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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. Beth Doran, Livestock Specialist for Iowa State Extension & Outreach, will be having 5 workshops in the area to help teach youth in a hands-on education setting.

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. Testing dates will be later this spring.

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.

Please make it a priority to attend a workshop in Woodbury, Monona or Ida County. See the enclosed registration form and make your reservation today!

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Spirit of 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 and posters can be dropped off at the Extension office - all are due Wednesday, May 1.

4-H Recognition Event | Sunday, June 2

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.

Count Award Application | 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 Friday, March 1, 2013. In the January *4-H Scene* was the "Woodbury County Project Award Guidelines" – this form was revised last December 2012. 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'ers may also apply for special awards. Please contact the Extension Office for the guideline of those awards (or see enclosed Special 4-H Project Awards revised Dec 2012, found in this issue of the 4-H scene).

The 4-H Award cover form was also in the January 2013 *4-H Scene*. 4-H award information is available on the web at:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>

Iowa 4-H Scholarships | Due March 1

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements. 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 by using the Transmittal Form. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per year. All application material must be received on site or postmarked no later than **March 1, 2013** for consideration.

For information, please go to the following website:

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

Also check this site for additional scholarships that have various due dates.

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4-H & Fair Committee Meeting | March 7

The 4-H & Fair Committee will meet on Thursday March 7, 7:00 pm at the Fair Office in Merville. At the meeting the committee will approve 4-H Fair changes for 2013. Anyone who is interested in learning about the 4-H fair changes is welcome to attend the meeting. There should be few changes in the 4-H Building and some minor changes in 4-H livestock and animal.

4-H Building Superintendents Meeting | February 4

The 4-H Building Superintendents will meet on Monday, February 4, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office in Merville. Overall Superintendent, Amanda Seuntjens, will go over any changes and give you updates on forms, etc. 4-H Fair Building Superintendents will receive a letter and/or e-mail inviting you to the meeting on February 4. A snow date is set for February 11.

Food Safety Workshop for 4-H Leaders | March 21

Does your club have a fundraiser involving a meal? Do you have members serve treats at your meeting? Do you have cooking presentations during your meeting? Do you want to learn more about how to have a safe meeting – food wise? If you answer yes to any of these questions, this workshop will help you! Renee Sweers, Iowa State & Outreach Nutrition & Health Program Specialist, will be presenting a workshop on Food Safety to 4-H Leaders.

The Workshop will be held on Thursday, March 21, at the Woodbury County Extension Office. At 6:00 pm There will be a light meal and the workshop will be from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Each 4-H Club will receive a bag of supplies to help with food safety for your club meetings.

Please email Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 to reserve your attendance at the workshop.

Mini-grant applications | Due March 1

The Woodbury 4-H 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 second year mini-grants have been offered. Please visit 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 or (712) 276-2157.

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Congratulations Team Adrenaline!

The Adrenaline Tech team from the Pioneer Valley 4-H Club competed at a State Qualifier on January 12th in Des Moines. This is the first year the team has gotten into First Tech Challenge which is for the older kids (freshmen – seniors). Adrenaline Tech did a great job at state. They won the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award that celebrates the team that thinks “outside-the-box” and also uses ingenuity and inventiveness to make their designs come to life. The team earned the Winning Alliance Award. The qualifier recognized the top three teams in each category that an award was being given – Adrenaline Tech was in the top three in three additional categories! They were awarded an opportunity to compete at the State Competition in Iowa City on February 22nd and 23rd.

Help Wanted | Robotic State Competition in Sergeant Bluff

The Pioneer Valley 4-H Club will be hosting an Iowa State First Tech Challenge Competition on Saturday, February 9th at the Sergeant Bluff Middle School. The Competition consists of 24 teams – from as far away as Lincoln, Nebraska; Pierre, South Dakota, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. An anticipated 1000 plus are expected to attend. This is an all-day event for the teams with Opening Ceremonies for the public beginning at noon. Come on out for this free event to see these teams, their robots, and crazy costumes, compete in the Ring It Up! Challenge.

This event requires 60+ volunteers – for anyone willing to help out or for more information, please call Tami Chrisman at 712-574-2121.

4-H Volunteer Clover Kid Workshop | February 12

Northwest Iowa is excited to host a Clover Kids Volunteer Training on February 12, 2013 in Storm Lake, Iowa from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Topics covered at the training will include: curriculum/resources, Iowa 4-H Clover Kids policies, and meeting set-up. We will also answer questions from the attendees. The \$15 registration fee will cover the cost of materials and snacks (for Woodbury 4-H volunteers your registration fee of \$15 will be paid).

If you are interested in attending the training, please request a Clover Kids Registration Form from the Woodbury County Extension Office or contact Lujean at faber@iastate.edu complete and return the attached registration form to Carol Ehlers by February 8.

4-H Judges Training

4-H Judges Training will be held in Storm Lake on March 2. New judges, experienced judges, volunteers, parents, and staff are welcome to attend. Cost is \$20.00 for those attending all day and \$5.00 for those attending just in the afternoon. Registration money will be collected onsite.

For information and to register click <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/iowa-4-h-judges>

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Urban 4-H News | Midtown

In the month of January we had Camp FITOO (Fun Is The Only Option) on January 14th, Martin Luther King Jr. was an important topic of the day. The "I Have A Dream" speech was read as well. The campers learned the importance of MLK and what his purpose was on earth. Camp FITOO had many fun activities for the day such as karaoke, Capture the Flag, and more. Camp FITOO had 23 participants, which was one of the biggest camps so far this year.

In the upcoming months there will be more camps to come, including four days during spring break from March 25th-28th, which will focus on 4-H projects. Campers can sign up for one day, several or all four days. Middle school youth will have the opportunity to attend Ricochet camp March 25th-28th from 9 A.M.-5 P.M. each day. This program develops leadership and team-building skills in a fun way. Contact staff at 224-3363 for details on March camps.

Thank you Bobier Studio & Andrea Zenor!

Andrea Zenor of Bobier Studios has once again donated a portion of the proceeds from the Fair Photography Fundraiser! The donation is used to put on workshops for Woodbury County 4-H Youth so they can learn more skills and try new project areas. Please check the scene for upcoming workshops!

Thank you to everyone who purchased fair pictures from Bobier, and to Andrea for her generous donation!

Do you Follow Woodbury County 4-H?



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



Facebook: 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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Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Friday, February 1** Iowa 4-H Recognition Applications due to the Iowa State 4-H Office. Awards include: 4-H Congress, State Project Awards, National 4-H Conference with State 4-H Council and the Iowa Tech Team. For more information on these opportunities go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>
- Monday, February 4** 4-H Building Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office in Merville
- Saturday, February 9** State Robotic Competition in Sergeant Bluff, Opening Ceremonies at Noon at the Sergeant Bluff Middle School. Volunteers are needed for this event!
- Tuesday, February 12** Clover Kids Volunteer Training in Storm Lake, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
Registrations due February 8 to Carol Ehlers at xehlers@iastate.edu - \$15 fee will be paid by Woodbury 4-H for those volunteers interested
- Sunday, February 17** 4-H County Council Meeting—6:00 pm Woodbury County Extension Office
- Saturday, February 23** FSQA Workshop, 10:00 – Noon, in Ida County (You must contact their Extension Office to register)

MARCH

- Friday, March 1** 4-H County Awards Applications due to the Woodbury County Extension Office – check with your 4-H Leader when applications are due to your 4-H Club
- Friday, March 1** Mini-grant applications due to Woodbury County due application/information can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h
- Friday, March 1** Iowa 4-H Scholarships due to the State 4-H Office <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/scholarships>
- Saturday, March 2** Judges Training in Buena Vista County in Storm Lake
For other dates/locations & registration see www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/adults/judges
- Monday March 4** FSQA Workshop at the Woodbury County Extension Office, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (limit of 20 participants)
- Saturday, March 9** FSQA Workshop at a location in Merville, 9:30 am – 11:30 am (limit of 40 participants)
- Thursday, March 7** 4-H & Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm at the Fair Office in Merville
Learn about the 4-H Fair Changes for 2013 Fair
- Wednesday, March 13** 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office
- Thursday, March 21** 4-H Leaders Food Safety Workshop at the Woodbury County Extension Office 6:00 pm light meal, 6:30 – 8:00 pm Workshop

APRIL

- Tuesday, April 2** Educational incentive due, Application can be found at: www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h
- Saturday, April 13** FSQA Workshop in Onawa, 9:30 am – 11:30 am – must pre-register at Monona County
- Monday, April 15** FSQA Workshop in Mapleton, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – must pre-register at Monona County

Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip: Start seed indoors for April planting

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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