



JANUARY 2012 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

Parents are an important part of 4-H. What can parents do to help their child and help the 4-H club?

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- Help your child get to meetings and events
- Let the 4-H leader know when your child will miss a meeting
- Contact the 4-H leader to find out what your child missed at the meeting
- Attend 4-H meetings and events – parents are always welcome
- Ask the 4-H leader what you can do to help
- If your child is an officer, help them with that responsibility
- Make sure paperwork and fees are paid for on time
- Help with project work
- Share special talents and skills
- Let the leader know if there are concerns
- Read the 4-H newsletter
- Keep track of important deadlines and make sure your child follows through

4-H leaders appreciate the support of parents. And most important is that your child knows you care and want them to be successful in 4-H.

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Continue to Look in 4-H Online

If you haven't enrolled yet – you can still enroll in 4-H online at <https://iowa.4honline.com>. Your fee will be \$30 if you were in 4-H last year. All new 4-H members must fill out paperwork (enrollment form, medical form and code of conduct), and staff will enter your data for the first time. All new 4-H'ers will pay \$20. All 4-H'ers must be enrolled by May 15 to exhibit at the county fair.

4-H'ers in the market beef project will want to go online after the beef weigh-in to make sure the information is correct and to verify the information, especially if you plan to show the animal at state fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben. You will receive information at the weigh-in.

4-H'ers will be able to go online later this year to identify their other animals for county and state fair. Animals that 4-H'ers can enroll are: Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Breeding Heifers, Llamas, Feeder Calf, Horse, Dog, County Fair Pigs and Rabbits (rabbits are new for 2012). All market animals with an official weigh-in (sheep, market beef, pig-of-merit) will be entered by staff. 4-H'ers must identify your animals in 4-H Online if you plan to exhibit at the State Fair. All animals shown at the county, state fair, Ak-Sar-Ben must be identified by May 15.

4-H'ers will want to go in 4-H Online next summer to enter their animals for state fair. Entries must be entered by midnight on July 1, 2012 to be eligible for state fair.

Livestock Updates for 2012

For information on Livestock – check out the website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/>

Check out publication 4-H 202 – this document gives information on requirements for identification, weighing and exhibiting requirements for county, state and Interstate shows.

Changes for State Fair (the county may also adopt)

New – Rabbits will need to be tattooed in the left ear by May 15 and listed on an Identification form.

New – Parent/Member Waiver forms are no longer required for State Fair. They are still required for Ak-Sar-Ben.

New – Commercial ewes must have a 4-H tag and a retinal scan for state fair.

New – New miniature horse classes have been added for state fair (showmanship, driving and in-hand trail).

The state will have the weigh-in for market pigs the week of April 21-28.

Beef Breeding – must have the registration number on ID form by May 15 – otherwise animal will show as a crossbred.

New – Livestock judging videos will soon be available. The state livestock judging contest will be held June 18, 2012.

Youth Horse Jamboree will be held March 24 and 25 in Ames.

County Award Information – Due March 1

4-H members can apply for county awards and special awards. Your 4-H leader will need to see your application(s) before they are turned into the Woodbury County office on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

In the November *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.

The 4-H Award Cover form was in the December 2011 *4-H Scene*.

4-H award information is available on web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm>

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State 4-H Awards Information

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.

Project Awards (you can apply for two) (must in in grade 9-12 at time of application) 50 Iowa 4-H'ers are selected and will receive a \$100 savings bond.

4-H Congress (4-H'er must be in grades 10-11 at time of application is due) 20 Iowa 4-H'ers are selected and will attend 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

National Conference (4-H'er must be in grades 9-11 at time of application is due) Four 4-H'ers from Iowa are selected to attend the conference in Washington D.C.

State Council (4-H'er must be in grades 10-11 at time of application is due) 40 4-H'ers are selected throughout the state, must attend the Iowa State 4-H Conference.

State Tech Team (4-H'er must be in grades 9-11 at time of application is due) Must have computer, internet and email access, approx. 15 youth are selected, must attend the Iowa State 4-H Conference.

You'll notice for each opportunity, there is a link that explains what you'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!

Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) – Required for County

FSQA is taught to 4-H'ers so that you understand the importance of caring for your animals. 4-H producers should be expected to follow the same rules and regulations as all other food producers. Iowa 4-H'ers produce over 17 million pounds of meat each year, which all goes into the American food supply.

4-Her's planning to exhibit animals at the Woodbury County Fair must attend a workshop if they are in 4th, 5th or 6th grades. 4-H'ers in grades 7th, 8th, or 9th grades can attend a workshop or test out and 4-Her's in 10th, 11th and 12th grades must take the test. A workshop will be held

sometime this spring. Testing dates will also be set at that time. The test can be taken three times in one setting, almost all the time 4-H'ers need only take the test once or twice.

4-Her's must attend a workshop or test out if they are exhibiting these animals: beef (market, breeding, cow/calf, and feeder calf), dairy cattle, goats (dairy and meat), poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine. You will be ineligible to exhibit your animals at the Woodbury County Fair, Clay County Fair and Iowa State Fair if you do not attend a workshop or take the test.

Showmanship for Reindeer

Alaskan 4-H'ers have a showmanship class for reindeer that is just one of the things that Natalie Lord and Mark Rippke learned while at 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. There was one speaker that rode a unicycle while juggling axes and hatchets.

Mark helped at a furniture bank for his community service and Natalie was a delegate advisor. There were Hawaiian and Porto Rican dancers. Since the Iowa Delegation came by bus they were able to attend the

Baptist church of Martin Lutheran King. There were 4-H'ers from across the country who were selected to attend Congress.

If you are in grades 9-11 and would like to apply for this recognition, check out the Iowa 4-H Website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>.

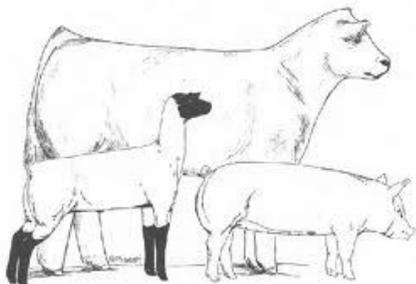
Congratulations, Natalie and Mark!

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4-H Superintendents Meetings Set



4-H Fair Superintendent will have winter meetings to start planning for the 2012 Woodbury County Fair. 4-H Superintendents will be sent additional information.

Fair schedule, changes from the State 4-H office and county rules will be decided at the meeting. Livestock/animal superintendents will meet on

Monday, January 30, 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office. 4-H building superintendents will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6:00 p.m. at Woodbury County Extension.

The Woodbury County Fair will be August 1-5. 4-H building judging will take place on July 30 and Livestock entry will be July 31.

State Volunteer Retreat February 10-11, 2012



The annual State Volunteer Retreat brings together 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs.

Friday evening, Feb. 10, volunteers will learn how to help 4-H members improve their communication skills and demonstrate them through quality, educational working exhibits.

Saturday, Feb. 11, is filled with a variety of workshops and networking opportunities.

A wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members.

Thanks to a grant from Monsanto, the registration fee this year is only \$10 and includes lunch and snacks.

Early bird registrations with a postmark on or before January 20 is \$10 and late registrations with a postmark from January 21-January 27 is \$15.

If you are interesting in attending the retreat, please contact Lujean at (712) 276-2157 or email faber@iastate.edu for details.

Winter Sports Waiver—Risk Management – New Information



In the December *4-H Scene* there was information on insurance coverage for winter activities. If your club is planning a winter activity that includes downhill skiing, tobogganing, bobsledding, snow tubing or ice skating, your club will need to obtain special insurance in addition to the waiver form specific to your club event BEFORE the event. In the December *4-H Scene* the article

mentioned the cost at 15 cents per person with a minimum of \$4 per activity. Starting January 1, that coverage will be 30 cents per person with a minimum of \$8 per activity. If you have questions be sure to check with Lujean Faber at the Woodbury County Extension office at (712) 276-2157 or email her at faber@iastate.edu.

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Happenings, Updates & Opportunities

4-H Scholarships – Due March 1

Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship. 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.

Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. All 4-H

application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than March 1, 2012, (some scholarships are due February 1) at the state 4-H office in Ames for consideration. The application is available at the following website:

<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.

Mini Grants – Due February 1

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.

4-H'ERS MAKING THE BEST BETTER

4-H'er Sam McGowan and Merville Masters both decorated trees for the Festival of Trees. The money from the proceeds went to S.T.A.R.S.

Thank you for making the best better!

4-H Market Beef Weigh-in January 7

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
(snow date set for Saturday January 14)

Time: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Where: Kingsley Livestock Pavilion - Located north of Merville on D-12

Cost: County Only - \$1.50

County/State - \$5.00

County/Ak-Sar-Ben—\$7.00

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

If a 4-H'er and/or parent will not be at the January 7 weigh-in, waiver forms

are required for Ak-Sar-Ben. New for 2012 waiver forms are not required for State Fair. Waiver forms can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/LivestockID.htm> or request forms from the Extension office BEFORE January 7.

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 must be filled out during weigh-in.

If you are not enrolled in 4-H by the time of the beef weigh-in, you will be ineligible to exhibit at State Fair. 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 at <https://iowa.4honline.com>

State Fair entries for Market beef will be due on July 1 and entries can be made in 4-H Online.

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Scholarships for High School Members

Sue and Harold Peyton of Sac County have established the Peyton Family Scholarship through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an Iowa State University student in a major related to agriculture who will be a sophomore, junior or senior in fall 2012.

Check out this scholarship and others for current college members at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships/current.htm>

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.

Music Camp Offered at Midtown

Monday, January 23, ISU Extension staff are offering a one day Music Camp for youth grades K-5 at Midtown Family Community Center, 525 14th Street, Sioux City. Campers will create instruments, learn about new instruments and watch a movie about music.

Camp will run from 9 a.m.—5 p.m., and the cost is \$15 which includes, supplies, meals and snacks.

Pre-registration is required.

Registration form can be found online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/kidsteens.htm> and clicking on Midtown Family Community Center in the upper right hand corner.

For questions and registration information, contact Midtown at (712) 224-3363.

New Volunteer Training set for Saturday, March 10

Midtown Family Community Center at 14th & Nebraska

Sign Up today at:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/>

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

There will be a New Volunteer Training in Sioux City on Saturday, March 10 from 9:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Midtown

Family Community Center at 14 & Nebraska.

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

Registration is open for the Sioux City site. Registration information is available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/> at the bottom of the page under "trainings."

If you have questions please contact Lujean Faber at:

faber@iastate.edu or (712) 276-2157.

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



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Calendar



JANUARY

- Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012** 4-H Market Beef Weigh-In, Kingsley Livestock Pavilion, 8:30 a.m. – Noon (snow date is Saturday, Jan. 14).
- Monday, Jan. 9** Woodbury County Extension Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Road #209, Sioux City.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10** 4-H & Fair committee, 6:00 p.m. at the Fireside Restaurant in Anthon
Agenda: approve 2012 4-H Fair Superintendents, Hall of Fame, Trophy Request, Update on Programs.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25** 4-H Recognition Team meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Rd. #209, Sioux City.
- Sunday, Jan. 29** 4-H County Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., at Woodbury County Extension
Agenda: Monona and Plymouth County 4-H Councils will be invited to meeting to help plan the Regional 4-H Lock-in.
- Monday, Jan. 30** 4-H Livestock Animal Superintendents meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Woodbury County Extension, Superintendents will receive information on agenda.

FEBRUARY & MARCH

- Wednesday, Feb. 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>
- Wednesday, Feb. 1** 4-H Building Superintendents meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Woodbury County Extension.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1** Woodbury County Mini Grant applications due.
- Monday, Feb. 6** 4-H Youth Committee, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Woodbury County Extension. Agenda: Developing a 4-H Action Plan.
- Thursday, March 1** 4-H County Award Applications due to Woodbury County Extension office – check with your 4-H leader when applications are due at the club level.
- Saturday, March 10** New 4-H Leader Training in Sioux City 9:30 – 3:30 at Midtown Community Center. Contact Lujean Faber for registration information.
- March 16-17** Regional 4-H Lock-in.
- 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.

FUTURE DATES

- May 15, 2012** Livestock Identifications forms due or entered in 4-H online. Forms due in Extension office by 4:30 p.m. or enter online by 12:00 a.m. Midnight.
- Monday, July 30** 4-H Building Judging Day.
- Tuesday, July 31** 4-H Livestock Entry.
- August 1-5** Woodbury County Fair

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

4-H SCENE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/WOODBURY