Rabbits**

Breed:

Colors And Markings:

*Variety/Color*

Tattoo:

Birthdate:

Sex:

Animal Name:

**Sheep, (NOT weighed in)**

**Sheep (NOT weighed in)**

Refinal Image:

Tag:

Ear:

Scrapie Flock ID:

*Scrapie Tag (ewes only)*

Birthdate:

Breed:

Sex:

Home Raised:

**Swine, (NOT weighed in)**

- All swine must have a USDA-approved tag (i.e. 4-H tag such as JJS 1234 or 840-type tag)
- State Fair – must have a DNA ear punch collected in addition to the USDA-tag above
- Ear notches – **required for ALL swine**

**Swine (NOT weighed in)**

USDA Premises ID:

Premises ID:

DNA Collected:

*State Fair*

Tag:

*USDA tag (i.e. JJS #234) and DNA Punch sample if applicable - last 6 digits (i.e. 64326)*

Ear:

Ear Tagged:

Breed:

Sex:

Name:

Tag Color:

Birthdate:

*Birthdate (Breeding Gilt)*

Colors and Markings:

Home Raised:

**Sheep, (Weigh-in)**

- Only county staff have access to enter information to this animal type
- Families are to log in and verify animal information that has been typed in by the deadline
- \*\*For 2020, both not weighed in and weigh-in animals types WILL be eligible for State Fair entry**

**Sheep (Weigh-in)**

Refinal Image:

Tag:

*USDA tag style: Ewes (i.e. Color then tag #, i.e. 08-543) (USDA tag: Only 3 letters, 4 numbers after i.e. 123456)*

Tag Color:

Ear:

Beginning Weight Date:

*Weigh in Date*

Beginning Weight:

*Reg. 100 (Enter 00 or null if no weight was taken)*

Sex:

Birthdate:

*Birthdate (Purchased breeding ewes)*

Scrapie Flock ID:

*Field or optional Scrapie tags for ewes only*

Breed:

Home Raised:

**Swine, (Weigh-in)**

- Only county staff have access to enter information to this animal type
- Families are to log in and verify animal information that has been typed in by the deadline
- \*\*For 2020, both not weighed in and weigh-in animals types WILL be eligible for State Fair entry**

**Swine (Weigh-in)**

USDA Premises ID:

Premises ID:

DNA Collected:

*State Fair*

Tag:

*USDA tag (i.e. JJS 1234) and DNA Punch sample if applicable - last 6 digits (i.e. 64326)*

Ear:

Ear Tagged:

Breed:

Sex:

Beginning Weight Date:

Beginning Weight:

*Reg. 100 (Enter 00 or null if no weight was taken)*

Ear notch:

Birthdate:

*Birthdate (Breeding Gilt)*

Colors and Markings:

Home Raised:

