



# FEBRUARY 2014 4-H SCENE



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## From the desk of Lujean Faber...

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT ANIMALS AT THE FAIR!!!

Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) is taught to 4-H'ers so that they understand the importance of caring for their animals. 4-H producers are 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.

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**4-H'ers must attend a workshop or test out if they are exhibiting these animals:**

<b>Beef (market, breeding, cow/calf, and feeder calf)</b>	<b>Dairy Cattle</b>
<b>Goats (dairy goats and meat goats)</b>	<b>Poultry</b>
<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>Sheep</b>
<b>Swine</b>	

**FSQA Workshop Information:** 4-H'ers in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades who are planning to exhibit animals at the Woodbury County Fair **are required to attend a workshop**. Please make it a priority to attend a workshop in Woodbury, Monona or Ida County. There are quite a few 4-H'ers who don't take this seriously. If you don't attend the workshops offered this year, you will not be able to exhibit your animals at the county fair, state fair and/or Clay County fair. No special make-ups will be held. Please see the enclosed registration form and make your reservation today!

**Information for 4-H'ers who need to take the FSQA Test:** Because Woodbury has a large number of 4-H'ers who exhibit livestock - 4-H'ers in grades 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grades must test out this year and 4-H'ers in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades must also take the test. You only need to take the test once as a 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grader and then again as a 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grader. Most 4-H'ers test out as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader and again as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader. Testing dates will be later this spring. If you need to know if you need to take the test, please check in 4-H Online under your personal profile.

*Lujean Faber*

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## Iowa 4-H Conference 2014: Ticket to Success

The 2014 Iowa 4-H Conference will be held on June 24-26 on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. This year's theme is Ticket to Success. Plans are again to have a bus go down on June 23. There is no cost for Woodbury County 4-H members to ride the bus, but it is on a first come first serve basis. 4-H'ers and youth not in 4-H who have completed 8th grade this spring to 12th graders will be able to select workshops, attend dances, meet teens from across Iowa and have the best 3 days of fun! Youth may also select to attend ROUND-UP or CSI:Crops.

Cost of the trip is approximate \$120...in March look for additional updates on the website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>. 4-H members will need to register through ISU Registration Services and payment is sent to the Woodbury County Extension Office. There is financial aid available – that application is due April 25.

Adults are needed to chaperone the Woodbury delegation – there is no cost for adults.

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## 4-H & Fair Committee | March 6

The next meeting of the 4-H & Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm at the Fair Office in Merville. The committee will approve the 4-H Fair changes for 2014. There will be an update on programs. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting to hear about the new fair changes.

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## 4-H Leaders Trainings | February 3

This is the last of the E-Forums presented this fall/winter. Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects will be held on Monday, February, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office.

4-H Volunteers who work with youth are required to attend the meeting. If you haven't attended an E-Forum yet, Lujean will be contacting you.

If volunteers would like a make-up session, please contact Lujean at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu). The other E-Forums were on 4-H Parents, Engaging Teens, and Using Technology. The 4-H Volunteers who have attended have given the forums very positive reviews.

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## 4-H County Council Meeting | February 16 | Intermediates Invited!

The 4-H County Council will meet on Sunday, February 16, 6:00 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office in Sioux City. 4-H'ers in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend the meeting. The 4-H County Council has made it one of their goals for Intermediate 4-H'ers to attend any of their meetings. The County Council will be planning an event for Intermediates on Sunday, April 6 @ the fairgrounds. More details can be found in next Month's *4-H Scene*.

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## 4-H County Award Applications | Due March 31

The 4-H Recognition Team would like more 4-H'ers to take advantage of 4-H project awards. This fall the 4-H Recognition Team updated information on county awards. The award application is 1 to 4 pages of information about a specific project. It isn't only about an exhibit you took to the fair., but would include goals, what you learned, citizenship, leadership and communication you have done. An additional 1 to 2 pages could include what else you have done in 4-H, school, church or other organizations. Information is posted on the website located at:

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

### Forms include:

Guidelines for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Guidelines for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

4-H Award Rubric for both 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

4-H Cover Form for your award application(s)

Special County Project Awards

4-H Project Record Template – 4-H'ers can use as a guideline or type in their information.

4-H Recognition Team members can come to club meetings or a club workshop to help 4-H'ers learn how to apply for project awards. 4-H'ers will be recognized at the 4-H Recognition Event that will be held on Sunday, June 1 at the Varied Industry Building at the fairgrounds.

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## Tractor and Farm Safety Course

Crawford County Extension is inviting youth to their Tractor and Farm Safety Course that starts on Tuesday, February 25. It is open to all youth age 13 years and above. The course will be held at the Fairgrounds in Dunlap, Iowa. Cost is \$40. Pre-register by February 10 by calling the Crawford County Extension Office at 712-263-4697.

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## 4-H'ers and their families to hear Animal Talks

Art & Science Veterinary Services, LLC are inviting 4-H'ers and their families to two talks in February. There are no costs to attend and it includes dinner.

February 6 – Equine Basics Talk By Dr. Jeffery Bottger

(RSVP By Feb. 1 by calling 712-276-1306)

Location: Sergeant Bluff Legion Hall @ 6:00 pm

February 27 – Vaccination Protocols and Humane Cattle Handling

(RSVP By Feb. 1 by calling 712-276-1306)

Speaker is Dr. Eric Moore from Merck Animal Health

Location Sergeant Bluff Legion Hall @ 6:00 PM

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## Mini-Grant Applications being accepted through March 1

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation has established a mini-grant program which is designed to encourage 4-H members and clubs to carry out 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. This is the third year mini-grants have been offered. Please visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h) to view the complete set of guidelines.

Deadline to apply is March 1. Questions may be directed to ISU Extension Program Coordinator Adrienne Jansen at [jansena@iastate.edu](mailto:jansena@iastate.edu) or (712) 276-2157.

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## Educational Incentive open to High School Seniors

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation is accepting applications for their educational incentive to be awarded to high school seniors who have been in 4-H for more than four years.

This is the fourth year the educational awards have been given. Last year, four seniors were selected to receive \$200 each. Deadline to apply is Tuesday, April 8. Application may be found on at [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h)

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## 4-H Recognition Event | Sunday, June 1

Each year 4-H'ers are recognized at the 4-H Recognition Event. To help with the cost of the meal, the 4-H Recognition Team are asking 4-H clubs for a donation towards the meal so that 4-H members, 4-H Volunteers and their family members can all benefit. 4-H Clubs have been very generous in the past to help with this effort.

We would also like each club to donate a \$5 door prize for the 4-H Recognition event.

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## 4-H Recognition Team Meeting | February 26

The 4-H Recognition Team will meet on Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 – 8:30 at the Extension Office. Pizza will be served. The team will continue to plan the Recognition Event. They will also finalize interview teams for the special county awards interviews that will be held the evening of April 23 at the Extension Office. 4-H Clubs are all welcome to have an adult and youth on the committee to represent their club at the meetings.

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## Spirit of the 4-H and Club of the Year

Each club can select one 4-H'er to receive the Spirit of 4-H Awards. In 100 words or less tell us what the selected 4-H'er does to represent the true spirit of 4-H.

Clubs may also create a poster for Club of the Year. Entry must be in photo form on standard size poster board. They will be judged on creativity, originality and how your club has participated in citizenship, leadership and communication activities.

Spirit of 4-H can be emailed to [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) and posters can be dropped off at the Extension office - all are due Thursday, May 1.

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## Thank you Beef Weigh in Volunteers!

It was a chilly morning January 4th, when the Beef Superintendents and 4-H Volunteers set up for the 2014 Beef weigh in. With temperatures dropping down to single digits, they kept checking in cattle! The Beef Weigh was a huge success thanks to our new outdoor set up which allowed 4-H families to easily back in and out quickly.

### Thank you to all of our awesome volunteers!

**Livestock Superintendents:** Scott Klashen, Dirk Hansen and Keith & Andrea Parker

**4-H volunteers:** Allan Pithan, Tony Hansen, Tyler Hansen, Bill Redienius, Alana Redienius, JB Blenner, Butch Fleck and Alan Ralston

**County Council:** Karli Durst and Mckenzie Oregon.

*The next time you see these great volunteers be sure to thank them for their hard work!*

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## Do you follow Woodbury 4-H?



**Pinterest :** [www.pinterest.com/woodbury4h](http://www.pinterest.com/woodbury4h)

**Follow us on Pinterest for project ideas, club activities, and 4-H tips!**



**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/woodbury4h](http://www.facebook.com/woodbury4h)

**Follow us on Facebook to see event pictures, deadline reminders & 4-H updates**



**Instagram:** User name: woodbury4h

**Follow us on Instagram to see pictures from Woodbury County 4-H events!**

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## Congratulations 4-H Robotics Club!

On Saturday, January 11th, the newly formed 4-H Robotics Club of Sergeant Bluff hosted a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Qualifier for FTC Iowa. Twenty-four teams from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota competed, trying to qualify to advance to the FTC-Iowa Championship tournament.

The Sergeant Bluff FTC team “Marsupial Tech” ended up in sixth place after the initial six rounds but was chosen as an “Alliance Team” by the third place team. Their “Alliance Team” went on to win the championship match. The winning alliance teams were: MECanism (team 6534) from Murray, IA; Central Lyon High School (team #7841) from Rock Rapids, IA; and Marsupial Tech (team #5985) from Sergeant Bluff Robotics Club. The Sergeant Bluff team also received the Inspire Award which is the most prestigious FTC award. The Inspire Award winner embodies the FTC Challenge and serves as an inspiration as to what the FTC program is about. The team was also chosen as finalist for the Think Award, Motivate Award and PTC Design Award. The 4-H Robotics Club FTC team Marsupial Tech members are: Devon Zimmerman, Dane Mogensen, Abby Nissen, Sam Murphy, and Ali Gaul. The coaches for the team are Tom Murphy and Duane Zimmerman.

The 4-H Robotics Club in Sergeant Bluff also has two FLL (FIRST Lego League) teams: Lego Adrenaline and Adrenaline Titans. Both Adrenaline Teams competed in the Iowa Regional Qualifier at West High School on December 7, 2013. Team Lego Adrenaline won the overall Champion’s Award for the second year in a row. They competed at the State Championship on January 18. Their team members are Rachel Barto, Lauryn Jansen, Hannah Christensen, David Jansen, Tori Nelson and Andrew Jochum. They are coached by Dave Nelson and Dejah Jansen.

Team Adrenaline Titans won the Robot Performance award. This award recognizes a team that scores the most points during the Robot Game. Their team members are Kaia Cullenward and Daphne Zimmerman, Austin Healy, Matthew McCrory, Hannah King and Josh Hobbs. They are coached by Brian Cullanward and DeeAnn Zimmerman.

**Thank you to DeeAnn Zimmerman for submitting an article that was partially used for this article in the 4-H Scene.**

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## Urban 4-H Update

In the month of December our afterschool 4-H program focused on art and creativity. We worked a lot with paint. We used various objects: marbles, string, toothbrushes, paint brushes, and finger paint. Our group also worked on some smaller scientific ideas that involved creativity. We made clay out of a flour, salt, and water mixture. The children then made ‘sculptures’ and shapes. They also painted their creations. The Midtown Center hosted a ‘Mad Scientist’ Day Camp on the first day of winter break. It was a great success! The children participated in several experiments. These experiments ranged from shrinking chip bags, making lava lamps, to frog dissection and microscope viewing. The kids did a great job and had a ton of fun! We have another day camp titled ‘Creative Camp’ in the month of January. We are also very excited for an upcoming two day camp that will be held February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> here at the center. This camp is called ‘Around the World.’ We will be ‘touring’ a few countries and learning about different cultures and lifestyles.

The AmeriCorps and our Youth Development Worker were also involved in school enrichment during the month of December. We worked with a Native American youth group at West High School. Our focuses with them were leadership, attitude, skills, communication, and stress management. We performed a few activities with the group to help illustrate these tools. Teaching our youth to think outside of the box proves to be a very interesting yet necessary skill in today’s society.

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# Calendar



## FEBRUARY

- February 1** Online Application due for State Project Awards, National 4-H Conference, National Congress and State Council, for more information go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>
- February 1** The 2014 Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are due Feb 1 and available online at [www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships).
- February 16** 4-H County Council Meeting 6 p.m. | Woodbury County Extension Office  
All Intermediate 4-H'ers are welcome to attend any of the meetings.
- February 26** 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Extension Office

## MARCH

- March 1** 4-H Mini Grants Applications Due to the Woodbury County Extension Office
- March 3** FSQA Workshop 6-8 p.m. | Sunnybrook Plaza, Sioux City - Pre-Registration Required
- March 6** 4-H & Fair Committee 7:00 p.m. | 4-H Office in Merville will approve 4-H Fair changes
- March 31** County 4-H Award applications due to the Woodbury County Extension Office

## FUTURE DATES

- April 8** Educational Incentive for 4-H high school seniors due to the Woodbury County Extension Office
- April 9** 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Extension Office
- April 23** 4-H Interviews for Special County Awards at the Extension Office
- April 26** FSQA Workshop 9-11 a.m. | Correctionville Community Center
- May 1** Spirit of 4-H and Club of the Year entries due to the Woodbury County Extension Office
- June 1** 4-H Recognition Event at the Fairgrounds, 5:00 pm Award Presentations at 5:45 pm
- July 30 – August 3** 2014 Woodbury County Fair, 4-H Building Judging will be Monday, July 28 and 4-H Livestock Entry will be Tuesday, July 29

**February Master Gardner Tip: Make plans to attend the 2014 Siouxland Garden Show!**

**See the ad on page for more information!**

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