

# 4-H Clover Connection

## Weber County 4-H

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## New - 4-H Bucket Calf Show at the Fair

We are pleased to announce that there will be a 4-H Bucket Calf Show on Wednesday, August 10 at this year's county fair. Here is a brief overview of participation guidelines:

- **This is a showmanship class. Judging will focus on the exhibitor's ability to show and fit as well as the overall care given to the calf.**
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H, be a resident of Weber County, raise the animal in Weber County, care for the animal being shown, and be at least 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade (as of January 1).
- Calves must be born between February 1, 2011 and March 31, 2011. Only steers can be exhibited; both dairy and beef breeds are acceptable.
- Calves must be owned and tagged for a period of 90 days prior to fair weigh-in time. Tagging will occur during the Weber County Jr. Livestock beef tagging in May.
- Exhibitor may only enter and show one calf; each exhibitor may tag two calves.
- Calves will be shown and judged under beef fitting and showmanship guidelines.
- Exhibitors will earn blue, red or white awards. Additionally, the class will be placed and premiums awarded through 6th place.
- Animals do not sell during the auction.
- Fair Weigh In Time: Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
- Show Time: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 4 p.m.



This is going to be a GREAT way for younger 4-H'ers to get involved in the cattle project. For those who choose to show a beef breed in the 4-H Bucket Calf Show, it would be possible for them to raise the calf through the following year and exhibit their animal at the steer show.



<http://webercounty4-hhorsesnews.blogspot.com/>

<http://webercounty4-hlivestocknews.blogspot.com/>



<http://www.facebook.com/WeberCounty4H>

# Utah Junior Livestock Shows

There are several state-sanctioned Jr. Livestock shows throughout Utah. All of these shows are governed by the Utah Jr. Livestock Rules (<http://www.utah4h.org/htm/featured-programs/livestock>). Weber County 4-H'ers who wish to show at these events are reminded that the minimum state tagging deadline is 100 days for

beef and 60 days for swine/sheep; pre-entry 30 days prior to the show is required.

The deadline for the earliest Jr. Livestock shows will happen before Weber County's fair tagging dates (May and June). All youth desiring to exhibit at one of these shows need to notify the

county office in plenty of time to arrange for tagging with the livestock supervisors.

In addition to the state-sanctioned shows listed below, Morgan and Summit counties host warm up shows and invite area youth to participate: Morgan: June 4, Summit (Kamas): June 18.

SHOW NAME	SHOW DATES	ENTRY DEADLINE	TAGGING DEADLINE
Spanish Fork	May 4—7	April 4	Beef: January 22; Lamb & Hog: March 6
Delta	May 30—June 2	April 30	Beef: February 19; Lamb & Hog: March 31
Vernal	June 27—30	May 28	Beef: March 19; Lamb, Hog & Goat: April 28
Ferron	July 6—9	June 7	Beef: March 26; Lamb, Hog & Goat: May 6

## 4-H Hog Clinic - Perfect for 1st or 2nd Year Hog Exhibitors!

**Savanna Steed will be teaching this hog clinic for new hog exhibitors.**

For her Jr. Livestock Ambassador Project, Savanna Steed will be teaching

a clinic that will focus on the beginning hog showman.

She will be teaching fitting techniques, showing skills, selection, and preparation. She will also have guest speakers to assist her with nutrition and clipping.

The clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. Although targeted for

youth, parents and leaders who are relatively new to the hog project, everyone is invited.

To attend, call (801) 399-8202 or email ([wendy.rees@usu.edu](mailto:wendy.rees@usu.edu)) by Friday, April 8.

*~ by Savanna Steed*

## Livestock Show Feed Workshop

Youth, parents and leaders are invited to attend the annual Livestock Show Feed Workshop, sponsored by IFA on March 22. The workshop will be taught

by Dr. Burgoon. Separate workshops will be taught for the following species:

- Swine – 6 p.m.
- Sheep – 7 p.m.

- Beef – 8 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the IFA in Ogden. FREE.

## Bar J Wrangler Concert



The Commitment to Agriculture Foundation (which generously funds our 4-H scholarship and club awards) will be hosting the annual FFA Bar J Wrangler Concert. The event will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at Fremont High School. It includes a pre-show by Saddlestrings starting at

5:45 p.m., a silent auction, and the concert. Tickets are only \$15 and are available from FFA and CTA members and at the 4-H office.

**UTAH COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION**

# Livestock Discovery Nights/Test Preparation

Invest time this winter learning about livestock, having fun and preparing for the Livestock Bowl and Livestock Testing contests! Livestock Discovery Nights will be held twice per month, at 6 p.m., at the Extension office. Sessions will continue through May. Each session will last 1 ½ hours. The first part will be a demonstration, game or presentation; topics will correspond to the livestock testing topics for the month. Open to youth in grades 3-12. **FREE!**

**Please make this change on your calendar!**

**Because of a scheduling challenge, the dates for February – May have changed to Wednesday nights. Please refer to the new schedule below.**

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During the last half hour of each workshop, youth will put their skills to the “buzzer” and answer questions in a mock Livestock Bowl, earning tokens

for correct answers. Tokens can be redeemed for prizes at the Weber County 4-H Livestock Bowl Contest on May 4, at 6 p.m.

**Pre-registration is not required, however new attendees are encouraged to call the office to make sure that the workshop has not been cancelled due to bad weather, etc.**

2011 Livestock Discovery Nights - Lecture Schedule			
Topics discussed will correlate to the test schedule as follows:			
Date	Beef Topics	Sheep Topics	Swine Topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 9 (Wednesday)</li> <li>February 23 (Wednesday)</li> </ul>	Ch 7: Nutrition	Ch 6: Carcass Evaluation	Ch 9: Diseases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 9 (Wednesday)</li> <li>March 23 (Wednesday)</li> </ul>	Ch 8: Carcass Evaluation	Ch 7: Sheep Products	Ch 10: Ear Notching
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 6 (Wednesday)</li> <li>April 20 (Wednesday)</li> </ul>	Ch 9: Show Preparation	Ch 8: Showing/Selling	Ch 15, 16: Breeding Stock
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 4 (Wednesday)</li> </ul>	<b>LIVESTOCK BOWL CONTEST - JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATE AND SENIORS</b>		

## 4-H Livestock Testing Program

Youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in the 2011 4-H Livestock Testing Program. In the program, youth are tested each month on a specific section of their 4-H livestock resource manual. Separate tests are offered for beef, sheep, swine, and goats. Participating is simple. Just come to the 4-H office from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of the month

on any day the office is open (M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) and take the test. If you arrange it in advance, you may also take the test while attending Livestock Bowl or Livestock Judging practice and during Livestock Discovery Nights.

Each participant’s high three test scores will be totaled (must take at least three

tests on the same species). The top three youth in EACH species in EACH grade division (junior, intermediate, and senior) will be honored at the Weber County Fair with gold, silver and bronze medals and premiums of \$15, 10 & 5 respectively.

2011 4-H LIVESTOCK TEST SCHEDULE				
Month	Beef	Sheep	Swine	Goat
February	Ch 7: Nutrition	Ch 6: Carcass Evaluation	Ch 9: Diseases	Ch 6 (Pg. 86-93): Diseases
March	Ch 8: Carcass Evaluation	Ch 7: Sheep Products	Ch 10: Ear Notching	Ch 7: Dairy Goats
April	Ch 9: Show Prep.	Ch 8: Showing/Selling	Ch 15 & 16: Breeding Stock	Ch 8: Meat Goats
May	Ch 10: Mktg.	Ch 10: Breeds	Ch 18: Breeding Mgmt.	Ch 9: Fiber Goats
June	Ch 11: Dairy Beef	Ch 11: Reproduction	Ch 19 & 20: Sows	Ch 10 & 11: Housing/Environ.
July	Ch 12: Caring for Animals	Ch 13: Caring for Animals	Ch 21 & 22: Baby Pigs/Nursery	Ch 13: Caring for Animals

## 4-H Horse Clinics

Cassie Breeding will teach horse lessons for younger youth!

Howdy ya'll! You are invited to attend 4-H horse study nights. Sessions will be taught by Cassie

Breeding as part of her State Ambassador project. Sessions will be held every Monday night during the month of February at 7 p.m. at the Extension office. These sessions are targeted to junior youth (grades 3-5), although youth of

any grade and any experience level can attend.

During these sessions, youth will learn all about horses through FUN games and hands-on activities.

- Youth DO NOT have to be a member of a 4-H horse club, DO NOT need to own a horse, and DO NOT need prior

knowledge of horses—just a desire to learn and have fun!

- This is a great way to learn about horses and gain knowledge that will help you to excel on horse exams, horse bowl, and horse judging contests. These sessions will utilize the Horse and Horsemanship reference manual (available from the 4-H office).  
~ by Cassie Breeding

## Horse By-Laws

The 2010-11 Weber County 4-H Horse By-laws are posted on the website (click Featured Programs > horse program > rules). The most significant change this year is the new helmet rule, which reads as follows:

*HELMETS: During 4-H horse shows, each exhibitor is required to wear a properly fitted, ASTM/SEI approved, horse-riding helmet (with harness fastened properly under chin) prior to entering the show arena or practice arena (mounted). Riders without helmets will*

*not be allowed to enter the event arena and will be disqualified from their class. Helmets are strongly encouraged at all times (practices, club activities, trail rides, etc.).*



## Horse Nutrition Workshop

Youth, parents and leaders are invited to attend a horse nutrition workshop, sponsored by IFA, on Thursday, Febru-

ary 24 at 6:30 p.m. The program may also include a seminar about preventing and treating colic, however that infor-

mation had not been confirmed as of newsletter press time.

## Robotics Challenge Nights - Monthly Adventures through May

Weber County 4-H will now offer monthly Robotics Challenge Events from January through May. The robotics contest season will culminate with the 4-H Robotics Contest in June. Each Robotics Challenge event will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Weber 4-H members in grades 3-12 are eligible to participate; youth do not have to be a member of the 4-H robotics club to participate. Youth may compete in teams of two to four youth. Teams must sign up a week prior to the

event. Teams may use NXT or RCX Lego kits for the Robotics Challenge. They can register to use the laptops and kits owned by 4-H, or choose to bring their own.

These are low-key, friendly challenges where it is all about sharing and learning together!

There will be four challenges each night:

- 1) A movement challenge - program your robot to go to a certain location and return
- 2) A placement challenge - program your robot to move an object from one location to another

- 3) A sensor challenge - program your robot to utilize a specific sensor to achieve a challenge
- 4) A data collection or sound challenge - program your robot to collect data or make a sound

Each team member will receive a certificate and blue, red, or white stickers for each challenge event.

Members will also earn points toward year end ranks (Commander Rank, Captain Rank, or Cadet Rank).



## State Portfolio Competition

Weber 4-H'ers currently in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to submit their portfolio for state judging. Completed portfolios must be turned into the county 4-H office by February 1. Youth submitting the top portfolios will receive an opportunity to interview for a trip to National 4-H Congress, held in Atlanta,

Georgia. Interviews for selected youth are held during State 4-H Contests in Logan in July. Great news—if you are applying for a state scholarship and state portfolio competition, you only need to submit one copy of your portfolio!

Congratulations to Weber 4-H'ers Samantha Bricco and Lacey Papageorge who submitted top portfolios last year and attended National 4-H Congress this past November.



## Weber County 4-H Leaders Council

What is Leaders Council and who can attend? This is an informal group designed to help parents, leaders and teens gain skills in new 4-H projects and activities. We have an exciting line up of workshops – all of which are FREE.

Our upcoming three workshops are real winners with lots of hands on, make n' take projects! You do not need any prior experience with the project, so come join us. Please call (399-8202) or

email ([wendy.rees@usu.edu](mailto:wendy.rees@usu.edu)), so we have plenty of project supplies ready.

Because of scheduling conflicts, all three of these meetings will be at the Golden Spike Building on the Fairgrounds. Meetings will be in the Conference Room at 7 p.m.

**Wed, Feb. 9 – Lotions & Potions Project:** Learn to make your own lotion, lip balm, bath salts, and other spa products. Your club members will love this

project. Come learn how to lead it. 4-H has two complete kits available for check out.

**Wed, Mar. 9 – Leather Craft:** Learn the basics of leather craft. 4-H has tons of leather craft resources available for loan.

**Wed, Apr., 13 – GPS:** Learn how to use the GPS units for geo-caching. 4-H has 12 units available for check out.

## Countywide 4-H Service Projects

Youth in 3rd grade and older are invited to participate in the upcoming 4-H Teen Council service projects. Pre-registration is required by calling the

4-H office (801-399-8202) or register via the 4-H website.

- **Clover Cookies** – Bake and decorate 4-H clover cookies for an area shelter

in honor of St. Patrick's Day – March 7 at 4 p.m.

- **Flower Boxes** – Decorate and plant a flower box to brighten an elderly resident's day – May 2 at 4 p.m.

## 4-H Demonstration Workshop

Speaking well in front of an audience is a skill every youth needs. Being able to express ourselves with confidence influences every aspect of our lives – school, church, community, and even relationships with friends.

Every member, parent and leader is invited to attend our 4-H Demonstration Workshop on Tuesday, February 15 at 6 p.m. at the 4-H office. The workshop will help 4-H'ers understand how to pre-

pare a blue-ribbon quality demonstration for county and state competition.

The workshop will include demonstration training by Donna Carter, as well as live demonstrations by Weber County 4-H'ers Holden Steed, Anisha Ipsen, and Karlee Baugh. Come join us for this fun and informative workshop. You will learn skills just in time to prepare your demonstration during 4-H Contest Days, which begin in March.



# 2011 4-H Contests

\*For complete contest guidelines go to: [webercounty4-H.org/htm/contests](http://webercounty4-H.org/htm/contests)

We have two types of contest events—those where the whole group competes at the same time (such as the Fashion Revue) and those where members schedule individual appointments to present to a judge (such as the 4-H Demonstration). Members can schedule an appointment to compete in the following contests: public speaking, horse public speaking, impromptu public speaking, demos (all topics), talent, world of work, and fashion consumer strategies. Call the office to schedule an appointment; appointments are scheduled in 15 minute increments.

4-H Contest Days	
Date	Time
March 23	2:00—5:00 p.m.
April 13	2:00—5:00 p.m.
April 27	2:00—5:00 p.m.
May 11	2:00—6:00 p.m.
May 18	2:00—6:00 p.m.
June 8	2:00—6:00 p.m.
June 15	2:00—6:00 p.m.

Once youth have registered for a contest they will be required to cancel at least one week ahead. If they fail to cancel and are a no show on 4-H Contest Day, they will not be allowed to compete in that specific contest at a later contest day.

- 4-H Public Speaking Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 3-12. Individual only. Youth research, write and present an original speech. The speech should relate directly to the participant's 4-H experience. Youth are not allowed to use visual aids for their speech. (Juniors/Intermediates: 3-5 minutes; Seniors: 6-8 minutes)
- Horse Public Speaking Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 3-12. Individual or teams of two. Youth research, write, and present an original speech on a topic appropriate to the horse industry. Youth may not use visual aids for their speech. (Juniors/Intermediates: 3-5 minutes; Seniors: 7-10 minutes)
- Impromptu Public Speaking Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 6-12. Individual only. Contestants will give a speech on a randomly assigned topic.
- Demonstration Contest (all categories, including horse):** Eligibility: Grades 3-12. Individual or team of two. Youth research, write and present a demonstration. Members use posters and visual aids to "show" the steps. (Juniors/Intermediates: 5-10 minutes; Seniors: 10-15 minutes)
- Talent Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 3-12. Individual or a team of two, three or four members. Youth share a talent performance in the discipline of their choice such as vocal, drama, dance, gymnastics, instrumental, comedy, etc. A maximum of five minutes is allowed for the talent performance. An electric keyboard piano and CD player provided. All other equipment MUST be provided by member.
- Fashion Consumer Strategies Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 6-12. Individual only. Youth select an outfit, model the outfit for a panel of judges, and share decisions made in selecting the outfit. The member will consider three outfits when making their selection and demonstrate decision making skills in selecting the most suitable of the three.
- World of Work:** Eligibility: Grades 8-12. Individual only. Youth prepare a resume, complete an application, and participate in an interview to evaluate their job readiness and interview skills.

In addition to the events listed above that occur on 4-H Contest Days, members are invited to compete in the following contests.

- March 10 – Fashion Revue Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 3-12. Individual only. Youth sew a garment, model it for the judges, and participate in an interview. Judging includes clothing construction, modeling, fit, confidence, and poise. All participants model their garments for the audience during the culminating 4-H Fashion Revue.
- April 14 – Dairy Judging Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 3-12. Individual. Youth learn to judge a class of dairy cows and give oral reasons for their placement.
- April 28 – Consumer Bowl Contest:** Eligibility: Grades 3-12. Individual only. Youth will compete in a quiz bowl contest answering questions related to the Consumer & Family Science curriculum area, including foods and nutrition, financial management, clothing and textiles, consumer decision making, and child care.

Date	Contest
May 4	Livestock Bowl Contest
May 9	Horse Bowl Contest
May (TBA)	Horse Judging Contest
June (TBA)	Livestock Judging Contest
June 24	Robotics Contest
July (TBA)	Outdoor Cooking Contest

## Leadermete 2011 - March 17-19



All teens, parents and leaders are invited to head to St. George for the annual 4-H Leadermete

Conference. Washington County is our host this year, so you know it will be a GREAT event.

Not familiar with 4-H Leadermete? This is an annual conference focused on helping teen and adult volunteers learn and discover – plus have fun and rejuvenate. After all, it is St. George in March. The location alone says relaxa-

tion and fun! The state volunteer awards banquet is also held during the conference.

Workshops are offered with topics ranging from crafts, fitting and showing livestock, sewing projects, cooking, ATV's, raising backyard poultry, gardening, and technology. Over 120 workshops are being offered! Congratulations to Kim Byington, Connie Neal, Donna Carter, Teresa Hunsaker, Naomi Brower, Kathy Borrett, Lance Quinn, and Maureen Baugh for having workshops selected to present during the conference.

To register, go to [utah4h.org](http://utah4h.org) and click on events by February 18 to get the early bird rate of \$55. Once you register, bring your email confirmation and payment to the 4-H office. We will mail one check for the entire delegation.

Weber County 4-H will be taking down two vans. The large vacation home we have reserved for Weber County leaders is filling quickly, so call right away to reserve your space (\$15/person/night). Reserve your spot at the guest house or to ride in the van by calling Wendy Rees at (801) 399-8202. You can keep up-to-date with 4-H Leadermete at <http://leadermete2011.blogspot.com/>.

## 4-H Scholarships

4-H offers a number of scholarships at the county and state level. Active 4-H members who are graduating seniors are eligible to apply.

**STATE:** The state offers approximately ten different scholarships. Youth may apply for any state scholarship for which they are eligible, using the same application form for all state scholarships.

To apply for a state 4-H scholarship, go to [www.utah4-H.org](http://www.utah4-H.org) and download the form. The scholarship application, portfolio, transcript, and letters of recommendation are due to the **county 4-H office** by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Because this entire packet is sent to the state for judging, youth who are applying for both county and state scholarships must submit a SEPARATE PORTFOLIO.

**COUNTY:** There are two Weber County 4-H scholarships. Graduating seniors

active in any project area are eligible to apply for either or both scholarships. Youth must submit a SEPARATE PACKET (scholarship application, essay, portfolio, transcript, and letters of recommendation) for each application and send/deliver to the appropriate location by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Commitment to Agriculture Foundation/4-H Scholarship** - Scholarship amount varies; scholarship can be used at any higher education institution. Complete application packet (including a separate portfolio) must be postmarked no later than February 1st and **mailed to:** *Melisa Griffith, Utah Commitment to Agriculture Foundation, P.O. Box 565, Huntsville, UT 84317.* **PLEASE NOTE: This scholarship is different from the CTA/FFA Scholarship. It is possible for seniors who are active in both 4-H and FFA to apply for both scholarships; however, they will need to submit TWO**

**SEPARATE scholarship packets and participate in two interviews. The criteria for the two scholarship is also different.**

- **Weber County 4-H Scholarship** – \$500; scholarship must be used at Utah State University. Complete application packet (including a separate portfolio) must be delivered to the 4-H office no later than February 1st.



## 4-H Teen Council

All teens in 8th - 12th grades are invited to join 4-H Teen Council. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at the 4-H office; 4:00-5:30 p.m. There is no additional enrollment fee for current 4-H members; \$5 enrollment fee for youth not enrolled in 4-H. Each meeting includes a program, time for planning service projects and activities, and recreation. On February 7, our program will focus on **Leading & Learning 4-H Camp Songs.**



## Ambassador Meetings

**Jr. Livestock Ambassadors:** This group will meet on Monday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. following 4-H Teen Council. Come prepared to give an update about your individual project.

**County Ambassadors:** This group will meet on Monday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. following the March Teen Council Meeting.

**Horse Ambassadors:** This group will meet on Monday, March 28 at 6 p.m. prior to Horse Study Night. Come prepared to give an up date about your individual project.

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY 2011

- 1 Scholarship Applications Due
- 3 Horse Council Mtg., 7 p.m.
- 7 Teen Council Mtg., 4 p.m.
- Jr. Livestock Ambassador Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- Horse Study Night, 7 p.m.
- 9 Leaders Council Mtg., 7 p.m.
- Livestock Discovery Night, 6 p.m.
- 14 Horse Study Night, 7 p.m.
- 15 Demonstration Workshop, 6 p.m.
- 18 Deadline to sign up for February Robotics Challenge
- 21 Horse Study Night, 7 p.m.
- 23 Livestock Discovery Night, 6 p.m.
- 24 Horse Nutrition Workshop  
Sewing Workshop, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- 25 Robotics Challenge, 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Bar J Wrangler Concert
- 28 Leadermete Late Registration starts
- 28 Horse Study Night, 7 p.m.

### MARCH 2011

- 3 Horse Council Mtg., 7 p.m.
- 7 4-H Service Project, 4 p.m.
- 9 Leaders Council Mtg., 7 p.m.
- Livestock Discovery Night, 6 p.m.
- 10 Fashion Revue Contest & Decorate Your Duds Workshop

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- 17-19 4-H Leadermete
- 18 Deadline to sign up for Robotics Challenge
- 22 Livestock Show Feed Workshop
- 23 4-H Contest Day  
Livestock Discovery Night, 6 p.m.
- 25 Robotics Challenge, 4:30 p.m.
- 28 Horse Ambassador Mtg., 6 p.m.

### APRIL 2011

- 4 Teen Council Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 6 Livestock Discovery Night, 6 p.m.
- 7 Horse Council Mtg., 7 p.m.
- 8 Deadline to register for Hog Clinic
- 12 Hog Clinic, 6 p.m.
- 13 Leaders Council Mtg., 7 p.m.
- 4-H Contest Day
- 14 Dairy Judging Contest
- 20 Livestock Discovery Night, 6 p.m.
- 22 Robotics Challenge, 4:30 p.m.
- 27 4-H Contest Day
- 28 Livestock Discovery Night, 6 p.m.
- Consumer Bowl Contest

### MAY 2011

- 2 4-H Service Project, 4 p.m.
- 4 Livestock Bowl Contest, 6 p.m.
- 9 Horse Bowl Contest
- 11 4-H Contest Day
- 18 4-H Contest Day
- 27 Robotics Challenge, 4:30 p.m.