

**NOVEMBER 2013 4-H SCENE**

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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

With the beginning of the new 4-H year comes new families and youth who will be joining 4-H.

How do you feel when you walk into an unfamiliar place? All of us have different experiences, but we all want to feel a part of the group. Clubs need to make plans on how they welcome new families and 4-H members to their club all year long!

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Here are some ideas:

- Have a greeter at the door and welcome all members.
- Create a special "What our 4-H Club Does" handout to new families. It may sound simple but start out with your Club Name. It would be helpful to explain our 4-H Lingo...Hot Sheets, CWF, FSQA, 4-H Online...just to name a few.
- Welcome the new member to the club during club business and have a current member make the introduction.
- Have a get acquainted activity before the meeting.
- Sit by the new member during the club meeting.
- Do a presentation together.
- When someone misses a meeting, call and tell them what happened during the meeting.

If you need resources or other ideas on how to welcome new families, contact me at the Woodbury County Extension office.

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Enrollment in 4-H Online | Due by December 15

4-H'ers and leaders who were in 4-H last year have until December 15 to enroll in 4-H Online for the \$20 enrollment fee, after December 15, the fee is \$30. New 4-H'ers enrollment fee stays at \$20.

- Go to: <https://iowa.4honline.com>
- Select "I have a profile."
- Enter your family email (if you want to use a different email, let the office know and they can change it before you can go online).
- Then put in your password...if your forgot your password, select "I forgot my password" and a password will be sent to you via email...shouldn't take very long.
- Then put that information in and continue to fill out the online paperwork.
- You will fill out the personal information, the code of conduct and the medical information.
- When done, select "Submit Enrollment."

New Families in your club, please send Lujean the following information so that a profile can be set up for a new family:

Family Name (First and Last Name):

Address and/or post office address:

Town, State and Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Family Email:

Help Needed for New Flowerbeds at the Fair

The Woodbury County Fairgrounds will have new flowerbeds 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.

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.

Citizenship Washington D.C. Focus Trip

The trip to Washington, D.C is again being offered for 4-H'ers. Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth in grades 10 – 12.

4-H'ers MUST be first enrolled in 4-H by going to 4-H Online at: <https://iowa.4honline.com/> and the \$20 fee MUST be paid before they are able to register for the trip.

Participants can select either June 6–14 or June 13–21, 2014, to attend the trip. 4-H'ers and adult chaperones travel by chartered bus from Iowa to Washington, D.C. Some highlights of the trip are: Flight 93 Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, and Mount Vernon. Besides tours and workshops, time is built in for socializing and meeting new friends. Cost of the trip is \$1535. Adult chaperones pay ½ that cost. Visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cfw for more information.

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4-H Leaders Training | 4-H Leaders must attend one

4-H leaders who interact with youth must attend one of the E-Forums. 4-H leaders are welcomed to attend all four E-Forums. Please let Lujan know which one(s) you plan to attend. Contact her at 712-276-2157 or email her at faber@iastate.edu.

November 19 4-H Leaders E-Forum: "You've Got 4-H Parents" 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office

December 3 4-H Leaders E-Forum Engaging: Teens and Older Youth, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office

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.

New Leader Training

4-H Leaders with 3 years or less of experience are invited to the Region 4-H leader training in Sioux City on Tuesday, November 5. For this training register at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining> and click on the link under "Trainings" in the bottom right red box. A meal is provided. Training will be held the Midtown Family Community Center on 14th & Nebraska. It will start at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. Part 2 will be held on April 1, 2014. This training is for Clover Kids leaders and also Community 4-H club leaders.

2014 Beef Weigh in | January 4

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 Superintendent Positions Open

The 4-H personnel committee will be selecting 4-H fair superintendents in December. If you are interested and would like to be considered, please contact the Woodbury County Extension office by December 1. There are openings in livestock, small animals, 4-H building and communications. The following superintendent's positions are open:

4-H Building: Ag & Natural Resources, Clothing, Child & Personal Development, Communications, Food & Nutrition, Fashion Revue & Clothing Selection, Consumer Judging, Visual Art, and Photography.

Livestock/Small Animal: Cattle, Cats/Small Pets, Herdsmanship, Horse, Goats, Rabbit, Sheep, 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 30 – August 3, 2014 (4-H building judging is July 28, livestock entry is July 29). Detailed job descriptions are available for each department.

Thank You 4-H Fair Superintendents

Thank you to the following 4-H volunteers who give their time to help 4-H'ers during the fair and all year long. The fair wouldn't happen without their dedication.

Jen Ankerstjerne
Andy & Jamie Beaver
Michael Beavers
Mike Beavers
Laura Benson
Kari Blevins
Tammy Brady
Kelly Conover
Michelle Euken
Andrea Fleck
Rachael Gardner
Kevin Grieme
Molli Griffin
Barb Hansen
Dirk Hansen
Jamie Johnson
Scott Klaschen
Denise Knaack
Robert Knaack
Vernon Knaack
Tabitha Lewis

Teresa Lewis
Troy Lewis
Maggie Locke
Kelley Locke
Polly Meissner
Denyse Meister
Ron Meister
Cody Meyers
Judy Monson
Bill O'Connell
Andrea Parker
Keith Parker
Jane Parkhill
Holly Petersen
Kathy Petersen
Alan Pithan
Michele Pucelik
Alan Ralston
Diane Ralston
Janet Ralston
Wayne Ralston

Dennis Rumohr
Jared Schramm
Kim Scheer
Marsha Scholl
Amanda Seuntjens
Vickie Sieger
Alice Sobieski
Jani Sparr
Brienne Streck
Grant Streck
Jill Tentinger
Jim Thomas
Josh Thomas
Sam Thomas
Terri Tref
Elaine Utesch
Jen Weber
Deb Wilcox
Dan Witten
Pat Wright
Penny Yaremko

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4-H & Fair Committee

The 4-H and Fair committee will meet on Thursday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office on the fairgrounds. Agenda items: clarification on ribbons and premiums, mandatory state fair meeting – clarify rules; approve 2014 4-H fair superintendents and update of programs.

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H superintendent please let us know by December 1. If you are interested in becoming a member of the 4-H & Fair Committee, please contact Lujean Faber or Wayne Ralston. The committee meets 3-4 times a year.

Recognition Team Elects Officers

The 4-H Recognition Team had their first meeting on October 2. The committee elected officers for the new year.

4-H Youth Officers:

President: Grace McGowan, **Vice President:** Emily Widman, **Secretary:** Sophie Lord

Adult Officers:

Co-Presidents: Debbie Wilcox and Cheryl Zobel, **Vice President:** Andrea Mitchell
Secretary: Elizabeth Widman

The committee evaluated the Recognition Event and how to make the award process available to more 4-H'ers. The 4-H Recognition Event will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at the Fairgrounds in Merville. The next regular meeting of the 4-H Recognition Team is Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Extension office. The Recognition Team welcome members, youth & adults, from each 4-H club.

Urban 4-H Report

Last month we began our new school year with two new additions and a big change! This school year we have returned to the Midtown Family Community Center to develop our afterschool program. As some of you know we took it to the schools last year, but we have returned to our old building and plan to grow the number of 4-Hers we support daily.

We have also added two new AmeriCorps members who are very capable, passionate and creative individuals who share equal amounts of experience in youth development and programming. Emily Cain comes to us with several years of experience working with children at a daycare. She is very patient and loves working with children, especially crafting, which she enjoys here and at home. She is the mother of two, with a three-year-old daughter and an eight-month-old son.

Our other new addition, Nicole Westfall, is an honors graduate from the University of Iowa in the field of Art History (with a minor in Art Studio) who has chosen to do a year of service with AmeriCorps while deciding what her next move academically or professionally may be.

Currently, Nicole and Emily are working very hard to create a program that will inspire their kids, a group of K-6th graders, to look at lifestyle choices and their overall well-being. They have started off the month of October with a BANG by integrating ideas and skills that will teach the children about healthy eating, lifestyle choices, and exercise.

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Winter Sports & Special Coverage

Planning a skating party, sledding event or other winter type recreation? This is important information!

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 extra pre-cautions need to be taken and the proper paperwork is completed. It's really not that hard to get the extra medical insurance coverage, especially if the club wants to plan a winter event.

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 in 4-H Online. 4-H leaders need to have copies of the medical forms. If you cannot get them online, let the office know and she can help you with that. 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 20 cents per member or \$8 minimum per event (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. 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>.



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 29, 2014, 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 have some minor revisions. We want 4-H'ers to have good goal building skills. The application is 1 to 4 page 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 3 to the Woodbury County Extension office. Be looking for the 4-H project guidelines in the upcoming *4-H Scenes*. The 4-H Recognition Event will be held on Sunday, June 1 at the fairgrounds.

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 to schedule a member from the team to visit your club.

Sioux Leather Workshop

Wednesday, November 20th 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Woodbury County Extension Office | 4301 Sergeant Rd. Ste 209

Join Matt Fedders from Sioux Leather in Orange City for a leather tooling workshop.

Matt will teach the class his leather craftsmanship and all participants will get the make their own leather cuff!

This workshop is open to the first 10 Woodbury County 4-H members who register.

The cost of this workshop has been donated by the Bobier Photography Fundraiser.

To register please call, 712-276-2157

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Calendar



NOVEMBER

- November 2** ~~Joslyn Art Museum Trip~~—Cancelled due to low registrations.
- November 5** New Leader and Assistant Leader Training Part 1 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Midtown Family Community Center in Sioux City, IA (Part 2 will be held April 1)
- November 6** 4-H Recognition Team meeting 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office
- November 19** 4-H Leaders required Workshop, E-Forum “You’ve Got 4-H Parents” 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office
- November 20** Sioux Leather Workshop | Woodbury County Extension Office (see article on page 7)
- November 24** 4-H County Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Merville

DECEMBER

- December 2** 4-H Holiday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Sergeant Bluff Methodist Church, 1st & Baker streets
- December 3** 4-H Leaders E-Forum Engaging Teens and Older Youth, 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office
- December 15** Enrollment fee due for 4-H’ers who were in 4-H last year. After December 15 the fee goes up to \$30. New 4-H’ers will continue to pay the \$20 fee until May 15.

JANUARY

- January 4** Beef Weigh-In | Woodbury County Fairgrounds 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- January 9** 4-H & Fair Committee | 7:00 p.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds, 4-H office
- January 14** 4-H Leaders E-Forum, Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office.

FUTURE DATES

- 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

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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