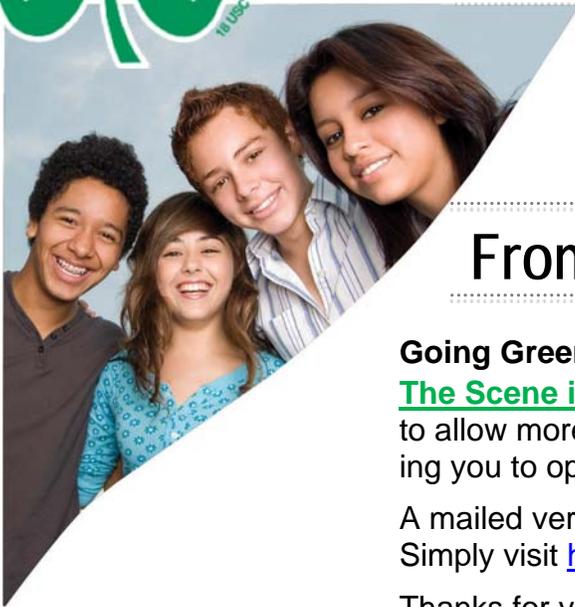




FEBRUARY 2016 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

Going Green

The Scene is GOING GREEN! In an effort to be environmentally friendly and to allow more funding to be used toward 4-H programming we are encouraging you to opt-in for an email version of the *4-H Scene*.

A mailed version will still be available but we'd love to keep in touch online! Simply visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/> to sign up.

Thanks for your support of our efforts to be more efficient and cost-effective with our communication to you!

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Important information if you want to exhibit at county fair

- Enroll in 4-H Online and submit the enrollment fee on or before May 15.
- Identify your animals in 4-H Online on or before May 15.
- 4-H'ers in 4th - 6th grades MUST attend a FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) workshop.
- 4-H'ers in 7th - 12th grades must test out in FSQA. Want to know if you need to test out, go to your 4-H Online account.
- Must attend livestock weigh-ins for beef, sheep, and swine and other animal events such poultry pullorum testing and rabbit tattooing.
- Must submit a County Fair Livestock Fair Entry Form on or before July 15.

Every year there are 4-H'ers who miss the above deadlines and are unable to exhibit at the county fair. The easiest way to make sure you don't miss a deadline is to attend club meetings and read the *4-H Scene*.

Lujean Faber



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2016 4-H Animal Science Roundup| Due March 1

Once again, the 4-H Animal Science Roundup will be selecting 20 youth for each species: beef, dairy cattle, horse, sheep, and swine. Roundup will be held in conjunction with State 4-H Conference June 28-30. Applications are due March 1. Information is available at the following website:

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

Coming in April...4-H 101 Food Preservation Workshop

Renee Sweers, Nutrition & Health Program Specialist for Iowa State Extension and Outreach, will be presenting a workshop for 4-H members and leaders on Thursday, April 14. The workshop will teach participants safe practices when preserving food. This workshop will also help 4-H'ers with their 4-H exhibits for county fair. The April 14 workshop will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive in Sioux City.



*Pizza ♥ Cookie Decorating
Crafts ♥ Door Prizes*

*4-H members and
friends welcome!*

Admission fee:

A donation of school supplies, personal items (toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, etc.), hats, mittens or food items. This is an ongoing service project that the 4-H county council is doing this year.

Parking is limited. For additional parking, please use the lot at the Southern Hills Baptist Church, located east of our building.

Winter Wonderfun! Camps for youth in Kindergarten - 5th Grades

Two Camps will be held on February 22 and February 26. The Winter Wonderfun Camps will be held at the Midtown Family Center at 525 14th Street in Sioux City. Cost is \$15 per camp or register for both and get \$5 off. The day camps are from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day.

E-mail Maureen Rusley at rusleym@iastate.edu or call 712-224-3363 to request a registration form. Space is limited.

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Use 4-H Online | To Identify your animals | Enroll in 4-H

4-H members who have livestock and animal projects will need to go into 4-H Online to identify their animals. 4-H'ers must identify their animals by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair and AK-SAR-BEN livestock show.

Go to: iowa.4honline.com

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

When the profile is created, you will be sent a personal email on how to enroll in 4-H Online.

It's not too late for 4-H'ers who were enrolled last year to enroll in 4-H. Your fee will be \$30.

FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) REQUIRED TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

4-H members exhibiting Beef (market, breeding, cow/calf and feeder calf), Dairy Cattle, Goats (Dairy & Market), Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine **MUST** either attend a workshop or test-out if you exhibit at the Woodbury County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair.

4-H'ers in 4th, 5th, or 6th grades **must** attend any of the following workshops. You must call to reserve your spot. Limit to 40 youth per workshop.

Woodbury County 712-276-2157

March 5, 9:00 a.m. at Extension office

April 5, 6:00 p.m. at Extension office

June 7, 5:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds

Calhoun County 712-297-8611

March 28

Monona County 712-423-2175

April 14 - Research Farm in Castana

May 14 - Onawa

Cherokee County 712-225-6196

June 6

Buena Vista County 712-732-5056

April 11

Ida County 712-364-3003

March 12

April 12

FSQA Testing for youth in 7th-12th grades (check your 4-H Online account to see if you need to test out this year): <https://iowa.4honline.com> - then go into your family account.

- March 5, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Extension Office
- June 7, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds
- April 5, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Extension Office

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH-BASED EXPERIENCES.



Mini-Grant Applications being accepted through April 15

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 fourth 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 Friday, April 15. Questions can be directed to: Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu or (712) 276-2157.

4-H Holiday– Valentine Party| February 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The 4-H County Council is again having the 4-H Holiday - Valentine Party for Thursday, February 11 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the “new” extension building at 4728 Southern Hills Drive. This will be a come and go event. **Parking: Parking is limited at our office.** For additional parking, please park at the Southern Hills Baptist Church. You can also be dropped off at the extension office.

We will have pizza, working exhibits, door prizes and more! There is no cost, but to help with the on-going community service project that the 4-H County Council is doing, please bring a donation of hats, mittens, pencils/pens, notebook paper, personal hygiene items (toothpaste, brush, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) or food items.

If you or your club would like to have an activity or workshop during the 4-H Holiday, please email Lujean at faber@iastate.edu

Hear about the 4-H Fair Changes

The next meeting of the 4-H & Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office in Merville. Agenda items: approval of the 4-H fair changes and fair schedule. Others are invited to the meeting if they have suggestions or concerns or just want to hear about any new changes. After the March meeting, no fair changes will be addressed. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

The 4-H & Fair committee is responsible for 4-H fair classes and rules. If you would like to have a topic on the agenda, please contact Lujean at 712-276-2157 or email her at faber@iastate.edu

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 more than four years.

This is the 6th year the educational awards have been given. Last year, seven seniors were selected to receive \$200- \$400 each. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 15. Application may be found on at www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h.

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



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 applications can be emailed to faber@iastate.edu and posters can be dropped off at the Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive - all are due Monday, May 2. 4-H'ers and Clubs will be recognized on Sunday, June 5 at the Recognition Event held at the Fairgrounds.

2016 Youth Equine Extravaganza | Registrations due February 10

The annual event will be held March 4-6 at Ellsworth Community College Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls. This is open to ALL youth; 4-H, FFA, or other. This is THE place to be whether you're a seasoned equine youth, or are new to the horse side of life. Quiz bowl, hippology, horse judging, photography, public speaking, posters, painting, crafts and many other project topic areas all come together in one location. Again for this year, we will be offering a top-quality clinician for Saturday.

Rules and registration forms are now posted on the 4-H Horse Equine Extravaganza website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza>

County 4-H Awards | Due March 28

County 4-H Awards: The 4-H Recognition Team would like 4-H'ers to take advantage of 4-H project 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 have 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 4th – 8th graders

Guidelines for 9th – 12th graders

4-H Award Rubric for both 4th – 8th graders and 9th – 12th graders

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

Special County Project Awards (See this issue of the 4-H Scene for the information on Special Awards)

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

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Iowa Dairy Goat Association Share-A-Kid Program

The Dairy Goat Association (IDGA) promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways is through the Share-A-Kid program. Winners of the Share-A-Kid program receive a free doeling, as well as one year of free membership in IDGA. Winning applicants are selected from the essays and supporting material (such as photos/artwork, etc) that they send in.

This statewide contest is open to those between the ages of 10 and 17 and who are a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

Entries are accepted from January 1 to March 15, 2016, and winners are notified by the end of April. Winners are required to show their animal at a county fair or open class goat show and to stay in touch with their appointed mentor with updates every two weeks. More information and the application form can be found by visiting www.iowadairygoat.org and following the "Youth" link from the homepage.

4-H Recognition Team| February 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Extension Office

The next meeting of the 4-H Recognition Team will be held at the Woodbury County Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive in Sioux City on Thursday, February 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We'll have pizza for our supper.

At the last meeting the committee decided the theme for the 4-H Recognition Event on June 5 will be "Facing your Fears with 4-H." We will continue to have the Club of the Year and Spirit of 4-H awards that will be due in May. Spirit of 4-H Awards must be 100 words or less. Revisions have been made to the Special Awards. At our next meeting we will continue discussing the Recognition Event and Incentive Awards.

4-H Night at a Musketeers Hockey Game | February 20

Monona County 4-H has invited Woodbury County 4-H'ers and families members to a fun night at the Sioux City Musketeers Hockey Game on February 20 starting at 7:00 p.m. This will be an area 4-H event where 4-H members, families and friends can attend a hockey game and meet 4-H'ers from surrounding counties to see the Musketeers play against the Lincoln Stars.

Cost is \$12 for Woodbury County 4-H'ers and will include a voucher for a hotdog and drink. If you do not want to eat, cost for the ticket is \$10.

Please send your registration and fee to:

Monona County Extension

119 Iowa Avenue

Onawa, IA 51040

\$12 includes ticket & meal; and \$10 for game only.

Make check payable to Monona County Extension.

Registrations must be received by February 9.

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4-H CALENDAR



February 2016

- January 31** 4-H County Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds
- February 1** Applications for State 4-H Recognition due to the Iowa 4-H Office
- February 1** The 2016 Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are due Feb 1 and available online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships.
- February 4** 4-H Recognition Team, 6:30–8:30 p.m. @ Woodbury County Extension office
- February 11** 4-H Holiday - Valentine Party, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
- February 20** 4-H Night at the Sioux City Musketeers game, 7:00 p.m. at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City (Registrations due to Monona County by February 9).

March 2016

- March 5** FSQA Workshop for 4th-6th graders, 9-11 a.m., required for 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair, other dates are April 5 and June 7, please see article in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.
- March 5** FSQA Testing for 7th– 12th graders, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Woodbury County Extension
- March 28** 4-H County Awards due to the Woodbury County Extension office

April

- April 5** FSQA Workshop for 4th-6th graders, 6-8 p.m., required for 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair, other dates are March 5 and June 7, please see article in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.
- April 5** FSQA Testing for 7th-12th graders, 5-6 p.m. Woodbury County Extension office
- April 14** Preserving Food 101 for 4-H members and leaders, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. @ Extension office
- April 15** Mini Grants and Educational Incentive Due, Applications can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h

May 2016

- May 15** All animals and livestock must be identified in 4-H Online for county, state and other fairs requiring livestock IDs
- May 15** 4-H members wanting to exhibit at the county fair MUST be enrolled and the enrollment fee paid by May 15.

Future Dates

- June 5** 4-H Recognition Event at the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Merville, IA
- June 7** FSQA Workshop for 4-H'ers in 4th - 6th grades, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds
- June 7** FSQA Testing for 7th-12th graders, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds
- June 28-30** Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in Ames, IA Registrations due June 1 Information and registration is available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>. Registrations will open in mid-March. Cost is \$175

The 2016 Woodbury County Fair will be August 3-7!

4-H Exhibit Judging held August 1 and Livestock Entry August 2.

The 2016 Iowa State Fair will be held August 11-21

Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip of the Month: Be sure to check your trees and shrubs for any winter damage.