



PLYMOUTH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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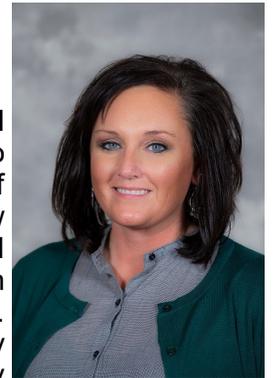
TO

- All of the leaders that attended the Leader Meeting
- All the newly elected Club Officers
- All the members that completed a record book and applied for awards!
- The Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon team that placed first in the state competition. Members include: Mia Haage, Mason Peters, Regan Peters, Jace Fisher, Wade Fisher

*Thank
you*

[OCTOBER 2020]

From Ann's Desk...



National 4-H Week is here and I encourage your clubs to plan ways to recruit new members and retain all of our current members. The new enrollment system is now open and information was emailed. You can find the link posted in this newsletter. Please try to get those completed by December 1! If you are a new family to the 4-H program and previously had a Clover Kid, please contact the Extension and Outreach Office to get log in information for your enrollment. Thank you to those members that have completed their enrollment for the year already! We had 31 done on the first day it was open! We would also like to welcome the new members and leaders that have recently enrolled!

There are so many great activities coming up in the upcoming months and I encourage your family to check them out! Be sure to read the entire newsletter to catch all the details!

Most importantly, I want to remind members to thank your leaders, parents, and mentors for doing all that they do for you in 4-H! They do this not for a paycheck or a pat on the back, but because they care and want to see you all succeed!

Sincerely,

Ann Schoenrock

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THANK YOU'S

If you received a trophy, special award, or auction premium at the fair, please send the donor a thank you note. This is a simple, polite gesture to let them know their donation was appreciated. This does encourage them to donate again in the future. We have heard from several donors that said they have never received a thank you! Please show our sponsors we are grateful for their support to the Plymouth County 4-H Program! Trophy sponsor addresses were put on the bottom of your trophy. For auction buyer addresses, you will need to contact the Fairboard (Michael @ 712-562-6338).

CHAMPION PHOTO DISPLAY

Plymouth County Farm Bureau is again sponsoring the photos in the traveling photo display of the 2020 G&C Classic 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:

October 5-9: NW Iowa Credit Union – Le Mars

October 12-16: American Bank - Remsen

October 19-23: Iowa State Bank – Remsen

October 26-30: Midstates Bank – Kingsley

November 2-6: Iowa Prairie Bank - Hinton

November 9-13: Iowa Prairie Bank - Merrill

November 16-20: Iowa Prairie Bank - Brunsville

November 23: Thanksgiving week – will transfer sometime this week from Brunsville to Akron

November 30 - December 4: Security National - Akron

December 7-11: Midstates Bank – Le Mars

December 14-18: American Bank – Le Mars

December 21: Return to Extension and Outreach Office

*Peoples Bank locations (Akron & Hinton) will be showcasing the slideshows on their social media sites!

RIBBON PREMIUM CHECKS

Please get all of your fair checks cashed by the end of October!

NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE 4-H VOLUNTEER FOR AWARDS!

Please nominate your favorite adult volunteer for awards! The nomination is enclosed and due October 12! More forms are available on our website! This is a great opportunity to recognize that special person or business that has gone the extra mile for the Plymouth County 4-H program! The 4-H & Youth Committee will review the nominations and select the recipients which will be announced at the Recognition Event.

CLUB MEETING AND OFFICER ROLE TRAINING VIDEO NOW ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

We've recently created a video on how to properly plan vibrant club meetings as well as each officer role! Check it out on our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dn-6MSjFc2Y&t=23s>

You can search for ISU Extension and Outreach Plymouth County to find our channel and then select the video from there.

There are many different templates and resources that were mentioned in the video. You can request that at the Extension and Outreach Office or find them on our website!

4-H NEWS

ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH FALL 2020 BEST PRACTICES

Many of our “normal” 4-H activities will have to be adjusted as we begin a new 4-H year. We have expectations that need to be followed. These were emailed to each family and are printed below. Please read!

Iowa 4-H is providing program specific expectations and recommendations that are meant to strengthen and complement ISU and ISU Extension and Outreach expectations and guidance. Please refer to the Open for Iowa resources (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vp/open-iowa>) and further details. Please also beware of local ordinances that may impact your planning.

In Person Club meetings:

1. Remind participants to stay home if they are sick and follow safety guidelines.
2. It is strongly encouraged that all volunteers and members wear face coverings when unable to maintain six-foot social distance.
3. In-person programming should be limited to a participant capacity that allows for the required physical distancing. For example, if your room capacity is 100, how many participants should be in the room to allow for social distancing? A capacity for that room may be as few as 25.
4. To assist with social distancing, club meetings should be limited to members and volunteers actively participating. Parents will grow your group size tremendously in most cases.
5. Clubs should maintain a record of meeting attendees.
6. Do not share supplies (ex. Provide a pair of scissors for each member)
7. Educational activities including food preparation should follow Open for Iowa recommendations. No samples or sharing. Demonstrations can be done, and individuals can engage with their own demonstration, but food should not be consumed.
8. Food at meetings may NOT be potluck and should be limited to pre-packaged and/or catered food. Please see Open for Iowa page (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vp/open-iowa>).
9. It is expected that facilities, have adequate facilities and/or equipment for handwashing/hand sanitizers.
10. The willingness of 4-H youth and families to participate in an in-person event may vary. Continue to provide online educational options along with in-person, such as zoom or phone in, to allow more participation.

Field trips & Overnight events:

1. Clubs and counties may engage in learning opportunities that include a field trip.
2. Youth and families should NOT carpool (please see Open for Iowa), have families travel separately to the trip location.
3. Field trip location must provide social distancing options and all participants should continue to follow In-person club meeting guidance. Please submit field trip plans to your local Extension Office for approval. Be aware of local ordinances at trip location.
4. Currently, overnight activities do not allow for proper safety procedures and are NOT allowed. Any exceptions need to be approved by the State 4-H Office.
5. Out of State travel is allowed if trip meets field trip and overnight guidance listed.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension and Outreach Office. We will be videoing the County Council Installation Ceremony so everyone should come in their khaki pants and green County Council polo shirt. New members need to let Ann know if you need a polo! It is important that everyone make an effort to attend this meeting!

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4-H CLUB OFFICER BOOKS DUE FOR AWARDS

4-H Club Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian records are to be kept from September through August. Clubs are highly encouraged to submit their books for judging which could win your club a cash prize! Officer books must be submitted to the Extension and Outreach Office by Friday, October 9 at 4:30 p.m.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK...OCTOBER 4-10

4-H'ers from across the world will all be celebrating the world's greatest youth organization! We are hoping you will all join us in celebrating by taking part in our themed days! Not only does this show our communities how much of an impact 4-H has, but it just might spark the interest of a potential new member! Be sure to share pictures of 4-H Week Activities on social media and use #4HGrowsHere! Also, send your pictures to jlener@iastate.edu to be shared on the office social media pages.

Monday: Display a clover on your locker, desk, car, window, anywhere to show your 4-H Pride

Tuesday: It's the Big Give Day **so** make a post on social media about what 4-H means to you and tag ISU Extension and Outreach- Plymouth County to help us find donors!

Wednesday: Wear your green 4-H gear!

Thursday: Take shamrock plant, something special, or thank you notes to local businesses that support 4-H!

Friday: Put an article about your club in the local news paper!

4-H ENROLLMENT IS NOW 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. The new website to do this is: <https://v2.4honline.com>

A help sheet was emailed to all families in the system as well as leaders. Please review that as you are completing enrollment. 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!!!!

UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS

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

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| October | Celebrating 4-H Week (October 4-10)/Month with a Clover Challenge and prizes!
Fall Frenzy will not be able to take place, but the Foundation is drafting up another idea! |
| November | Virtual Awards program on Sunday, November 8!
Fall Make and take Craft—video link will be provided! |
| December | Holiday make and take Craft—video link will be provided!
Beef Weigh-in (19th) |

Watch for virtual project workshops to come your way in the spring!

CLOVER CHALLENGE

Check out the challenges we've put in each of the four leaves! Complete at least two challenges in each leaf. Take picture of you doing the activity and have an adult post it on social media and tag ISU Extension and Outreach-Plymouth County! You have the month of October to complete the challenges and then send this page into the Extension and Outreach Office by November 2! Prizes will then be drawn for during the Virtual Recognition Program for all of those that took part!

HEAD

- Try a new 4-H project
- Decorate or carve a pumpkin
- Recruit a new member to your club
- Make a 4-H poster to display in your window
- Do something helpful for a neighbor

HEART

- Write a thank you note to your teacher or a leader
- Participate in a Family Game Night
- Make a bird feeder and donate it to someone in your neighborhood
- Do an outdoor activity with your family

HANDS

- Sweep/vacuum the floors
- Clean the bathroom
- Wash dishes or load the dishwasher
- Complete yard work
- Complete pet or livestock chores

HEALTH

- Make a meal as a family
- Eat a meal together with your family
- Go for a walk or bike ride
- Volunteer to pack meals
- Find a new recipe to try of an item you could take to the fair as an exhibit

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

PHONE: _____

RETURN TO:

xplymouth@iastate.edu

Or

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Le Mars, Iowa 51031

CONTACT US!

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HOURS

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

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NOMINATION FOR ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Deadline: October 14, 2020

will be selected by the 4-H & Youth Committee

I NOMINATE _____ FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARD:

(check one- USE A DUPLICATE FORM FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS)

_____ **4-H ALUMNI**

_____ **HONORARY 4-H MEMBER**

_____ **4-H LEADER OF THE YEAR**

_____ **PARTNER IN 4-H**

Nominees full name and address: _____

The following is a description of the awards available:

4-H Alumni: To honor adults **who have been 4-H members in Plymouth County**, for their services to 4-H, community leadership, public service, and success in their chosen careers. Nominees need NOT be Plymouth County residents, only have been a 4-H member in Plymouth County.

Honorary Member: To honor adults **who were not Plymouth County 4-H members**, for their service to Plymouth County 4-H, community leadership, public service, and success in their chosen careers.

4-H Leader of the Year: To honor an outstanding and dedicated 4-H leader. May nominate someone who has already received this honor.

Partner in 4-H: To honor organizations in Plymouth County who have helped support the 4-H program. May nominate someone who has already received this honor.

(Signature of person making nomination) (Date)

➤ **NOMINATION MUST FIT ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM ONLY**