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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER
Nov. 1
Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 2:30-4:00 PM @ Extension Office (note the change in time – this is an early out day – kids should still ride the bus to our office)

Nov. 3
PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Nov. 3
Fern Valley 4-Hers Club Mtg./Workshop – 9:00-11:00 AM @ the home of Braxton Dahlhauser

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

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

Nov. 6
Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in lunchroom

Nov. 6
4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Nov. 8
Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Nov. 11
Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet – VFW, Emmetsburg – 5:30 PM

Nov. 13
New Volunteer Training – more details to come

Nov. 14
Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in West Bend school lunchroom

Nov. 15
Sewing Workshop Help Session after school @ office – will help workshop participants cut out pajama pants

Nov. 17
Sewing Workshop (flannel pajama pants) @ office – 9:00- whenever finished – in Extension Office Meeting Room – pre-registration is required – see registration form included with this newsletter

Nov. 18
Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. – 1:00 PM @ Ruthven United Methodist Church

Nov. 18
4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Nov. 23-24
Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed

DECEMBER
Dec. 1
PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Dec. 2
Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg – 3:30 PM @ office

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Dec. 8  Candy Workshop @ office – 9:00-2:00 – see enclosed/attached form

Dec. 8  Fern Valley 4-H Club Mtg. @ West Bend Public Library – Santa Day

Dec. 11  4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Dec. 13  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Dec. 15  PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Dec. 19  Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM – West Bend school lunchroom

Dec. 24-25  Christmas Holiday – Office Closed

Dec. 31  PACGDC grant apps must be completed online

Dec. 31  Enrollment forms, medical/release forms, Code of Ethics forms, & membership fees due to office – re-enrollment can be done online – see instructions included in this newsletter

TBA

JANUARY

Jan. 1  New Year’s Holiday, Office Closed

Jan. 5  PARTs 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Jan. 5  Beef Weigh-In – 1:00-3:00 PM @ fairgrounds

Jan. 6  Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg – 3:30 PM @ office

Jan. 8  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – in lunchroom until 5:00 PM

Jan. 8  4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Jan. 10  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Jan. 17  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Jan. 20  Highland Cruisers Holiday Party/Club Outing – TBA

Jan. 20  New Member Pizza Party – 5:30-7:00 PM @ office – Co. Council Mtg. to follow

Jan. 23  Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in West Bend school lunchroom

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

2018 Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet – Nov. 11th

Plans are underway for the 2018 Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet to be held on Sunday, Nov. 11th, at 5:30 PM at the VFW in Emmetsburg. Kampaign Foods will again be catering the meal. Cost for attending the banquet will be $9.00 per person with the exception of 4-H adult leaders who will eat for free. All 4-H leaders, members, committee members, and families are invited and encouraged to attend. Help us acknowledge our 4-Hers’ accomplishments and show our appreciation to our adult volunteers! Reservations and payment should be made at the Extension office by noon on Monday, Nov. 5th. Even if no one in your family is receiving any awards we still encourage you to come and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other 4-H families and celebrate another great year of 4-H!

Lego Robotics Club (PART’s) – The Palo Alto RoboTechs (PARTs) 4-H Club is planning to begin the new 4-H year in the month of November. Please let the office know if you are interested in joining this club. Their first meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 3rd from 8:30-11:30 AM. There will be lots of new fun learning with the new Lego EV3 kits!

Beef Weigh-In – Jan. 5th

All 4-H & FFA members must weigh in their market steers, market heifers, feeder pens, and 2nd year bucket calves 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 (have retinal images taken).

Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, January 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Calves being shown only at the county or district fairs will just need to be weighed. 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.

To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben:

Anyone planning to nominate calves for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben should contact the Extension Office by Wednesday, Jan. 2nd and let us know an exhibitor name and the # of calves to be verified. Time and location for retinal imaging will be determined after
we know who is planning to nominate calves for these opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding the weigh-in process, please contact the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 or call the beef superintendents, Brian Rouse at 712-260-7731 or Pat Vonnahme at 515-351-8983.

NOTE: Any youth who were in 3rd grade or above last year and who brought a bucket/bottle calf to the 2018 fair, we encourage you to bring your calf back to show in the 2nd year bucket calf class at the 2019 fair. Calves should be brought to this weigh-in so weights can be recorded. If anyone has questions about this new class, please contact the Extension Office.

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.

Re-enroll in 4HOnline

On September 1st 4HOnline opened to take re-enrollments in 4-H or in our Clover Kid program. Remember that re-enrollments are due Dec. 31st. Members can re-enroll online by going to https://ia.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 edit any records, complete health forms, and sign the Code of Ethics. Remember to verify your family address, too. Make sure you go through all the screens or your enrollment will show “incomplete” instead of “pending” on the first screen. The only thing you will need to do after you have completed this process is to pay the $20/4-H member or $15/Clover Kid enrollment fee. Your record will stay “pending” until I make it “active”, which I will do as soon as I have your payment. Remember that fees can also be paid online with a credit card. 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.

If you have any questions or problems, please be sure to call 712-852-2865 or email inaig@iastate.edu and I will walk you through it. *Blank enrollment forms will still be available at our office for those who don’t have internet capabilities or prefer paper.

*We will accept NEW enrollments on paper anytime from now until May 1st. If you know of someone who needs a form, have him/her stop at the office and pick one up or let us know and we will get one in the mail for them.

Enrollment Fees for 2018/19

Enrollment fees for 4-H will stay the same for the 2018-2019 4-H year. MaxYield has agreed to continue to pay $10 for each 4-H member so we will continue to charge $20 per member to make our financial commitment to the State 4-H Office. If there is a family with multiple youth who feel this is too much of a financial burden, please don’t hesitate to come talk to us. We will do our best not to exclude anyone because of financial reasons.

* Don’t forget to thank MaxYield for their contribution the next time you do business with them!

Search for 4-H Leaders

4-H club leaders are a precious commodity for maintaining a strong 4-H program in the county. We are always looking for new leaders to start a new club, take over a current club, or just to assist current club leaders as experienced leaders move on to other opportunities and adventures. The experience of being a 4-H leader can be very rewarding and we encourage parents, relatives, and friends of 4-Hers to get involved and consider this opportunity to help keep our 4-H program alive and vibrant. We really hate to see clubs fold due to lack of leadership. Many surrounding counties are even experimenting with adding some new specialized clubs, such as photography, lego, skateboarding, food & nutrition, horticulture (gardening), woodworking, welding, sewing, and fitness, just to name a few. If you or someone you know is interested in being a leader of a traditional club or a new specialty club, please contact the Extension Office and let us know. We are always open to new ideas for clubs but sometimes just need someone to step up and take leadership with them.

Remember: Being a 4-Her 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???
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.

Clarification on 4-H Club Eligibility

Our current enrollment guidelines (4H-14) state, "The target audience for club membership is 4th through 12th grade youth." Age only comes into play with home-schooled youth. Youth in K-3 are eligible for the Clover Kid program.

2019 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

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

ISU Block and Bridle Dog Show – Hosted by the Iowa State University Block and Bridle Club. 4-Hers and open class exhibitors welcome! To be held November 10th beginning at 8:00 AM at the Farm Bureau Pavilion in Ames, IA. Entries due by November 1st for early registration fee OR pay day of show. Contact McKenzie von Rentzell with questions.

Countywide Sewing Workshop

All 4-Hers are invited to come and learn how to sew flannel pajama pants on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00 AM to whenever finished in the downstairs Extension Office meeting room. Cost is $5 – pizza will be provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. Deadline to register is Monday, Nov. 5th so I will have time to trace a pattern for each participant. Want help cutting out the pajama pants? Come to the Extension Office after school on Thursday, Nov. 15th. Click here for a registration form or see enclosed/attached one.

Candy Workshop

4-H members of all ages are invited to 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 Monday, Dec. 4th. Click here for a registration form or see enclosed/attached one.

*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.

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”.

2019 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

4-H families – mark your calendars for the fifth Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza! The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2nd from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at ILCC campus, Emmetsburg. The event will offer hands-on learning about beef production in Iowa, advocacy for the beef industry, how to get the best product for your effort, and ways to increase the quality of your cattle for fair exhibits. Watch the Clover Connect for more information.

2019 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

The 2019 Youth Conference dates are set for June 25-27 in Ames on Iowa State University campus.
The State 4-H Council is proud to announce its theme for the conference, “A Universe of Possibilities.” Check out basic information regarding Youth Conference, and expect more details to come throughout the year as plans and deadlines approach.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Celebrate the 60th year of CWF in 2019 by joining the Iowa 4-H CWF Trip held June 14-22, 2019. All teens who are currently in 9th-12th grades are eligible to register for the trip. There are 48 seats for teens. The trip will cost $1850 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and most meals. Adult chaperones are needed as well. Look for updates and registration information to arrive soon on the Iowa 4-H CWF webpage.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you’ve made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win $1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C., by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, have honored tens of thousands of middle level and high school students over the past 18 years solely for their volunteer work.

Students in grades 5-12 who have volunteered in the past year are eligible for honors at the local, state and national level. Deadline to apply is November, 6, 2018.

Apply now for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Below is the link for 4-H scholarships for the 2018-19 school year. If you are a senior in high school I strongly encourage you to check this out. Most are due February 1, 2019. Keep checking the site as more information will be added soon. Let me know if you need a letter of recommendation – I would be glad to do this for my senior 4-Hers!

https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1

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 $5,000 with only a 10% match. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2018. 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/.

| Pop Tabs for Jacy – The 2018-19 State 4-H Council wants to carry on Jacy McAlexander's legacy by continuing to collect pop tabs from around the state in his honor for the Ronald McDonald House! We will collect the pop tabs at our office for anyone who wants to contribute to this great cause. |

American Soybean Association $5000 SOY Scholarship

The 2019-20 Soy Scholarship is a $5,000 one-time scholarship award presented to a current, eligible high school senior who is planning to pursue a degree in agriculture at an accredited college or university. The scholarship is managed by the American Soybean Association and is made possible through a grant by BASF Corporation. Candidates may apply online through Nov. 19, 2018. Final selection will be made in early December during the ASA Board meeting. For more information and an application go to http://soygrowers.com/award-programs/soy-scholarship/.

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps 2018/2019

Join Iowa 4-H Camera Corps, open to youth statewide who are interested in improving their photography skills. Youth receive professional juror feedback and selected photographs will be printed, matted, and exhibited at galleries around the state of Iowa. Apply to join Camera Corps 2018/2019 and submit this month's photography challenge, “Falling for Fall”.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Livestock Quiz Bowl is set for April 13, 2019 at Iowa State University. This event is the qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl held during Aksarben each fall. Youth in grades 4-12 may participate and the questions cover beef, goats, sheep and swine. For more information and study materials go to the quiz bowl webpage. Contact Amy Powell with questions.

Livestock Judging Coaches Clinic
The Department of Animal Science will be offering a clinic for adults who would like to learn more about how to coach a livestock judging team. The event will be held on April 20, 2019 at Iowa State University. Participants will receive hands-on instruction from the ISU livestock judging coach and team. More information will be available soon. Contact Amy Powell with questions.

**2018 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 Market Heifer**
Jonathon Krieger – Purple, Blue

**District Purebred Heifer**
Laney Montag – Blue

**District Prospect Heifer**
Andrew Hohensee – Blue

**District Commercial Heifer**
Adrianna Krieger – Blue; Jr. Beef Showmanship – Purple

**District Market Barrow**
Ciara Bennum – Purple

**District Commercial Gilt**
Laney Montag – 2 Purples

**District Market Meat Goat**
Jadyn Joyce – 2 Purples; Jr. Meat Goat Showmanship – Blue

**District Poultry Pen of 3 Layers**
Devin Morey – Purple – Class Reserve Champion

**District Jr. Poultry Showmanship**
Andrew Hohensee – Blue
Devin Morey – Blue

**District Poultry – American Pullet Standard**
Andrew Hohensee – 1 Purple, 1 Blue
Devin Morey – 2 Blues
Rachel Miner – Blue

**District Poultry – Mediterranean Pullet Standard**
Rachel Miner – 1 Blue, 1 Red

**District Poultry – Rose Comb Clean Legged Pullet Bantam**
Rachel Miner – Blue

**District Poultry – Feather Legged Pullet Bantam**
Rachel Miner – Blue

**District Poultry – Purebred Breeds Not Recognized Pullet**
Rachel Miner – Blue

**District Communications – Ed. Presentation**
Thomas Woodford – Blue

**Pedal With Pete Bike Ride For Cerebral Palsy**

For the past twenty 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, sixteen riders dusted off their bikes and pedaled for a cure to raise almost $700. Riders ranged in age from 4 to 73. 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 Grace Olesen and Riley and Rory Elbert. Winning the youngest rider award was Reid Elbert and Hayden Bormann with the oldest rider award going to Paul Joyce. Many door prizes were also handed out along with a free Pedal with Pete T-shirt to all participants.

**Caramel Apple Workshop**

On Thursday evening, September 27th, four 4-Hers participated in a workshop to learn how to make caramel apples. Participants learned about measuring ingredients and using a candy thermometer while making a homemade caramel sauce. They also learned how to be creative with different fun toppings such as sprinkles, mini M&M’s, toffee bits, Oreo crumbs, and chopped peanuts. Everyone got to make four apples to take home to their families. Everyone was in agreement that this recipe would be perfect for our Christmas Candy Workshop as wrapped caramels without the apples.
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. The cool, rainy fall day brought out a nice 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. Nick Saxton from the 4-H Shooting Sports and Paige Steinkamp were crowned our 2018 4-H Penny Carnival King and Queen. The Penny Carnival is a fun event held to kick off National 4-H Week – October 7-13.

This year in connection with the Penny Carnival was a 4-H Club Food Challenge. 4-H clubs were encouraged to collect non-perishable food for the Upper Des Moines food pantry. The food was then weighed and the winning club was awarded a pizza party following the carnival. This year’s winning club was the 4-H Shooting Sports who collected 177 pounds of food. 4-H clubs in the county collected a total of 344.5 pounds. Thanks to all families who donated.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Club decided to show their appreciation to the Palo Alto County Gun Club for allowing them to use the shooting range April through August and for providing them with clay pigeons for the shotgun discipline. On Saturday, September 29th a group of club members leaders met at Sportsman’s Park and constructed coverings for the two rifle benches. Congratulations on another great community service project done by 4-Hers!

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Forty-five 4-H members in grades 7-12 from Emmet, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Calhoun, Sac, and Kossuth were given the opportunity to ride in a charter bus and travel to the Des Moines and Ames areas for a full day of fun and excitement.

The group began their adventure at The Escape in West Des Moines. Here participants were “locked” in one of four fun themed rooms with up to ten others where they were given one hour to crack codes, solve puzzles, and find keys that would aid in their “escape”.

Then it was off to Ames to watch the ISU Cyclone Stampede Rodeo at the ISU Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center. There 4-Hers got to watch bull riding, bronc riding, calf roping, barrel racing, goat tying, and steer wrestling by some of the best in the college rodeo world.

Following the rodeo the group stopped for supper at McDonald’s in Webster City.

Participants from Palo Alto County included Aliza Woodford, Lauren Kenyon, Logan Lenz, Miriam Hackbart-Morlock, Madily Hall, Devin Morey, Logan Treiber, John Hurley, Ben Hurley, Claire Kassel, Landon Haack, and Mackenzie Hoffman.

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

MaxYield Helps Palo Alto County 4-Hers with Enrollment Fees

MaxYield Cooperative recently presented Palo Alto County Extension and Outreach with a contribution aimed at decreasing the cost of enrollment in 4-H youth programs.

“We are continuing our support of local 4-H and commitment to our youth,” 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, especially families that have multiple children enrolled. 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 $1400 to Palo Alto County Extension and Outreach and will contribute more than $18,000 to 4-H in seven Iowa counties annually.

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

About MaxYield Cooperative

MaxYield Cooperative is a member-owned, diversified agricultural cooperative founded in 1915 and is headquartered in West Bend, IA. The cooperative has 24 locations and three Cenex convenience stores in Iowa. MaxYield also provides grain origination and accounting services for two Iowa feed mills. For more information, visit MaxYield online at www.MaxYieldCoop.com and www.FromTheField.com.

What is the State 4-H Council up to?

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

The fall State Council retreat is under our belts and we have determined the 2019 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme, A Universe of Possibilities! State Council committees have taken on a new format this year and reflect the four priority areas of Iowa 4-H:
STEM, Communication & the Arts, Healthy Living and Global Citizenship (as part of the larger Leadership & Civic Engagement area). We chose the priority area of our interest and met with the state specialist with these areas to determine projects, careers, ideas, and needs for 4-Hers across the state. Be looking forward to neat ideas and projects coming from each of these priority area committees in the next couple of months for youth across the state! Additionally, we are continuing to promote Iowa 4-H across the state through our ambassador roles. We will be participating in a Youth-Adult Partnership training in December to learn about strengthening these partnerships so we can better work, promote, carry out, and communicate with others in our roles and beyond. Learn more about the State 4-H Council here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statecouncil

Birthdays

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

**November**
- Jadyn Joyce
- Morgan Miller
- Caitlin Thorsbakken
- Liza Saxton
- Ben Garrelts
- MaKayla Rouse
- Patience Wiita
- Kourtney Kogel
- Tyler Hansen
- Logan Lenz
- Gracie Beving
- Kamryn Hough
- Jalen Zaugg
- Lilly Morey
- Rutledge Quinn
- Tannya Strohman
- Betty Sue Strohman

**December**
- Kollasch Joyce
- Otis Fehr
- Ally Rouse
- Colleen Cook
- Luke Hoffman
- Sophia Cother
- Ben Saxton
- Isabella Anderson
- Olivia Anderson
- Emmet Schmidt
- Shea Johnson
- Oakly Joyce
- Ciara Bennum
- Riley Elbert
- Carter Utesch
- Mya Burns
- Audrey Garrelts
- Claire Gerber
- Kate Sorenson
- Jordan Anderson
- Cayleb Enderson
- Ellie Gerber
- Sheila Reding
- Lucas Girres
- John Hurley
- Nora Nelson
- Aliyah Dietrich
- Terra Swedin
- Maddie Morey
- Elliott Schmidt

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

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, fairbook, and links to other 4-H info. You just might find what you are looking for!!!

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 summer 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.