From Ann’s Desk...

Fall is flying by and the 4-H year is off to a fantastic start! I loved seeing all of your window displays during 4-H week! We are also excited to see so many new members enrolling and look forward to seeing those enrollments continue to get completed! Please get this taken care of by December!

The 4-H Halloween Party was so much fun this year and we have some more great events planned for the winter months! Be sure to check out more details on the Recognition Program, Beef Weigh-in, and the Holiday Grab & Go kits! Also save the date for a Region wide 4-H Swim Skate party in Sioux Center on December 29! More details will be in the December newsletter on this great event!

Ann Schoenrock

County Program and Youth Coordinator
PLYMOUTH COUNTY FAIR WRAP UP

CHAMPION PHOTO DISPLAY
Plymouth County Farm Bureau is again sponsoring the photos in the traveling photo display of the 2021 Plymouth County Fair Grand Champions at various bank locations throughout the fall. The display will feature two digital screens the photos will scroll through. Each youth that received a champion will have one photo in the display. Those photos will be put in club mailboxes later this fall.
The schedule is as follows:

- November 1-5: People’s Bank - Hinton
- November 8-12: Midstates Bank – Kingsley
- November 15-19: American Bank – Remsen
- November 22-26: Iowa State Bank – Remsen
- November 29 - December 3: NW Iowa Credit Union – Le Mars
- December 6-10: Iowa State Bank – Le Mars
- December 13-17: Northwest Bank – Le Mars
- December 20-24: Primebank - Le Mars

4-H RECOGNITION EVENT
The annual 4-H Recognition Event will take place virtually again this year! The link will be posted on our YouTube channel as soon as it’s ready sometime early December. All clubs will be recognized and awards will be announced! Clubs are encouraged to have “watch parties”. That might be part of your club’s Christmas party! As soon as we know when awards will arrive, we will give leaders a more concrete date! Leaders will receive a “party basket” as well as the club awards to have on hand during the party! We would love to see photos of your watch parties! Be sure to post them on social media and tag us or email to xplymouth@iastate.edu!

MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN
All Plymouth County 4-H and FFA members with a market beef animal (market steers or market heifers) will need to weigh and identify their market animals at the Plymouth County weigh-in site on Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Please note that if any out of county exhibitors need to come they will be scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

There will be more details coming in December as far as how we will proceed with checking in families at weigh-in. Weigh-in takes place at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds in the scale house just east of the covered show ring. Plymouth County exhibitors will need to make arrangements to have their market beef projects weighed at the Plymouth County site. December 18th is when your project begins and you must have all market beef animals in your possession by this date. PLAN ACCORDINGLY...DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET THEM TRANSPORTED HOME. Each member may identify a maximum of ten head. Animals that will be exhibited at the Plymouth County Fair CANNOT be purchased after this weigh-in date. Also keep in mind that how you identify them (4-H or FFA project) at weigh-in cannot be changed after February 1.
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING

Members of the County Council will meet on Sunday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension and Outreach Office! You must let Ann know if you won’t be there, prior to the meeting day!

4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

All club member 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. Make sure you use this website: https://v2.4honline.com

A help sheet is available on our website. If you still have any issues, let us know and we can try to walk you through this. **Whatever you do...please do NOT complete a new profile if you have already been in 4-H!!!!!**

We already have 225 members enrolled! Thank you so much for getting this done! We are off to a good start, but have a ways to go to get all 400 completed!

PIONEER VILLAGE

The Pioneer Christmas Committee is looking for cookie donations for the Christmas Village being held December 4th-5th and 11th-12th. If your club would like to donate 10 dozen cookies (or more!) it would be very appreciated. You can drop them off at Century Hall the weekends of the event. Thank you so much for your donation, The Pioneer Christmas Committee.

HOLIDAY GRAB AND GO CRAFT

Let’s have some fun making cute holiday décor, that could end up being a future fair exhibit! When you register, you will receive all of the items needed to make the craft. We will also post a video for you to go watch to walk you through the steps of assembling it! This might even be a fun club activity during the winter months! To sign up, complete the enclosed registration form and return to the Plymouth County Extension and Outreach Office with payment by November 22. An email will be sent (hopefully mid December) when the Grab & Go boxes are ready for pick up!

Plymouth County has two 4-H’ers that are part of the State 4-H Council! Let’s join them and the rest of the State 4-H Council as they embark on a statewide service project to collect and donate 2,000 winter clothing items for local communities!

Drop your new or gently used winter clothing items off at our office by November 19th. Items can include coats, hats, boots, mittens, gloves, scarves, and snow pants.

All donated items will go back to the community through foster care closets, schools, homeless shelters, churches, and other organizations.

Our office is open Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 12:30 –4:30 p.m.
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 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 of their club’s events 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 in February.

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.

REMEMBER 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 that has 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.

Look for these fun activities to be coming your way this winter!

| November    | Holiday Craft Grab and Go registration due (22nd) |
| December    | Awards program—TBD                                 |
|             | Market Beef weigh-in (18th)                        |
|             | Regional Swim/Skate day at All Seasons Center in Sioux Center (29th) |

OFFICE POTENTIALLY MAY BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
MUST PRE-REGISTER WITH PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 22!

NAME: __________________________________________________________

PHONE: __________________________________________________________

EMAIL: __________________________________________________________

MARK THE QUANTITY YOU WOULD LIKE:

______ HOLIDAY CANDY DISH ($15 EACH)

TOTAL: ______ PROJECTS X $15 = ________________________

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

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