CLOVERS TO:
- Thank you to our outgoing 4-H & Youth Committee members: Randi Anstine, Angie Schnepf, Ben Vondrak
- All the weigh-in committee that made Beef Weigh-in run smoothly!
- Everyone that has completed the enrollment process! We are up to 363 members strong! 64 more to go to meet last year’s enrollment!

REMINDER OF LIVESTOCK HOUSING POLICY
If you plan to have a livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry) 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 found, 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 reasona-

DEAR 4-H FAMILY & FRIENDS:
Happy New Year! Please remember if you haven’t done your re-enrollment, get it done immediately! We can’t add awards or identify animals until it’s done.

The Pioneer Christmas Village Committee thanks all of the clubs that supported them by providing cookies and other talents.

Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27 as Sheep Weigh-in and that will also include meat goats that will be verified for Iowa State Fair.

We will be having three terms open on the 4-H & Youth Committee. Those include:
Southeast Plymouth County
Northeast Plymouth County
Southwest Plymouth County

If you or someone you know may be interested in applying for the four year term, please contact the Extension & Outreach Office to pick up a packet. The Extension Council will appoint those terms in January so packet should be turned in by January 15.

Sincerely,

Ann Schoenrock
MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN
Reminder that those members that weigh-in market beef, need to log onto their 4-H Online account, go to Animals/Livestock and verify that the information added is correct by February 1. If it looks ok, click the verify box. If there is an error, contact the Extension and Outreach Office to make the correction. Do not worry about the home raised option. That does not apply to Iowa State Fair or Plymouth County Fair.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION CHANGES/ UPDATES FROM THE STATE OFFICE
- All breeding heifers need to have a tattoo entered in 4-H Online PLUS one of the following: Registration number, calfhood vaccination number, or official 4-H ear tag
- Dairy Cattle must have two of three identifiers: Tattoo/ear tag, registration number, or photos
- Horse registration papers will not be required for state fair halter/conformation class
- Ak-Sar-Ben is a junior show. Families will nominate, submit DNA, and make entries through AK-Sar-Ben. ISU staff will not handle this.
- YQCA will need to be completed by July 1.
- Iowa State Fair sheep class added a rule that if less than 5 head are entered they will show in “All Other Breeds” class
- Iowa State Fair sheep added a new class, “Pedigree Wether Dam”
  - All breeds accepted. Animals must be registered, with papers presented at check-in. Classification will be based off of registration papers. Hair sheep (Dorper) will also be accepted in this class.
  - Entries must be born after January 1 of the current year.
  - Classes will be split into breeds with 5 or more entries in the particular breed. Breeds with less than 5 head will show in the All Other Breeds class.
  - Breed champions will compete for Grand Champion 4-H Purebred Wether Dam.
  - Animals must be slick-shorn prior to entering the fairgrounds.

Re-word ISF Sheep Class Descriptions:
- White-face (add Southdown lambs to qualify for this)
- Speckled-face (will call it White-breed influence/speckled face) and include acceptance of piebald lambs to class qualification/description

YQCA: NEW FSQA—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. If a member has previously tested out in FSQA, they are granted certification until that level expires. Example: your current certification says you expire 12/31/2019, you do not have to do anything this 4-H year. Members can check this by logging into their 4-H Online account. Members that need to YQCA certify, can do this by one of three 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.

3. There is a face to face training option. We have not figured out the date for this training. It will be offered once and it’s a cost of $3. That date will be determined later this spring once we get a feel for how many have taken the online option.

We understand that the costs are not feasible for everyone which is why we will offer a face to face training. Those prices are not set by us and fees are not kept here, the YQCA national board uses the funds to keep the online system running.

Go to this site for the instructions on how to log in and get certified:
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf
STATE TRAINING FOR ALL LEADERS
Each year all 4-H leaders are required to take part in an educational training from the State 4-H Office to further develop their exceptional skills of working with youth. This year’s training will take place on Tuesday, February 26 at the Extension and Outreach Office. Supper will be served at 6:15 p.m. with the training from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to xplymouth@iastate.edu

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS
Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet the requirements. You can go to:

www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships

Applicants will apply online. You will have the ability to save and come back to it later. Applications are due by February 1, 2019. Don’t forget to apply for the scholarship Carol Schneider has donated that will be listed under these scholarships. One Plymouth County 4-H’er will receive a $500 scholarship!

PLYMOUTH COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION
Don’t forget that the Plymouth County 4-H Foundation will accept applications for their scholarship. There will be two $500 scholarships awarded. This is a different application process from the State 4-H Foundation. Please go to the Plymouth County Extension website to find the application form. It will be due on March 4.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
The next County Council meeting will be on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
Senior 4-H members are encouraged to apply to receive recognition and other opportunities at the State level. This includes applying for state project awards, applying to be on State Council, or being selected as a delegate to attend National 4-H Congress or National 4-H Conference. Applications are now available online and are due February 1. There is an interview process that takes place in March in Ames. Please let us know if we can help you complete an application and prepare for the interviews! The website where all the details can be found at is:

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

The application process takes place through 4-H Online. If you are unable to travel to Ames to interview it can be set up through a video conference through our office.

Those that apply for state project awards have a chance to earn a $100 award (50 recipients will be selected) and no interview is needed! Check this out...we have so many talented 4-H’ers in Plymouth County!

IECA LEGISLATIVE DAY & 4-H PUBLIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE
On February 13, Iowa Extension Council Organization will be hosting their annual legislative day and 4-H Public Leadership Experience at the Iowa Capitol in Des Moines. Council members and extension supporters will mentor 4-H’ers from their county while they learn more about the legislative process, meet with their legislators, and get briefed on pending legislation that would impact Extension. This year there will be a private tour of the World Food Prize Building. Contact the Extension and Outreach Office to sign up!
4-H ENROLLMENT FOR ALL MEMBERS AND LEADERS

The 4-H Online enrollment system rolled over on September 1. All existing members and leaders in the system become inactive. Everyone must log in and re-enroll for the current year! The website is: https://ia.4honline.com

This must be done each year, just like you would enroll in school or update your records at a doctor’s visit. If your family already exists in the system, DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE!

*IF THE MEMBER WAS A CLOVER KID WE HAVE THEIR LOG IN INFO. THEY SHOULD CONTACT US AND NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE!

We can look up your log on email, but we can not see passwords. If you forgot your password, just click I forgot my password and a new one will be emailed to you. As you work through the screens be sure to double check spellings, grades, birthdates, etc. Several of you informed us of errors in this information when making a fair entry this past fair...that information all comes from what you put into 4-H Online...so now is the time to get it corrected!

If your member is 18 years old, they are still a youth! Do not enroll them as an adult or you will be re-doing it!

4-H Online enrollment is only for 4-H members in grades 4-12 and club leaders! Clover Kids should not enroll in this system at this time...we will follow up directly with them on instructions!

For brand new families, first create a new profile and then proceed through the screens of adding youth members. We do have a help sheet on our website. The last screen will appear to be a payment screen. We pay that fee so just continue through until you get to the submit button. No fee will be charged to you.

Once enrollments have been submitted they come to us and will show as pending. We will then process these and approve them. At that point the status becomes active. There is no need to call and see if you did it right...just wait for the status to go from pending to active!

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THERE’S AN APP FOR THAT!

Have you loaded the Plymouth County 4-H App on your phone yet? Have the calendar, latest newsletter, and get reminders all right at your fingertips on your phone!

In your app store search for Plymouth County 4-H! It’s that easy!

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STEMFEST REGISTRATION OPENS
4-H LEGISLATIVE DAY
VOLLEYBALL ENTRY FORMS DUE
4-H YOUTH MEETING
STEM FEST

Saturday, February 9, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. at Dordt College’s Campus Center Main Entrance.
- Registration fee of $10 to be paid online or at your local ISU Extension and Outreach office at the time of registration.
- Public Showcase at 3:00 p.m. Please join us!

Dordt College Campus Center
498 4th Ave. NE • Sioux Center, IA

Open to all 4th—8th grade youth
4-H Membership not required.

REGISTER and PAY ONLINE: Find the link on the website on Jan. 21: www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth or stop into your local ISU Extension and Outreach office to register.

Registration will open on January 21 and close February 6 (or when maximum capacity is met).

Maximum capacity of 200 youth, so registering early is encouraged.

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