CLOVERS TO:

- The 4-H'ers that signed up to participate in the Coop Conspiracy Poultry Project
- There were 8 AMAZING seniors that applied for the Plymouth County 4-H Foundation Scholarship! Thank you for taking that time to apply...every one of you submitted a phenomenal application and it was so great to see what 4-H has done for all of you!
- Another fun 4-H Volleyball Tournament is in the books! It’s great to see so many clubs come have fun playing together. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help keep score and line judge and to those that stayed to help clean up the gym!
  Champion and Runner up Junior teams both came from the Johnson Juniors club!
  Champion Senior team was the Johnson Juniors and Runner Up was the Grant Clever Clovers

DEAR 4-H FAMILY & FRIENDS:

I can’t believe we are already identifying livestock projects and making fair plans!
Please take note of all the project meetings and workshops coming up! These take a lot of time to plan and are very helpful in preparing members for the fair! There are two special contests being offered again this year, Bucket of Junk and Gadgets and Gears. Be sure to sign up by April 12.

The Plymouth County 4-H app has been a learning experience, but seems to be working pretty well! We hope to make even more improvements to it this year! Thanks again to the Classy Clovers for their generous donation to help pay for the renewal fees!

Be sure to take note of the updates or changes that you will see in this year’s Fairbook which are enclosed. The completed book will be mailed from the printing company around mid May!

Sincerely,

Ann Schoenrock
STATE TRAINING FOR ALL LEADERS

Any leader that missed the State Training on February 26 will need to make that up online before July 1 in order to continue as a volunteer!

You can access the training by logging into 4-H Online and continuing as Family. After your name on the member list, click edit. Then at the top, on the third dot across, click sign up for trainings. From the list of trainings select, 2-18-2019 4-H Fosters Independence and continue through the training. The resources and materials they refer to during the training can be found at:

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteerresources

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The next County Council meeting will be on Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. – location TBD

SPRING MEETING FOR LEADERS

Leaders should mark their calendars to attend the spring meeting on Thursday, May 30. Doors will open at 6:15 with food being served. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will review fair details and updates as we begin a new 4-H year in the fall.

PLUNGE CAMP

The northwest 4-H region has another camp planned! This is open to all middle school youth in grades 6-8. It will take place at Camp Foster in Okoboji, on April 26-27! Youth will arrive Friday evening and stay the night and camp will wrap up at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Register at https://form.jotform.com/4Hregion1/4-h-plunge-2019

Cost is $60 and includes lodging, food, and activities.

LE MARS ARTS COUNCIL HOSTS 4-H EVENTS

This month the Le Mars Arts Council will be offering a workshop for 4-H'ers on Acrylic Pour! It will be on April 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Arts Center. The cost will be $12/person. This will make a great fair exhibit! To register please call or email the Arts Council at (712) 546-7476 or lemarsarts@frontiernet.net

Also be sure to follow them on Facebook to see all the other classes they offer!
STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration is open for the 2019 State 4-H Conference in Ames: The conference will take place June 25-27. The group will be departing on a chartered bus on Monday afternoon, June 24. There will be an additional charge of $25 for the extra night stay which will be collected on the bus when arriving. This is open to any youth that will be completing 8-12 grade. The cost of the three day conference (which includes meals, room, t-shirt, and workshop material) is $180. The 4-H & Youth Committee will pay $25 towards the registration fee and the Plymouth County 4-H Foundation will pay $50 towards the registration fee for any Plymouth County 4-H member attending! Clubs could consider giving scholarships of their own also! We are always needing chaperones as well!

Registration will take place on-line at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

After you submit the registration online, make the payment of $105 to the Extension & Outreach Office. If you do not have internet access we do have a paper copy. Non 4-H members should also make their checks out to Plymouth County Extension and Outreach, but for $180. To avoid a late fee complete the registration and turn your payment in to the Extension & Outreach Office by May 31.

ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUND UP AT STATE 4-H CONFERENCE...APPS DUE APRIL 15!

State 4-H Youth Conference is a great opportunity to take part in. One option youth may take part in is the animal science round up. You pick a species and follow a set of workshops based specifically on that animal for the week. Participants must first pre-apply for a species, which is due April 15. Applications are on the State 4-H Website at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

Participants will then register for conference at a later date this spring once they know if they have been accepted into a species or register now for workshops and we can switch it later to that species!
SWINE PROJECT INFORMATION
Members exhibiting swine will need to purchase official tags from the Extension and Outreach Office. The cost is $2 per tag. Tags will need to be in place and pigs identified online by May 15. If you intend to show swine at the Iowa State Fair please contact the office to set up a time to get the verification done.

ADOPT A PIG INFORMATION
The first class of the Adopt a Pig project will be on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension and Outreach Office. Please let the office know ahead of time if you plan to attend and participate in the project! Supper will be served! A list of the remaining meetings and barn visits will be handed out at this class. Members will be asked to pay the deposit of $20 and purchase the 4-H ear tags ($2 each) when they sign the contract at this meeting.

DOG PROJECT MEETING
An informational meeting about the 4-H Dog project will be held on Tuesday, April 23. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension and Outreach Office. Parents are encouraged to attend with the 4-H’er! You will have an opportunity to learn about the clinic schedule for the summer, proper equipment, and review the class structure for fair!

HORSE PROJECT MEETING
An informational meeting about the 4-H Horse project will be held on Monday, April 29. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension and Outreach Office. Parents are encouraged to attend with the 4-H’er! The horse committee will go through identification, clinic schedule, rules, shows, etc. This is a great time to ask questions before the weekly clinics begin!

HOUSING/CARE OF LIVESTOCK PROJECTS REMINDER
The policy has been posted several times, but please make sure you understand it. If you have any questions or your living arrangements have changed, please visit with the Extension & Outreach Office so we can help you! This policy originated with only swine. Since then poultry, beef, and sheep have been added. Those are the species that are spot checked. We still encourage members with all the other species to be the primary caretaker of that animal at your own home. This policy aligns with the Code of Ethics each member signs. 4-H is a privilege, not a right, and it comes with responsibility. The housing policy is very simple, if you live on a farm with facilities, that animal (beef, sheep, swine, poultry) will be housed there. If alternative housing needs to be found due to hog confinements or no housing available at all, the alternative housing location (that meets the guidelines) must be pre-approved by the 4-H & Youth Committee. Meaning you need to contact the Extension & Outreach Office so a written explanation can be submitted to the committee for review.

4-H FUN RABBIT SHOW AND CLINIC
Saturday, May 4 a show/clinic will be held at the 4-H grounds in Canton, SD. Rabbit registration begins at 9:15 a.m., activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with the rabbit show judging at 10:00 a.m. There will be rabbit showmanship practice, breed id, possibility to purchase 4-H rabbit exhibits and equipment. Awards will be given and lunch will be available for a free will donation. The cost for the show will be $1/entry. There will also be a silent auction and raffle items. This is not an ARBA or SDRBA point show. It is sponsored by the Lincoln County 4-H Rabbit Department and the East River Rabbit Breeders Association. Questions call Kristi at 605-940-5606 or contact the Lincoln County 4-H Office at 605-764-2756.
IDENTIFYING YOUR 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

*THERE ARE TWO STEPS TO GET YOUR ANIMALS TO THE FAIR

1. IDENTIFICATION (DO NOW) ON 4-H ONLINE-TELLS US ALL THE PROJECTS YOU ARE CARING FOR!

2. FAIR ENTRY (BY JULY 12)- TELLS US WHICH ANIMAL YOU ARE EXHIBITING IN WHICH CLASS!

The Livestock Identification process is part of your 4-H Online Enrollment. The deadline to have your livestock projects identified is May 15 at 11:59 p.m. Our office closes at 4:30 p.m. and we will not be available to help after that so get this done early! Those animals that will need to be identified by this deadline include: Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf, Feeder Calf, Horse, Dog, Goat, Dairy Cow, Yearling Ewes, and Swine. All rabbits must be identified by July 1. Poultry, cats, and pets do not get identified.

You will log into your family profile on 4-H Online. You will click on edit after the member’s name. Then in the upper left hand corner you will click on animals/ livestock. Then add each individual animal. **Feeder Calves and Swine will need to have a 4-H tag.** Those are now available for purchase at the Extension and Outreach Office. **Feeder Calf tags need to be put in the LEFT EAR!** Horses also have the ability to download the four photos for the identification process as well. Those that have previously been identified should be able to still find those photos in the ID section. There will still be a paper copy available if you don’t have internet access and then I have to enter it on your enrollment and then you need to confirm this. Remember that any animals you weigh-in, the office enters and you must go in and confirm the data. You have to have this done by May 15 or the system locks down and it will be too late to identify or fix errors on your animals. Start working on identifying your animals now, so if you need assistance we have plenty of time to complete it. All breeding heifers must be identified by a tattoo! **DON’T FORGET THAT YOU NEED TO BE ENROLLED IN 4-H BEFORE YOU CAN IDENTIFY ANY LIVESTOCK!**

If your heifer has a tattoo in both ears they both get listed in the one field box online. If you have a purebred breeding heifer identified, a copy of the registration papers needs to be sent to the Extension and Outreach Office as soon as possible.

**ID REQUIREMENTS ACCORDING TO THE STATE 4-H OFFICE**

- All animals must be owned by the 4-H’er with the exception of horses, which may be leased, but only exhibited in certain classes.
- Animals may only be identified by one member, with the exception of horses and dogs.
- The maximum number of animals that can be identified by a member include:
  - 10 breeding beef, 6 feeder calves, 20 dairy cows, 20 dairy goats, 4 dogs, 5 horses, 20 meat goats for state fair and 10 more for county only, 30 rabbits, 30 sheep for state fair and 15 more for county only, 40 swine for state fair and 40 more for county only.

**FOUR MEETING RULE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR**

Please remember that all 4-H’ers must attend a minimum of four business meetings between September 1, 2018 – July 12, 2019 to be eligible to exhibit at the 2019 Plymouth County Fair. Please be checking with your club secretary on your attendance if you are unsure.

**FAIR ROYALTY CANDIDATES NEEDED!**

Application forms, rules, and event dates are being sent to the leaders. Clubs are encouraged to nominate those members that will be 16 or older by the fair. Each club can nominate up to two queen and two king candidates. Those nominations will need to be recorded in the meeting minutes and the minutes turned in with the application forms. These are due by May 15! Candidates must be able to attend the scheduled judging day in order to interview with the panel of judges. All dates and details have been mailed to club leaders with application forms. Forms are also available at extension.iastate.edu/Plymouth/4h
SHEEP/MEAT GOAT WEIGH-IN

- Weigh-in will take place on Saturday, April 27 at the fairgrounds from **9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

- Enter through the main gate and head north through the carnival area and proceed east to the sheep barn. Unload at the north end of the sheep building. County Only lambs will be penned on the east side of the building and Iowa State Fair lambs/goats will need to be penned on the west side.

- Members then come to the desk and pick up an id form and tags and return to their pen so a committee member can tag the animals. Members will also be given an ID form and all blanks must be completed!

- County only animals can then proceed to the scale and load out.

- Iowa State Fair animals should proceed to the verification pen. Once ALL of your animals have been verified you can proceed to the scale and load out. Iowa State Fair animals need a retinal image. Do not pull up to load out until ALL of your animals have been verified.

- Make sure all forms are signed before you leave. You will get a copy of the Identification form.

- All sheep need to be weighed and tagged. This includes all market and breeding (both purebred and commercial). Breeding animals will also need a birthdate on the ID form.

- Extension Staff will enter all animals that come through weigh-in on your 4-H Online enrollment for you to verify by May 15th. **VERIFYING THEM ONLINE DOES NOT MAKE A STATE FAIR ENTRY!**

- You will still need to identify the yearling ewes on your own online by May 15th.

Make sure you take care of getting scrapies tags in all sexually intact animals. These must be in place by the time of exhibition. It would be easiest for you to have these tags in prior to weigh-in so it can be added to the identification all at one time!

Cost:  
- **County only** - $2.00  
- **County & State Fair** - $7.00

***MEAT GOATS***

The only meat goats that need to come to weigh in are those planning to go to the Iowa State Fair so they can have the verification process completed. This includes market and breeding.

If you have a wether to identify for county fair, it will need a 4-H tag. Those can be purchased at the Extension & Outreach Office and then put in on your own. You will need to identify these goats on 4-H Online.

Does can be identified with a tag or tattoo. The Right Ear must be the Herd Prefix (Ex. “RFB”) and Left Ear = must be an Individual Animal Identifier (Ex. 534). You will need to identify these goats on 4-H Online.

LAMB PROJECTS

If you are looking to get started with a lamb project there are several local producers that have lambs for sale and are willing to help teach beginners how to care for and show lambs. Please contact the Extension and Outreach Office for a list of those producers.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS!!!!

Shooting Sports leader Tim Rolfes has arranged for a series of Air Rifles classes this spring! They will start on Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m. in the Hall of 15 at the Fairgrounds. The first week will focus on safety procedures and possibly some shooting lessons. Classes will continue every Tuesday for at least 8 weeks. 4-H’ers may bring their own equipment or use ours!

On another notes, there is a new State Shooting Sports director who is working with us to provide a leader training in Northwest Iowa this fall. We hope to get some more volunteers trained and then be able to offer more disciplines.
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!
Le Mars Farmer’s Market
Youth Vendor Day
29 June 2019 - 9 to noon

Do you...

- have a vegetable/herb garden?
- like to bake?
- make unique arts and crafts?
- like to teach others how to craft?

Then come to our Youth Vendor Day

- Set up a table and sell your goods/produce (no stall fee)
- Make new friends and share your ideas
- Add real life experience to your projects

Open to kids 16 and under
Must sign a vendor agreement with parent/guardian signature

For more information or to sign up:
Contact Kori Smith @ 712-389-4650 or email @ korismith87@gmail.com (subject line youth day @ LMFM)
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**April Events:**
- 4: County Council Meeting
- 11: Bucket of Junk/Gadgets Sign Up Workshop
- 18: 4-H Youth Meeting
- 23: Dog Project Mtg.
- 29: Horse Project Mtg.

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**May Events:**
- 11: Adopt A Pig Tour
- 27: Memorial Day - Office Closed
- 31: Leader Meeting

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