**Dates to Remember**

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Iowa State University and U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating

Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, and disability.
June 5  Palo Alto/Pocahontas Fishing 4-H
Family Fish Iowa Event – 4:00-7:00
PM @ Silver Lake, near Ayrshire –
see enclosed flyer
June 6-13  2015 CWF Trip to Washington, D.C.
June 7  Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. - 1:00-
3:00 PM @ office
June 8  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. & Shooting
– 6:00 PM @ Sportsman’s Park
June 8-10  Robotics & Tech Camp in Pocahontas
– Camp 1 – see enclosed flyer
June 10  Iowa Youth Conference – no refunds
after this date
June 11-14  Mad Scientists Camp in Pocahontas
– Camp 2 – see enclosed flyer
June 15  Youth Conference Orientation –
7:00-8:00 PM @ office – for all
delegates attended the Iowa 4-H
Youth Conference, Roundup, &
CSI: Crops
June 17  Quad County Junior Trip to
Omaha, NE – see enclosed flyer
June 27  Relay for Life @ Soper Park – 3:00-
10:00 PM
June 30-July 2  Iowa Youth Conference/Animal
Science ROUND-UP/CSI: Crops –
“Dare to Discover” – ISU Campus,
Ames, IA

JULY
July 1  LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY DAY –
all animal entries & stall fees due
in office for the Palo Alto Co. Fair
July 1  Iowa State Fair Livestock/Horticulture
entries due in 4HOnline
July 1  2015 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship
App due in county office
July 1  Iowa State Fair Volunteer & Staff
apps due online
July 3  Office Closed – Holiday (4th of July
Observance)
July 6  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. & Shooting
– 6:00 PM @ Sportsman’s Park
July 14  Clothing Event Judging at office –
4:00-8:00 PM
July 18  Fair Clean-up – 8:30 AM until
finished – fairgrounds
July 21  Pre-Fair Judging Day – for all
static exhibits – check-in – 9:00-
11:00 AM
July 23  Horticulture Judging – 9:30-noon
in Exhibits Building
July 23-26  PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR

Other Dates TBD
May  First Dog Obedience Practice

FUTURE DATES
Aug. 3  Clay County Fair Entries due in
county office
Aug. 10  State Fair exhibits due in office by
noon
Aug. 10  AK-SAR-BEN entries due in county
Office
Aug. 13-23  IOWA STATE FAIR
Aug. 14  ISF 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event,
ISU Memorial Union, Ames
Aug. 20  Record Book Workshop – 8:30-
4:00, come & go, @ office
Aug. 23  Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony,
4-H Exhibits Building, ISF
Aug. 24  State Fair Exhibits Pick-up Day
Sept. 12-20  Clay County Fair

Summer Assistant Position Filled

For summer 2015 Palo Alto County Extension has
hired a summer assistant to help with the 4-H
program and fair. Please help us welcome Nikki
Schany from the Emmetsburg area. Nikki recently
graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a
Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences
and disorders and will be attending grad school in the
fall. We welcome her enthusiasm and look forward to
what she can offer to the program!

2015 Fair Book

Since we no longer print a fair book for everyone, the
fair book is updated every year instead of every other
year like we used to. The updated fair book is now
available on our website at
www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h. If you do not
have internet access and would like a printed copy,
please let us know and we will print one out for you.
We can also print out specific sections.

2015 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance Rules

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

- All 4-H/FFA swine exhibitors must be
certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA beef exhibitors (market including
feeder pens, breeding, and bucket/bottle calf)
must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA sheep (market and breeding)
exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA dairy (cattle and goats)
exhibitors must be certified in FSQA.
- All 4-H/FFA meat goats (market and
breeding) exhibitors must be certified in
FSQA.
- All other 4-H food animals (rabbits, poultry,
etc.) must be certified in FSQA.
- Youth in grades 4-6 must re-certify in FSQA
annually by attending a training.
Youth in grades 7-9 can recertify annually or can test out. If youth pass the test, certification will be good until they enter the 10th grade.

Youth in grades 10-12 can recertify annually or can test out. If youth pass the test, certification will be good until the fall after graduation.

Youth can be certified in FSQA by attending an Extension sponsored FSQA training. Youth are able to attend training in any county; however, youth need to contact the host county to pre-register.

FSQA Training Dates:

- May 13, 2015 7:00-8:30 PM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office
- June 2, 2015 7:00-9:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Estherville – call 712-362-3434 to pre-register
- June 4, 2015 8:00-9:30 AM at the Pocahontas County Extension Office – call 712-335-3103 to pre-register

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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, and registration number by May 15th.
- Cow/Calf Pair - You must identify in 4HOnline by May 15th – call the office if calf is not born yet.
- Market Swine – You will need to come to the office and get your ear tags ($1.50 each) first and then complete the entry online. 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.
Verifying Market Lambs & Meat Goats in 4HOnline

All weigh-in information for market lambs and meat goats have been entered into 4HOnline. If you weighed in any of these animals it is now your job 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.

State Fair Meat Goat Changes

New this year: All meat goats for State Fair eligibility need retinal images (both market and breeding). 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. Market meat goats (both market wethers and market does) need a 4-H tag and images. Breeding meat goat does need either a 4-H tag OR official tattoo; AND birth date in 4HOnline.

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.

Avian Influenza in Iowa

Most of you have probably heard in the news recently that Avian Influenza has been found in northwest Iowa. Poultry exhibitors with questions are encouraged to check out the following websites:
The recent outbreak of highly pathogenic Avian Influenza (bird flu) in Iowa is a reminder about the importance of good bio-security for your poultry. So, what can you as a 4-H member do?

1. Know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases
2. Restrict access to your birds and your property
3. Cleanliness and sanitation are a must
4. Avoid bringing or carrying disease home
5. Avoid sharing equipment with your neighbors or other bird owners
6. Know the phone number of your local veterinarian and report any sick birds

And finally, realize that as a 4-H member, you can do a lot to protect the health and bio-security of your birds. Be pro-active – have a bio-security plan and follow it!

This information was condensed from information provided by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The full article (one page) can be found at www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/AI/KeySteps.pdf

State Fair Livestock/Horticulture Entries – July 1

The process of verifying market animals does NOT constitute an entry for the Iowa State Fair. Members must make their entries in 4HOnline. State fair livestock entries close at 11:59 PM on July 1.
Checks must be mailed or brought to the Palo Alto County Extension Office (received or postmarked) no later than July 2. Your entry will not be accepted if your money is not received by that time. For step-by-step instructions for making the entries in 4HOnline go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders

2015 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Premium Book & Ticket Order Forms – Now Posted!

The 2015 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Premium book is now posted on the 4-H State Fair Livestock page. Also, you will find the County Ticket Order form, and the Exhibitor Ticket Order form, as well as Youth Inn information.

Horse Practices to Begin in May

Horse practices are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 20th at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds in Emmetsburg. Horse exhibitors from any 4-H club should plan to attend these practices to help them prepare for fair. Exhibitors should plan to arrive at practice at 6:30 PM for tacking and warming up horse. Practices will begin at 7:00 PM. Rain date is the following Sunday, same time and place.

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

Horse Practice Schedule:
Wed., May 20th Western Pleasure & Barrels
Wed., May 27th Horsemanship & Flags
Wed., June 3rd Halter/Showmanship & Bareback
Wed., June 10th Ranch Pleasure & Poles
Wed., June 17th Trail & Jumping Figure 8
Wed., June 24th Hunt Seat for those showing Hunt Seat

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

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

Dog Obedience

Dog Obedience will hopefully start in mid-May with weekly practices until fair. Currently I am waiting on final confirmation from our instructor. Please watch the weekly Clover Connect for more details as it gets closer. The cost to participate will again be $20 per member. If you are planning to show a dog at our fair, please contact the Extension Office and let me know no later than May 15th so I can keep you posted on all the details.

Animal Camps & Workshops

Each spring our Extension Office is notified about a number of animal camps, workshops, trainings, etc. that are open to all 4-Hers in the state of Iowa. If you are interested in attending a camp or workshop on a specific specie/animal and not afraid to travel, we
may have just the opportunity for you. You just need to inquire. Call 712-852-2865 or email jnaig@iastate.edu and I will share any information sent to me.

Palo Alto County Livestock Fair Entry Day – July 1st

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

All 4-H/FFA members with livestock/animal entries will need to turn in a 2015 Livestock/Animal Entry Form by Wednesday, July 1st. This form will include the stall fees and numbers that are needed for our superintendents to make pen assignments for fair. Leaders will have copies of the form and the form will 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 21st. The form is similar to last year. Leaders will have copies of the form and the form will also be available online at the above website.

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

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.

Clay County Fair Entries – Due August 3rd

This year Clay County Fair entries will be due in the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Monday, August 3rd. From August 4th through August 15th families may enter directly to the Clay County Extension Office for an additional fee of $25. Families will need to provide summary sheet, FSQA certificate, animal IDs, entry cards, and payment to the Clay County office to be processed.

Substitute Showman Policy

Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence we are requiring livestock exhibitors who know in advance that they are not going to be present to show their own animal(s) at the fair to file an application for a substitute showman no later than July 10th to the Palo Alto County Extension Office. At that time exhibitors will be asked to name a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be an eligible Palo Alto County 4-H/FFA member. Exceptions for the July 10th deadline will include injury, serious illness, bereavement, other state 4-H/FFA activities, unforeseen events, or other extreme emergency situations. Exceptions will be taken up until the start of the respective animal show with a contact made to the Extension office/fair office. Applications will be available at the Extension office. The Youth Committee reserves the right to reject any application. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold animal(s) exhibited by an alternate showman from the premium auction.

2015 Palo Alto County Fair Animal Show Schedule

Thursday, July 23rd
Dog Obedience Show 10:00 AM
Rabbit Show 11:00 AM
Dog Agility Show 1:00 PM
Poultry Show 1:00 PM
Dairy Show 3:00 PM
Livestock Judging Contest 4:00 PM

Friday, July 24th
Swine Show 8:00 AM
Meat Goat Show 11:00 AM
Sheep Show 2:30 PM
Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews 3:00 PM
Bottle Lamb/Goat Interviews 6:00 PM
Bucket/Bottle Calf Show 6:00 PM
Bottle Lamb/Goat Show 7:00 PM
Horse Games 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 25th
Beef Show 8:00 AM
Horse Show 9:00 AM
Pet Show 1:30 PM

* Times are approximate and subject to change.
* All livestock/animals to be exhibited at fair are to be on the fairgrounds by 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 23rd (the first day of fair). Exception – animals to be weighed in and/or tested (poultry).
* All livestock and non-livestock exhibits except livestock being auctioned will be released from the fair on Sunday morning, July 26th, at 9:00 AM.

Non-Livestock Exhibit Help

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

4-Hers are encouraged to go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects and select the area they are interested in exhibiting in. On the right hand side of that page 4-Hers can get exhibit ideas...
and links to resources from the project “hot sheet”. Below that there is an “exhibit tip sheet” which can help members know what the judge is looking for. Below that is a “poster tip sheet” for members wanting to design a poster in that project area. Also included is a fair information form (what we used to call our fair entry tag) which members should print out and put with their exhibit. This piece can be downloaded as a word document or an editable PDF.

Members should answer the 3 questions:

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

One more piece that is included is an “exhibit evaluation form”. This is a form listing the criteria that the judge will use when evaluating the exhibit.

It is our hope that this will take out a lot of the “guess work” as far as exhibiting at the county fair. Please feel free to call the Extension Office with any questions.

**Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/$15 Challenge Judging**

This year we are going to change a couple of things for our Clothing Event. Judging for Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/$15 Challenge will be held **Tuesday, July 14th**, beginning at 4:00 PM. We are hoping that might help our 4-Hers with working parents get to and from the event. Remember that any 4-Her can participate. We will also be simplifying the paperwork for the judging for our senior 4-H members (those in 9-12 grades).

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

Please contact the Extension Office by July 1st if you are planning to participate. A schedule for judging will be put together. For information about these clothing events and eligibility requirements, please refer to the fair book. Senior winners in these events will advance to the state level. The 2015 Awardrobe Clothing Event (state level event) will be held on Friday, August 14th in the Memorial Union on the ISU campus.

AGAIN in 2015 – Participants can now participate more than once in the same category (Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and $15 Challenge) at the state level. However, they can only participate in one category each year.

* Remember that Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue/ $15 Challenge is 2 projects: July 14th and again taken to the fair on July 21st.

### 2015 Challenge Class for Food & Nutrition

**Rules:**

1. Open to all 4-H members & Clover Kids.
2. Entries in this class will not be eligible for state fair. A designated judge will judge all entries in the class and select winners. This class WILL be conferenced judged.
3. An entry should include 3 muffins on a paper plate/flat piece of cardboard. Limit – one entry per exhibitor.
4. Entries should be brought to fairgrounds on judging day with their other exhibits.
5. 4-H members will need to include the Food & Nutrition information form with their entry (available at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects)). This should be attached in the same manner as with any of their other static exhibits.
6. There will also be a division for Clover Kids. Clover Kids entries should have a 3x5 index card attached to their entry with the following information:
   
   - Name
   - Division: 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 morning at 9:00 AM. The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time.

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

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

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

Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs

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

FSI (Food Science Investigators) Contest at Fair

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

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

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

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

OR

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

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

4-H Communications Judging

Again this year working exhibits and educational presentations will be done during the Palo Alto County Fair. They will be scheduled for Friday, July 24th beginning at noon. We are looking at doing them in the old country schoolhouse on the fairgrounds. We encourage all 4-H members to give this a try! What a great life skill to develop at an early age!

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

Working exhibits are informal 4-H presentations where the audience gets involved. The fun part of this is that 4-H’ers are teaching a skill to an audience that they first have to catch the attention of to make them stop, listen, and then participate. A judge will be hired to judge these events and make selections for State Fair and Clay County Fair. Call the office to get signed up!

Share-the-Fun to be Held During the Fair

Reminder: Again this year Share-the-Fun will be held on the Thursday night of the 2015 Palo Alto County Fair – time to be determined. The fair board would like every 4-H club to have at least one entry. Entries can include skits, speeches, musical entries,
opportunities!

Watch your email and don’t miss out on some great email offer. All workshops will include hands-on activities. The planning is completed, flyers will be sent via email (weekly Cloverbird Connect) for youth to sign-up. Watch your email and don’t miss out on some great opportunities!

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.).

**Palo Alto/Pocahontas 4-H Family Fish Iowa Event**

4-Hers and their families are invited to a 4-H Family Fish Iowa Event with Pocahontas County on **Friday, June 5** from 4:00-7:00 PM at Salton Park on Silver Lake, near Ayrshire. This is the Iowa DNR’s “free fishing weekend,” so even if you aren’t a regular fisherperson you will be able to explore fishing that day without a fishing license. Transportation is not provided, but carpooling is encouraged. Pocahontas County Conservation will also be on hand with fishing poles, canoes, and kayaks. Archery and rocket building & launching will also be an option. There will be lunch for all who attend. This is FREE to all 4-H families, but we need you to pre-register so we have adequate lunch and supplies on hand. See flyer enclosed with this newsletter. Make plans now to attend this fun family event!

**2015 Quad County Junior Trip**

Calling all Junior 4-Hers just completing 4-6 grades – join us for an exciting trip to Omaha, NE on Wednesday, June 17! We will be visiting the Henry Doorly Zoo, Union Pacific Railroad Museum, Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Visitor Center, and the Mormon Trail Center. We will travel in a charter bus, have lunch at the zoo, and visit Cupcake Omaha for an afternoon snack. Space is very limited (only a couple of spots left!) so don’t wait to sign up! See flyer enclosed with this newsletter. No refunds after June 3rd.

**Palo Alto County Extension - Summer Workshops in the Works**

Again this summer Palo Alto County Extension is planning to offer workshops to help 4-Hers learn new skills and complete or nearly complete exhibits for the county fair. Non-4-Hers will also be able to participate and learn more about 4-H and what it has to offer. All workshops will include hands-on activities. As the planning is completed, flyers will be sent via email (weekly Cloverbird Connect) for youth to sign-up.

*If you have a skill that you would be willing to teach youth in a workshop setting, please call the Extension Office and let us know. I will do all the recruiting and gathering of supplies. I know that together we know a lot of people with skills that would be fun for all to learn!*

**Pocahontas STEM Camps**

Pocahontas County 4-H will be holding two STEM camps this summer and have invited Palo Alto County 4-Hers to come and participate. Campers will choose between two levels of 3-day STEM camp experiences held from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily at the Pocahontas Area High School Science Room.

- **Level 1 – Robotics & Tech Camp – June 8-10, 2015** – Youth entering 4th-6th grades will build junk drawer robots, learn how to build and program the robot to meet intermediate level challenges with First Lego League. Learn to use laptops, Legos, and Robotics software to create Lego bots!

- **Level 2 – Mad Scientists Camp – June 11-13, 2015** – Youth entering 6th-8th grades will experience interactive hands-on discoveries. Explore the exciting world of science. Put on safety goggles to conduct cool experiments, investigate the ooey-gooey, and create awe-inspiring inventions! Participants will get a hands-on and inquiry-based experience with physics, chemistry, engineering, and biology.

*Camps are limited to 20 youth registered on a first come, first serve basis. Cost is $60 for each camper for each camp level. Click here for a registration. Paid registrations are due May 25th.*

**2015 Camp Registration**

The link to the online registration form for 2015 State 4-H Camps is now live. It can be accessed from the Iowa 4-H Camping website [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping). The direct link to the form is also at [http://goo.gl/aqoJMx](http://goo.gl/aqoJMx) or **CLICK HERE**.

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

The 2015 4-Hers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council Finance Committee has made it their goal to raise $30,030.30 for Iowa 4-Hers. Contributions raised through this campaign support the State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center, and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations. More information can be found online.
Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation or delivered to county offices by May 15.

Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for your 8-12th grade 4-Hers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs.

There were 81 counties that participated in last year’s campaign. The State 4-H Council would like to see 100% participation. Last year’s winners are posted on their web page.

Thank you in advance for supporting the State 4-H Council Finance Committee and their efforts “to make the best better!” (Albert Grunenwald, abgrunen@iastate.edu, 515-294-4780; Ashley Kinkade kinkadea@iastate.edu).

4-H Youth Conference Orientation

There will be an orientation for all delegates going to the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference /ROUNDUP/CSI Crops on Monday evening, June 15th, at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office in Emmetsburg. This is an important meeting as all the details of the event will be covered. We will also be discussing transportation to and from ISU, Ames. If you are not able to make this meeting you will need to stop by the office and get briefed on what is going on, turn in transportation money, etc.

NEW: 2015 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship Program

The 2015 Palo Alto County Fair Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding high school seniors who have actively participated in the Palo Alto County Fair. This year two (2) $500 scholarships will be awarded on Thursday evening during the Palo Alto County Fair.

Eligibility:
High school seniors who will graduate with the Class of 2015 are eligible if they meet the following criteria:
  o Actively participate in the Palo Alto County Fair (past or present);
  o Plan to enroll in any accredited two-year or four-year college or university

Selection:
The selection committee will consider the following criteria for selection when reviewing the applications:
  o Exhibits/Performances/Participation at the Palo Alto County Fair (30 pts.)
  o Essay explaining the impact the Palo Alto County Fair has had on your life (25 pts.)
  o Extracurricular and community activities; community service/volunteerism (25 pts.)
  o Paragraph explaining favorite fair memory/event (10 pts.)
  o Paragraph explain your future plans (10 pts.)

Click here for an application or go to our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h. Application deadline is July 1.

4-H Float in St. Pat’s Parade

The 4-H County Council again pulled their float in the St. Pat’s Parade on Saturday, March 14th. It was a beautiful day for a parade! Council members and younger 4-Hers/Clover Kids walked beside the float and gave out 1,000 4-H suckers, bubbles, and gliders. Special thanks to Kelli Klepper for the use of her pickup and all the kids who walked with the float and handed out the treats. Be a sucker for Palo Alto 4-H!

4-H Bowling Party

A fun time was had by all at the 4-H Bowling Party held on Saturday afternoon, March 21st at Family Fun Zone in Pocahontas. Twenty-four bowlers competed for prizes. The top three juniors (grades 4-6) were: 1st – Laney Montag, 2nd – Cassidy Welter, and 3rd – Kayla Welter. The top intermediates (grades 7 & 8) were: 1st – Abigail Hoffman, and 2nd – Kiwi Carlson. The top three seniors (grades 9-12) were: 1st – Kirk Kenyon, 2nd – Cassy Olesen, and 3rd – Rachel Hoffman. The top bowler of the tournament was Kirk Kenyon with a score of 154. All the winners received a free mini pizza, courtesy of Pizza Ranch in Emmetsburg. Congratulations to all the winners and special thanks to Family Fun Zone for the use of their facility and the great pizza!
Palo Alto/Emmet Clover Kids
Lock-In

The annual Clover Kids’ mini lock-in on Friday evening, March 27th, was a big success. Ninety Clover Kids from Palo Alto and Emmet counties participated in this event. The event took place at the Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg from 7:00 PM to midnight. Clover Kids enjoyed an evening of swimming, pizza, games, playing in the gym, and craft time. Special thanks to the county council members who helped entertain the kids. Thanks, also, to all the wonderful adult chaperones for staying the evening to help where needed. A special thanks to the adults who providing cookies or bars. We enjoyed a great facility and great cooperation from everyone!

Statewide 4-H Photo Camp at Briggs Woods Park in Hamilton County

Young people grades 7-12 in the 2014-15 school year have the opportunity to participate in 4-H PHOTO CAMP at Briggs Woods Park in Hamilton County, near Webster City. Campers will learn all about PHOTOGRAPHY, Photo Shop Elements, participate in a day long hands-on photo shoot at a different location and will live in a camp community for three days and two nights. Counties can send as many campers as they like—until all the beds are full, of course. The dates are June 15-17. Cost for this camp is $180 prior to May 1st – Late FEE $200 after May 1st. Registration forms are posted on line website: www.extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/member-info. Contact Dave Entriken for more information (dfe1943@yahoo.com).

Little Hands on the Farm

Little Hands on the Farms is still searching for groups to help staff the exhibit during the Iowa State Fair, August 13-23. Volunteers will receive admission to the fair, parking and a volunteer t-shirt. Below is a list of the available shifts and the number of volunteers still needed per shift. Reminder, any size group is welcomed to volunteer. Thank you in advance!

Morning Shift – 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 23 – Still Need 10 Volunteers

Afternoon Shift – Noon to 4 p.m.
Saturday, August 15 – Still Need 15 Volunteers
Sunday, August 16 – Still Need 5 Volunteers
Tuesday, August 18 – Still Need 20 Volunteers
Sunday, August 23 – Still Need 15 Volunteers

4-H “Eggciting” Workshop

On Saturday, March 28th, eleven 4-Hers took part in an "Eggciting" Workshop held at the Palo Alto County Extension Office from 9:00-2:00. Participants made pizza omelets, meringue shells, created their own deviled egg recipes, and even made their own lunch - egg salad sandwiches! They also conducted a number of eggsperiments and played egg-themed games. After lunch each participant got a dozen hard boiled eggs to color for their families using 3 different coloring methods. At the end of the day, the kids thought it was an eggcellent workshop!
**Evening Shift – 3:30 to 8 p.m.**

- Friday, August 14 – Still Need 20 Volunteers
- Saturday, August 15 – Still Need 10 Volunteers
- Sunday, August 16 – Still Need 15 Volunteers
- Monday, August 17 – Still Need 20 Volunteers
- Tuesday, August 18 – Still Need 25 Volunteers
- Thursday, August 20 – Still Need 25 Volunteers
- Saturday, August 22 – Still Need 25 Volunteers
- Sunday, August 23 – Still Need 30 Volunteers

*If interested, please contact Emily Brewer at 515/262-3111 ext. 244 or ebrewer@iowastatefair.org.

**Birthdays**

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

**May**
- Patricia Fay
- Jaiden Morse
- Julia Fehr
- Brooke Sabin
- Jaxson Schnell
- Laura Moser
- Kinzie Graves
- Claire Kassel
- Olivia Lace
- Sarah Brown
- Deven Morse
- Tate Carter
- Denver Knobloch
- Connor Egland
- Emily Kreutner
- Adrianna Krieger
- Kyle Licht
- Reagan Schurg
- Brooke Pomeroy
- Olivia Sorenson
- Rebecca Licht
- Donald Strohman
- Lucas Rouse
- Colten Moser
- Joseph Chapman
- Kennedy Schurg
- Matt Berkland
- Paige Frerk

**June**
- Dru Baak
- Mitch Stevens
- Rachel Hoffman
- Emily Riesenberg
- Delaney Joyce
- J.C. Moen
- Carson Hoffman
- Cassidy Welter
- Kayla Welter
- Lauren Swift
- Lex Kassel
- Emmy Schneider
- Noah Thorsbakken
- Zach Borchers
- Emma Kral
- Tyler Hoffman
- Isaac Strohman
- Mackenzie Depyper
- Thomas Fehr
- Madison Wickman
- Megan Hall
- Lucas Malm
- Levi Wiita

**Congratulations, Graduates!**

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to the 2015 graduating senior 4-H members and thank them for their contributions to Palo Alto County 4-H.

Graduating 4-Hers are:
- Alicia Mogler
- Emily Riesenberg
- Kirk Kenyon
- Justin Schmidt

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 be an asset in your life!

**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.

Newsletter prepared by Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinator. Email at jnaig@iastate.edu

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

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