



# JANUARY 2014 4-H SCENE



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## From the desk of Lujan Faber...

This is the time of the year to set your personal goals and goals you want to do in 4-H. Many of you have already set some goals and completed them. Maybe your goal was to purchase a calf and learn how to care for your animal. Some of you have set a goal of applying for a Record Keeping Project award. Many of you will be setting goals on what you want to exhibit at the fair. A GOAL is...deciding what you want to do and learn in a 4-H Project.

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**A Goal has 3 parts:** The action: how you are going to do it. The result: what you will do. The timetable: when you plan to have it done.

Action	Result	Timetable
I want to make	three nutritious	snacks by June 1.
I want to look at the 4-H Hot Sheets to learn what I can do as a presentation by the April club meeting. Can you tell what the action is, the result, and when it needs to be done by?		

### Set goals that:

- Are specific (not too general or broad)
- Meet your needs and interests
- Provide you an opportunity for achievement
- Can be accomplished in a reasonable amount of time
- Show progress over last year
- It is ok to make changes and to add or delete goals during the year. Now it's your turn to write your goals!

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**Enroll in 4-H | visit: [iowa.4honline.com](http://iowa.4honline.com)**



Thank you to all the 4-H families who enrolled by December 15! It is not too late to enroll in 4-H. 4-H members who were in last year, and want to exhibit at the Woodbury County Fair have until May 15 (By January 4th if you plan to exhibit market beef). Your enrollment fee will now be \$30.

New Families joining have until May 15 to enroll (if they plan to exhibit at the county fair). The enrollment fee for new 4-H'ers stays at \$20.

*Before new families can go into 4-H Online, we need to set up a profile first. Please give us your:*

Family Name (first & last name)

Address and/or P.O. Box

Town, State and Zip Code

Family Email

Family Phone Number

This information can be given to your 4-H leader or emailed to Lujean at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu)  
When the profile is created, you will be sent a personal email on how to enroll in 4-H Online.

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**Winter Sports Waiver – Risk Management**

In the *November 2013 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. 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](mailto:faber@iastate.edu).

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**4-H Holiday Thanks!**

You missed a great magic act and some fun workshops if you didn't attend the 4-H Holiday on December 2! The 4-H County Council planned this event and worked hard to make it fun. It's too bad more 4-H'ers didn't attend. 4-H member Nick Preston, from Pioneer Valley guessed the correct number of peppermints and won a jar of peppermints and a glow in the dark soccer ball.

Thank you to Nick McGowan for his entertaining magic show...the grand finale was great! Thank you to 4-H member Bethany Widman for your workshop and assistance. Thank you to County Council Members: Trace Chrisman, Karli Durst, Katie Glover, Sophie Lord, Grace McGowan, McKenzie Oregon, Shelby Weber and Emily Widman for providing workshops and helping with the cupcake decorating.

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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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## Thank you from the 4-H County Council

The 4-H County Council would like to thank the 4-H'ers and 4-H Clubs who continue to donate to the Council's service learning project. Thank you to those of you who donated personal items (toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, etc.) or snacks and school supplies for the 4-H After School Clubs. Generous donations were given by 4-H'ers who attended the Halloween Party and the 4-H Holiday. This is a continuing project and any club or individual 4-H members can donate at any time. Thank you!

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## Intermediates You're invited!

The 4-H County Council want you to know what they do and also what you are interested in for 4-H! They are inviting Intermediate 4-H members (4-H'ers in 7th, 8th and 9th grades) to any of their meetings. The next meeting will be held Sunday, January 19, 7:00 pm at the Fair Office in Merville. If you are in 7th, 8th or 9th grades and would like to develop your leadership skills, plan an Intermediate event and work with the 4-H County Council, please consider this opportunity.

If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Lujean Faber at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) or call 712-276-2157 ext #12, contact one of the 4-H County Council members or come to the meeting.

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## 2014 Beef Weigh in | January 4

### PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SOUTH PARKING LOT & EXIT BY THE 4-H OFFICE

The 2014 Beef weigh in will be held on Saturday, January 4th in the Red Roping Barn at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds. This weigh in is for market steers and market heifers that are going to be exhibited at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair, AK-SAR-BEN and Clay County Fair or other 4-H events that the animals must be weighed and identified.

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 identified and weighed, no switching is allowed. 4-H members may weigh ten market animals. Animals must be identified as either 4-H or FFA.

Identification forms will be available to fill out at the weigh in. 4-H members who plan to exhibit market beef at the Iowa State Fair, AK-SAR-BEN or Clay County Fair will need to be enrolled in 4-H by December 15th. This will make sure that your enrollment date 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 after the weigh in. 4-H members will then have until January 15th to verify the beef animals they identified.

**When:** Saturday, January 4, 2014 (snow date set for Saturday January 11)

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – Noon

**Where:** Woodbury County Fair Grounds, Red Barn \*NEW LOCATION\*

**Cost:**

Woodbury County Only - \$1.00

Woodbury County & Iowa State Fair- \$5.00

Woodbury County, Iowa State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$10.00

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## 4-H Recognition for State Awards and State 4-H Council

Now is the time to start thinking about State 4-H Recognition. State Recognition is for any 4-H member in grades 9 – 12. You will need to check out each opportunity for grade and other requirements. Opportunities include: State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Iowa and State 4-H Council. Applications are done online and will be due February 1 to the State 4-H office. Interviews will be held on March 29 in Ames. Information is available at the state 4-H website located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>

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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!

Cost of the trip is approximate \$120...look for additional updates on the website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>. Adults are needed to chaperone the Woodbury delegation – there is no cost for adults.

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## You're invited! 4-H Recognition Team | January 8

The 4-H Recognition Team are inviting leaders or others who are interested to hear about some of the new changes in 4-H Project Awards. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office. We will have pizza. Please let Lujean know if you plan to attend by calling her at 712-276-2157 or email her at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu). In case of bad weather we can contact you in case the meeting needs to be cancelled.

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## 4-H & Fair Committee | January 9

The next meeting of the 4-H & Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, January 9, 7:00 pm at the Fair Office in Moville. The committee will approve 4-H Fair Superintendents at their January meeting. There will be an update on programs. The committee will meet in March to approve all 4-H Fair changes for 2014. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

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## 4-H Scholarships| Due Feb 1

The 2014 Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available online and can be found at [www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships). There are four separate applications: Incoming Freshman, Current College Students, Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant, and Iowa 4-H Veterinary Medicine Scholarships.

Letters of recommendation need to be submitted through the online form at <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarshiprecommendaation>. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. February 1, 2014 to the Iowa 4-H office in Ames. New this year, applicants will have the ability to save and return to the application as many times as needed. Supporting documents with instructions and helpful hints are posted as well.

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## 4-H Leaders Trainings| 4-H Volunteers who interact with youth must attend one

4-H leaders who interact with youth must attend one of the E-Forums. 4-H Leaders are welcome to attend all 4 E-Forums. The first two have already been given, but leaders can request a reshewing. Please let Lujean know which one(s) you plan to attend. Contact her at 712-276-2157 or email her at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu).

### **The next two E-Forums will be held:**

**January 14** 4-H Leaders E-Forum, Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office.

**February 3** 4-H Leaders E-Forum: Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office.

If you need to do a make-up session, please contact Lujean.

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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 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. 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.

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation awarded two mini-grants last year. The Arlington Future Farmers made fleece blankets for the Woodbury County Community Action Agency, and the Movable Masters used the funds for new Christmas decorations for the light posts on Main Street.



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## 4-H County Awards Applications |Due March 30

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. Enclosed in the *December 4-H Scene* were the guidelines for 4th – 8th grades and for 4-H'ers in 9th – 12th grades. This month the cover form is enclosed. Also posted on the Woodbury County 4-H website located at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>, will be the 4-H Rubric. The 4-H award rubric helps leaders, parents and 4-H'ers know what is required to receive the different levels of awards. There is also a template for 4-H'ers in 4th – 8th grade to make it easier to understand what is needed for awards...hopefully it will work so that 4-H'ers can type in their information or use it as a guide.

Also on the web is additional information for the special project awards for 4-H'ers in 10th – 12th grades. Those awards are Project Achievement, Merit, Danforth, Overall Achievement, and Outstanding Graduated Senior.

To find out more about County Awards, the 4-H Recognition Team invites you to their meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Lujean at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu).

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### Hot Sheets

Want to find out what you can do in a project area? Do you want to learn about the different projects you could take to the fair? What are leadership, citizenship and communication ideas that can help you in your project award application or goal forms? What websites can help you with additional information about your project? You can find all that information on each project area on the Iowa 4-H website. Check out the Iowa 4-H website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

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### Check out the 4-H Weekly News

The State 4-H Office has a weekly news page that 4-H Leaders and families should check out. We aren't able to put everything in the *4-H Scene* and these extra opportunities might be of interest to a few 4-H'ers and leaders. The website is: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news>  
Information this week includes: Science Essay Competition, First-EVER White house Student Film Festival, 4-H Scholarships just to name a few articles listed.

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### Help Needed for New Flowerbeds at the Fair

The Woodbury County Fairgrounds will have new flower beds for next year's fair. Your help is needed. The fairboard is asking for 4-H clubs to help with monetary donations so that they can purchase perennials for season long beauty throughout the growing season. Discuss at your club meeting if this is a project you would like to help with. Checks can be written to the Woodbury County Fair, and mail to Woodbury County Fair Association, P.O. Box 369, Merville, IA 51039. If you have questions you may call 712-873-3707.

Thank you to: Bronson Rustlers, Climbing Hill Crusaders, Rock Branch Producers, and the former Woodbury Westsiders for their donation!

Next spring when the perennials are ready to plant, the fairboard will need help planting the new flowers. This would be an excellent community service project and a way to give back to the Fair.

# Calendar



## JANUARY

- January 4** Beef Weigh-In | Woodbury County Fairgrounds 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Jan 11 Snow date)
- January 8** 4-H Recognition Team, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office  
4-H Leaders and other interested are invited to meeting to hear about county project awards. Please contact Lujean at 712-276-2157 or [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) if you plan on attending
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## 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).

## FUTURE DATES

- March 30** 4-H Mini Grants Applications Due to the Woodbury County Extension Office
- March 31** County 4-H Award applications due to the Woodbury County Extension Office
- April 8** Educational Incentive for 4-H high school seniors 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,

### ***Master Gardener Tip for January: Become a Master Gardener!***

If you would like to learn more about gardening, plants, and horticulture, you may be interested in becoming an ISU Extension Master Gardener. Become a Master Gardener by joining the winter class. The program offers 40 hours of instruction on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 21 through March 18. Covered topics include lawn care, flower and vegetable gardening, ornamental trees and shrubs, houseplants, insects, disease and weed control, and pesticide safety. Class size is limited; contact Woodbury County Extension at (712) 276-2157 for more information or visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury). Cost for the class is \$195 and includes all materials.

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