



FEBRUARY 2011 4-H SCENE



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We have good news! 4-H'ers continue to enroll online. As the *4-H Scene* goes to print, we have 143 members enrolled and 53 pending. We need all 400 plus 4-H'ers to either enroll online or fill out paper enrollment forms.

After a 4-H member enrolls online, their enrollment is "pending." Our office will need the medical form and the \$30 enrollment fee before a 4-H member is placed in "active" status. If the 4-H club pays part of the fee or if the 4-H'er pays the whole fee – the total \$30 must first be paid.

4-H members who don't have email and/or internet access can ask their 4-H leader for the "paper" enrollment forms and medical forms. The extension office staff will enter their information in 4-H Online.

A 4-H member who is "pending" is not able to view their market beef data and later this spring will not be able to identify their other animals for county and/or state fair until they are in "active" status. It is very important that all members enroll online and turn in their \$30 fee and medical form or their "paper" enrollment form, medical form and fee. All 4-H'ers must be "active" on or before May 15 if they want to exhibit in 4-H classes at the Woodbury County Fair.

If you haven't yet enrolled online go to: <https://iowa.4honline.com> and enroll today! Your 4-H leader can help you with your questions.

Lujean Faber

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4-H NEWS

4-H Camera Corps Returns for 2011

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is now taking applications for 2011! The 4-H Camera Corps is open to any 4-H'er involved in the photography project area, and is a way for interested members to expand their photography and photojournalism skills.

The theme for 2011 is "Rural Iowa Architecture" which can include, but is not limited to farmsteads, barns, main streets, and bridges.

We encourage you to find interesting structural designs near you, take photos, and learn about the history of your subject.

Information and the application form can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa4-hcameracorps>. 2010 Camera Corps participants and all 4-H members with a 4-H photo displayed at the 2010 Iowa State Fair will be receiving an invitation letter directly from the State 4-H Office.

STATE 4-H NEWS

2011 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign/State Council Alumni Challenge

The State 4-H Council is adopting the 4-H Foundation theme, *My 4-H. My Commitment.*, for their annual statewide fundraiser. Their goal is to raise \$30,000 by asking Iowa 4-H clubs to donate \$2.50 per member. Additionally, they have put out a challenge to past state 4-H council alumni to match the goal and raise a total of \$60,000 for 4-H!

The state council alumni have already raised more than \$16,000 and are competing against each other for prizes and bragging rights.

You can track the competition online at: <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/My%204-H/index.htm>. It's not too late to sign up your State Council alumni team.

Contact Albert Grunenwald, (515) 294-4780, abgrunen@iastate.edu or the Woodbury County Extension office to find out more!

4-H NEWS

2011 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Each year, students from across the state of Iowa are invited to submit their original artwork depicting North American waterfowl to the Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Contest. The Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge is the receiving site for Iowa. Entries must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

The Junior Duck Stamp Contest welcomes entries from students in K-12 grade from public schools, private schools, and home schools, as well as on an individual basis. This program is designed to create an awareness of natural resources and wetland conservation.

The entry form and contest information can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck>. For questions, please contact Doreen Van Ryswyk, Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator, at (515) 994-3400 or Doreen_Vanryswyk@fws.gov.

Entries must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 15, 2011 and mailed to: Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge; Attn: Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator; 9981 Pacific Street; P.O. Box 399; Prairie City IA 50228.

MISSION STATEMENT

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STATE 4-H NEWS

Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Required for Fair

4-H'ers planning to exhibit animals at the Woodbury County Fair must attend a workshop if they are in 4-6 grades. 4-H'ers in grades 7-9 grades can attend a workshop or test out and 4-H'ers in 10-12 grades must take the test.

Woodbury and Monona counties will share workshop dates and testing dates. If you cannot not attend a workshop in Woodbury and Monona you must contact the extension office for other options. Woodbury county will have a workshop on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Merville Methodist Church.

4-H'ers exhibiting these animals: beef, (market, breeding and feeder calf) dairy cattle, goats, (dairy and meat) poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine must attend a workshop or test out.

It is important that you attend the workshop or take the test or you will be ineligible to exhibit your animals at the county, state fair and Clay county fair.

4-H Leaders: Please make sure that your 4-H members are aware of the importance of the FSQA workshops and tests.

4-H NEWS

Woodbury County Extension Welcomes Kristi Van Zanten

Kristi grew up in Sioux City, and left only to go to college. She is married with a teenage son, and active in her church. She loves to read, scrapbook, and cook. She doesn't have much 4-H experience, but the fair has always been a highlight of her summer as she and her son have enjoyed watching to see if their open class entries would earn a ribbon. She's proud to say that her strawberry jam has gotten several blue ribbons, and Ball Special Recognition one year!

Kristi has a degree in office administration, and has been able to use it throughout her career. She has worked in offices in education from the elementary level to the

college level, so she is familiar with working with many people at a time, and juggling several programs at once.

Kristi feels she has a lot to learn about the many programs housed in our office and what they can offer to our community, and she hopes to absorb it quickly so she can pass on the information to the community. Kristi is very excited to take on the Office Assistant position, and looks forward to working with everyone!

Please stop by and welcome Kristi Van Zanten to Woodbury County Extension!

4-H Fair Changes for 2011

If you want to hear about the 4-H fair class changes, come to the 4-H & Fair Committee in March. There will be LOTS of changes in the 4-H building this year.

The 4-H building superintendents will be meeting in February to discuss the new class changes.

The 4-H & Fair Committee will approve all the 4-H Fair changes for livestock, communications and the 4-H

building on Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Merville Fire Station in Merville, Iowa (the fire station is located across the street from Casey's in Merville).

4-H families and leaders are invited to the March 10 meeting to hear the new 4-H fair changes.

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STATE 4-H NEWS

2011 Financial Aid Deadlines

4-H member contributions to the annual 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign along with other donor gifts to the Iowa 4-H Foundation provide the funds for 4-H financial aid programs. Here are the application deadlines for 2011:

March 1 – Financial assistance for individuals attending a summer camp session at the Iowa 4-H Center

April 20 – Financial assistance for State 4-H Youth Conference and other qualified 4-H activities (excluding 4-H Center camp sessions)

May 1 – Transportation Assistance for 4-H groups traveling to the Iowa 4-H Center

4-H Program Fee Assistance – ongoing as funds are available for families that need help paying their annual program fee(s).

Guidelines and application forms are available online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/serve/grants.htm>.

Spring SESS Instructor Certification

The dates have been set for the 2011 Spring Shooting Sports SESS (Safety & Education Shooting Sports) Instructor Training. The training will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center, Friday—Sunday, April 1-3, 2011.

Registration information is posted on the SESS website in December located at:

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

Volunteers will need to go through the Child Protection Screening Process (CPSP) before attending training in the spring.

Last year Iowa had over 100 volunteers attend and become certified instructors in our program.

Woodbury County 4-H would like to start shotgun classes. Volunteers are needed for this discipline.

For more information please contact Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu or call (712) 276-2157.

4-H NEWS

4-H Committee Meetings

The 4-H Youth Committee will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 6:30—8:30 p.m. at the fair office at the Fairgrounds in Merville. The November meeting had been cancelled.

Business will include: recruiting new 4-H members, creation of work groups, retaining 4-H members and recruiting 4-H Volunteers. Pizza will be provided for supper.

The 4-H Recognition Team will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office. Pizza will be ordered for supper.

Business will include: continue planning the 2011 4-H Recognition Event that will be held Saturday, June 11 at the fairgrounds, graduating senior gifts and update on programs.

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Cake Decorating Class



The Sugar Shack is opening their doors to 4-H'ers to learn all of their amazing decorating skills on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Please join the Sugar Shack team to advance your decorating techniques for your 2011 Woodbury County Fair entries! The workshop is open to the first ten 4-H'ers who e-mail or call Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu or (712) 276-2157 to register.

The cost of this workshop has been paid with proceeds from the Bobier Studio and Woodbury County Fair Photography fundraiser.

4-H NEWS

More 4-H Information



Since it is impossible to include all the information in the *4-H Scene* that is available for 4-H. 4-H members, leaders and parents will want to check out the following website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicinfo.htm>.

This site has information that will add to your 4-H experiences and provide other opportunities.

You will want to bookmark the site and look at the site at least once a month.

Don't forget to check out the State 4-H Website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/> and the Woodbury County Extension Website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/> and click on Kids and Teens/4-H for county 4-H information.

WOODBURY COUNTY

My Hands to Larger Service Spring Leaders Training



The Iowa 4-H program relies on volunteers to be the caring adults that guide youth programming for 4-H club members. 4-H Leaders will be invited to the spring leaders training, "My Hands to Larger Service."

The training will help participants understand service learning is more than just service.

Leaders will learn the process for both investigation and planning and reflection, learning and to celebrate.

The training is required for 4-H leaders and volunteers who work directly with youth.

The training will be held on Tuesday, April 19, at the Merville Methodist Church.

There will be a supper for leaders at 6:00 p.m. followed by the training.

After the training we will be discussing the new 4-H Fair classes. At this time the location is pending. Registration information will be in the March *4-H Scene*.

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A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



4-H County Award Applications due in March

Now is the time for 4-H members to apply for 4-H awards. To help 4-H members with the application you will find included in this issue of the *4-H Scene* the Cover Form with additional information to help you with your award application.

In last month's *4-H Scene* was the Record keeping Project Award Guidelines (bright green). Your application can be 1 to 5 pages. Include your goals, citizenship, communications and any leadership you have done in the project area. If you don't know what you need to do for citizenship or leadership, check out the project hot sheets at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>

Applications are due to your 4-H leader before March 1 in order for your leader to have time to look through your application. The 4-H Recognition Event will be held on Saturday, June 11 in the Varied Industry building at the fairgrounds.

If you have questions on how to prepare your application call the Woodbury County Extension office or ask the Recognition Team representative from your club. Forms can be found at the Woodbury County Extension website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm>

Sew Inspired– Clay County Fair Class

Sew Inspired is a fashion design challenge event that students can work on throughout the year and then bring to the fashion show at the Clay County Fair.

Each participating county's team is given an inspiration packet of vintage fashion from a decade in recent fashion history, along with a wedding gown and a bridesmaid's gown. From these two dresses, they create a modern outfit inspired by trends from that decade.

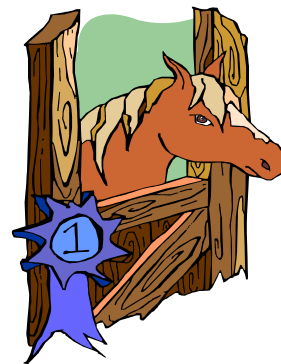
Each county can have one team made up of one to four students.

At least one will need to be a 4-H member, and one member will need to be willing to be the model for the event. Students can be in grades 4-12, and their team can have 1-2 additional adult mentors.

The team of students can work independently or with an adult mentor over the summer at their leisure. The fashion show will be held on Saturday, Sep. 10, at the Clay County Fair. If a Woodbury team is interested in the contest, or you need additional information, please contact Lujean at the Woodbury Extension Office by Tuesday, March 1.

Sunday Horse Show at the Fair

The 4-H Horse Superintendents will not be organizing and running the Open Class Horse show that is held on Sunday morning of fair week. The proceeds from the show have been used for horse projects at the fair and especially for the 4-H members. The participants who have attended this event have always enjoyed it and we hope that the show continues. If a 4-H club or individuals would like to organize that event, please contact Jamie Johnson at (712) 428-7724.



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.



Happenings, Updates & Opportunities

Iowa Horse Fair

The annual Iowa Horse Fair is scheduled for the week-end of April 1 – 3 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines at the new Jacobson Exhibition Center.

Details can be found on the Iowa Horse Council website, <http://iowahorsecouncil.org/>.

A new opportunity added this year is for 4-H'ers to participate in the Cowgirl Queen Contest. Information for that is on the Iowa Horse Fair link of the website above.

Woodbury County 4-H Foundation Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation letter campaign in December.

As a bonus to donors, two pairs of Sioux City Musketeer hockey tickets were given away through a drawing of those who participated. Sherry McGill and Dan and Sally Hartley were winners of two tickets to the home hockey game of their choice.

Thanks for supporting 4-H in Woodbury County.

Winter Sports and 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. With all the snow this winter, some 4-H Clubs have been planning sledding 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.
- Lujean will send you a waiver forms that will specific to your event. 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).
- 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 IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Happenings, Updates & Opportunities

Feeder Calves Need Iowa 4-H Tag

4-H'ers planning to exhibit feeder calves at the Woodbury County Fair, Clay County Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben, must have their calves tagged on or before Sunday, May 15. Tags must be the official Iowa 4-H tag.

Tags are available at the Woodbury County Extension office and cost \$1.50 per tag. 4-H'ers planning to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben must also collect a DNA sample. DNA samples are due to the Woodbury County Extension office by Sunday, May 15. Cost per sample is \$5.

Be sure to ask for DNA information. The calf must also be identified on the Livestock Identification form due Sunday, May 15.

Woodbury County Fair Logo Contest

The Woodbury County Fairboard is hosting a contest for Woodbury County 4-H'ers to design the 2011 Woodbury County Fair "Come for the fair...stay for the fun!" logo. This is the logo is used on all fair advertising materials, shirts, and other items. The contest is open to Woodbury County 4-H members.

The winning logo can be submitted by an individual, group, or club. The designer of the logo will receive a "Red Ribbon Sponsorship" package: two season passes and four tickets to Wednesday - Saturday Grandstand events sold for \$100.00 and valued at \$136.00. For more information contact the Woodbury County Fair Office at: 206 Fair Street, P.O. Box 369, Merville Iowa 51039, Phone: (712) 873-3707 or email: woodburycofair@wiatel.net.

Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits

Rabbits are a fun and easy project during the year but the rabbit and poultry barn is running out of space and cages! There is a volunteer who will make the cages but we need to purchase the materials.

The cages are designed to be portable. The volunteer has agreed to use the same design as the rabbit cages that were borrowed from the Cherokee County Fair Board.

If you or your club would like to help by donating money to purchase the materials needed for the cages, please contact Laura Johnson at (712) 276-2157 or email her at laurjoh@iastate.edu

Checks can be made out to the Woodbury County Extension office

Pig of Merit and Performance Pen of Three Weigh-in and Tagging

Pig-of-Merit and the Performance Pen of Three are classes for swine members to learn more about the carcass program and what it takes to grow a quality animal.

Eight (8) pigs may be entered in the Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three program and must be tagged and weighed on Saturday, April 16, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds in Merville.

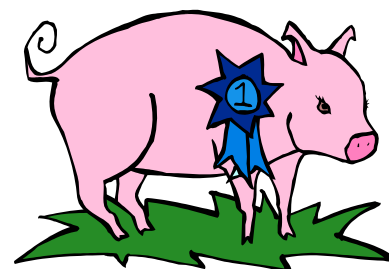
There is no weight limit on pigs being weighed on April 16, but the 4-H'er or Family member must be present to weigh the animal.

4-H'ers can exhibit 4 animals: 2 barrows and 2 gilts in the Pig-of-Merit class at the fair and 4-H'ers may also show one Performance Pen of Three.

Pigs that are not shown in the Pig-of-merit and Performance Pen of Three can be shown in the regular market class.

Pigs will have the data scanned for the contest.

Swine superintendents can help answer your questions: Tom Swanger (712) 873-3459, Todd Lewis at (712) 384-2323 or Don Weise (712) 880-0481.



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Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday, Feb. 8** 4-H Youth Committee, 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Fair office in Merville.
- Monday, Feb. 14** Woodbury County Extension meeting, 5:30 p.m., Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Road #209, Sioux City.
- Wednesday, Feb. 16** 4-H Recognition team, 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.
- Thursday, Feb. 17** 4-H Building superintendent meeting, 7:00 p.m., Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Road #209, Sioux City. Will discuss the new classes for 2011 fair. Snow Date will be February 24.
- Sunday, Feb. 20** 4-H County Council meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.

MARCH

- Saturday, March 5** Sugar Shack Cake Decorating class for 4-H'ers from 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the Sugar Shack at 700 Jennings Street, Sioux City. Email Laura Johnson at lauraloh@iastate.edu or call (712) 276-2157. Limited to the first 10 4-H members.
- Thursday, March 10** 4-H and Fair Committee, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Merville, Iowa 4-H Fair charges will be approved at the March meeting.
- Saturday, March 26** State 4-H Interviews held in Ames, Iowa for State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Iowa Tech Team and State Council. Applications were due to the state office on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

FUTURE DATES

- Tuesday, April 19** 4-H Leaders Training, 6:00 p.m. supper, 6:30 p.m. workshop, at the Merville Methodist Church.
- Tuesday, April 26** 4-H Food, Safety, Quality Assurance (FSQA) workshop, 7 p.m. at the Merville Methodist Church.
- Sunday, May 15** 4-H members enrollment forms, medical forms, and enrollment fee must be into the extension office to be eligible to exhibit at the Woodbury County Fair.
- Sunday, May 15** Livestock identification forms are due for: breeding heifers, feeder calves, cow/calf, llamas, goats (market and dairy) dog, horse, sheep and swine.
- Saturday, June 11** 4-H Recognition Event at the Varied Industry building at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds.
- August 3-7** Woodbury County Fair (August 1: 4-H Building Judging, & August 2: Livestock Entry)

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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