



PLYMOUTH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

CLOVERS

TO

- All of the members that attended State 4-H Conference
- All of the helpers that assisted at Clover Kid Camp
- Congrats to Vernon and Karen Harrington—they will be inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame as the Plymouth County recipient! A ceremony will take place at the Iowa State Fair on August 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 7: Adopt A Pig meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

July 13: Pullorum testing

July 14: Fair Entry deadline

July 18: County Council 6-8 p.m. at the park

July 19: Queen judging

July 24: Pre-fair setup/clean up

July 25: Exhibits checked in

July 26: Static judging

July 27-31: Plymouth County Fair

August 1: Clay County Fair entries due

August 1: Livestock Ribbon Auction

August 3: After fair clean up

August 5: Extension Office closed

August 11-21: Iowa State Fair

[JULY 2022]

From Ann's Desk...

The countdown is on! Please be sure you have reviewed the fairbook!

The next deadline is Fair Entry! All entries (static, communication, livestock/animals) must be made by 11:59 p.m. on **Thursday, July 14**.



Those members that want to exhibit livestock at the Clay County Fair, need to have those entries submitted by August 1. Go to the Clay County Extension webpage to find more information as well as the link to their entry site.

Anyone that would like to get a text during the fair to receive the show programs can subscribe to Remind! Text @d3893b to 81010!

Our Plymouth County 4-H App is also back up and running so programs will be posted there as well!

Also remember that there will not be an August newsletter since we will all be at the fair!

Sincerely,

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Program and Youth Coordinator



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DOG PROJECT CLASSES BEGING

Class will continue **on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.** at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds. Don't forget to get your fair entry made by July 14! Ask Kate for assistance in knowing which classes you are eligible for!

HORSE PROJECT CLASSES BEGIN

Classes will be held on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds. Please use gate #3 to enter! No riding until a committee member is there! Don't forget to make your fair entry by July 14.

Classes: July 8—Trail July 15—Games

LOST TAGS OR DECEASED ANIMALS

If your animal loses their identification ear tag, please contact the Extension and Outreach Office at 546-7835. Re-tagging will be done with the assistance of the 4-H & Youth Committee. You will still need to make an entry with the old tag number. When you call to report a lost tag, please let us know if the animal that lost the tag was verified at weigh-in for the Iowa State Fair. You also need to report deceased animals so those can be removed from the identification.

ADOPT A PIG INFORMATION

Reminder that the next Adopt A Pig class is Thursday, July 7 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Dean & Linda Schroeder's farm. The next class will be on Sunday, July 24. Time/location TBD. There is potentially another session being planned for a make up session if anyone still needs to get some classes in. Those details will be announced when they are available. Also be sure to be working with your barn mentor to select one barrow and one gilt to make a fair entry by July 14.

PULLORUM TESTING

All birds (with the exception of the Special Market Broiler project) that will be exhibited at the 2022 Plymouth County Fair, will need to be pullorum tested. We will be offering this service on Wednesday, July 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds, in or around the Poultry barn.

FAIR RIBBON AUCTION

Exhibitors that have **beef, sheep, swine (except Adopt A Pig), meat goats, dairy goats, dairy, poultry, and rabbits** may sign up one animal to go through the ribbon auction that is held on Monday, August 1 beginning at 9:00 a.m. **You must sign up with the Extension Office (at the fair office window) no later than Saturday, July 30, 3:00 p.m. No late entries accepted! Sale order is the order you sign up by ribbon color (champions, then blue, then red).**

This year's Livestock Ribbon Auction will only be live. Exhibitors will be receiving an email with more details on how to share this opportunity with potential bidders/buyers.

HERDSMANSHIP

4-H and FFA members are reminded that there are judges that come through the livestock buildings daily. They will be scoring clubs in cleanliness of the animals, how well organized the stalls are, and if there are members present to greet fairgoers. Please do your part to make sure your animals and stalls are in good shape. If your animals have water buckets in the pens/cages, please make sure they stay filled especially on really hot days. You can check your scores daily as they are posted in the display box outside the front of the Fair Office.

LIVESTOCK REMINDERS

Purebred Breeding Heifers and Purebred Breeding Gilts—if you did not upload registration papers in 4-HOnline during identification, you need to get a copy of registration papers to the Extension & Outreach Office ASAP!

All sexually intact sheep and goats MUST have a scrapie tag in place when they arrive at the fair. The State veterinarian does show up to inspect these!

Swine Exhibitors—(DOES NOT INCLUDE ADOPT A PIG) need to have a Premise ID number for the location of your hogs. If you need to apply for one please let us know and we can help you with the paperwork!

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HOW TO MAKE A FAIR ENTRY—EVERY EXHIBIT YOU PLAN TO BRING TO THE FAIR MUST BE SUBMITTED INTO THE FAIR ENTRY SYSTEM BY THURSDAY, JULY 14 AT 11:59 P.M.

THIS INCLUDES STATIC, COMMUNICATIONS, AND LIVESTOCK

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Step by step instruction sheet can be found on the Plymouth County Extension website.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth/content/plymouth-county-fair-forms-1>

This is also where all the additional fair forms can be found!

This is the final step in getting your exhibit to the fair...if you had any animals, the first was to identify them in 4-HOnline! The link to do this is: <https://plymouthiowa.fairentry.com>

Now you are declaring which project or animal you are bringing to exhibit in which class. (Animal substitutions can be made at check-in). For those species that require YQCA, you will be asked to upload that into Fair Entry. We do not need a copy emailed or dropped off unless you can't get it uploaded.

Swine Exhibitors will also enter their Premise ID number when making an entry.

All communication entries are also due on Fair Entry by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 14. For group entries the leader creates the entry. For team entries, one team member submits the entry and then lists the other team members names when asked.

All Static exhibits must be entered by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 14.

LIVESTOCK UNLOADING

Stall assignments will be posted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday. Exhibitors may bring in tack anytime after that. Exhibitors may begin bringing livestock in on Tuesday evening from 5-7 p.m. Exhibitors must use the north gate! Exhibitors can still bring in livestock on Wednesday morning. Please make sure you have your livestock in place by the time that species checks in. You must follow assigned stall assignments posted by the superintendent!

LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN ON WEDNESDAY

Please see the fairbook for designated check-in times for each species. Poultry, Swine, Beef, Sheep, and Goat exhibitors will receive a check-in card in the mail. This will list your entries in that species. You must bring this to check-in with any changes or corrections (substitutions). The committee will use this form to process your entries and record weights if it pertains to that animal. This form is what show programs will be made from.

*Scanning for Performance classes will be done in order of Sheep, Beef, Swine. Announcements will be made in the barn to know when the next species is ready for scanning.

*Swine will be weighed in by pen order so gates can be set up better for easier flow.

SMALL ANIMAL CHAMPION PHOTOS

On Saturday, July 30 at 4:00 p.m. all champion rabbit, poultry, cats, and pets will have their photo taken in the show arena in the Rabbit Building.

BEEF EXHIBITOR MEETING

All beef exhibitors are invited to an exhibitor meeting on Sunday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Covered Show arena. This is a chance to meet the new beef superintendent, for him to meet you, and for him to explain stalling, check-ins, and show day info. It will be especially helpful for new families, but everyone is encouraged to attend.

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FAIR PASSES

All 4-H and FFA families and leaders will be eligible to purchase a fair pass package. Families will be able to purchase one pass at full price and receive a second pass at reduced price. These passes can be purchased at the Fair Office on Sunday, July 24 from 4-5:30 p.m., Monday, July 25 from 1:30-6:00 p.m., or Tuesday, July 26 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. No packages will be sold after this time. All passes must be in place when you enter the fairgrounds beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27. If you cannot make it to purchase the passes during this time another parent or leader may purchase those for you!

***THE PACKAGE DEAL IS ONLY AVAILABLE DURING THE TIMES LISTED ABOVE!**

FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN UP

Each year our 4-H'ers, FFA members, and their families help the Fairboard prepare the grounds for the fair or help tear down after the fair. Half of the clubs are assigned to clean up before the fair on Sunday, July 24 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The other half will come on Wednesday, August 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. to clean up after the fair. Members are asked to sign in on the sheet at the water fountain. Ice cream treats are served up when all the work is done. Club leaders have your assigned day. It would be a good idea to bring brooms, gloves, buckets, rags, etc. to help get the job done! If you can't help at your club's assigned time, please consider helping on the opposite day.

BLAIR HOUSE

Don't forget that the Liberty Perry Pacers and the Stanton Lucky Clovers will each be featured clubs in the Blair House this year. These clubs will need to put together a small display about their club. Maybe there's a community service project you would like to display. You may set this up anytime Monday or Tuesday of fair week. Just let Dawn Derochie know so the doors can be unlocked.

Additional Fair t-shirts may also be purchased from the Blair House. If a family needs one before the house opens, please come to the Fair Office and an Extension and Outreach Staff member will assist you.

PRIDE OF IOWA

It is so good to see so many Pride of Iowa entries turned in. Don't forget that we get those recipes reviewed by our ISU Food Specialist and then we will send those comments back to you. Pride of Iowa will be held on Sunday, July 31. A schedule will be mailed to you when we get your recipes back from the Food Specialist!

CLOTHING EVENT

Those of you that turned in Clothing Event forms have received a letter in the mail that includes all the details for judging day! Don't forget that judging day is Tuesday, July 12 at the Extension and Outreach Office. This is the only day the judges are hired to come and judge, so you will need to attend at your scheduled time in order to participate! You will then take part in the style show at the fair on Wednesday, July 27 at 12:00 p.m. We can help make arrangements for those rabbit exhibitors to go out of order or we can get you your ribbon after the show if you can't make it to the style show.

BUCKET OF FLOWERS

Clubs are encouraged to enter a bucket of flowers for competition at the 2022 Plymouth County Fair. You must use a 5 gallon bucket. A complete set of rules are listed in the fairbook. Entries should be brought to the 4-H Building on Monday, July 25 from 2-6 p.m. or on Tuesday, July 26 by noon. A horticulture judge will choose the top three. These three clubs will receive a premium. All buckets will be displayed outside the 4-H Building for the duration of the fair. **We ask that someone from your club be responsible for WATERING YOUR DISPLAY AND PICKING UP your bucket on Monday, August 1.**

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BUCKET OF JUNK

Participants in the Bucket of Junk Contest need to check in their junk masterpieces on Monday, July 25 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. to the 4-H Building. The check-in table will have your entry tags that you can attach to the projects. The bucket of junk masterpieces need to be able to stand on their own. They also need to have a goal sheet attached. If you have any questions please call the Extension and Outreach Office or email Ann at schoenro@iastate.edu.

ENTERING STATIC EXHIBITS

All static exhibits need to be entered on <https://plymouthiowa.fairentry.com> by **Thursday, July 14 at 11:59 p.m.** When it asks for a description **we need a specific description of what the exhibit looks like so an entry tag can be directly matched to the exhibit.** All of your entry tags will be printed and you can pick them up at the check in table on Monday to attach to your exhibit. All 4-H exhibits **MUST** be checked-in, at the 4-H building from 2:00-6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25! Please bring your goal sheets attached and **completed**. It is best to put goal sheets and other papers in a plastic sleeve and attach with a safety pin or binder ring. The 4-H Building will be closed at 6:00 p.m. so you need to arrive prior to that and have them checked in before 6:00 p.m. Horticulture and Baked goods may be brought in on Tuesday, **but goal sheets must be checked in on Monday.** The entry committee will be set up in the north end of the 4-H Building.

**Please note that Photography exhibits are displayed in a separate display area. Leave your photos in your club booth on Monday. Then after you have them judged leave them in the tote at your booth.*

***Please do not tack, tape or staple anything to the walls in the 4-H Building!**

**If a member has a large exhibit they need to contact Ann at the Extension and Outreach Office prior to the fair. No large exhibits will be unloaded in the 4-H Building without a staff member present so that it gets displayed in the correct area.*

STATIC JUDGING

Judging day for 4-H exhibits will take place on Tuesday, July 26 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Club leaders have your assigned judging time. **If you have more than five exhibits, please start judging first thing in the morning.** Judges will not wait for someone once their area is completed. Don't forget to stop at the Entry table in the 4-H Building to pick up the master list of your exhibits. This will be taken to the judge so a ribbon can be recorded. These need to be turned back in when you are finished judging. **Parents may help carry exhibits to Century Hall but cannot go in.** County Council members will be available to help carry exhibits. Also bring several exhibits to Century Hall with you...we have a holding area. It will save time going back and forth.

Parents and leaders may stay in the 4-H Building during conference judging. They are not allowed in Century Hall at all! **When the judges come over to the 4-H Building to begin making their State Fair selections, ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS NOT ON THE COMMITTEE MUST LEAVE THE BUILDING. YOU MAY FINISH ORGANIZING YOUR BOOTH ON WEDNESDAY.**

Once an exhibit is judged, stop at the table in the 4-H Building to get the ribbon scanned!

When you are finished judging for the day, be sure to turn your card back into the Entry table.

FAIR GOALS

If you are wanting to improve how you write your goals on the exhibit forms, check out this you tube video!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G450OQtbyw0&t=66s>

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As you are preparing exhibits, take note to the fairbook to make sure you meet all the requirements! Your food recipes are surely amazing, but are they safe in a fair environment? Call the Answerline number (1-800-262-3804) with your recipe and they will tell you!

Did you use Pinterest or TikToc to get an idea? Make sure you state the source...do NOT put Pinterest! Go to our website to see the three simple steps in locating the original source of that idea! You have to go to the original site and make sure it's ok you are using their materials.

Remember when using quotes, logos, etc. if they are not your original work, you must give credit where credit is due! In some cases you must get permission to use certain items! If you are unsure, please check with the Extension and Outreach Office.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

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.

FARM OLYMPICS

It will take place under the covered show arena on Sunday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. Teams must pre-enter by calling the Extension and Outreach Office or notifying Extension Staff in the Fair Office during the fair with a complete list of team members and a team name. A maximum of 20 teams will compete! There will be 4 chores to complete in the fastest amount of time. Any chore not completed properly will have 5 second penalty added to the final time! Teams will learn about the chores at the start of the event! Prizes will be awarded to top 3 fastest teams, and the most creative outfits! Teams will consist of **four participants**. There must be one junior (completed 4-6), one intermediate (completed 7-9), and one senior (10-12), and one adult volunteer (anyone that serves as a leader, fairboard member or other fair committee, or 4-H committee member. There must be two females and two males!

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COMMUNICATION ENTRIES

Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, and Extemporaneous Speaking entries will need to be made online through Fair Entry by Thursday, July 14 at 11:59 p.m. The link to register is: <https://plymouthiowa.fairentry.com>

Please read the complete instructions before starting (found online at extension.iastate.edu/Plymouth/4h)! For group (Club) entries, only one entry should be made in the name of the club. For teams of members, only one entry should be made by one of the team members. There will be a place in the entry program to list those who are on your team.

FAIR ROYALTY CANDIDATES

Royalty candidates should make sure they have these events on their calendar!

July 19: Queen Judging

July 27: Crowning—Village stage

QUESTER HERITAGE AWARD

4-H and FFA members have an opportunity to take part of the Questers Special Fair Event to win a \$50 prize. Projects will be entered as normally in a static class that meets your specific goal. A special Questers registration form will need to be completed at check in on Monday, July 25. Winners will be notified from the Broken Kettle Chapter of Questers International. Project examples may include: restored cedar chest, restored tractors, or a restored phonograph. For more information about this project please contact Karen Harrington (712-540-7381) or Deb VanDenBerg (712-550-2926). Please refer to the 2022 Plymouth County Fairbook for a complete set of rules.

4-H FOODSTAND

Your leader has your club's assigned time to work in the food stand. If you cannot work your club's time please let your leader know as there are other clubs that could use your help. We will have three managers and the stand will close at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 10:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday! All families are expected to work! Please come in clean clothes and clean ball caps! No one under 14 is allowed to work inside the stand! Pies must be at least 8 inches and no cream pies! You will not be able to hold whole pies back to purchase at the end of your shift. Remember our entire 4-H program is run on funds made in the Food Stand. Scholarships for trips and the \$30 fee/member is paid for in part by the 4-H Food Stand, Extension Council, and Fairboard. Your club will also earn money back if all the expectations are met during your shift! We need every family to do their part to help!

**Reminder that families cannot purchase ice to stock their coolers! The ice truck is there to stock all of the fair foodstands, not just the 4-H Foodstand. Ice will not be sold from the fair office either.*

CURRENT MEMBERS AND THOSE THAT JUST TURNED IN AN INTEREST FORM

All current/returning members as well as those new members (anyone that turned in a form), are being mailed a postcard with details for our upcoming events. The first thing will be a Zoom meeting on Friday, July 8 at 1:00 p.m. We will be welcoming the new members, going over the logistics of the County Council, and discussing fair details. At that meeting we will discuss what our fun day will be. Be sure to sign up on the Remind App to receive all County Council updates. Text @84e8b to 81010.

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