



# NOVEMBER 2012 4-H SCENE



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## From the desk of Lujan Faber...

Now is a good time to start exploring your project areas. The fastest way is to get on the web. The 4-H Hot Sheets and Exhibit Tip Sheets will have information that will be helpful and are available at the Iowa 4-H website. The information will give you ideas on communications, citizenship, leadership and projects to take to the fair. Project information is available for 4-H members at the Woodbury Extension office. We still have project booklets that 4-H members may purchase. Start exploring today!

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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/>

### Exhibits Tip Sheets

Once you learn about your project, what do you need to do to get your project ready for the fair? You can look in the fair book or you can go to the Iowa 4-H website and look at the Exhibit Tip Sheets. The Exhibits Tips Sheets will tell you what the judge is looking for in your project and other requirements. All that and more is listed on the Iowa 4-H website at:

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

***If you have trouble getting to the 4-H Hot Sheets or Exhibits Tip Sheets, check with or 4-H leader or stop by the Woodbury County Extension office. Have fun learning about your project area!***

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## 4-H Enrollment Information for 2012-2013

**4-H'ers can start enrolling in 4-H Online. Volunteers may also enroll in 4-H Online.**

4-H'ers and volunteers have been doing a great job of enrolling in 4-H Online. As the *4-H Scene* goes to print there are close to 100 enrollments entered in 4-H Online. If you haven't enrolled, remember to do that by December 15 (new 4-H'ers have until May 15 to enroll if they want to exhibit at the county fair).

**New this year** - if your family was in 4-H last year and you have a younger brother or sister joining, they will be able to enroll online. No paper work is needed. If your family was in 4-H last year, you already have a profile. **Do not** create a new profile. If you forgot your password, click on "I forgot my password." This would include 4-H Volunteers that have already been volunteering and now have a child ready to join 4-H.

For brand new 4-H families who have not been in 4-H, you will now be able to enroll in 4-H Online. New families will need to check "I need to setup a profile." You do not need to fill out the paperwork: Enrollment Form, Health form and Code of Conduct. You will do that all online. Families without internet and/or computer can fill out paper enrollment form, health and code of conduct. The Extension Office staff will enter your information online. You can request paperwork from your 4-H Leader or the Extension Office. After you have entered your data you will be pending. We must receive your enrollment fee to make you "active". All 4-H'ers from last year must be enrolled by December 15. New 4-H'ers have until May 15 (unless you are exhibiting Market Beef and then you must be enrolled by December 15).

**MAKE CORRECTIONS:** When you do enroll in 4-H online, make sure you correct any errors, update information and always double check any information you enter. Please fill out all information on the medical form.

**Your EMAIL address is IMPORTANT:** If your email has changed from last year you must give us your new email before you can enter into 4-H Online. **DO NOT create a new profile.** Make sure it is an email that you regularly look at. The State 4-H Office uses your email to send out information and we also do that on the county level. The state 4-H Office will also be using 4-H Online for 4-H'ers to sign up for various 4-H Events, like the citizenship Washington D.C trip. Again this year livestock can also be entered into 4-H Online, especially if you plan to exhibit at State Fair.

If you have questions, be sure to contact the Woodbury County Extension Office. We know the first few years everyone had questions, but we know it will get easier the more 4-H Online is used.

**The Website is:** <https://iowa.4honline.com>

**Helpsheets are located:** <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-helpsheets>

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## 2012 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

4-H'ers in 10th, 11th and 12th grades are eligible to participate in the state-wide Citizenship Washington Focus Trip next summer. Dates of the trip are June 7-15 or June 14-22. Bus pickup locations will be in Carroll, Ames, Altoona, Grinnell, Iowa City and Davenport. Cost of the trip is \$1420. Woodbury County 4-H members will receive a scholarship of approximately \$140 that will be given shortly before they leave for Washington D.C. (scholarships are guaranteed for the first 6 to sign up for the trip).

Registration opened October 1 and closes December 15 and a \$350 deposit will be required to secure a spot on the bus. 4-H'ers who are interested will need to be enrolled in 4-H Online and 4-H'ers will register for the trip in 4-H Online. The trip will also need adults interested in chaperoning. To learn more about the trip, adult chaperones and registration information visit: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf)

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## Thank you 4-H Fair Superintendents!

A Big **THANK YOU** to the following 4-H volunteers who give unselfishly of their time to help 4-H'ers and their families during the Fair and all year long!

Jen Ankerstjerne  
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Judy Kerr  
Nick Kerr  
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Robert Knaack  
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Alice Sobieski  
Jani Sparr  
Brianna Streck  
Grant Streck  
Lane Tabke  
Jill Tentinger  
Jim Thomas  
Sam Thomas  
Terri Treft  
Michelle Euken  
Roxie Ullrich  
Elaine Utesch  
Ashley Weber  
Jen Weber  
Don Weise  
Deb Wilcox  
Dan Witten  
Pat Wright  
Penny Yaremko

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## 4-H Superintendent Fair Positions Open

The 4-H personnel committee will be selecting 4-H fair superintendents on November 15. If you are interested and would like to be considered, please contact the Woodbury County Extension office. There are openings in livestock, small animals, 4-H building and communications.

The following superintendent's positions are open:

**4-H Building:** Overall Building, Overall Building Assistant, Ag & Natural Resources, Personal Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, Communications, Food & Nutrition, Visual Art, Photography, Home Improvement, Horticulture, Photography and Pie.

**Livestock/Small Animal:** Overall Livestock, Assistant Livestock, Cattle, Dairy, Dog, Goats, Herdsmanship, Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Small Pets/Cats, Swine, All Around Showmanship.

4-H superintendents are responsible for reviewing fair rules and guidelines, attending a couple of meetings throughout the year, setting up livestock weigh-in, plan workshops/training and able to attend the Woodbury County Fair. Term limit is three years. Woodbury County Fair is July 31 - August 4, 2013 (4-H building judging is July 29, Livestock entry is July 30). Detailed job descriptions are available for each department.

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## 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 or you can subscribe to Kids & Teens News by clicking on the button near the top of the page.

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## 4-H Judges Training Registration is Now Open

Judges Training for fall/winter/spring 2012-2013 is now scheduled. 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 but participants must sign up – there is a maximum number that can attend the training. For more information and to register online, please go to the following website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/judgestraining>  
The closest training in our region will be on March 2 at Storm Lake, see website for other locations.

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## 4-H Leaders Training

Tuesday, November 13  
Methodist Church in Sergeant Bluff  
6:00 pm Lunch and 6:30 – 8:30 pm Training  
Please pre-register for lunch and training by November 12

4-H club meetings, camps, and other activities happen in safe and well-managed environments. Creating safe environments requires planning! The Fall 2012 training is designed as an interactive workshop with lots of networking so volunteers can learn from each other about creating safe environments and risk management. Volunteers should bring examples of “risky” experiences they have had and how they managed the challenge! 4-H staff will share information about Iowa State University’s volunteer liability coverage and how to identify, assess, and manage risks in 4-H programming. A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options. Please register by contacting Lujean at the Woodbury County Extension Office by November 12, you may email her at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) or call 712-276-2157.

**Volunteers who are club, project, or Clover Kid lead or assistant lead volunteers are required to attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development knowledge and skills.**

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## 4-H & Fair Committee

The next meeting of the 4-H & Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Fair Office in Merville. The committee will approve 4-H Fair Superintendents at their January meeting. The Personnel Committee will meet on November 15 to select 4-H Fair Superintendents. If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Fair Superintendent please let Wayne Ralston at 712-873-3916 or Lujean at the Extension Office 712-276-2257 know of your interest.

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## Recognition Team Elects Officers

The 4-H Recognition Team had their first meeting on October 25. The committee elected officers for the new year.

4-H Officers are: **President:** Emily Widman, **Vice President:** Alana Redenius, **Secretary:** Shea Topf

Adult Officers: **Co-Presidents:** Debbie Wilcox and Cheryl Zobel, **Vice President:** Susan Redenius, **Secretary:** Elizabeth Widman

The 4-H’ers will be the main officers of the committee.

The committee evaluated the Recognition Event. Plans are to have the 2013 4-H Recognition Event on Sunday, June 2, at the Fairgrounds in Merville. Some of the committee members will meet on November 7, 4:30 pm at the Extension Office to look over the guidelines for applications and awards.

The next regular meeting of the 4-H Recognition Team is Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Extension Office.

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## Winter Sports & 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. Even though we don't have snow yet, 4-H Clubs may be planning sledding parties, ice-skating 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 your 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. If you cannot get them online, let the office know. Lujean will send you waiver forms that will specific to your event. The date and location of the event must also be reported. 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 reimbursed the extension office). After the event, the exact number of participants need to be reported. 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 an 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 pre-planning.

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](mailto: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. For more information on Risk Management, please go to the following website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4-h-risk-management>**

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## 4-H Recognition for State and County Awards

It's not too early to start thinking about State and County Recognition. Check out the Iowa 4-H Website on what opportunities are available for awards and recognition. Opportunities include State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Iowa Tech Team 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 Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Ames.

Information is available at the state 4-H website located at:  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>

4-H County Award applications will still be done the same. This includes a 1 to 5 page application on a project area (or a 10 minute audio or video). Your 4-H leader will need to look over your application before the due date. County 4-H applications will be due March 1 to the Woodbury County Extension office. Be looking for the 4-H project guidelines in the upcoming *4-H Scenes*.

If you or your club members need help, the 4-H Recognition Team will come to your club meeting or to a special meeting. They will be happy to talk about the awards process and help 4-H members. Because so many 4-H'ers do outstanding project work, we would like to have many more 4-H'ers apply for project award recognition.

Please contact Lujean Faber at the Woodbury County Extension office or email her at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) to schedule a member from the team to visit your club.

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## Pioneer Grant “Seed” Money

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Clubs are encouraged to apply for “seed money” to help them get started on community projects. Applications for grants are due in the county office on December 3, 2012. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>

The website also lists other grant opportunities. One of the more recent grants was received by Arlington Future Farmers. They received a grant for their continued improvements to the town of Merville.

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## Dog Junior Handling Seminar

4-H members are invited to a dog junior handling seminar to learn tips and tricks of how to shine in the showing. The Junior Handling Seminar will be held on Saturday, November 17 at the Century Link Convention Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Entry Fee is \$5 (parking can also be prepaid \$6.75). Professional handlers, junior judges and former juniors who qualified for Westminster and/or Eukanuba show will work with you one on one to develop the skills that they use in the ring as well as share some advice for future success. Pre-entry is recommended. You can enter online at [www.lewisandclarkcluster.com](http://www.lewisandclarkcluster.com). For questions you can call Paula Steenson, 402-346-3950 or email her at [presents@aol.com](mailto:presents@aol.com).

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## 4-H Market Beef Weigh-In | January 5

4-H Market Beef Weigh-in January 5, 2013 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 5, 2013 (snow date set for Saturday January 12)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Where: Kingsley Livestock Pavilion  
(The former Bleil and Chapman Auction Barn)

Located north of Merville on D-12

Cost: County Only - \$1.50

County/State - \$5.00

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

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 may be filled out during weigh-in.

Please Note: 4-H members who plan to exhibit market beef at the Iowa State Fair will need to be enrolled in 4-H by December 15. This will 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 5 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>

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## Festival of Trees

Each year several 4-H Clubs have decorated and entered trees for the Festival of Trees. This event is sponsored by the Sioux City Jaycees. The trees will be displayed from November 19 – 29 and will be auctioned on November 29. Proceeds will go to Food Bank of Siouxland for their Backpack Program. If your club would like to participate in this event please contact Dr. Tom Molstad at his office 712 -276-7742 or Cheryl Nordstrom at her home 712-266-8748 by November 5.

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# Calendar



## NOVEMBER

- Friday-Saturday Nov. 2-3** 4-H at the Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha Nebraska
- Saturday, November 3** New Volunteer Training in Sioux Center, IA for a list of other sites/date and to register: To register, go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining> and click Registration for New Volunteer Training in the bottom right red box. Registration closes a week before the training date and it is now ready.
- Tuesday, November 13** 4-H Leaders Training at the Methodist Church in Sergeant Bluff  
6:00 pm Lunch 6:30-8:30 pm training, please contact Lujean to register
- Sunday November 18** 4-H Holiday, 4:00-5:30 pm, at the Methodist Church in Sergeant Bluff
- Sunday, November 18** 4-H County Council meeting after the 4-H Holiday

## DECEMBER

- Wednesday, December 5** 4-H Recognition Team, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, at the Woodbury County Extension Office
- Saturday, December 15** All 4-H'ers in 4-H last year and also those who plan to exhibit Market Beef must be enrolled by December 15 for the \$20 fee, after December 15 the fee rises to \$30. All new 4-H'ers have until May 15 to enroll in 4-H (if they want to exhibit at the county fair) and their fee remands at \$20.

## JANUARY

- Saturday, January 5** Market Beef Weigh– In 8:00am-12:00pm Kingsley Pierson Livestock Pavilion (Snow Date: Jan 12)
- Thursday, January 10** 4-H & Fair Committee, 7:00 pm at the Fair Office in Merville – approve 4-H Fair Superintendents

## FUTURE DATES

- Friday, February 1, 2013** State 4-H Award Applications due to the State Office (Awards include: 4-H Congress, State Project Awards, National 4-H Conference along with State 4-H Council and Iowa Tech Team. For information on these opportunities go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>
- Friday, March 1, 2013** 4-H County Award Applications Due – check with your 4-H Leader when applications are due to your 4-H club
- March 2, 2013** Judges Training in Buena Vista County in Storm Lake
- Sunday, June 2 2013** 4-H Recognition Event at the Fairgrounds, meal at 5:00 pm with program at 5:45 pm
- July 29, 2013** 4-H Building Judging Day  
**July 30, 2013** 4-H Fair Livestock Entry  
**July 31- August 4, 2013** Woodbury County Fair

**Woodbury County Extension Master Gardener Tip for November: Winterize lawn mowers and clean garden tools!**

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