[SEPTEMBER 2020]

From Ann’s Desk...

We are extremely grateful to everyone that participated in the Gold and Clover Classic and came together and followed the CDC guidelines and Iowa 4-H Best Practices, to make a great event for the 4-H & FFA exhibitors. Ribbon premium checks are being written and will be heading to the post office soon! You will need to let the Extension and Outreach Office know of any errors by Monday, September 21.

This 4-H year is going to look different than it ever has before. We will be offering a virtual opportunity each month for youth to engage in! Awards forms will be going out to leaders soon! Enclosed you can find details on how to complete a record book so that you can apply for awards!

Be sure to review the Fall Best Practices that was emailed out to you and is also included! These practices must be followed as we move forward this year!

Start recruiting for a new 4-H year! 4-H Online will be coming out with version 2.0 soon! Enrollment is NOT open at this time, but we will let you know as soon as it is so you can get enrolled for the new 4-H year!

Best wishes for a safe and healthy start to a new school year!

Thank you

• All of the 4-H & FFA exhibitors that participated in the Gold and Clover Classic
• Superintendents and Committees that worked hard to pull off a great event
• Those that volunteered their time to assist the 4-H and FFA Staff to make the event a success
• All of those participating in the Special Edition Iowa State Fair
• 4-H Club leaders that are finding creative ways to engage with youth and provide opportunities through a pandemic
• Linda Beitelspacher, who was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame
THANK YOUS

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:

- September 14-18: Northwest Bank – Le Mars
- September 21-25: Primebank - Le Mars
- September 28-October 2: Iowa State Bank – Le Mars
- 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

Ribbon premiums were processed by the Extension and Outreach Office. The Extension Council will be approving and signing these and they will be heading out the door soon! Please review these right away and notify our office of any errors by September 21.

AUCTION/Swine CHECKS

These checks were processed by the Fairboard. For any questions related to these checks contact Michael at 712-562-6338.

SUMMER ASSISTANT

Huge shout out to Abbey Riemenschneider! She was a rockstar coming into our summer position in the midst of Covid! We weren’t real sure what was going to happen from week to week, but Abbey was the first to arrive, many times the last to leave and pulled everything together for us! We had so much fun working alongside you Abbey!
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](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 you 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](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
We are going to attempt meeting face to face so we can officially welcome our new members! Meetings are currently on the fourth Sunday of the month. All of the current/returning members along with all of those that completed the Application form this summer, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27. We will try to meet at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Le Mars Convention Center.

LEADER’S MEETING
A face to face leader meeting is schedule for Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the LeMars Convention Center. We will be reviewing the best practices for club meetings, getting forms turned in, and sharing some new ideas for club meeting activities. Please RSVP in advance so proper seating with social distancing can be made available. We will not be able to provide food at this meeting. You are welcome to bring your own snacks/supper if you would like.
How to put a record book together:

1. **TABLE OF CONTENTS**
2. **TITLE PAGE**
   - Most current year in front with previous years directly behind.
   - Should include a current picture, name, address, club, grade, and years in 4-H.
3. **YEARLY SUMMARY**
   - Most current year in front with previous years directly behind.
4. **NON-PROJECT RELATED 4-H PICTURES AND CLIPPINGS**
5. **PROJECT RECORD FORM: Basic (Yellow), Experienced (Peach), Advanced (Blue)**
   - May be in any order, but project areas are more easily located if they are in alphabetical order.
   - Each project area should have a divider with a tab for easy finding.
   - Each project area should include a Project Record form.
   - Certain areas also have an additional Worksheet that needs to be completed. Those areas include: Beef, Dairy, Dog, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Crops, Horticulture, and Photography.
   - Fair goal sheets may also be included in the appropriate area, but the actual ribbons should be left out of the Record Book.
   - Each project area should have the most current year in the front of each section. Clippings or photos should be kept with the forms for the appropriate year.

**Helpful hints:**
- Use a three ring binder...we have a cover page you can use.
- If you fill one binder, start another and label it #2. It should contain sections you didn’t have room for. Don’t start another book with yearly summaries and title pages. Each section needs to stay together.
- Project Sheets (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list) can help you learn the difference between “Project” and “Exhibit” as well as give you Citizenship, Leadership, and Communication ideas.
- Forms are found on our website: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth/content/4-h-resources

### AWARDS AVAILABLE:

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<td>To recognize senior 4-Hers who have been in 4-H for at least three years, who have successfully completed their record keeping and have demonstrated themselves to be fine examples of 4-H members to younger members, to leaders, and to the community at large. An outstanding junior should show evidence of excellence in the following areas in their senior year: Participation in county, district, and/or state 4-H programs (50%), 4-H leadership responsibilities in their club, county, state, and/or country (25%), 4-H achievement in earning their club, county, state, and/or country (25%). Support of 4-H and promotion of the 4-H program (20%). In addition, students are highly encouraged to write a short 4-H story that tells about the highlights of their 4-H year and to explain why 4-H is important to them. Record keeping must accompany nomination.</td>
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<td><strong>Senior Spirit</strong></td>
<td>At least a junior this fall. Demonstrated leadership and record keeping. May receive only once.</td>
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UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS

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

September
- Virtual Officer Training that Leaders can show during a club meeting
  (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7emxtetzAQ-M2QpSym4_QA/)
- Leader Meeting (29th)
- Record Keeping/Awards due September 30

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!
- 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!

IOWA 4-H HALL OF FAME

Each year every county can submit a nominee to be inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. Counties nominate volunteers, community leaders, and Extension staff members who have exemplified outstanding service and dedication to the 4-H youth program in their county. This year’s nominee for Plymouth County is Linda Beitelspacher! We are sad that we could not recognize her at a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair! If you see her, be sure to congratulate her!

Here’s what the nomination stated:

Linda first joined the Grant Little Giants 4-H club in 1959 when her dad was asked to be a leader. She was a member for 10 years and exhibited cattle. Linda was honored to be crowned Plymouth County Fair Queen in 1967 and named 2nd runner-up to the Iowa State Fair Queen.

All three of her and Gene’s children were active in the Plymouth County 4-H program. Kristin and Erin belonged to the Grant Clever Clovers 4-H Club and Kevin belonged to the Grant Little Giants 4-H Club. They exhibited many static exhibits as well as cattle and swine. When Kristin joined 4-H, Linda immediately became active volunteering in the 4-H program. Linda has continued to be an active 4-H volunteer for the past 38 years! She was a leader of the Grant Clever Clovers 4-H club for 10 years and served on the 4-H and Youth Committee for 4 years. She has been a volunteer on 4-H static exhibit judging day, served as static building superintendent, Clothing Event committee, and the Fair Queen contest. She currently serves on the Awards Committee and Fair sub-committee.

Linda has attended 4-H static judges’ trainings and led workshops which has allowed her to judge 4-H exhibits in several static areas at achievement shows and county fairs in northwest Iowa for almost 30 years. She has judged 4-H Personal Development exhibits at the Iowa State Fair for 15 years.

She has reviewed scholarships for the Iowa 4-H Foundation and was a founding member of the Plymouth County 4-H Foundation, serving on that board for 5 years.

Linda and her husband Gene are members of the 4-H 400 Club and support 4-H events and fundraisers whenever the opportunity arises.

Her real passion is helping 4-H’ers learn lifelong skills and gain knowledge through their 4-H exhibits and experiences. She believes that no 4-H’er should ever have an upsetting encounter with a fair judge, and it has always been her goal to facilitate that. She is thrilled when she sees a 4-H’er experience an ‘ah-ha’ moment when they achieve a goal, share an accomplishment, or understand how to expand and share their knowledge and skills with others. Sharing her knowledge and lending encouragement and support has always been her main objective when interacting with 4-H’ers. Linda has strived to provide this to all 4-H’ers, whether it be at an achievement show, a county or state fair judging experience, a Clothing Event, or just a phone call asking for advice. Watching her own children and grandchildren (4th generation 4-H’ers) grow and mature in their 4-H careers has been a wonderful blessing for her. She is truly humbled and honored to be chosen as the 2020 Plymouth County nominee for the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. She sincerely loves the 4-H program and what it offers today’s youth. She loves watching young members grow and mature to successful senior 4-H’ers and beyond! Linda will always continue striving to uphold the 4-H motto in her daily life.
**BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD DISC AWARD FORM**

*To be completed by leader and member together*
*Please make sure member has met the criteria and not just getting a disc to get a disc.

Member name:_____________________________________________________ Grade:_____

Club:___________________________________________________ Years in 4-H:_____

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Leader’s signature:_________________________________________ Date:_______________________

Member’s signature:_______________________________________ Date:_______________________

*CRITERIA LISTED ON REVERSE SIDE*

Return to Extension Office by September 30, 2020
BRONZE CRITERIA
1. Enrolled in the project area for TWO years or more.
2. Completed yearly 4-H Summary.
3. Using a record keeping system to evaluate your 4-H year: Evaluate project for which you are applying by using the Basic (yellow), Experienced (Peach), or Advanced (blue) Project Record forms.
4. Set and attain at least TWO goals relating to the project area.
5. Relate to adult mentor the cost and returns of the project.
6. Participate in at least one communication project related to the project area.
7. Member must have completed TWO exhibits/learning experiences which may or may not have been shown at the fair.
8. Must participate or attend a minimum of SIX club/county meetings or events per 4-H year.

SILVER CRITERIA
1. Enrolled in the project area for THREE years or more.
2. Completed yearly 4-H Summary.
3. Using a record keeping system to evaluate your 4-H year: Evaluate project for which you are applying by using the Basic (yellow), Experienced (Peach), or Advanced (blue) Project Record forms.
4. Set and attain at least TWO goals relating to the project area. At least two of these must be new.
5. Relate to adult mentor the cost and returns of the project.
6. Participate in at least one communication project and one citizenship project related to the project area.
7. Member must have completed SIX exhibits/learning experiences which may or may not have been shown at the fair.
8. Must participate or attend a minimum of SIX club/county meetings or events per 4-H year.

GOLD CRITERIA
1. Enrolled in the project area for FOUR years or more.
2. Completed yearly 4-H Summary.
3. Using a record keeping system to evaluate your 4-H year: Evaluate project for which you are applying by using the Basic (yellow), Experienced (Peach), or Advanced (blue) Project Record forms.
4. Set and attain at least THREE goals relating to the project area. At least two of these must be new.
5. Relate to adult mentor the cost and returns of the project.
6. Participate in at least one communication project, one citizenship project, and one leadership project related to the project area.
7. Member must have completed NINE exhibits/learning experiences which may or may not have been shown at the fair.
8. Must participate or attend a minimum of SIX club/county meetings or events per 4-H year.