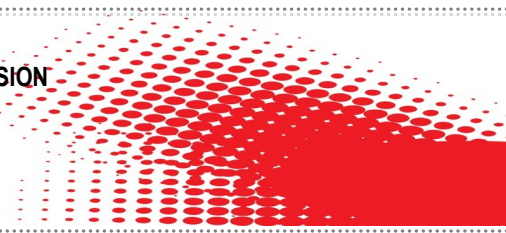




DECEMBER 2011 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

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Giving recognition to 4-H members is important. Members receive recognition in a variety of ways, club meetings, 4-H events, county fair and through their project work. Applying for 4-H project awards are an opportunity to tell others about your accomplishments.

County Award Information – Due March 1

4-H members can apply for county awards and special awards. In this issue of the *4-H Scene* is the county award application. Your 4-H Leader will need to see your application(s) before they are turned into the office on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

In last month's *4-H Scene* was the "Woodbury County Project Award Guidelines" – this form was revised last year. It tells the 4-H'er what is required to receive a green, blue or purple award for 4-H'ers in 4 – 8 grades; and bronze, silver, or gold award for 4-H'ers in 9 – 12 grades. 4-H award information is available on web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm>

Also, see information for State Awards in this issue of the *4-H Scene*. Applications due February 1.

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State Awards Information – Due February 1

4-H members who are in grades 9 – 12 will want to check out the State Recognition website at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>

This site has information about all of the opportunities to apply for as well as links for the application materials. State awards include:

Project Awards, Congress and National Conference and opportunities for State Council, and Tech Team.

You'll notice for each opportunity, there is a link that explains what they're applying for and a link to the actual application that includes a cover sheet and application questions.

You will fill out the application on the web.

Applications are due February 1 to the state 4-H office. Interviews will be held in Ames on

Saturday, March 24 (if you are not able to attend the interview, the state will make other arrangements – no excuses not to apply!).

4-H Recognition for State and County Awards

Recognition on the State level changed last year as to when applications are due and when interviews will be held.

4-H'ers will send their applications for State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Iowa Tech Team and State Council directly to the State 4-H Office.

State Awards: there is no longer an area level.

Applications will be due February 1 to the State 4-H Office. Interviews will be held on March 24 in Ames. If 4-H'ers are unable to attend the March 24 interviews in Ames, you will still be able to participate. Information is available at the state 4-H website located at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm> or look for information in the *4-H Scene*.

4-H County Award applications will still be done the same. This includes a 1 to 5 page application on a project area (or a 10 minute audio or video). Your 4-H leader will need to look over your application before the due date. County 4-H applications will be due Thursday, March 1, 2012 to the Woodbury County Extension office.

4-H'ers in grades 9 – 12 may want to apply for special awards. Those are Project Achievement (grades 10, 11 or 12 and must have receive a gold award in the project area); Danforth (grade 11), Merit (grade 11 & 12) and Outstanding Graduated Senior.

Need Help with your County Award Application?

Woodbury County 4-H members have done so much in their projects that we want you to be recognized for your achievements. The 4-H Recognition Team would like more 4-H'ers to apply for county awards and recognition. If you don't know how to start or have questions the members of the 4-H recognition team will be available to mentor 4-H

members. Members who can help are: Debby McCoy, Debbie Wilcox, Julie Goodin, Amy Widman, Elizabeth Widman, Natalie Lord, Eileen Lord, Susan Redenius, and Cheryl Zobel.

Contact Lujean at the Extension office for contact information of the above members.

COOL and 4-H Livestock

What 4-H'ers Need to Do: The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit can be found at the State 4-H Livestock webpage – look under the COOL information:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/>

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill out the affidavit and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along

with other documents (birth records, purchase/sales receipts, etc.) .

4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others must have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

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ISU Computer Science Computational Thinking Competition

The Department of Computer Science at ISU is hosting its annual [Computational Thinking Competition](http://www.cs.iastate.edu/ctcworkshops.shtml).

This is a project-based competition. All Iowa students in grades K-12 are eligible to participate through their schools, 4-H clubs, or in association with any public/civic organization. Go to <http://www.cs.iastate.edu/ctc.shtml> to learn more.

Students may participate as individuals or in teams. Categories for participation are:

A: Elementary School (Grades K-5)

B: Middle School (Grades 6-8)

C: High School (Grades 9-12)

Pre-registration is **REQUIRED** by email

to: allscience@iastate.edu on or before **March 30, 2012**.

There is no entry fee required to take part in the competition.

Organizations may register multiple teams in one email.

Computational Thinking Workshops

(<http://www.cs.iastate.edu/ctcworkshops.shtml>) will be held for students and advisors to gain a better understanding of what computational thinking is, and work on some sample projects. Advance registration for workshops should be done 1 week prior to the workshop you plan to attend, by sending an email to:

allscience@iastate.edu.

These workshops and the competition are free!

Students will have space to demonstrate their projects prior to judging by Iowa State University faculty. First, second and third place prizes for winners of each category will be awarded. All students will take home a participation gift from the contest. Additional information about prizes, campus location, and event schedule will be available after the pre-registration date.

New 4-H Judges Workshop

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H exhibit judge, mark your calendar for January 19, 2012. A fun filled informational training is being planned to learn how to evaluate, educate and encourage young people during county fair conference judging. It will be held in Hartley, Iowa at the Methodist Church.

This training will be delivered by Iowa State University Extension Youth Program Specialists, current 4-H Judges,

and youth. After completion of the training your name will be entered in the statewide 4-H Judge's Database. Instruction in Creative Arts, Family & Consumer Science, Ag & Natural Resources, Personal Development, Science, Engineering and Technology judging will be covered.

Contact the O'Brien County Extension office if you are interested in attending: **Phone:** (712) 957-5045 or

E-mail: xobrien@iastate.edu

New Volunteer Training for all 4-H volunteers and Clover Kids volunteers

The New Volunteer training is open to any new 4-H volunteer who has been volunteering for 4-H from a brand-new leader to 3 to 4 years. Not just for club leaders but for anyone wanting to attend this volunteer training from committee members, project leaders or potential new volunteers.

There will be in training in Sioux City on Saturday, March 10 from 9:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Family Midtown Community Center at 14 & Nebraska. Other trainings will be held in Ankeny on Feb. 11 or 18, Atlantic on March 17, Fairfield on March 24 and Nashua on March 24.

The Training will cover needs of youth, resources to support volunteers, why YOU are important. Break out session for Clover Kid leaders and another break out session for 4-H volunteers who work with 4-12 graders.

Registration will be open 3 weeks before the training, for the Sioux City site that should be by mid-February.

Registration information is available at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/>

at the bottom of the page under "trainings." If you are planning to attend please let Lujean Faber know and she will send you the registration link when it is up and running for March 10. Contact her at: faber@iastate.edu or (712) 276-2157.

This will be a great opportunity! You will meet other leaders throughout the region. Make sure to put Saturday, March 10 on your calendar!

Check out the flier in this issue of the 4-H Scene!

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Winter Sports & Special Coverage

When planning any event it is always important to think about any potential risks and how adults can make an area or event safer for 4-H members. Even though we don't have snow yet, 4-H Clubs may be planning sledding parties, ice-skating parties or other outdoor winter activities. With winter activities there needs to be extra precautions taken and the proper paperwork is completed. Here is what you will need to do while your club members are in the planning stages of their event: Contact Lujean Faber at the Extension office with the date of the event and the address of the winter event. All the medical forms need to be filled out and on file at our office and 4-H leaders need to have copies of the medical forms. If you cannot get them online, let the office know. Lujean will send you a waiver forms that will specific to your event. The date and location of the event must also be reported.

Each 4-H'er and parent will need to sign the waivers **before** the event. The Leader will give those signed waiver forms to the extension office to be filed once the event is done.

Lujean will need to know the approximate number of members so that special insurance can be obtained. It's 15 cents per member—

the minimum will be \$4.00 per day (the club will need to reimburse the extension office). After the event, the exact number of participants need to be reported. Please plan ahead – Lujean is not always in the office to help Leaders with the details.

If there is an accident:

The leader needs to fill out a Iowa 4-H Program Incident/Injury report (you should have these forms on file, if you don't contact Lujean). Contact the Extension office, ask for Lujean or if Lujean is not available ask for Adrienne Jansen and let us know about the incident/injury.

Lujean will send a claims report that will need to be filled out by the 4-H Leader. It's very important that all this gets done. It's not hard to do, but just takes a little time and preplanning.

4-H Leaders will need to contact Lujean whenever the club has a special event planned. Not all events will need the extra paperwork but you will need an OK from Lujean, email Lujean at: faber@iastate.edu. If you don't hear back from Lujean contact the Woodbury county Extension Office at (712) 276-2157.

4-H leaders please keep this information for future reference.

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

4-H members and FFA students who have 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, 2012

Time: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

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

Snow date: Saturday, January 14, 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Cost: County Only - \$1.50

County/State - \$5.00

County, State & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$10.00*

County, State & FFA - \$7.00

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. FFA members are ineligible to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben. FFA members wanting to exhibit at state fair will need to contact their FFA advisors for forms and due dates.

Identification forms (ID forms) will be available to fill out at the weigh-in. All ID forms must be filled out completely and correctly.

The ID form MUST be filled out and turned in during weigh-in. Forms not turned in during the weigh-in will make the animals ineligible to be exhibited. All market beef identification

forms will be entered on line by staff and then the 4-H families will need to approve.

Exhibiting Market Beef at State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben:

Please note: 4-H'ers planning to exhibit a market beef animal at the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must have the verification process completed. Woodbury County will be doing retinal imaging this year for state fair. Ak-Sar-Ben animals will also have their DNA collected, but no noseprints. 4-H'ers will have to decide at weigh-in if they plan to exhibit market beef and/or market heifers at the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben.

For State Fair Animals: If parent and/or 4-H'er is not going to be at the weigh-in, the parent and/or 4-H'er must sign waiver forms. The waiver forms then need to be brought to the weigh-in with the person bringing the calf. The forms must be requested from the Extension office before weigh-in or go to the following web-site and click on Member & Parental Agreements: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/LivestockID.htm> - located on the right-hand side under weigh-in information.

Important information if planning to show at State Fair:

If the animal is going to be exhibited in a breed class the breed, the tattoo number, and sire name/registration number must be on the identification at weigh-in. Otherwise the animal will not be able to be exhibited in the breed class at the Iowa State Fair. State fair entries are due July 1, 2012.

FSQA: If you plan to exhibit at county fair, state fair, Clay County or Ak-Sar-Ben you will need to attend a Food Quality Safety Assurance (FSQA) Workshop or test out. FSQA workshops will be held in Woodbury, no dates have been set.

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Join 4-H's Training Program for New 4-H Volunteers

Join 4-H Volunteers across Iowa to develop your volunteer skills and fill your volunteer toolbox! Select one of the seminar dates and sites below that fits your schedule. (all dates except September 25 are on a Saturday)

Sept. 25	Solon	1:00 - 7:00	March 10	Sioux City	9:30 - 3:30
Nov. 12	Creston	9:30 - 3:30	March 17	Atlantic	9:30 - 3:30
Nov. 12	Emmetsburg	9:30 - 3:30	March 24	Fairfield	9:30 - 3:30
Nov. 19	Waterloo	9:30 - 3:30	March 24	Nashua	9:30 - 3:30
Feb. 11 or 18	Ankeny	9:30 - 3:30			

Seminar Agenda

- ◆ Understanding Iowa's 4-H Equation
 - ◆ The Needs of Youth
 - ◆ The Essential Elements

"My intimidation of working with youth was eliminated. I realized I had knowledge to give about things I never considered before."

- ◆ Experiential Education
- ◆ Outcomes of the 4-H Experience
- ◆ Resources to support volunteers

"My volunteer experience has helped me both professionally and with my family. I seem to look at kids in a different light and try to encourage all to be the best that they can be."

Volunteers for youth 4th—12th Grade
Breakout

- ◆ Youth/Adult Partnerships
- ◆ Club Management
- ◆ Goal setting in clubs and projects
- ◆ Why you are important!

Registration for each location will open 3 weeks before the training date. Contact your county Extension office now and let them know which location you plan on attending. The county office will provide you with the registration link when it is ready.

"It has given me insight into the lives of young people, and every time I work with these young people, I'm inspired by what they can accomplish. They renew my spirit."

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4-H Opportunities

4-H Scholarship Information

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship. We know it's not easy to finance a college education and know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals.

The 4-H scholarship program offers scholarships totaling over \$100,000 in financial aid for Iowa youth. Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$5000. There are even scholarships for current college students and students in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Check eligibility guidelines carefully as many scholarships have specific eligibility requirements. (Ex. designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence, event participation.) Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards.

Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per year.

All 4-H application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than February 1, 2012 at the State 4-H Office in Ames, Iowa for consideration. The application is available at the following web-site:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm>

Please note that there are other scholarships available on this webpage and that they have different requirements and due dates.

Enroll in 4-H online today

<https://iowa.4honline.com>

Thursday, December 15 – is the due date for 4-H members who were in 4-H last year to enroll in 4-H. This means that the \$20 enrollment fee must also be turned into the Extension office on Thursday, December 15. 4-H Leaders and volunteers can also enroll in 4-H online. All new 4-H members and volunteers will need to fill out "paper" enrollment information. Families who do not have internet can still fill out the "paper" enrollment forms. After Thursday, December 15, the enrollment fee goes up to \$30 for 4-H'ers who were in the Woodbury County 4-H program last year. 4-H'er's planning to go on the Washington D.C. trip this summer and 4-H members who plan to exhibit 4-H market beef must also be enrolled in 4-H online on or before Thursday, December 15.

Register for 4-H online TODAY!

At:

<https://iowa.4honline.com>

More Opportunities

There are so many opportunities for 4-H members and their families that not every article can go in the 4-H Scene. To learn more about some different 4-H opportunities please check out the website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/articles/kids>.

You may want to bookmark it. New articles come out monthly and other articles are achieved.

Citizenship Washington DC 2012

NEW: This is a state wide opportunity for 4-H members in grades 10, 11 and 12. Approximately 150 Iowa 4-H Youth will have the opportunity to attend this leadership program at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.

4-H'ers must be enrolled in 4-H and have their information in 4-H online before they can register for the trip. 4-H online is at the following website: <https://iowa.4honline.com/>. You will then need to turn in your \$20 enrollment fee before you will be able to sign up for the trip. The cost of the trip is \$1370 with the first deposit of \$350 due December 15 to the Dallas County Extension office. Woodbury County will offer a sponsorship for the trip, that amount will be given to the participants just before the trip to be used as spending money. Registration information is posted at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

4-H Foundation

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation has begun their annual fund drive. Donations will be used to offer educational incentives to graduating seniors, to provide financial assistance for youth participating in 4-H youth programs, and to provide funds when needed to start new 4-H clubs. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please download a brochure at www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury or call (712) 276-2157 to request that a brochure will be sent to you.

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation has established a mini-grant program which is designed to encourage 4-H members and clubs to carryout projects which will benefit the community. The Foundation will provide up to \$100 in matching funds to help clubs or individual 4-H'ers get the money they need to complete a community project. Please visit www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/news/minigrant to view the complete set of guidelines. Deadline to apply is February 1. Questions may be directed to ISU Extension Program Coordinator Adrienne Jansen at jansena@iastate.edu or (712) 276-2157.

Calendar



DECEMBER

- December 1** Pioneer Grant Applications for 2012 due to the Woodbury County Extension office.
- December 15** 4-H'ers who were in 4-H last year will need to enroll in 4-H online at <https://iowa.4honline.com> and turn in their \$20 enrollment fee, after December 15 the enrollment fees goes up to \$30. Youth new to 4-H may enroll until May 15 and their fee is still \$20.
- December 15** 4-H'ers who are planning to exhibit market beef must be enrolled in 4-H.
- December 15** Citizenship Washington D.C. Trip first deposit due to Dallas County.
- December 18** County 4-H Council Meeting/Holiday Party, 1:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.

JANUARY

- January 7, 2012** 4-H Market Beef Weigh-In, Kingsley Livestock Pavilion, 8:30 a.m. – Noon (snow date is Saturday, January 14).
- January 10, 2012** 4-H & Fair Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Fireside in Anthon. Agenda: approve 2012 4-H Fair Superintendents, Hall of Fame, Update on programs.
- January 25, 2012** 4-H Recognition Team, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
Agenda: Project Awards, Recognition Event and update on programs.

FEBRUARY & MARCH

- February 1, 2012** State Applications due for project awards, State Council, 4-H Congress, Tech Team and 4-H Conference. For information go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>
- February 1, 2012** Woodbury County Mini Grant applications due.
- February 6, 2012** 4-H Youth Committee, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.
- March 1, 2012** 4-H County Award Applications due to the Woodbury County Extension office – check with your 4-H leader when applications are due at the club level.
- March 10, 2012** New 4-H Leader Training in Sioux City 9:30 – 3:30 at the Midtown Community Center. Contact Lujean Faber for registration information.
- March 16-17, 2012** Regional 4-H Lock-in.

FUTURE DATES

- July 30, 2012** 4-H Building Judging Day.
- July 31, 2012** 4-H Fair Livestock Entry.
- August 1-5, 2012** Woodbury County Fair.

JOIN 4-H ONLINE TODAY AT: <https://iowa.4honline.com>

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/WOODBURY