



JANUARY 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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Project Award Information

Also in the newsletter is information on County Special Project Awards. The Overall Achievement, Merit and Danforth all have changes. The Recognition Team wanted to clarify those descriptions so that 4-H'ers in 10th, 11th and 12th grades will apply for those awards. For information on county awards, please take time to look at the website:

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

Senior members in grades 9 -12 will want to come to the Resume, Interview and Awards Oh My! open house on January 9 at the Woodbury County Extension Office from 12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring a start of your resume or we will also help get you started.

4-H County award applications are due March 28 (your 4-H leader may want them sooner).

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4-H
GROWING TOGETHER

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach



----- **Deadline extended to January 15, 2016 for Enrollments**

4-H'ers who were in 4-H last year need to be enrolled in 4-H and the \$20 fee paid by January 15 and that means the enrollment fee **MUST** be in the Office by January 15. It only takes a few minutes to enroll in 4-H Online. Brand new 4-H'ers have until May 15 to enroll in 4-H. All 4-H leaders and volunteers will also need to enroll in 4-H Online.

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

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

If your family is new to 4-H, our office will set up a profile first. Please send the following information to: faber@iastate.edu:

Family Name (first & last name)

Address and/or P.O. Box

Town, State and Zip Code

Phone Number

Family Email

Paper forms are only needed from families who don't have Internet access. You are also welcome to come into the Extension office and use one of our computers; please call to arrange a time. 4-H'ers who were in 4-H last year will need to pay the \$30 enrollment fee if they register after January 15.

----- **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 one 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

We will again have 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. **The dates of the testing will be in next month's newsletter.**

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Resume, Interview and Awards Oh My! Open House| January 9

The 4-H Recognition team will help high school members in 9-12 grades with resume and interviewing building skills. The 4-H Recognition Team is having an open house on Saturday, January 9. The open house will be held from noon – 4:00 p.m. at the “new” Woodbury County Extension office at 4728 Southern Hills Drive.

You can bring your resume or get help with what to put in a resume. We help answer your questions and get you started on award recognition. We will help you polish your interview skills to assist you with a job application, college or a 4-H award application. It’s a come and go and there will be hot chocolate and other treats!

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.

We will have pizza, working exhibits, door prizes and more! The cost is: 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

2016 4-H Scholarships| Due February 1

The 4-H Foundation scholarship program for high school seniors is now open. For information on scholarships, please go to the following website: www.iowa4hfoundaton.org/scholarships

If interested, 4-H members will need to complete an application and include a current transcript and two letters of recommendations. All materials must be submitted no later than February 1 using the online application process. More than 80 scholarships will be awarded to Iowa 4-H’ers.

4-H County Council Meeting| January 31

The next meeting of the 4-H County Council will be held on Sunday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. at the fair office in Merville. The council will be planning final details for the 4-H Holiday - Valentine Party that will be held on February 11. Any 4-H member in 7-12 grades is welcome to attend their meetings.

OUR VISION

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



Livestock Judging Classes Starting Up in January

Livestock Judging Coach, Justin Nelson, has scheduled livestock Judging classes. They will start on Sunday, January 3, 2:00 p.m. at the Fair office in Merville. Any new youth should bring a large 3-ring binder for handouts. Other dates are January 10 and 24, same time and location. For more information you can contact Justin at: 712-899-8950.

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.

4-H Leaders Training | Required for volunteers who work with 4-H Youth

The yearly required training for 4-H leaders and volunteers who work with youth is planned for January. Volunteers include club leaders, project leaders, Clover Kids volunteers, Shooting Sports and other who have special interest clubs. There are two dates and two different topics. 4-H volunteers can decide what date and topic is best for you. You can attend both trainings. Both trainings will be held at the "new" Woodbury County Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive in Sioux City. We will also have supper available at each training.

January 12 Leader Training: **Heart of Community**, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. @ Woodbury Extension office and includes supper.

January 14 Leader Training: **Engaging the Heart of Leadership**, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Woodbury County Extension office and includes supper.

Please email Lujean at faber@iastate.edu (or call 712-276-2157 ext. 12) by Monday, January 11 as to which training you can attend. If you are unable to attend either date, we will have a make-up session. In case of inclement weather, we will postpone and reschedule one or both.

4-H Shooting Sports Archery Classes to start in January

Learn safe and responsible use of bow and arrow including sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration. Archery Shooting Sports classes will be held on January 11, 18 & 25 and February 1, 8 & 15. The classes will be held at the Midtown Family Center at 525 14th Street in Sioux City from 5:30—7:00 p.m.

All youth must be accompanied by a parent on the first night. If you are enrolled in 4-H the cost will be \$10; if not enrolled in 4-H cost is \$35 which includes a \$10 equipment fee. E-mail Maureen Rusley at rusleym@iastate.edu or call 712-224-3363 to register. Space is limited. Bows are provided.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



State Awards | Due February 1

State 4-H Awards:

- State Project Awards (for 4-H'ers in grades 9-12)
- National 4-H Congress (for 4-H'ers in grades 10-11)
- National 4-H Conference (for 4-H'ers in grades 9-11)
- State 4-H Council (for 4-H'ers in grades 10-11)
- National Dairy Conference (for 4-H'ers in grades 9-12, application is due in July)
- State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador (for 4-H'ers in grades 9-11)

The above information and additional information is available at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/recognition/RecogState02OpportunitiesAvailable.pdf>

Applications are done online and will be due February 1 to the State 4-H office. Interviews will be held April 2, in Ames, Iowa. If you need help with printing or formatting your information, you may come into the Woodbury County Extension office and we can help you. Not all home computers may be able to format the application.

Excellent Information is available at the state 4-H website located at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>

You may want to come to the Resume, Interview and Awards Oh My! Open house on January 9, from noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Extension office and Recognition Team members will help you.

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.

OPEN HOUSE: Senior members in grades 9 -12 will want to come to the Resume, Interview and Awards Oh My! open house on January 9 at the Woodbury County Extension Office from 12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We will help you with your resume, interviews and how to apply for award recognition. Bring a start of your resume or we can also help you get started!

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Global Citizenship Event | Saturday, January 23, 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Global Citizenship Intern at the Iowa State 4-H office, Rachel Wonderlich, will be leading a hands-on citizenship workshop for 4th—8th graders in the 4-H region. 4-H members are invited to attend from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive, on Saturday, January 23 in Sioux City, IA.

Citizenship is one of the priority topics of 4-H. Gain skills at this event for you to become a better citizen...for your community, your country and your world. Please register by January 15 by emailing Melissa Beerman at mbeerman@iastate.edu or call 712-423-2175 or Woodbury at 712-276-2157.

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 (tooth paste, brush, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) or food items.

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



January 2016

- January 7**
January 9 4-H & Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville, IA
Resume, Interview and Awards Oh My! Open House to help high school 4-H members (9-12 grades) with their resumes, interview practice and for award recognition. Noon – 4 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive in Sioux City.
- January 12** Leader Training: Heart of Community, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 @ Extension office includes supper. This is a required training for volunteers who work one on one with youth. Leaders may instead attend the training on January 14.
- January 14** Required Leader Training: Engaging the Heart of Leadership, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. @ Extension Office includes supper. Leaders may attend the training on January 12.
- January 15** **Deadline Extended:** 4-H members from last year must be enrolled in 4-H Online for the \$20 enrollment fee, after that date the fee will be \$30. All new 4-H'ers enrolling will only need to pay the \$20 fee. There is no fee for Clover Kids. All 4-H'ers must be enrolled by May 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair. 4-H members who were in 4-H last year must be enrolled and fee paid by January 15.
- January 23** Global Citizenship 4-H Regional Event for 4th – 8th grades at the Woodbury County Extension Office from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please register by January 15.
- January 31** 4-H County Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds

February 2016

- 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

- 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 28** 4-H County Awards due to the Woodbury County Extension office

Future Dates

- April 14** Preserving Food 101 for 4-H members and leaders, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. @ Extension office
- May 15** All animals and livestock must be identified in 4-H Online for county, state and other fairs requiring livestock IDs
- June 5** 4-H Recognition Event at the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Merville, IA

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

Exhibit Judging held August 1 and Livestock Entry August 2.

The 2016 Iowa State Fair will be held August 11-21 (state fair livestock, dog and Horticulture exhibits due July 1).

Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip of the Month: We are looking for volunteers age 14 & older to help at the Siouxland Garden show that will be held April 1-3 at the Sioux City Convention Center. Information available at www.SiouxlandGardenShow.org or call 712-276-2157.