CLOVERS TO:
• All the 4-H’ers that attended STEM Fest!
• Newly elected 4-H & Youth Committee Officers and Sub-Committee reps:
  Chair: Zach Pratt
  Vice: Alise Allan
  Secretary: Mary Albrecht
  Fairboard: Ryan Schroeder
  Josh Kovarna
  Record Keeping: Linda Schroeder
  Fair: Stephanie Loutsch
  4-H Foundation: Jill Feuerhelm

REMINDER OF LIVESTOCK HOUSING POLICY
If you plan to have a livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry) 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 and have 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 found, 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. Any questions, please contact the Plymouth

DEAR 4-H FAMILY & FRIENDS:
Don’t let all the snow get you down! We have some fun 4-H events planned for the next couple of months!
In March we have a new special poultry project meeting where we are unfolding the “Coop Conspiracy” poultry project, Volleyball Tournament, and have a workshop happening at the Le Mars Arts Council! In April we have Plunge Camp, Sheep Weigh-in, and Food Preservation workshop! See all the details inside the newsletter!
Adopt A Pig will be happening this year! We are still working out final details. The first meeting will be in April. Watch for details in the April Clover Connection.

This is also a good time of year to be checking with your club secretary to make sure that you know where you are at on club meeting attendance. You must have attended at least four club business meetings since September 2018 in order to exhibit at the 2019 Plymouth County Fair. Don’t wait until this summer to realize you are short meetings!
The Lincoln Toppers 4-H Club invites you to their annual Soup and Sandwich Supper on Sunday, March 3 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Hinton Community Hall! It’s all you can eat soup, sandwich, and dessert! Carry out is available!

Sincerely,

Ann Schoenrock
**4-H NEWS**

**YQCA: NEW FSQA—COMPLETED BY JULY 1**

Those members that plan to exhibit beef, swine, sheep, goats, dairy, rabbit, or poultry at a county or state fair this year will need to be certified in YQCA. If a member has previously tested out in FSQA, they are granted certification until that level expires. Example: your current certification says you expire 12/31/2019, you do not have to do anything this 4-H year. Members can check this by logging into their 4-H Online account. Members that need to YQCA certify, can do this by one of three options.

1. Take the online training from your home. You can do this at your own pace. This certifies the member for one year and the cost is $12 per member. Multiple family members cannot do this at the same time.

2. Members can choose to test out when they reach the appropriate age/level which will certify them for the entire level. Junior ages 8-11, Intermediate ages 12-14, Senior ages 15-18 and Young Adult ages 19-21 as of January 1 of the current year. So members can test when they reach 12 and 15 years of age. This will certify them for the three years until they reach the next level. The fee for this will be $36.

3. There is a face to face training option. We have not figured out the date for this training. It will be offered once and it's a cost of $3. That date will be determined later this spring once we get a feel for how many have taken the online option.

We understand that the costs are not feasible for everyone which is why we will offer a face to face training. Those prices are not set by us and fees are not kept here, the YQCA national board uses the funds to keep the online system running.

Go to this site for the instructions on how to log in and get certified:

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/

4-H VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2019 4-H Volleyball Tournament will be on Saturday, March 30 starting at 9:00 a.m. Brackets are enclosed. Teams should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time to play. All members playing must be enrolled in 4-H and sign in when they arrive. A member may only play on one team. Juniors are considered 4-7th grade and seniors 8-12th grade. Juniors may play on a senior team, but seniors cannot play down on a junior team. It needs to be their own club team. If their club does not have a team they may join another, but that first must be approved by the Extension and Outreach Office prior to the event, not the morning of the tournament. No teams can be added to the bracket at this point! Also no practice or shooting hoops in the gym while the tournament is going on as it disrupts the volleyball games! It is greatly appreciated when parents from the club can step in and be line judges! We look forward to a fun day full of great sportsmanship!

Please also support the concession stand! The Grant Clever Clovers will be hosting the stand and will have great treats and goodies throughout the day! They appreciate your business!

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION**

Don’t forget that the Plymouth County 4-H Foundation will accept applications for their scholarship. There will be two $500 scholarships awarded. This is a different application process from the State 4-H Foundation. Please go to the Plymouth County Extension website to find the application form. It will be due on March 4.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next County Council meeting will be on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.
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. We travel by charter bus to Ames and stay on campus where high school youth take part in workshops, community service, motivational speakers, and dances. The event takes place June 25-27, with the bus leaving on the afternoon of the 24th.

One option youth may take part in are 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!

SPECIAL POULTRY PROJECT-DETECTIVES NEEDED! - IT'S A “COOP CONSPIRACY”!
A new Poultry Project is being offered to any 4-H or FFA member in Plymouth County! Those interested in becoming a detective and discovering more about poultry and getting started with a few birds need to check out the “Coop Conspiracy”!
Participants are to attend the meeting on Sunday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office! A registration fee of $16 will enter you in the project. From there 4 birds will be ordered for you from the hatchery. These breeds will be a mystery to you! At the meeting participants will learn how to build a coop, daily care, and what to expect when the birds arrive! These birds will then be exhibited at the Plymouth County Fair and members will have to do some detective work to figure out the breed of birds and present a report at the Poultry show during the fair on what they discovered! I’m so excited about this project, I may have to start my own flock too!

QUESTORS—SPECIAL FAIR EXHIBIT
The Broken Kettle chapter #1510 of Questers International Outstanding Heritage Award was created to honor a Plymouth County 4-H member for a project which supports the mission of preservation, restoration, and education of history.

Exhibits for the award will fit in many 4-H categories such as repair or restoration of tractors, implements, or family heirlooms such as quilts, portraits/photography, sewing or needle arts. It could include a citizenship project which fulfills the Quester mission or motto.

For information about the purpose and motto of Questers go to www.iowaquesters.org Contact Karen Harrington (712.540.7381) or Nancy Tindall (712.551.7680) for ideas, information, or questions.

Criteria for Quester Heritage Award
Entry must be:
• 50 years old or older
• Exhibit quality workmanship
• Include a written history of entry
• Incorporate photographs of the restoration process
• Contain a statement of cost
• Use of authentic materials if possible
• State the provenance and condition of the entry
• Tell the significance of entry and how it will be used
• Give explanation of any assistance

Winner of the Award will be asked to give a program/presentation on their project for their monetary $50.00 stipend.

LE MARS ARTS COUNCIL HOSTS 4-H EVENTS
We will once again partner up with the Le Mars Arts Council to offer workshops for 4-H’ers! The first one will be on March 16 from 1-3 p.m. at the Arts Center. It will be a knitting class. Participants will leave with a dish cloth and extra yarn to practice more at home. The cost will be $25/person. To register for any of these workshops please call or email the Arts Council at (712) 546-7476 or lemarsarts@frontiernet.net
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!

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Josh Kovarna     David Sitzmann    Rebecca Easton
Stephanie Loutsch   Kourtney Miller

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. Registration details will
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- **IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY** Extension and Outreach
The goal is to use the items in the bucket to create a welded sculpture or lawn art piece.

Registration Deadline: April 12, 2019

Junk Distribution: June 6, 2019
Pick up at the 4-H Building on fairgrounds
Limited to first 30 participants

⇒ 4-H’ers can clean, sand, glue, weld, cut, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish the items that are provided, but no other pieces can be added.

⇒ Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the 4-H’ers exhibit write-up.

⇒ Buckets will be numbered and distributed using a random drawing.

⇒ 4-H’ers will enter their exhibits on Monday, July 22 at the 4-H Building. Exhibits are not eligible for state fair.

The goal is to use the items create an art piece that resembles steampunk.

Initial gadgets/gears list deadline: April 12, 2019

Junk Distribution: June 6, 2019
Pick up at the 4-H Building on fairgrounds
Enter in class on Fairentry by July 18th, 2019

Register to Janelle Johnson (janelle@iastate.edu) or by calling the

⇒ This is a partnership with the Le Mars Arts Council. Exhibitors can receive assistance from the Le Mars Arts Council to make the exhibit if needed.

⇒ Participants will need to enter this on Fair Entry and can be entered in any class fair, depending on the participant’s goal and is eligible for state fair if the participant meets age require-
Food Preservation 101:
Introductory Course for Home Food Preservation

Don’t know what to do with your excess garden produce?
Learn guidelines for canning, freezing and dehydrating.

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 6:30—8:30 pm
Location: ISU Extension & Outreach—Plymouth County
251 12th St S.E., LeMars
Cost: $10/household
Register online http://bit.ly/fp12056
Registration deadline, Monday, April 29

Preserving food at home is not difficult, but it does require following research-based procedures and recipes. Even experienced home food preservers will learn the latest recommendations.

For information or questions contact:
ISU Extension—Plymouth County
712-546-7835
xplymouth@iastate.edu

What You’ll Do...
- Be introduced to safe home food preservation methods including canning, dehydrating and freezing.
- Receive food preservation handouts and resources
- See various food preservation supplies and equipment on display
- Learn more about hands-on workshops
- Have your dial gauge for your pressure canner tested for free

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Human Sciences County Extension and Outreach Program.

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