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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

It’s a busy time of year with planting, graduation, and school events! Don’t forget all that’s going on in 4-H! You will need to read this newsletter in its entirety!

Fairbooks will be mailed mid May, be reading those sections carefully! I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jacob Holck on being selected to be on the State 4-H Council.

Be sure to read the information about identification. Get it done early! Our office closes at 4:30 p.m. and we won’t be available all hours of the night to help! Once the system locks…it locks to us as well!

I encourage all 7-9 graders to join me on the Intermediate Trip to Sioux Falls on June 5 and all 8-12 graders to join me at the State 4-H Conference in June!

Also thanks to everyone that helped with Sheep/Meat Goat weigh in and all the families that attended! Your cooperation helps make the day run smoothly!

If you are looking for a project to do for the fair, Bernie Ibanez has inherited a buffet and would like it refinished. She’s hopeful a 4-H’er would take this project on so she can preserve this historic piece of furniture! Please contact her at 712-540-7690.

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Clovers To…
- Jacob on State Council
- Sheep/Meat Goat committees
- Horse and Dog project committee for putting on great informative meetings.
Identifying Your 4-H and FFA Livestock Projects

*PLEASE READ...THERE ARE TWO STEPS TO GET YOUR ANIMALS TO THE FAIR
FIRST IS IDENTIFICATION (DO NOW) AND SECOND IS A FAIR ENTRY (BY JULY 17)

The Livestock Identification process will again be 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 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 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 identification form 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 sheep or meat goats that you weighed-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. If you have to do the paper copy that needs to be in our office by May 15. Start working on identifying your animals now, so if you need assistance we have plenty of time to complete it. We are only available until 4:30 p.m. on May 15! All breeding heifers must be identified by a tattoo! If you have a purebred breeding heifer identified, a copy of the registration papers needs to be sent to the Extension Office as soon as possible. DON’T FORGET THAT YOU NEED TO BE ENROLLED IN 4-H BEFORE YOU CAN IDENTIFY ANY LIVESTOCK!

STATE ID REQUIREMENTS:
• All animals must be owned by the 4-H’er with the exception of horses which may be leased.
• Animals may only be identified by one member with the exception of horses. A horse may be identified by more than one member if the family includes more members than horses.
• Maximum number of animals that can be identified by one member include:
  10 breeding beef, 6 feeder calves, 20 dairy cattle, 20 dairy goats, 4 dogs, 5 horses, 10 meat goats (market wethers), 10 meat goats (breeding does), 30 rabbits, 30 sheep for state fair, 15 sheep for county only, 40 swine for state fair, 40 swine for county only.

FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) Certification

Remember that any member that plans on exhibiting beef, sheep, poultry, swine, dairy, or goats at any 4-H show must be FSQA certified. If you are in grades 7-12 and need to test, please contact the Extension Office to set a time. You can check when you expire on your 4-H Online account! Grades 4-7 must attend a class each year. There are some that were not able to make it to the last class, if you have contacted us your name is already on the list, if you have not contacted, please let us know so that we can be in touch. We will be offering a time to come view the video of the class once school is out.
Swine and Iowa State Fair Swine Weigh-In

Tags are now available to purchase from the Extension Office. Please only buy the number you will need. All tags sold to you will need to be accounted for in a pig’s ear when spot checks are done. Taggers are available to check out, but will have special instructions for disinfecting and returning! If you are eligible to enter the commercial class, you MUST enter a beginning weight the day you identify them. ENTER THAT WEIGHT IN THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BOX! Those that want to identify pigs for state fair need to make an appointment to bring those animals to the Extension Office before May 15.

Market Lambs or Swine for Clay County Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben

4-H members may identify additional lambs or hogs for Ak-Sar-Ben or the Clay County Fair at a later date. If you choose to have additional animals for either of these shows they must be identified under the supervision of Extension Staff. They will go through the verification process on your trailer. We will set up times for you to come to the Extension Office to have this completed.

KEEP IN MIND THAT FEEDER CALVES HAVE TO HAVE DNA SENT IN BY JUNE 15 IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT THEM AT THE AK-SAR-BEN SHOW! CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR MATERIALS.

Dog Project Classes begin

Dog Project Classes will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds starting June 2. If you missed the Dog Project Meeting please pick up a packet of information at the Extension Office. You and your dog will learn a lot of valuable information at these classes!

Crop Project

Members in the Crop Project for the Plymouth County Fair will need to raise two or more acres of soybeans, corn, or other grain. Joel DeJong will then meet with you in your field in July to do a conference judging. The main emphasis will be to learn what is involved in preparing a seed bed, planting, growing, and harvesting a crop. Members need not do all the work, but are expected to have an active role. There is a worksheet you will need to complete for the judging.

Growing Season Webinars

4-H’ers are invited to attend the upcoming Growing Season Webinars at the Plymouth County Extension Office. All webinars are free of cost to all attendees. Sign up today to spark a new Plymouth County Fair Project! To register please call 712-546-7835 or email janelle@iastate.edu.

- Design from Yard to Trough – Monday, June 8th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Water in the Garden – Tuesday, July 7th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Pollinators & Growing Herbs – Monday, August 17th 6:30-8:30

4-H PLEDGE

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Horse Project Classes begin

4-H Horse Clinics will be held on Thursday nights at the LeMars Fairgrounds Arena. They will start at 7:00 p.m. and finish around 8:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 6 pm. Contact Jenny 712-490-9211 or Sheila 712-239-6115 with weather related questions. Members should bring their horses to each clinic if possible! No minimum attendance is required. Helmets need to be worn at all times! If you missed the Horse Project meeting we have that information available at the Extension Office! Also please keep in mind that the fairgrounds arena is not for personal riding use. 4-H insurance only covers you during scheduled 4-H sponsored events, Saddle Club insurance only covers during those sponsored events and the Fairboard insurance is for other scheduled events. None of these organizations are responsible for you on your personal time so they are asking that you not use the arena outside of these scheduled events. So on 4-H Horse clinic nights, you cannot come early to ride on your own, you may begin warming up when the approved 4-H volunteers arrive.

Clinic Schedule:
June 4: Grooming and Showmanship at Halter (Ideas on how to get your horse ready for show and learn quarter system of showing halter) Also no riding of horse this night!
June 11: Walk Trot, Western Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure (Learn basics of how to ride the rail, safe passing, and what to do for these classes)
June 18: Horsemanship (Patterns, Pivots, & Control)
June 25: English
July 9: Western Riding (Specific Patterns & Lead changes)
July 16: Reining
July 23: Trail (Obstacles set up in arena)

Fair King and Queen Candidates Needed!

Application forms, rules, and event dates have been 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 turned in with the application forms. These are due by May 15!

4 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, 2014 – July 17, 2015 to be eligible to exhibit at the 2015 Plymouth County Fair. Please be checking with your club secretary on your attendance if you are unsure. Leaders please be checking and notifying those members so they know what meetings are left for them to attend.

County Council Meeting

The next County Council meeting will be Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will be making plans for the Sneak Peek as well as celebrating the seniors!

4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.
Reminder to all Leaders…

If you are a club organizational or assistant leader and you did not attend the state required training, you must make that up. The make up course is online at www.extension/iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining.edu and click on enroll in course under the Heart of Belonging. These needs to be completed ASAP!

Leader’s Meeting

All club leaders are encouraged to attend the Leader’s Training on May 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office! This meeting will consist of all fair information. You will be able to pick up your forms, sign up for hostessing the 4-H Building, and we’ll review lots of instructions for the Plymouth County Fair and review the fair entry system.

Plywood Busters Shooting Sports

The Plywood Busters are currently offering archery on Tuesday nights at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds. It begins at 7:00 p.m. in Century Hall. Anyone in grades 4-12 is invited to attend! Archery will be held through May 19. Following archery, Air Rifle will begin. It will run from May 26-June 30, 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Anyone in grades 4-12 is encouraged to attend. You do not have to have any equipment! It is helpful to have the enrollment completed online before attending the first class! Contact the Extension Office if you need assistance!

Iowa State 4-H Youth Conference…June 30-July 2

Registration materials are available for the 2015 State 4-H Conference in Ames: Dare to Discover. The conference will take place June 30-July 2. We will be leaving on a chartered bus on Monday afternoon, June 29. There will be an additional charge for the extra night stay which will be collected on the bus as we arrive. 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 $175. The 4-H & Youth Committee and the Plymouth County 4-H Foundation will each be giving $25 scholarships towards the registration fee for any Plymouth County 4-H member attending! Clubs could consider giving scholarships of their own members also! They will be offering tracks in regular conference workshops, Animal Science Round up, CSI Crops, and Shooting Sports. You had to already have applied to attend the livestock track. Let’s pack the bus...we usually have one of the largest delegations there! Let’s continue the tradition! 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, make the payment to the Extension Office. Once your payment is received your registration will be approved. If you do not have internet access we do have a paper copy. To avoid a late fee complete the registration and turn your payment in to the Extension Office by May 31. All 4-H members should make checks payable to the Plymouth County Extension Office for $125 and the scholarships will cover the rest. Non members should also make their checks out to us but for $175.

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Preserve the Taste of Summer

4-H members who would like to learn how to make and preserve jams/jellies to use as an exhibit at the Plymouth County Fair should consider registering for the “Preserve the Taste of Summer” on-line course and hands-on workshop. Along with an adult, the 4-H member will take the required on-line course through ISU Extension and Outreach for $35. After completing the courses, Renee Sweers, ISU Extension Nutrition Health Specialist will work with participants at the hands-on workshop preserving jams/jellies on June 23rd from 5:30-9:30 pm at the Le Mars Bible Church. 4-H members and an adult would pay only one registration fee. After the workshop, 4-H’ers will leave with a preserved fair project for the 2015 Plymouth County Fair! Recommended age for this class is for members finishing 7th-12th grade. To sign up for the online class please visit http://www.extension.iastate.edu/registration/events/conferences/preservation/ and choose Home Food Preserver and then call Renee Sweers at 712-276-2157 to sign up for the hands-on workshop by June 16th. For more information please contact the Plymouth County Extension Office at 712-546-7835.

New Class at the Fair...DEFINED STEM:

Improving the Local Economy

Do you want to help your local economy? Are you interested in learning how to increase the demand for local products? Then the 2015 Defined STEM: “Improving the local economy” fair class is for you.

The Defined STEM: “Improving the local economy” fair class gives you the chance to explore the issues surrounding the current trend of farms going out of business and launch an advertising campaign to increase the demand for local agricultural products. As a member of this team, you will need to complete at least one of the following fair exhibits.

- Advertisement – Create an advertisement or video promoting the economic, environmental, and health benefits of buying local agricultural products.
- Cost Analysis – Conduct research on the cost differences between organic and traditional farming or conduct research on the quality and price differences of locally grown products versus those grown farther away.
- Informational Brochure – Create a brochure describing the environmental and health benefits of buying local products.
- Multimedia presentation – Create a multimedia presentation showing the major crops grown in Iowa and information about each.

More information on the Defined STEM: Culinary Artist fair class can be found at: http://www.definedstem.com. Once on the website, click on “Student Assignments” in the top right corner of the screen and enter “6WGXN7” as a log-in code. A copy of the class is also available at the Plymouth County Extension and Outreach Office.

Defined STEM, one of the Iowa Governor’s STEM Hub Grant programs, allows you as a 4-H’er to combine online learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics with your 4-H project learning. “Improving the local economy” is just one of the four Defined STEM classes that will be offered at the 2015 Plymouth County Fair.
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Trip for Intermediate 4-H’ers

We are excited to once again offer a fantastic trip exclusively for Intermediate 4-H’ers (currently in grades 7-9)! All Intermediate 4-H’ers are encouraged to spend a fun-filled day with your friends in Sioux Falls! On Friday, June 5 we will be traveling by charter bus to see some of the exciting sites of Sioux Falls. Some stops on the trip will be to the Great Plains Zoo, the Sertoma Butterfly House and Marine Cove where we will walk with over 800 free flying butterflies in the tropical butterfly house and see hundreds of vibrant marine animals in 2,500 gallons of aquariums and a touch tank. Lunch will be at your own cost at the Cracker Barrel. The Kirby Science Discovery Center is always a highlight as you discover three floors of cool hands on science experiments, ride inside a tornado simulator, go wall climbing, or fly a space shuttle. We will then head to SkyZone for the indoor trampoline park! Following supper we’ll head to Catfish Bay where will we will see the greatest show on water which will include amazing high flying trick water skiing! All of these stops have websites you should check out!

A registration form is enclosed and also available on our website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth/4h. The cost is only $65 per 4-H’er which will include admission to all sites, transportation, and supper. Only one bus will be going so it is on a first come, first serve basis. Get your form returned to the Plymouth County Extension Office ASAP! They are due by Friday, May 24.

This is a trip you won’t want to miss! We will need chaperones too and chaperones don’t pay!
4-H’ER OFFERING A CLUB CHALLENGE!

Hello, my name is Isabelle Kessenich and I am a member of the Lincoln Toppers 4-H Club. I am the daughter of Chris and Dawn Kessenich of Kingsley, Iowa. My mom, Dawn has had the privilege of being on the Life Skills Board. As some of you may know, the Life Skills Board holds a quilt auction on Saturday of the Plymouth County Fair. Last year the board lost a number of quilters so we are in desperate need of more quilters. I would like to challenge all 4Her’s to sew a quilt for the Life Skills Quilt Auction, maybe even tackle this as a club project. We can only accept quilts, no tie blankets, but baby quilts are acceptable. Please contact me at 712-540-7834 if you or your club would like to take part or have any questions or need some assistance getting started. I would also be willing to come to your club and explain more about the project!

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE ART CENTER

FOR 4-H’ERS!

Karol Holton would like to help 4-H members do a pottery related for a fair entry. She was an art teacher for over 30 years and is a tenure 4-H’er! She will work with you on balance, color choices, etc. as well as help in doing the write up required for the fair entry on the design elements. The cost would only be the price of the pottery and she would provide her service for free. Here at the Arts Center we have a “Paint Your Own Pottery” area where participants can come in and choose a piece, we provide the paint, brushes, etc and after they paint it, we glaze it and fire it. The Arts Center mostly stock small items such as mugs, plates, bowls, small banks and animals ranging in price from $7.50 per piece to $15 per piece, but can get larger items on request with at least a weeks notice for shipping. If anyone is interested, they can contact Judy Marienau at lemarsarts@frontiernet.net or (712) 546-7476 and she will arrange a time with Karol. A time can be arranged that is most suitable for your schedules and it doesn’t need to take place during gallery hours.

In addition, the center has 2 pottery wheels (one foot and one electric) and a kiln and always have clay on hand. Whether it be a hand molded sculpture or thrown pot on the wheel but no one at the Center has any experience with the wheels!! You would have to know how to work them on their own. There is a charge for the clay and wheel studio time is $10 per hour. It will be fired at no cost.
Looking for something to do this summer?
Take an exciting fun filled trip to Sioux Falls with other Plymouth Co. 4-H’ers!

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH
Registration form & $65 due Wednesday, May 27 to the Plymouth Co. Extension Office.
Fee includes charter bus, fees to all activities & supper!
Kids will need to pay for own lunch at the Cracker Barrel.

Trip Details to be mailed after May 27.

The day includes stops at:
- Sertoma Butterfly House & Marine
- Kirby Science Discovery Center
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park
- Great Plains Zoo
- Catfish Bay...Greatest Show on Water
- Kids will need to pay for own lunch at the Cracker Barrel.

INTERMEDIATE 4-H TRIP
(Pre-registration and pre-payment payable to Ply. Co. Extension are required by 5/27.)
Trip Details to be mailed after May 27.

Name:_________________________________________________ Grade:____
Address:_________________________________City:______________Zip:__________
Phone: _________________ Email Address: ________________________________ Gender: M or F

Cost is $65.00 per 4-H’er (make checks payable to Plymouth Co. Extension)

_____ Yes! My parent is interested in chaperoning this 4-H trip!

Money must accompany registration form.

Send by May 27th: Plymouth County Extension Questions?? Call Ann at 712-546-7835
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