

CLOVER CONNECTION



4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**



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**Dear Plymouth County 4-H Families,**

There are several enrollment forms still out...I NEED THESE TURNED IN ASAP! We have to have these forms on file in our office in order for you to be participating in any 4-H activities.

We have some great programs planned for the next couple of months. Please take time to read the newsletter closely so

you don't miss out on any of these great opportunities. Check out details on the Shooting Sports Program. We are also having a County Council retreat with area councils along with a Winter Junior Camp which was very exciting last year. Please get your club signed up for the volleyball

Tournament. If you ever have any questions about any part of the 4-H program, please contact me at the Extension Office and I'll be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,  
*Ann Schoenrock*

Ann Schoenrock  
County Youth Coordinator

**CLOVERS TO...**



\*Newly elected officers on the 4-H & Youth Committee: President-Susy Kessenich, Vice President-Tom Trierweiler, Secretary-Rebecca Beitelspacher, Fairboard representative-Darla Zellmer, Tom Bainbridge

\*Newly elected officers to the Extension Council: Chair-Brad Harvey, Secretary-Sandy Schnepf, Treasurer- Debra Ahlers, Fairboard-Michael Beitelspacher, 4-H & Youth-Gail Schoenrock and new member Pat Lehner

**THANK YOU FOR COOKIE DONATIONS!**

The Pioneer Village Christmas Wonderland would like to thank all the 4-H Clubs and all the kids that provided cookies for the village. It worked out wonderful for the committee and saved them from spending so much money on cookies, since they are strictly a non-profit organization. Everyone was very pleased with the variety of cookies and all the homemade cookies instead of just the purchased kind. They felt that it helped bring the meaning of giving at Christmas during this beautiful season. Thank you again for all your cooperation and truly hope they can count on you again next year.

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## FSQA—FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

FSQA is a statewide program that all livestock exhibitors (except dog, horse, cat, or pet) are required to take. We teach good production practices and also ethics. 4-H & FFA members are required to attend one training each year. If the exhibitor is 12-14 years old as of January 1, 2009 they may choose to test out. By testing out they do not have to attend the training and they are certified until the age of 15. 15-18 year olds (by January 1, 2009) may choose to test out instead of attending a training. This certifies them until they are 18. We have our training dates set for this year. You need to make arrangements now to attend one of the following dates or call Ann to schedule a date to test out. You can not test out during a training! **There will not be any make up times**

**available this year.** Please note that anyone who attended a training session from December 2007-July 2008 will need to attend a training again this year or test out. Seating will be reserved for 9, 10, and 11 year olds. Older 4-H'ers need to consider testing out.

We will be offering the following training sessions:

April 13: 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

May 28: 1:30 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the American Bank basement. **You will need to call ahead to pre-register for a session.** There is no cost for this training.



## HORSE BANQUET AND PROJECT MEETING...NEW MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND!

The annual horse awards banquet will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2009 from 1-5 p.m. at the Hinton Community Hall. There will be a meal and lots of prizes along with lots auction items! Awards will be given out to members who participated this past year.

The horse project meeting will then follow. A list of clinics will be announced as well as information on identifying your horse project or other details for the summer. All horse project members and their families are encouraged to attend.

The new horse rule books will be available. Cost will be \$3.50/book. Any questions may be directed to Jenny Linton at 255-4482 or Sheila Smith at 239-6115.

## IOWA STATE FAIR SWINE—INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

If you intend to exhibit swine at the Iowa State Fair, you must complete an Intent to Participate Form and return to the Plymouth County Office by **March 20**. Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookSwine.htm>.

## MARKET LAMB WEIGH-IN

The Plymouth County 4-H market lamb weigh-in will take place on Saturday, April 25. Watch future Clover Connections for more details.

## FARM WOMEN...DON'T MISS THE NEXT ANNIE'S PROJECT!

Annie married a farmer and spent her lifetime learning how to be an involved business partner with her husband. Together they did great things but it wasn't easy. This project takes her experiences and shares it with farm women living and working in a complex business.

This program will be delivered in a series of six workshops that are three hours in length. A light meal will be served prior to each session at 5:45 p.m. at the Plymouth County Extension Office. Classes will be held on March 3, 5, 10, 17, 24, and 31. The fee for this course is \$50. With the software, resources, etc. that each participant will receive, the value of the class exceeds \$300 per participant! Pre-registration is required and registrations are due by **February 20, 2009** to the Plymouth County Extension Office. Enrollment is limited due to room size. Registrations will be on a first come first serve basis.

## 4-H DAY AT CYCLONE BASKETBALL GAME

**WHO:** All 4-H members, volunteers, donors, leaders and alumni

**WHAT:** ISU Women's Basketball vs. Kansas (last home game & senior night)

**WHEN:** March 7, 2009 7:00pm

**WHERE:** Hilton Coliseum, Ames

**COST:** \$10/person (Includes admission to game, drink, hotdog and an exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt)

### Bring the whole club or family!

All 4-H supporters are invited to attend at the discount rate.

### Get your tickets today!

Go to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/t16bgz>

Click on **FIND TICKETS**

Select the number of tickets under **IOWA 4-H PROMOTION**

Enter code **IOWA4H** to receive this discount.

If you are attending with your club or county, notify Shelly Greving at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or call (515) 294-1607 and you will be recognized as a group attending the game.

**Please Note:** There is a Cyclone Men's Basketball game at 12:45pm that same day. This discount does not apply to this game, however you are more than welcome to attend that game as well.

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## FAIR RECYCLING PROJECT

Thank you to all the clubs that have already contributed to purchase recycle bins for the fair. We will be purchasing the bins in March. Any club that would like to contribute may still do so by sending a check to the Stanton Lucky Clovers Club. Checks may be sent to the club treasurer, Brittany Jaminet, 20782 K-49 Le Mars, IA 51031. We really appreciate your support with this project.

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## WEBMASTER NEEDED

The Plymouth County Fairboard is looking for a webmaster to take care of maintaining the fair website. If you have an interest in learning more about website and would like to do this as a 4-H project for a minimum of at least two years, please contact Carol Schneider at the Extension Office (546-7835).

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## 4-H VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The annual 4-H Volleyball tournament will take place on March 21ST. Juniors & Seniors will play on Saturday. Leaders have the entry forms and they are due February 18! A final schedule and rules will be included in the March Clover Connection.



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## WINTER CAMP FOR JUNIOR 4-H'ERS & FRIENDS

All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to attend a Winter Camp at the Prairie Heritage Center in O'Brien County on Saturday, February 14. You will meet other 4-H'ers from Sioux, Lyon, Osceola, and O'Brien counties while snow shoeing, making crafts, learning about science, and playing games! Registration forms are available at the Extension Office or on line at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth/kidsteens.htm>

After registrations are in we'll work out carpooling plans! REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2!

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## COUNTY COUNCIL

A reminder to all County Council members that our next meeting will be Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the American Bank basement. Please mark your calendars! It is very important that you call or email prior to the meeting if you can't attend!!!!

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## AREA RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Exciting opportunities are available for 4-H members through area selection of nominees for:

**National 4-H Conference** -- representative groups of 4-H'ers from each state discuss the future 4-H program needs at the national level.

**National 4-H Congress** -- a forum to discuss issues of concern to youth and to strengthen youth involvement in local, county, and state 4-H programs.

**State 4-H Council** -- ambassadors for the state 4-H program by providing input on 4-H program issues, planning and executing state events, and practicing leadership, citizenship, and communication skills.

**Iowa Youth Technology Team** -- teens from around the state will work together to expand technology usage at 4-H events and activities.

**State Project Awards** -- recognition for youth who have excelled in projects by participating, learning, and evaluating 4-H experiences.

You will have flexibility in creating your application materials and gain experience in interviewing and organizing a portfolio folder which will help prepare you for college and job searches.

For the interview process for the area level you will have two options -- a live interview in the host county, or a videotaped interview done prior to the event.

Application forms are available at the Extension Office. The due date for application and support materials to the County Extension Office is March 2, 2009. If you have any questions regarding the area recognition opportunity please contact Ann at the Extension Office. We will help you complete the application form!

More information can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmet/info/awards.htm>

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## SHOOTING SPORTS


Anyone in grades 4-12 is encouraged to join the PlyWood Busters Shooting Sports club. This is a special interest 4-H club that is a joint effort between Plymouth and Woodbury Counties. We have several disciplines to offer as well as the quarterly meetings where we hear from great speakers! We have lots of great volunteers that have an exciting year planned. Check out the enclosed flyer to see the complete schedule for the year!

**AIR GUN SERIES BEGINS FEBRUARY 12! CLASSES WILL BE HELD ABOVE SHIRTS & SHOOTERS BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. RIFLES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO USE. PLEASE CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING. THE FIRST CLASS ON FEBRUARY 12 WILL BE FOCUSED ON SAFETY SO YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## February 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Deadline to sign up for Jr. Camp	3	4	5 County Council mtg. 7 p.m.	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Shooting Sports-Air Rifle	13 County Council retreat	14 Jr. Camp 
15 Area Council in Storm Lake	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17	18 Volleyball forms due	19 4-H & Youth mtg. 7:30 p.m.	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

- **February 2:** Deadline to sign up for Jr. Camp
- **February 5:** County Council @ American @ 7:00 p.m.
- **February 12:** Shooting Sports begins with Air Rifle
- **February 13-14:** Multi County Council Retreat in O'Brien Co.
- **February 14:** Jr. Camp
- **February 15:** Area Council retreat in Storm Lake
- **February 16:** President's Day- Extension Office closed
- **February 18:** Volleyball entry forms due
- **February 19:** 4-H & Youth Committee meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

## March 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Area awards due	3	4 Shooting Sports-Archery	5 County Council	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19 4-H & Youth 7:30	20 Swine intent forms due	21 Volleyball Tournament
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Horse mtg./banquet	30	31				

- **March 2:** Area awards application forms due
- **March 4:** Archery classes to begin
- **March 5:** County Council meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **March 19:** 4-H & Youth mtg. at 7:30 p.m. @ Extension Office
- **March 20:** State Fair Swine Intent to Participate forms due to State 4-H Office
- **March 21:** Volleyball Tournament @ Community Wellness Center
- **March 29:** Horse meeting/banquet @ Hinton Community Hall

