



SEPTEMBER 2011 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

The 2011 Woodbury County Fair is over. Thank you to all the 4-H volunteers who help make the fair a success! I hope that 4-H families had a great fair.

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Here are 3 important tips to help 4-H families for next year:

- **Attend 4-H club meetings.** 4-H member should be attending meetings and parents are always welcomed. If you miss a meeting contact the leader to find out what you missed.
- **Read the 4-H Scene.** The *4-H Scene* has important information such as due dates, workshops and upcoming events. Then put important information somewhere that is easy for you to remember.
- **Read the rules in the fair book.** From some of the questions we receive, if 4-H families take some time to read through the department's rules, it will help the 4-H member know what is required and help them prepare their projects for fair.

For more information on having a successful 4-H year – see the article “Helpful Hints for a Successful Year” in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.

Next year's fair is August 1-5, July 30 will be the 4-H Building Judging and July 31 will be livestock entry.

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4-H Enrollment Information for 2011-2012

New and exciting news...the Woodbury County Farm Bureau and the Woodbury County Extension Council will each contribute \$5 towards the enrollment fee, so that 4-H members in Woodbury County will only need to pay a \$20 enrollment fee. All 4-H'ers enrolled in 4-H last year will need to enter online on or before December 15 (after that date the fee will be \$30). Youth new to 4-H will need to enroll by May 15; their fee will be kept at \$20. Thank you, Woodbury County Farm Bureau and the Woodbury County Extension Council!

Enrolling in 4-H OnLine

Last year 4-H Families did a good job of enrolling on-line. Before families can enroll on-line this year, each 4-H family will receive a postcard in the mail with the family e-mail listed on the postcard.

If your e-mail has changed, you will need to send an update of your new email to our office, before families will be able to go online.

Youth that are new to 4-H will received paper forms (enrollment forms, medical forms and code of conduct) from your 4-H leader. This is a change from last year. Our office will enter the data for first time 4-H members.

The 4-H Program Fee

New and exciting news...Woodbury County Farm Bureau and the Woodbury County Extension Council will each contribute \$5 towards the enrollment fee, 4-H members in Woodbury County will only need to pay the \$20 enrollment fee.

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The 4-H program fee helps to support:

- 24,000 youth with opportunities to develop their interests in topics from astronomy to wildlife in club environments.
- 87,000 youth in short term experiences on a variety of topics, with the opportunity for them to join in long-term activities in club environments.
- Hands-on real life experiences for youth.
- More than 11,000 youth and adult volunteers who give their time to keep the 4-H program alive and strong in Iowa.
- County and regional youth staff with resources (training and materials) to help the local program
- Innovative clubs and activities (such as Shooting sports, cooking clubs, "Stitch This", online clubs, and others).
- Volunteer and judges training using new technologies.
- Groups of volunteers, staff and adults with the planning and implementation of statewide events and activities.
- County staff with orientation, training and possible supervision.
- Youth leadership empowerment activities.
- Research based information to the local community on youth development and youth issues.
- User friendly web-pages for youth and volunteers.
- Regional and statewide partnership development that will enhance local youth programming.
- Opportunities for leadership development and practice.
- Training for adults on how to work with youth as partners.
- Regional and state programs.

A few suggestions to help with the fee: a gift from a grandparent, have a club fund-raiser, club treasury could pay for part of fee (if approved by club members) or a club can ask a business in their community to help support this fee. The Iowa 4-H program does have financial assistance for families who may need help with the 4-H enrollment fee. Every child who wants to join 4-H should be able to participate.

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4-Hers Making the Best Better

4-H Members who exhibited at the Iowa State Fair

Congratulations to ALL the 4-H Exhibitors at this year's county fair! There were many outstanding exhibits, but best of all are the Woodbury County 4-H members! Woodbury County 4-H'ers who exhibited at the Iowa State Fair in Communications, 4-H Building, Clothing Events and Livestock Animals:

Alexandra Babcock
Justin Beeson
Bailey Benton
Kiley Boeshart
Kaitlyn Brady
MaKenna Carver
Taylor Christensen
Jimmy Cockburn
Cody Conover
Cole Coover
Cassidy Corey
Heather Donner
Karissa Fjeldheim
Dan Glover
Kathleen Glover
Megan Glover
James Goodin
Tyler Hansen
William Herbold
Danielle Hinrickson
Adrianna Junck
Hailey Klaschen

Natasha Lewis
Natalie Lord
Sophia Lord
Tess Lord
Libby Markham
Patrick McGowan
Sheryl McGowan
Brady Meister
Carly Meister
Megan Meister
Nicole Morgan
Kelsey Orr
Tyler Paulsen
Brianna Pearson
Tyler Perez
Brandee Peterson
Bailey Peterson
Matthew Powell
Alex Pulford
Michaela Ramm
Casey Reyman
Jessica Riediger

Houston Scheer
James Schram
Kelli Schram
Drew Schramm
Kaitlyn Stewart
Alec Still
Halle Still
Kari Swanson
Trina Swanson
Dillon Weaver
Brittany Weber
Kalli Weber
Amy Widman
Emily Widman
Austin Wilcox
Christopher Witt
Matthew Wright
Braden Zimmerman

4-H'ers who will be exhibiting at the Clay County Fair September 10 -18:

Livestock & Animals: Summer Beery, Justin Beeson, Bailey Benton, Karli Durst, Austin Hazard, Judd Hoy, Tyler Hoy, Erin Johnson, Austin Ketelsen, Hailey Klaschen, Kyler Lewis, Nathaniel Morgan, Cameron O'Connell, Tyler O'Connell, Bailey Petersen, Brandee Petersen, Alexandria Pulford, Dillon Weaver, Austin Williamson

Consumer Judging Contest:

Junior Team: Tanner Beaulieu, Kelsey Jones, Jessica Kratz and Patrick McGowan
the alternate is Kari Swanson
Senior Team: Karissa Fjeldheim, Katie Glover, Natlie Lord, Trina Swanson
the alternate is Claire Schaefer

Communications: Alexandra Babcock, Ann Babcock, Tess, Lord, Sheryl McGowan, Carly Meister, Alley Self and Kari Swanson

4-H members exhibiting at Ak-Sar-Ben September 22– 25

Summer Beery, Justin Beeson, Bailey Benton, Cody Conover, Austin Hazard, Adrianna Junck, and Bailey Petersen.

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2011-2012 4-H County Council

The 2011-2012 4-H County Council members are

Kaitlyn Brady
Merrill Brady
Braden Christensen
Tommy Dirks
Megan Glover
James Goodin

Christie Hammack
Judd Hoy
Natalie Lord
Jared McCoy
Megan Meister
John Nelson

Jessi Riediger
Mark Rippke
Brandon Sitzmann
Cody Williams
Amy Widman
Emily Widman

If you have ideas on what you would like this group to plan, please contact them. Last year they planned the 4-H Holiday, 4-H Halloween Party, 4-H Regional Lock-in, and helped with various recruitment events.

4-H Market Beef Weigh-in January 7, 2012

Market steers and market heifers that are exhibited at county fair, state fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, Clay County Fair or other area 4-H events must be weighed and identified. **If you are purchasing animals, be sure to ask the producer to fill out a COOL affidavit for your records!**

When: Saturday, January 7, 2011
(snow date set for Saturday January 14)

Time: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Where: Kingsley Livestock Pavilion
(The former Bleil and Chapman Auction Barn)
Located north of Merville on D-12

Cost: County Only - \$1.50

County/State - \$5.00

County, State & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$6.00

4-H'ers/FFA members in the same family must decide before the animals are weighed, which animal each youth plans to exhibit. After the animal is weighed, no switching is allowed. 4-H'ers may weigh six market animals. Animals must be identified as 4-H or FFA, but cannot be identified as both 4-H/FFA.

Identification forms (ID Forms) will be available to fill out at the weigh-in. The ID Form may be filled out during weigh-in.

Please Note: 4-H members who plan to exhibit market beef at the Iowa State Fair will need to be enrolled in 4-H by December 15. This will make sure that your enrollment data is in 4-H OnLine before the Beef Weigh-in.

Our office will enter the data from the Market Beef ID forms in 4-H OnLine soon after the January 7 weigh-in.

4-H'ers members will then have until January 15 to verify the beef animals they identified for State Fair in 4-H OnLine.

Fall Shooting Sports

We are very excited to offer our fall shooting sports sessions to all 4-H members! Did you know that you can also join a specialty club? Woodbury County 4-H members can join the shooting sports club also! We have a brand new shooting range set up & ready to use! Fall classes will include Air Rifle and Archery and are open to the first 12 4-H'ers that register. To register your 4-H'er please contact Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu or 712-276-2157

Air Rifle | Tuesdays, September 13th - October 18th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Midtown Family Community Center, 14th & Nebraska, Sioux City

Archery | Wednesdays, September 14th - October 19th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Midtown Family Community Center, 14th & Nebraska, Sioux City

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Celebrate National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2011

It's not too early to start planning for National 4-H Week.

To get you started here are a few ideas.

- Start making a poster on Joining 4-H to hang in your school (be sure to ask for permission).
- Decorate a bulletin board at school or church.
- Have a 4-H Find Out in your community; it's a good time to display your fair projects.
- Distribute cookies to donors to 4-H, businesses or people who helped you at the fair.
- Hand out green & white jelly beans to classmates.
- Write a thank you note to your 4-H leaders and others who helped you get ready for fair.
- Plan a day that your club can share your fair projects with others.
- Plan a community service and wear a 4-H T-shirt.
- Tell your friends about the fun you have in 4-H.

Helpful Hints for a Successful year!

Next year's Woodbury County Fair will be held August 1-5, 2012. It's not too early to start planning your goals and preparing for next year's fair. Here is some important information to help you get a good start on the new 4-H year!

- **Attend Club Meetings** If you missed a meeting you will be missing important information to help you throughout the 4-H year and for the fair. Be a part of your club volunteer for committees or help put chairs away and attend activities. If you are an officer, it's your responsibility to take that office seriously. Parents are always invited to meetings and be Sure to offer your help to the 4-H leaders.
- **Workshops** Volunteers and staff work hard to have helpful and fun workshops. These workshops are scheduled throughout the year. Imagine how disappointed we are when only a few 4-H'ers show interest or when we have to cancel workshops due to low interest.
- **Read the 4-H Scene** Due dates and deadlines are never kept a secret. The due dates and deadlines can be found in the *4-H Scene*. *The 4-H Scene* newsletter is sent to every family.
- **Woodbury County Fair book** Keep this year's fair book as a reference as you set your project goals for next year. The 2012 fair book will be out next May. The 2011 fair book can also be found online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/> and click on Kids and Teens/4-H. If you are interested in a project area, thoroughly read the rules and guidelines for that department. If there is a website listed, go to that site and look over the information.
- **Websites** The Woodbury County Extension website is: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/> and click on Kids and Teens/4-H or check out the State 4-H Website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/> both these sites are extremely helpful. The Project Hot Sheets can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects> -start exploring projects you are interested.

By attending your 4-H meetings, reading the *4-H Scene*, reading the fair rules in the department you will be interested in, exploring projects on the websites and attending workshops you will have a successful 4-H year!

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Celebrating 4-H Leaders' Meeting

The Fall 2011 4-H Leaders Meeting on October 10, 2011, will celebrate the Woodbury County 4-H program. We will celebrate our past successes and plan for future growth. Results from a survey of Woodbury County 4-H'ers will be shared. Bring your ideas and suggestions on recruiting and retaining members and any questions that you may have. Join us on October 10 as we celebrate Woodbury County 4-H.

Fall Leaders Meeting

Monday, October 10th, 7:00 p.m.
Merville Methodist Church | Merville, IA

Recipes and Resources for Food Preservation

The Woodbury County Fair is over and some 4-H'ers are already busy with their food preservation exhibits for next year's county fair. As you can those vegetables, fruits, salsas, etc., make sure that you are using recipes and procedures approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Those recipes have been tested and will result in safe and delicious food. Check out Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Food Preservation website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/healthnutrition/food/resources.htm> for links to approved recipes. Please note that only recipes that have been tested and approved by the USDA will be allowed to be displayed at the county fair. If you have questions, you can contact the Woodbury County Extension Office or Brenda Welch at bwelch@iastate.edu

Join Flavors of Northwest Iowa for a Culinary Tour



Experience "farm to fork" exploring locally grown culinary sensations from Loess Hills farms. Tour and taste your way through Kim Alexander's beef and pastured poultry farm near Smithland and Family Farms Produce vegetable farm near Castana. The flavors will culminate with a wine tasting and hog roast at Timber Ridge Winery. Entertainment and delicious samples will be provided throughout the day. The bus leaves from and returns to Sioux City, IA. Treat your taste buds to fresh Iowa foods by signing up today!

Cost to attend is \$40 per person. Register by September 9th by contacting the Woodbury County Extension office at (712) 276-2157 or visit www.flavorsofnorthwestiowa.org for more information.

Loess Hills Culinary Tour: September 18, 1:00-7:00 p.m.
Meet at the Woodbury County Extension Office

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Calendar



SEPTEMBER

- September 10-18** Clay County Fair (4-H Livestock entries were due July 15)
- September 18** 4-H County Council Meeting, 5:00—Bronson Shelter House
- September 22-25** Ak-Sar-Ben (4-H Entries were due Friday, August 12 to Woodbury County Extension)

OCTOBER

- October 2-8** National 4-H Week
- October 10** Celebration of 4-H, 4-H Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Merville Methodist Church in Merville, Iowa
- October 13** 4-H and Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville
- October 19** 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office
- October 23** 4-H Halloween Party, 5:30—Woodbury County Fairgrounds 4th-6th graders

FUTURE DATES

- November 14** 4-H Holiday 7:00-8:30pm (location tbd)
- January 7, 2012** 4-H Market Beef Weigh-in, Kingsley Livestock Pavilion, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
- March 10, 2012** New 4-H Leader Training at the Extension office in Sioux City
- July 30, 2012** 4-H Building Judging Day, Varried Industries Building, Woodbury County Fairgrounds
- July 31, 2012** 4-H Fair Livestock Entry, Woodbury County Fairgrounds
- August 1-5, 2012** Woodbury County Fair, Woodbury County Fairgrounds

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