**Dates to Remember**

**NOVEMBER**
- Nov. 3  Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. 3:30 PM @ office
- Nov. 4  Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion
- Nov. 4  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
- Nov. 5  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom
- Nov. 7  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
- Nov. 10  Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet – VFW, Emmetsburg – 5:30 PM
- Nov. 13  Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school lunchroom
- Nov. 14  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
- Nov. 16  Sewing Workshop – 8:30 AM until finished @ office – see attached/enclosed flyer
- Nov. 16  4-H Amana Group Jr. 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:00 AM @ West Bend Library
- Nov. 17  4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
- Nov. 17  Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg.
- Nov. 23  PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM @ office (Lego Robotics)
- Nov. 28-29  Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed

**DECEMBER**
- Dec. 1  Jr. Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. 3:30 PM @ office
- Dec. 2  Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion
- Dec. 3  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom
- Dec. 5  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
- Dec. 9  4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
- Dec. 11  Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school lunchroom
Dec. 12  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
Dec. 14  Candy Workshop @ office – 9:00-2:00 – see enclosed/attached form
Dec. 14  Fern Valley 4-Hers Club Mtg. – beginning at 9:00 AM – Santa Day/Caroling @ West Bend Library
Dec. 24-25 Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
Dec. 28  PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM @ office (Lego Robotics)
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  4-H County Council Christmas Party

JANUARY
Jan. 1  New Year’s Holiday, Office Closed
Jan. 4  Beef Weigh-In – 1:00-3:00 PM @ fairgrounds
Jan. 5  Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office
Jan. 7  Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom
Jan. 9  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
Jan. 9  New Volunteer Training – 6:00-9:00 PM – virtual – will show at office
Jan. 11  PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office
Jan. 16  Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
Jan. 19  Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg.
Jan. 22  Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school lunchroom
Jan. 25  PART’s 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

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

Lego Robotics Club (PART’s) – The Palo Alto Robo Techs (PART’s) 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. 23rd from 8:30-11:30 AM. There will be lots of new fun learning with the new Lego EV3 kits!

Palo Alto County Extension would like to introduce our new Program/Office Coordinator, Jamie Neff, who joined our staff on October 21st. Stop in to meet her and help us welcome her to her new position!

2019 Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet – Nov. 10th

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. Double M Concessions & Catering will 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. 4th. 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!

Beef Weigh-In – Jan. 4th

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 calves must also go through a state verification process (have retinal images taken).

Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, January 4th 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
Enrollment Fees for 2019/20

Enrollment fees for 4-H will stay the same for the 2019-2020 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 (cooking), 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 for them.
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.

**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???

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.

2020 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

Tentative dates have been set for the 2020 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! Plans are to run the fair from Thursday, July 16th through Sunday, July 19th with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building to be judged on Tuesday, July 14th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Event judging will be held on Tuesday, July 7th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 11th. Livestock entries will be due on Monday, June 29th. Any changes to this will be posted in future newsletters.

Countywide Candy Workshop

4-H members of all ages are invited to a countywide candy workshop on **Saturday, Dec. 14th**, 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. 9th**. 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 19th**, 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”.

2020 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

4-H families – mark your calendars for the fifth Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza! The event is scheduled for **Saturday, Feb. 1st** from at the 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.

2020 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

The 2020 Youth Conference dates are set for June 30th-July 2nd in Ames on Iowa State University
campus. The State 4-H Council is proud to announce its theme for the conference, “Going for the Gold”. Check out basic information regarding Youth Conference and expect more details to come throughout the year as plans and deadlines approach.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors middle level and high school students for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service.

Applications are now open for 2020 awards!

Now through November 5, 2019, students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply for 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have volunteered within the past year. Top honorees earn cash awards and all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C. Qualifying honorees also receive President’s Volunteer Service Awards.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

Key dates
- November 5, 2019: Student application deadline
- November 15, 2019: Certification deadline
- February 4, 2020: Announcement of state-level judging results
- May 2-5, 2020: National recognition events in Washington, D.C.

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Below is the link for 4-H scholarships for the 2019-20 school year. If you are a senior in high school I strongly encourage you to check this out. Most are due February 1, 2020. 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/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/

American Soybean Association $5000 SOY Scholarship

The Soy Scholarship is a $5,000 one-time scholarship award presented to a current, eligible high school senior planning to pursue a degree in agriculture at an accredited college or university. The scholarship is managed by the American Soybean Association (ASA) and is made possible through a grant by BASF Corporation. The senior must be a child or grandchild of an ASA member.

The scholarship is awarded in $2,500 increments (one per semester) for the upcoming school year. The student must maintain successful academic progress and be in good standing with the college or university to receive the full amount of the scholarship.

High school seniors may apply online in fall of each year. Final selection will be made in January. The student will be notified late-January, with an official announcement to follow.

Applicants must fill out an online application during the open application period. The 2020-21 Scholarship application period will run from October 8 to December 1, 2019.

Click here to apply!

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, 2019. 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/.

2020 Agri-Science Summit

Iowa 4-H is now accepting applications for the 2020 Agri-Science Summit. This summit in Washington DC is a great opportunity for youth in grades 9-12 to learn about topics in agriculture and share their knowledge with others. You can learn more about the Agri-Science Summit on the National 4-H Conference Center webpage. Interested youth can apply to be part of the Iowa team using the online form. Contact Maya Hayslett for more information.

Girls Discovering Engineering Day

Iowa State’s Society of Women Engineers is hosting Girls Discovering Engineering Day on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Marston Hall in Ames, IA. There will be STEM activities targeted to 5th - 8th grade students and club demonstrations. Register online and check out the event flyer for more information. Contact susweoutreach@gmail.com with questions.
Pop Tabs for Jacy Service Project – The 2019-2020 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. Check out the Pop Tabs for Jacy flyer to find out more about Jacy’s legacy and details of the program. We will collect the pop tabs at our office for anyone who wants to contribute to this great cause.

2019 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**
Adrianna Krieger – Purple

**District Purebred Heifer**
Andrew Hohensee - Purple
Laney Montag – Blue

**District Prospect Heifer**
Andrew Hohensee – Blue

**District Commercial Heifer**
Adrianna Krieger – Blue

**District Market Barrow**
Laney Montag – Blue

**District Market Meat Goat**
Jadyn Joyce – Purple

**District Meat Goat Breeding Doe**
Jadyn Joyce – Purple

**District Meat Goat Junior Showmanship**
Jadyn Joyce – Purple

**District Poultry Pen of 3 Layers**
Madisen Fay – Blue, Best of Show District Champion, Class Champion

**District Poultry Novice Showmanship**
Madisen Fay – Blue, District Reserve Champion

**District Poultry – American Pullet Standard**
Madisen Fay – 2 Blues

**District Poultry – Single Comb Clean Legged Non-Game Cockerel Bantam**
Rachel Miner – Blue

Pedal With Pete Bike Ride For Cerebral Palsy

For the past twenty-one 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 15th, twenty-two riders dusted off their bikes and pedaled for a cure to raise $937.00. Riders ranged in age from 9 to 62. A sincere thank you to all the riders who rode the route and to all the individuals/businesses who donated to this cause.

Participants who raised the most money were Mike and Neal Norland, Lex & Claire Kassel, and Aliza Woodford. Winning the youngest rider award was Liza Saxton with the oldest rider award going to Brian Bodenberger. Many fun door prizes were also handed out.

4-H Penny Carnival Held at The Palo Alto County Fairgrounds

The annual 4-H Penny Carnival was held on Sunday, October 6th, from 3:00-4:30 PM in the Exhibits Building on the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds in Emmetsburg. The cool sunny 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. Ryan Girres from the
Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club and Audrey Garrelts from the 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H Club were crowned our 2019 4-H King and Queen. The Penny Carnival is a fun event held to kick off National 4-H Week – October 6-12.

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 250 pounds of food. 4-H clubs in the county collected a total of 467.5 pounds. Thanks to all families who donated.

MaxYield Cooperative Contributes Funds towards Palo Alto County 4-H Membership Dues

MaxYield Cooperative recently made a contribution of $1470 towards the membership dues for all Palo Alto County 4-H members. The check, presented to Julie Naig, county youth coordinator, on September 6th will pay $10 of the $30 state dues for 4-H members in the county. This membership not only allows students to showcase and compete with their projects at the Palo Alto County Fair and Iowa State Fair, it also provides them with opportunities to participate in conferences, workshops, and community service.

“We are thrilled to continue our support of local 4-H,” said Chad Meyer, MaxYield client relations/communications leader. “We want to make 4-H an affordable youth program for local families, especially families that have multiple children enrolled. Also, by paying a portion of each 4-H member’s enrollment fee, we are able to continue our mission of supporting 4-H so that each member benefits.”

The cooperative contributes nearly $13,000 to 4-H in seven Iowa counties annually.

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

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 25 locations and three Cenex convenience stores in Iowa. MaxYield also provides grain origination and accounting services for three
Iowa feed mills. For more information, visit MaxYield online at www.MaxYieldCoop.com and www.FromTheField.com.

Birthdays

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

November
- Jadyn Joyce
- Kendra Fehr
- Morgan Miller
- Taylor Fehr
- Caitlin Thorsbakken
- Liza Saxton
- Ben Garrelts
- Jameson Fehr
- MaKayla Rouse
- Kourtney Kogel
- Logan Lenz
- Masen Radebaugh
- Gracie Beving
- Kamryn Hough
- Gabby Owen
- Jalen Zaugg
- Lilly Morey
- Rutledge Quinn
- Tannya Strohman

December
- Kollasch Joyce
- Otis Fehr
- Ally Rouse
- Colleen Cook
- Luke Hoffman
- Sophia Cother
- Isabella Anderson
- Olivia Anderson
- Emmett Schmidt
- Shea Johnson
- Oakly Joyce
- Riley Elbert
- Carter Utesch
- Mya Burns
- Audrey Garrelts
- Claire Gerber
- Reid Elbert
- Kate Sorenson
- Ellie Gerber
- Sheila Reding
- Lucas Girres
- Natalie Cadwell
- John Hurley
- Nora Nelson
- Emma Edsill
- Aliyah Dietrich
- Terra Swedin
- Maddie Morey
- Elliot Schmidt

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.

Did you know? Palo Alto County Extension now has a phone app! Just go to your app store on your phone and search “Palo Alto County Extension” and download this free app. We will try to post all Extension programs, events, updates, etc. and keep it current. Let us know if there is something that you would like to see there and we will see if we can get it added!

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/!

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