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Extension Council

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4-H Foundation

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Office Staff

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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3-16	North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)
Nov. 4	Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet – ILCC cafeteria – 5:30 PM
Nov. 4	Junior Clippers 4-H Mtg.
Nov. 6	4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
Nov. 8	Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group – 3:30-5:00 PM
Nov. 10	New Volunteer Training in Garner & Rockwell City
Nov. 11	Graettinger Pirates 4-H Mtg. – 3:00 PM
Nov. 14	Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 1:15-3:00
Nov. 14	Clover Kids after school – West Bend/Mallard group – afterschool until 3:30 PM
Nov. 15	Pioneer Grant 2010 reports due in county extension office
Nov. 17	Sewing Workshop @ office – 9:30 AM - ? (see enclosed flyer)
Nov. 18	Cantering 4-Hers Mtg. @ office – 3:30 PM
Nov. 18	4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
	Clover Kids after school – West Bend/Mallard group – afterschool until 3:30 PM
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed
Nov. 27	Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – after school until 5:00 PM
Nov. 28	Clover Kids after school – West Bend/Mallard group – afterschool until 3:30 PM

DECEMBER

Dec. 1	Cal-Pal-Poca Senior 4-H Fun & Service Night – 7:00-10:00 PM – Pocahontas Extension Office (see enclosed flyer)
Dec. 2	Junior Clippers 4-H Mtg. @ office
Dec. 2	Graettinger Pirates Parents' Night – Potluck Supper – 3:00 PM @ Parish Center at Catholic Church

- Dec. 4 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM
@ office
- Dec. 5 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven
group – 1:15-3:00
- Dec. 8 **Candy Workshop @ office – 9:00
AM - noon (see enclosed flyer)**
- Dec. 12 Clover Kids after school – West
Bend/Mallard group – afterschool
until 3:30 PM
- Dec. 13 Clover Kids after school – Emmets-
burg group – 3:30-5:00 PM
- Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
- Dec. 31 PACGDC grant apps must be
postmarked
- Dec. 31 **Enrollment forms, medical/release
forms, Code of Ethics forms , &
membership fees due to office –
re-enrollment can be done online –
see directions included with this
newsletter**

JANUARY

- Jan. 1 New Year's Holiday Observed, Office
Closed
- Jan. 4 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven
group – after school until 3:00 PM
- Jan. 5 **Beef Weigh-In – noon - 2:00 PM
@ fairgrounds**

Re-Enroll in 4-H Online

Remember that re-enrollments in 4-H are due Dec. 31st. Members can re-enroll online by going to <https://iowa.4honline.com>. Just select "I have a profile." (because if you are re-enrolling you are already in the system) and type in your family email and your password that you used this past year. Make sure "family" is selected for the "Role". If you forgot your password you will need to check "I forgot my password." and then click "Send My Password." A new temporary password will be sent to you in your email.

Once you are logged in you will be able to change your password, edit any records, complete health forms, and sign the Code of Ethics. Remember to verify your family address, too. The only thing you will need to do after you have completed this process is to pay the \$20 per member enrollment fee. Your record will stay "pending" until I make it "active", which I will do as soon as I have your payment.

If there is anyone who feels the payment is too much of a financial burden, please contact the Extension Office. The 4-H Foundation has set aside funds to help families with this.

Clover Kids from last year can also re-enroll using the same steps as a 4-Her. Their membership fee is \$15.

If you have any questions or problems, please be sure to call 712-852-2865 or email jnaig@iastate.edu and I will walk you through it.

NOTE TO LEADERS: You, too, need to re-enroll in order to see your club's member records. If you have forgotten your club's password please call or email me.

4-H Recruitment

It is not too late to invite your friends to join 4-H or visit your next 4-H club meeting. 4-Hers are encouraged to recruit new member for their club. The best way to get new members to join is by your enthusiasm and encouragement. Consider asking a friend to join. They may join any time during the year, but must enroll before May 1st to exhibit at the fair.



Award Winners Announced at Banquet

We salute the 4-Hers who were recognized during our 2012 Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 4th for their outstanding achievements during the 4-H year. Special congratulations go to Katie Grandstaff for being selected for the Galen Smith Memorial Award, Liesel Schwartzkopf for being selected for the R.W. Ashby Outstanding 4-Her Award, and Janet Kenyon for the Jeanette Anthe Outstanding 4-Her Award. Other special award winners included: Ak-Sar-Ben – Joel Kibbie, and "I Dare You" – Lydia Reding.

We acknowledge also, with great appreciation, the many adult volunteers who were recognized for giving willingly of their time and energy so that the 4-H program can have an impact on the lives of young people. Ronia Klootwyk was honored for 10 years of club leadership to the Canterng 4-Hers 4-H Club and David Loomis was recognized for 5 years of

leadership to the 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H Club. Receiving the Honorary Award was George Zech while Lisa Riesenberg and Amy Wesley both received 4-H Alumni Awards.

If you would like a complete listing of all the awards presented at the banquet please email inaig@iastate.edu or stop by the office and we will get you one. We would like to thank everyone who attended the awards banquet for helping us honor those recognized. We had an attendance of 164 people at this annual event. *Thank you!*

Intermediate 4-Hers Spend a Day in Des Moines

Fifty-one 4-Hers in grades 6-8 and four adults from Palo Alto, Pocahontas, and Calhoun counties boarded a charter bus on Saturday, October 13th for a day trip to Des Moines for the 2012 Cal-Pal-Poca Intermediate 4-H Trip.

After arriving in Des Moines participants began their adventure at the Iowa Hall of Pride. Full of interactive technology, the Iowa Hall of Pride amazed, entertained, and educated our 4-Hers. Then it was off to Living History Farms. There they we took part in a tour that combined stops at the 1700 Ioway Indian Farm, 1850 Pioneer Farm, and 1900 Horse-Powered Farm with visits to as many town buildings as time allowed. The last stop was at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park where participants experienced the world's first all-trampoline, walled playing courts. There they also enjoyed pop and pizza.

Participants from Palo Alto County included Colton Wickman, Austin Bergstrom, Tanner Bachman, Mason Studer, Corbin Studer, Emma Anderson, Kristen Kassel, Sarah Brown, Kyle Licht, Ty Kral, Morgan Hellyer, Megan Hall, and Thomas Woodford.

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



Pedal With Pete Bike Ride For Cerebral Palsy

For the past fourteen years the Palo Alto County 4-H County Council has been sponsoring a bike ride to raise money for the Pedal with Pete Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to raising money for the prevention and cure of cerebral palsy. On Sunday, September 16, 2012 twenty-eight riders dusted off their bikes and pedaled for a cure to raise over \$1237.50. Riders ranged in age from 7 to 52. A sincere thank you to all the riders who rode the route and to all the individuals who donated to this cause.

Participants who raised the most money were 1st place – Bert Naig, 2nd place – Clint Ehlers, and 3rd place – Kyle Kassel. Winning the youngest rider award was a set of twins – Sydney and Allison Casey, with the oldest rider award going to Bert Naig. Many door prizes were also handed out.

All donations were sent to the Pedal With Pete Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to raising money for the prevention and cure of cerebral palsy.

4-H Penny Carnival Held at Palo Alto Co. Fairgrounds

The annual 4-H Penny Carnival was held on Sunday, October 7th, from 3:00-4:30 PM in the Exhibits Building on the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds in Emmetsburg. The cool fall day brought out a big crowd of 4-Hers, families, and friends to enjoy a variety of carnival-type games with drawings and prizes provided by 4-H clubs throughout the county. The 4-H County Council members provided food for a concession stand. A king and queen of the carnival were crowned from a drawing of all junior (grades 4-6) 4-H members in attendance. Kyle Kogel and Maggie Nelson, both from Emmetsburg were crowned our 2012 4-H King and Queen. The Penny Carnival is a fun event planned to kick off National 4-H Week – October 7-13.



Beef Weigh-In – Jan. 5th

All 4-H & FFA members must weigh in their market steers, market heifers, and feeder pens for their animals to be eligible to show at county and district fairs. In order to show at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben calves must also go through a state verification process. This year it is our plans to do it all on the same day.

Weigh-in will be held on **Saturday, January 5th from noon to 2:00 PM**. Calves being shown only at the county or district fairs will just need to be weighed – will not need to go through the retinal imaging process. Those calves are to be tagged at home prior to the weigh-in. Tags may be purchased at the Palo Alto County Extension Office at a cost of \$1.50 per tag. Anyone with a scheduling conflict for the 5th will need to contact the Extension office at least one week prior to the 5th so other arrangements can be made. No identifications for market beef will be allowed after the date of weigh-in.

To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben: 4-H & FFA members thinking they may want to show their beef animals at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben will need to make sure their animals go through the state verification process. These calves should not be tagged ahead of time. Plans are to retinal image at the Pat Kibbie farm at 10:00 AM the morning of Jan. 5th. After the images are taken we will ask participants to transport their calves to the fairgrounds where they will be weighed on the scale.

* Anyone planning to state verify calves should contact the Extension Office by Wednesday, Jan. 2nd and let us know an exhibitor name and the # of calves to be verified. This is so we can make sure we have plenty of tags and enough supplies to complete the process.

If you have any questions regarding the weigh-in process, please contact the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 or call the beef superintendent, Brian Rouse at 712-260-7731.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Since everyone will be verifying weigh-in information in 4HOnline, all 4-H beef exhibitors must have an “active” status (be enrolled in 4-H) at the time of weigh-in.

COOL and 4-H Livestock

What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/cool.doc>

Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (birth records (calving report, PigChamp, PigTales, etc.), purchase/sales receipts, etc.)

4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

Remember: Being a 4-H'er is not just a title that gives you the right to exhibit at the county fair. It means being an active member of an organization where learning, helping others, and building life skills is most important. Are you getting the most out of your 4-H experience???

2012 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

The dates have been set for the 2012 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! The fair will run from Thursday, July 19th through Sunday, July 22nd with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building on Tuesday, July 17th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Event judging will be held on Tuesday, July 10th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 14th. Fair livestock entries will be due on Monday, July 2nd.



Countywide Sewing Workshop

4-H members of all ages are invited to a countywide sewing workshop on **Saturday, Nov. 17th**, beginning at 9:30 AM at the Palo Alto County Extension Office. We will be learning some simple sewing techniques while completing a simple cloth bag to take home. These would make great Christmas and birthday presents, fair projects, or community service projects. Cost is \$5.00 and will include pizza for lunch. Pre-registration is required with a maximum of 20 participants. **Deadline to register is Nov. 14th**. After we have received your registration you will get a list of supplies that you will need to bring to the

workshop. Included with this newsletter is a flyer with a sign-up form at the bottom. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

* Volunteers with some basic sewing skills will be needed! Any older 4-H members or parents who would be willing to help with this workshop would be greatly appreciated. Just call the office at 712-852-2865 or email jnaig@iastate.edu to volunteer.



County Candy Workshop

4-H members of all ages are invited to a countywide candy workshop on **Saturday, Dec. 8th**, from 9:00-2:00 at the Palo Alto County Extension Office. We will be learning to make some simple Christmas candies and putting together a container for each participant to take home to their families. Cost is \$20.00 and will include pizza for lunch. Pre-registration is required with a maximum of 20 participants. **Deadline to register is Friday, Nov. 30th**. Included with this newsletter is a flyer with a sign-up form at the bottom. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

* Volunteers who like to cook will be needed! Any older 4-H members or parents who would be willing to help with this workshop would be greatly appreciated. Just call the office at 712-852-2865 or email jnaig@iastate.edu to volunteer.

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

Senior 4-H Fun & Service Night

When: Saturday, Dec. 1st from 7:00-10:00
Where: Pocahontas County Extension Office

4-Hers from Calhoun, Palo Alto, and Pocahontas will spend the evening playing board games, cards, watching movies, and having FUN! This is FREE to all 4-Hers in 9th-12th grades, but pre-registration is required! We ask that each participant bring one winter clothing item (mittens, hat, gloves, scarf, etc.) to be donated to the local schools for children that might need one of those items. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack and a favorite game!

Included in this newsletter is a flyer with a sign-up form at the bottom. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

4-H Lock-In at the Wellness Center

The annual 4-H Lock-In for all Palo Alto County 4-Hers will be held **January 11th** from 10:00 PM Friday night to 6:00 AM Saturday morning at the Arthur & Audrey Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Chaperones will be needed. Everyone will be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the center. This event is only for 4-H members. A registration form will be included in the next newsletter. Deadline to register will be January 9th. A letter with more details will be given to all paid participants. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun event!

New Member Pizza Party

We would like to welcome all new members and their parents to the 4-H program. To help us do this we will be having a New Member Pizza Party at the Extension Office in Emmetsburg on Sunday, **January 20th**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All new members will receive an invitation with more details. The purpose of this party is to inform the new member and their parents about all the aspects of 4-H and to have FUN! Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend!

If you have any questions about the 4-H program, please feel free to call the office (712-852-2865). Sometimes we forget that not everyone knows the "system".

2013 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Citizenship Washington Focus 2013 is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips returned to report that it was the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

Participants can select either June 7 - 15 or June 14 - 22, 2013 to attend the trip. 4-Hers and adult chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Some highlights of the trip are: Lincoln's home in Springfield, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Beside tours and workshops, you'll have time for socializing and meeting new friends.

The trip fee is \$1,450. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a \$400.00 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration is now open and closes December 15, 2012.



To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation Grants

Is your club looking for possible funding for a community service project or educational project? Again this year the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation is offering the chance for 4-H clubs to apply for mini grants. These mini grants have a maximum amount of \$2,500 with only a 10% match. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2012. Please let the office know if you are interested in applying so we can make sure you have all the necessary documentation that you need. Applications are available online at <http://paloaltogaming.org/>.

2013 Pioneer Grant Information and Applications Now Available!

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs in our county are encouraged to apply for "seed money" to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/recognition/grants/>

Applications and support letters for 2013 grants are due in the county Extension office on December 3, 2012.

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Below is the link for 4-H scholarships for the 2013-14 school year. If you are a senior in high school I strongly encourage you to check this out. Most are due March 1, 2013. Keep check the site as more information will be added soon. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/scholarships>

State 4-H Leader's Retreat

The State 4-H Leader's Retreat will be held on Feb. 8-9 in Ankeny! Extension will help with your registration fee and you can attend just Saturday. Watch for more details and mark your calendar.

Save the Date: 4th Annual Iowa 4-H Gala

The Iowa 4-H Foundation invites all 4-H staff, volunteers, and alumni to attend the 4th annual Iowa 4-H Gala on March 2nd, 2013 at the downtown Des Moines Marriott Hotel. You won't want to miss this

formal night full of fun and energy raising money to support 4-H. The evening will feature many delicious food stations, Dueling Pianos entertainment, silent and live auctions, and the highlighted dessert and purse auctions. New for 2013, we are offering a discount for 4-H staff and young 4-H alumni (21-30) to attend the gala for \$50. Other registration prices are \$100 for individuals, \$150 for couples and \$1,000 to sponsor a table of 10. Other sponsorship opportunities are available. Register online today at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/gala. Contact Shelly Greving with questions shellyg@iastate.edu or 515-294-1607.

New Volunteer Training Registration Now Open!

The training locations and dates for New Volunteer Training for fall 2012/winter 2013 are now posted on the [Volunteer Training](#) page and the online registration is now open at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/training-registration-new-volunteers-fall-2012-winter-2013>. There are 13 locations around the state.

Multi-region new volunteer training is designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to a long term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kids – both leaders and assistants. Volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend a multi-region new volunteer training within the first 12 months of being screened and approved as a 4-H volunteer.

The 6 hour training is designed to give new volunteers a better working knowledge of positive youth development, the Iowa 4-H Equation, and tools that will help them be more confident and capable in their roles working with youth. The training includes breakout sessions for Clover Kid volunteers and club volunteers. Volunteers who attend receive a notebook of positive youth development resources and information.

New Volunteer Training provides the foundational knowledge club/project/Clover Kids volunteers need to be competent caring adults engaged in the 4-H program. Volunteers who participated in the New Volunteer Training pilot indicated on their evaluations considerable growth in knowledge and confidence in their abilities. Significant increases were seen in all of these areas

- I understand and can explain the 4-H Needs of Youth to others.
- I can identify characteristics of the Essential Elements (EE) in a 4-H program
- I feel confident in my ability to incorporate the EE into my work as a 4-H volunteer

- I can describe the steps in the experiential learning cycle
- I feel confident in helping club officers plan a club meeting or activity that includes the elements of the 4-H equation
- I can help members write a goal
- I can develop a fun, age appropriate Clover Kids lesson plan
- I feel confident in my abilities to manage the behavior of a Clover Kids group
- I know how to help Clover Kids transition to 4-H Clubs

Palo Alto County would be excited to gain new volunteers! A county can never have too many! Let me know if you would be interested in being a leader or assistant leader by calling the Palo Alto County Extension Office at 712-852-2865 or by emailing inaig@iastate.edu. The closest trainings are on **Nov. 10th** in Garner and Rockwell City.

Judges Training Registration Open!

Judges Training for fall/winter/spring 2012-2013 is now scheduled. New judges, experienced judges, volunteers, parents, and staff are welcome to attend. Cost is \$20.00 for those attending all day and \$5.00 for those attending just in the afternoon. Registration money will be collected onsite. Register online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/training-registration-judges>.

The judges training team are busy working to design a consistent training system for new and experienced judges. The training is also open to volunteers, parents, and staff interested in learning more about evaluating 4-H exhibits.

The training system:

- builds knowledge and skills judges need to improve the quality of the judging experience for youth and judges
- focuses on goal centered learning and the educate, evaluate, encourage process for 4-H members
- trains on positive youth development
- gives new judges the opportunity to “practice” before direct interaction with youth
- revises and updates resources for judges (includes website and online resources)
- develops a marketing system to make sure all judges and potential judges are aware of training opportunities
- develops a process for counties and campus to recognize judges’ contribution to youth and the 4-H program

Training agenda

- The first four hours (includes lunch) of the training builds knowledge and skills for new judges (as well as interested volunteers and parents) and the last two hours is project area content specific.
- Experienced judges will be presenting and all judges are welcome to attend to brush-up on their expertise or expand their knowledge base.

Dates and locations for fall/winter training:

Oct. 20, 2012	Story County Extension 4-H Youth Bldg, ISU, Ames
Nov. 3, 2012	Winneshiek County NE Iowa Dairy Center, Calmar campus of NE IA CC
Jan. 19, 2013	Linn County Linn Co. Extension office, Marion
March 2, 2013	Buena Vista County Storm Lake Middle School
Mar. 9, 2013	Johnson County Co. Extension office, Iowa City
Mar. 9, 2013	Kossuth County First Presbyterian Church, Algona
Mar. 9, 2013	Pottawattamie Carson Community Center
Mar. 16, 2013	Clarke County Clarke Co. Fairground Event Center, Osceola



MaxYield Decreases Cost of Palo Alto County 4-H Membership

MaxYield Cooperative announced that they are continuing their commitment to Palo Alto County 4-H members and clubs by decreasing the cost of enrollment in the youth program.

“We are continuing our support of local 4-H clubs and our commitment to 4-H,” said Chad Meyer, MaxYield Client Relations Director. “Recently, we presented a contribution for \$10.00 per 4-H member in order to decrease the cost of 4-H membership.”

Meyer said the cooperative has two goals in providing the program. “First, we want to make 4-H an affordable youth program for local families.

Secondly, by paying a portion of each 4-H member's enrollment fee, we are able to continue our mission in supporting 4-H so that each member benefits."

The cooperative contributed over \$1600 to Palo Alto County Extension and annually contributes more than \$15,000 across six counties in Iowa in support of 4-H.

"We believe that 4-H is one of the cornerstones in developing youth and 4-H provides an excellent foundation to build strong families in this area. 4-H also provides a great way for young people to learn more about agriculture and its exciting future," commented Meyer.

MaxYield Cooperative is a local farmer-owned cooperative serving members and clients in northern Iowa, southern Minnesota and eastern Michigan. Founded in 1915, MaxYield Cooperative is headquartered in West Bend, Iowa.

2012 Clay County Fair Results

Congratulations to all Palo Alto County 4-Hers who exhibited at the Clay County Fair. Palo Alto was well represented with quality projects. The results are as follows:

District Beef

Joel Kibbie – Medium Division – Purple
Kyle Louwagie – Tall Division - Blue
Liesel Schwartzkopf – Maine Anjou - Blue
Liesel Schwartzkopf – Tall Division – Red
Tristan Ruppert – Heifer - Purple

District Sheep

Josie Wickman – Black Face Ewe Lamb – Blue
Josie Wickman – Lt. Wt. Market Lamb - Blue
Josie Wickman – Non Black Face Ewe Lamb – Blue
Josie Wickman – Black Face Ewe Lamb – Blue
Luke Mogler – Lt. Wt. Market Lamb – Purple
Luke Mogler – Med. Wt. Market Lamb – Purple
Zane Wickman – Non Black Face Ewe Lamb – Blue
Zane Wickman – Lt. Wt. Market Lamb - Blue

District Horse

Brighton Eglund – Barrels – Purple
Brighton Eglund – Keyhole Race – Blue
Brighton Eglund – Poles – Purple
Brighton Eglund – Lt. Wt. Horse Mare – Blue
Brighton Eglund – Open Ranch Horse Pleasure – Blue
Brighton Eglund – Flag Race – White
Jillian Joyce – Keyhole Race – Red
Jillian Joyce – Barrels – Purple
Jillian Joyce – Poles – Blue
Jillian Joyce – Flag Race – Purple
Kaitlyn Moran – Costume – Blue
Kaitlyn Moran – Walk-Trot Keyhole – Blue
Kaitlyn Moran – Ponies – Blue

Kaitlyn Moran – Walk-Trot – Blue
Kaitlyn Moran – Showmanship - Jr. – Red
Kaityln Moran – Walk-Trot Barrels – White
Logan Eglund – Lt. Wt. Horse Mare – Blue
Logan Eglund – Lt. Wt. Horse Gelding – Blue
Logan Eglund – Open Ranch Horse Pleasure – Blue
Logan Eglund – Barrels – Purple
Logan Eglund – Poles – Purple
Logan Eglund – Keyhole Race – Blue
Logan Eglund – Flag Race – Blue
Mackenzie Berkland – English Equitation – Blue
Mackenzie Berkland – Lt. Wt. Horse Mare – Blue
Mackenzie Berkland – Costume – Blue
Mackenzie Berkland – Showmanship – Jr. – Blue
Mackenzie Berkland – Western Horsemanship – Jr. – Blue
Mackenzie Berkland – Western Pleasure – Jr. – Blue
Mackenzie Berkland – English Pleasure – Jr. – Blue

District Meat Goat

Austin Bergstrom – Breeding Doe – Purple (Res. Champion)
Austin Bergstrom – Med. Wt. – Blue
Zane Wickman – Lt. Wt. – Blue
Zane Wickman – Med. Wt. – Blue
Zane Wickman – Breeding Doe – Blue

District Rabbit

Madison Norris – Jersey Wooly Sr. Doe – White
Madison Norris – Jersey Wooly Sr. Doe – Blue



(Pictured L-R) Mackenzie Berkland, _____, Faith Lutat, Ariana Umsheid, and Mike Anderson, State 4-H Livestock Specialist.

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

Three 4-Hers from Emmet and Palo Alto counties tested their horse skills at the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest on Saturday, November 3rd at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. Junior

team members included Mackenzie Berklund, Ruthven; Faith Lutat, Estherville; and Ariana Umsheid, Terril. The team earned 4th place overall junior team and 4th place in junior team oral reasons, and 5th place junior team for the way they placed the classes Faith Lutat also received 5th place for junior individual for oral reasons and 9th place junior individual overall. 4-H teams from across Iowa were eligible to participate in the event. All participants judged 10 classes including halter classes, showmanship, western pleasure, western horsemanship, Hunt seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle and Trail. The official judge for the contest was David J. Denniston from Colorado State University.

Birthdays

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

November

Garret Wirtz
Caitlin Thorsbakken
Jon Lace
Colton Wickman
Addison Opheim
Connor Joyce
Emily Bonnstetter
Dominic Allen
Tanner Bachman
Anna Zaugg
Mary Nelson
Noah Fehr
Kelsey Moran
Patience Wiita
Breanna Schutz
MaKayla Depyper
Mercedes Depyper
Kourtney Kogel
Corbin Studer
Joe Lowman
Katie Grandstaff
Ashley Fehr
Dylan Moser
Jack Henry Meyer
Logan Lenz
Drew Wiita
Zane Zeller
Betty Sue Strohman
Calla Knobloch
Elias Naber
Sam Naber
Carter Manwarren
Chase Li
Jacob Fields

December

Grayden Forsythe
Kollasch Joyce
Luke Hoffman
Brian Merrill
Morgan Murphy
Katie Hoffman
Brandon Clark
Michael Fehr
Isaac Naber
Levi Naber
Kate Sorenson
BriAna Campbell
Megan Heisler
John Hurley
Katie Olesen
Rebecca Bonnstetter
Zach Anderson
Zane Wickman
Riley Corderman



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

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, and other 4-H links. If you have suggestions for what you want to see on that page or any of the other pages please email jnaig@iastate.edu or jleuer@iastate.edu with your requests.

Palo Alto County 4-H on Facebook

A Facebook page for Palo Alto County 4-H is currently in the process of being developed. This page will be used for several purposes - reminding members about upcoming important dates and events, providing links to other 4-H related websites, and displaying photos from events, etc. Just do a search for "Palo Alto County 4-H" and click "like".

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