



PLYMOUTH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

CLOVERS

TO

- All the members that signed up for the Mystery Horticulture Project.
- All the members that signed up for the Market Broiler project.
- Members that will be taking part in the Sheep Feeder Pen Project!
- Members that have signed up for the Adopt A Pig Project!
- All of the 4-H'ers that applied for State Awards or State Council and completed their interviews!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 6: ADOPT A PIG MTG. @ 6:30 P.M.

APRIL 22: MARKET BROILER PROJECT MEETING @ 6:00 P.M.

APRIL 22: DOG PROJECT MTG. @ 7:15 P.M.

APRIL 26: HORSE PROJECT MTG. @ 6:30 P.M.

MAY 1: ADOPT A PIG WORKSHOP

MAY 4: MYSTERY HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP @ 6:30 P.M.

[APRIL 2021]

From Ann's Desk...

March has just flown by and we've got so much happening this spring! It's exciting to be moving in the direction of what we know as "normal".

Before you can take part in any of our great events, you need to be enrolled in 4-H! There's about thirty of you that need to get this done ASAP! It only takes a few minutes!

Please be checking with your club secretaries on your attendance. You will need to have attended at least three club meetings (in person or virtually) and participated in another activity or event (club or county), in order to be able to exhibit at the Plymouth County Fair this year!

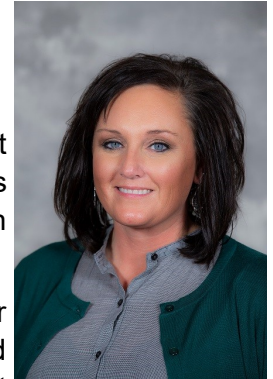
We are also excited to see that some more restrictions have been lifted on ISU programs! See the article inside for more details!

If you did not make it to the Sheep Feeder Pen meeting and would still like to take part in it, please let me know and we can get you set up!

Sincerely,

Ann Schoenrock

Program and Youth Coordinator



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ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Here's the current guidelines:

- Face coverings extended to May 8 (ISU Commencement date) and then will be re-evaluated.
- All fundraisers/activities approved by ISU Extension and Outreach Office
- Fundraisers involving selling food, must include insurance (this is taking a LONG time so ask in advance)!
- No homemade/potluck food served at meetings unless it's part of a demonstration/education presentation!
- Continue to maintain social distancing and no sharing of supplies.

ALL LEADERS AND MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE ENROLLMENT ASAP!

All club members and leaders must enroll every year. If you've previously been in the system, all of your information is still there. You just need to complete the blanks or update any information and then submit.

The new website to do this is: <https://v2.4honline.com>

Do NOT create a new profile if you have already been in 4-H or Clover Kids!!!!

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension and Office. Reminders are sent through the Facebook page and Remind text. It is the County Council member's responsibility to make sure they are connected through one of these outlets. County Council parents can also subscribe to the Remind text by texting @84e8b to 81010. Remember to let Ann know if you can't make it so that we know how many chairs and packets to have ready!

ANNUAL STATE TRAINING FOR ALL LEADERS

Reminder that leaders must complete the annual leader training. If you did not attend an in person training you must complete it online by July 1! Leaders can access the training from 4-H Online. On the left hand side click Trainings. Then click the +Register button on the right hand side. From there select Annual Leader Training—PY21. Next click Register.

STATE 4-H CONFERENCE

Registration is open for the 2021 State 4-H Conference in Ames. The conference will take place on June 29 for our region. Space is limited so don't wait to register! The state will be providing transportation to and from Ames for the day. You will select the closest pick up when you register (at this time they have Primghar or Onawa). Conference is open to 4-H'ers that are completing 8-12 grade. The cost of the conference is \$50. The 4-H & Youth Committee and the Plymouth County 4-H Foundation have each decided to contribute \$25 towards the fee...which makes it free to members! Please select the "Pay by check" option when registering. However, if you register and then decide to not attend you will need to pay the fee, as we will be charged.

Information about the event including the agenda, workshops, and registration can be found at:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

*Note that if you choose to attend the Animal Science workshops, the species you select may NOT be on the day our region attends and will need to find your own transportation.

FAIR ROYALTY CANDIDATES NEEDED!

Application forms, rules, and event dates are being sent to the leaders. Clubs are encouraged to nominate those members that will be 16 or older by the fair. Due to the fair being cancelled last year, the committee has decided to not limit the number of members that can run per club. Those nominations will need to be recorded in the meeting minutes and the minutes turned in with the application forms. These are due by May 15! Candidates must be able to attend the scheduled judging day in order to interview with the panel of judges. All dates and details have been mailed to club leaders with application forms. Forms are also available at [extension.iastate.edu/Plymouth/4h](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/Plymouth/4h)

YQCA: MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1

Those members that plan to exhibit beef, swine, sheep, goats, dairy, rabbit, or poultry at a county or state fair this year will need to be certified in YQCA. Members that need to YQCA certify, can do this by one of the following options:

1. Take the online training from your home. You can do this at your own pace. This certifies the member for one year and the cost is \$12 per member. Multiple family members cannot do this at the same time.
2. Members can choose to test out when they reach the appropriate age/level which will certify them for the entire level. Junior ages 8-11, Intermediate ages 12-14, Senior ages 15-18 and Young Adult ages 19-21 as of January 1 of the current year. So members can test when they reach 12 and 15 years of age. This will certify them for the three years until they reach the next level. The fee for this will be \$36.

To log in go to: <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

SHEEP WEIGH-IN/STATE FAIR MEAT GOAT VERIFICATION

PLEASE SEE DETAILS BELOW ON HOW THE PROCESS WILL WORK THIS YEAR!

***WE ASK ALL VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS, FAMILIES TO DO YOUR BEST TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEAR A FACE COVERING WHILE IN THE BARN.**

All lambs and those meat goats that you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair, will need to come to our county weigh-in/verification on Saturday, April 24. Your project begins this day and must be in your possession. If you can't make our weigh-in, your animals will need to be tagged by an Extension Staff member prior to our weigh-in. If you do not have possession of your animals by our weigh-in, you will not exhibit those animals at the Plymouth County Fair. They are eligible for other regional and state 4-H shows, but your sheep/Meat Goat project for the county fair begins on April 24 and they must be in your possession by April 24. Please make arrangements now to get those lambs transported home before the weigh-in date.

- Please use the north fair entrance. Unload at the north end of the barn. Members should then pen their lambs and wait for a person to come to their pen to tag the lambs. Lambs will then be moved to the south end of the building to be weighed, retinal imaged if needed, complete paperwork, load out and leave, one family at a time.
- Families will weigh in at the following times:
9:00-9:45 a.m.: Last names A-F
9:45-10:30 a.m.: Last names G-P
10:30-11:00 a.m.: Last names Q-Z
- Any animal you may want to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair will need a retinal image.
- ALL lambs (breeding and market) must be weighed.
- Members should pick up an ID form when then unload their lambs. ALL blanks must be filled in (example: breeding ewes have to have a birthdate listed)
- Be sure to stop at the table after lambs have been weighed to pay and pick up a copy of your ID form.
Cost: County only—\$2.00
County and state fair—\$7.00
- You will be responsible for entering the data from the ID form into 4-H Online by May 15.
- Scrapies tags will need to be in place on all ewes when they come to the fair.

*****MEAT GOATS*****

The only meat goats that need to come to weigh in are those planning to go to the Iowa State Fair so they can have the verification process completed. This includes market and breeding.

If you have a wether or a doe to identify for county fair, it will also need a 4-H tag. Those can be purchased by completing the tag request form. You will need to identify these goats on 4-H Online.

IDENTIFYING YOUR 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

***THERE ARE TWO STEPS TO GET YOUR ANIMALS TO THE FAIR**

- 1. IDENTIFICATION (DO NOW) ON 4-H ONLINE-TELLS US ALL THE PROJECTS YOU ARE CARING FOR!
(see ID deadlines below)**
- 2. FAIR ENTRY (BY JULY 16)- TELLS US WHICH ANIMAL YOU ARE EXHIBITING IN WHICH CLASS!**

The Livestock Identification process is part of your 4-H Online Enrollment. The deadline to have your livestock projects identified is May 15 at 11:59 p.m. Our office closes at 4:30 p.m. and we will not be available to help after that so get this done early! Those animals that will need to be identified by this deadline include: Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf, Feeder Calf, Horse, Dog, Goat, Dairy Cow, Yearling Ewes, and Swine. All rabbits must be identified by July 1. Poultry, cats, and pets do not get identified.

You will log into your family profile on 4-H Online. You will click on edit after the member's name. Then on the left hand side, click on animals. Then click add an animal. Next you will either select Add a new animal or previously added animal. Then follow through the boxes to complete. Start working on identifying your animals now, so if you need assistance we have plenty of time to complete it. **DON'T FORGET THAT YOU NEED TO BE ENROLLED IN 4-H BEFORE YOU CAN IDENTIFY ANY LIVESTOCK!**

Some things you will need to know:

- Feeder calves need a 4-H tag. You can request those on the enclosed form. \$2.00 each. Please try to put them in the left ear.
- All breeding heifers need two forms of identification! 1. Tattoo 2. 4-H tag or calthood vaccination
- Horses will need photos uploaded, unless you have previously identified that horse.
- County fair swine—when it asks for ear notch just put NA in the box
- There is a box that you can select for “home raised”. We do not have those classes in our county so they make no difference if you click them or not.

ID REQUIREMENTS ACCORDING TO THE STATE 4-H OFFICE

- All animals must be owned by the 4-H'er with the exception of horses, which may be leased, but only exhibited in certain classes.
- Animals may only be identified by one member, with the exception of horses and dogs.
- The maximum number of animals that can be identified by a member include:
- 10 breeding beef, 6 feeder calves, 20 dairy cows, 20 dairy goats, 4 dogs, 5 horses, 20 meat goats for state fair and 10 more for county only, 30 rabbits, 30 sheep for state fair and 15 more for county only, 40 swine for state fair and 40 more for county only.

REMINDER OF LIVESTOCK HOUSING POLICY

If you plan to have a livestock (beef, sheep, swine) project, please make sure you read and understand the livestock policy that is posted at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth/4h>

The bottom line is that if you live on a farm or acreage and have housing/water for animals, they will be expected to be housed there. Any circumstances that may come up or alternative locations that need to be determined, must first be approved by the 4-H & Youth Committee (prior to a deadline/weigh-in date). If an alternative location needs to be found, it must be within reasonable distance for daily care of the animal. If you need to request alternative housing approval or have any questions, please contact the Plymouth County Extension and Outreach Office at 712-546-7835.

2021 TAG REQUEST FORM

MEMBER/FAMILY NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE TYPE IN THE BLANK HOW MANY USDA 4-H TAGS YOU NEED FOR EACH SPECIES:

___ FEEDER CALF

___ MEAT GOAT

___ SHEEP

___ SWINE (DO NOT INCLUDE STATE FAIR PIGS)

___ NUMBER OF SWINE VERIFYING FOR IOWA STATE FAIR (YOU WILL RECEIVE A DNA PUNCH TAG AND A USDA 4-H TAG FOR EACH ANIMAL)

TOTAL NUMBER OF USDA 4-H TAGS: _____ X \$2.00 EACH = _____

TOTAL HEAD SWINE VERIFIED FOR IOWA STATE FAIR: _____ X \$8.00 EACH = _____

_____ CHECK IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR TAGS MAILED (\$5.00 FEE PER FAMILY)

GRAND TOTAL: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____ DATE MAILED: _____ TAG # MAILED: _____

INVOICE PAID (DATE RECEIVED): _____ (CHECK NUMBER): _____ (AMOUNT): _____

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ADOPT A PIG PROJECT

Thank you for all of the interest we have in the program this year! Reminder that the informational meeting where you will meet your barn mentor and get all the paperwork done is Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth County Extension and Outreach Office. Please remember a face covering.

DOG PROJECT MEETING

An informational meeting about the 4-H Dog project will be held on Thursday, April 22. The meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. at the Extension and Outreach Office. Parents are encouraged to attend with the 4-H'er! You will have an opportunity to learn about the clinic schedule for the summer, proper equipment, and review the class structure for fair!

HORSE PROJECT MEETING

An informational meeting about the 4-H Horse project will be held on Monday, April 26. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension and Outreach Office. Parents are encouraged to attend with the 4-H'er! The horse committee will go through identification, clinic schedule, rules, shows, etc. This is a great time to ask questions before the weekly clinics begin!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

***PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING COVID, FAMILIES MAY OPT TO JOIN A MEETING VIA PHONE/ZOOM AND THIS WILL COUNT TOWARDS ATTENDANCE. WATCHING A RECORDED MEETING AT A LATER TIME DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS ATTENDANCE.**

Plymouth County 4-H has a policy regarding how many meetings/activities a member must attend (September 1-Fair Entry deadline) in order to exhibit at the Plymouth County Fair.

1. Members must attend 3 of their enrolled club's business meetings per year. (Community service projects, club parties, camps, workshops, or additional animal practice sessions are not counted as a club meeting unless a club business meeting is also a part of the event.)
2. Members must participate in at least 1 club event in the club they are enrolled in during the year. This would include activities such as bowling party, caroling, community service project, club tour, achievement show, field trip. If a business meeting is conducted with the event it can only count as one, not both a meeting and a club event.
3. All clubs agree to plan and hold a minimum of 8 business meetings per 4-H year. This will be submitted on the yearly club plan required to be turned into the Extension and Outreach Office by each club. A "business meeting" has been defined as one in which an actual business meeting occurs with a roll call, officer reports, old & new business, discussion, educational presentation(s), and a time for recreation, refreshments, etc. Getting together for a bowling party, caroling, community service project or other like event is not considered a club meeting unless a business meeting occurs along with the social event.
4. Club Attendance for the first part of the year will be collected from leaders at the February leader training.
5. Members will not be allowed to transfer clubs within the county after February 28. They must remain in the club they enrolled in (been active in) at the start of the 4-H year, following February 28.

TAGS FOR IDENTIFICATION

Swine, Meat Goats, and Feeder Calves will need to have a USDA 4-H tag in their ear and identified in 4-H Online by May 15. Those tags are available at the Extension and Outreach Office. You will need to request tags by using the form included in this newsletter. Tags are \$2 each. You can scan and email it back to us and we get tags ready for you. You can also bring the form into the office, but will have to wait for tags to be packaged for you. For an additional \$5 we will mail your tags to you! We must have payment before you will receive any tags.

Meat Goats that you want to verify for the Iowa State Fair will need to come to Sheep weigh in on April 24 and get tagged and have a retinal image taken.

2021 BUCKET OF JUNK CONTEST

The goal of this project is to take a bucket of junk provided from the office and create art of lawn art piece that is freestanding. Limited to the first 25 participants.

Registration Deadline : April 30, 2021

Junk Distribution : June 10, 2021 at 4-H Building on fairgrounds.

Register to: Janelle Johnson (janelle@iastate.edu) or by calling the Plymouth County Extension Office at 712-546-7835.

- Participants can clean, sand, glue, weld, cut, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish the items that are provided, but no other pieces can be added.
- Entries will be judged on artistic and technical merit, and goal sheet.
- Buckets will be numbered and distributed using a random drawing.
- Participants will enter their exhibits on Monday, July 26 at the 4-H Building. Exhibits are not eligible for state fair. Staff will enter on Fair Entry prior to the fair.
- Looking for a mentor or an adult to help weld? Ask the Extension Office for assistance.

4-H/FFA FAIR CLASS—2021 CHANGES/UPDATES

Here are a list of class updates for the fair this year. There are also a few schedule changes we are looking to incorporate, but still working through those with the fairboard. As soon as we have a concrete schedule, we will email that out so you know! There were a lot of things we did at last year's event that really helped make the process run smoothly and we are looking to utilize those this year!

Dogs—Rally classes will be used (Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced)

Horses—game classes will be done during the show on Thursday and not on Monday night

- artificial tails or extensions are allowed

Poultry—Pullorum testing will be required this year

- birds are required to be washed, dried, and groomed, prior to check-in
- a class will include all breeds not recognized by the Standard of Perfection
- no egg rolling or coop conspiracy classes this year

Swine— will have a purebred market class—all breeds show together by weight (papers must be uploaded into 4-H Online)

Static -

Photography Special Rules—The minimum size for photograph changed to 5" x 7" and all photos must be mounted and/or matted. Digital Photographs must be submitted through the FairEntry data system.

Visual Arts – This class will now be divided into three classes: Original Art, Design Process/Technique Exploration, or Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics.

Food & Nutrition Special Exhibition - \$10 MEAL CHALLENGE—“Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the five good groups for each person. Information regarding food groups and recommended daily servings can be found on the USDA MyPlate website www.choosemyplate.gov :

Home Improvement—Items entered must be ready for display in the home: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.

Clothing Event and Pride of Iowa -

Pride of Iowa entries will be taken only on the FairEntry data system. Entries can start to be taken on June 1st through June 25th. No paper entries will be available.

CONTACT US!

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Monday-Friday,
8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

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