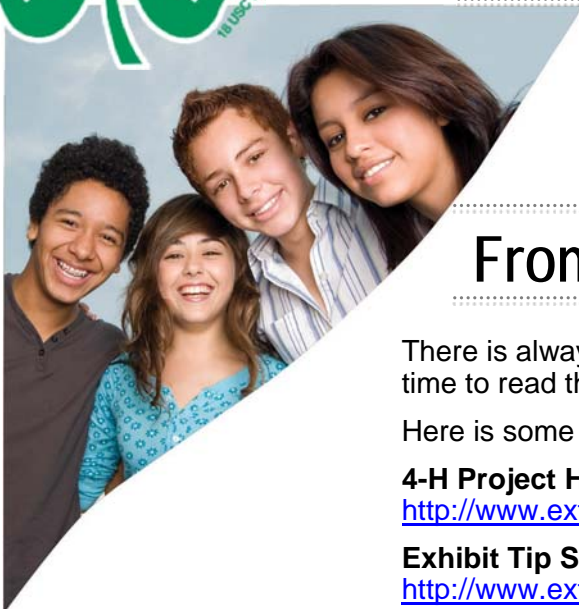




MARCH 2016 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

There is always lots of information in the *4-H Scene*. Please be sure to take some time to read through it and mark any important deadlines on your calendar.

Here is some other helpful information.

4-H Project Hot Sheets – gives you information on all the different projects
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4-h-project-hot-sheets>

Exhibit Tip Sheets – helps you prepare your projects for fair
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/exhibit-tip-sheets>

Livestock and Animal information – gives information on animal health requirements, COOL, the required care/disclosure forms & more
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock>

Iowa 4-H Webpage – explore the many opportunities
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

Iowa State Fair for 4-H – a wealth of information from copyright information, design elements to volunteering: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair>

Woodbury County 4-H – the *4-H Scene* can be found here, information for 4-H members and county fair forms <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>

4-H Online – this is the site you enroll in 4-H, check if you tested out in FSQA, and identify your livestock and animals for fair <https://iowa.4honline.com/>

4-H Weekly News - weekly updates on youth opportunities, livestock information, and lots of information and events that just can't all be put in the *4-H Scene*:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news>

Take some time now to explore these sites, then when you need information, you will know where to look. Keep reading the *4-H Scene*!

Exciting news: 4-H'ers still have time to do a project award application; they are due March 28. This year a donor will pay for their meal if the 4-H'er submits an application and attend the June 5 Recognition Event. See County 4-H Awards on page 5 of this issue of the *4-H Scene*.

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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.

To Register for the Workshop, please call 712-276-2157 or email Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu by Monday, April 11.

Pig - of - Merit Weigh-In | Saturday, April 9

Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three Swine must be tagged and weighed in on Saturday, April 9, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds in Merville. Eight pigs may be entered in the Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three. **NEW:** The maximum weight limit on pigs is 80 lbs.(the final approval of this weight limit will be made at the March 3, 4-H Fair Committee meeting); the 4-H'er or family must be present to weigh the animal. 4-H'ers can exhibit four animals: two barrows and two gilts in the Pig-of-Merit class and may also show one Performance Pen of three at the fair. Pigs that are not shown in the Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of three can be shown in the regular market class. 4-H Swine superintendents can help answer your questions: Lonnie Ploeger (712) 375-5932 Matt Scheer (712) 876-2807 Ron Meister (712) 378-3160

Please Note-Tags for County Pigs: 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit swine at the Woodbury County Fair must tag their pigs using the Iowa 4-H tag. Cost of the tags are \$1.00 per animal. Tags can be picked up at the Woodbury County Extension office. Families **MUST** indicate how many tags and the name of the 4-H'ers using the tags. All unused tags **MUST** be returned by May 15. All pigs must be tagged by the 4-H family on or before May 15 and entered in 4honline.

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

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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.

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 @ Calhoun Extension Office

Monona County 712-423-2175

April 21 - Research Farm in Castana
May 14 - Onawa- Fairgrounds

Cherokee County 712-225-6196

June 24 Cherokee Extension Office

Buena Vista County 712-732-5056

April 11 @ Buena Vista Extension Office

Ida County 712-364-3003

March 12 @ Holstein Rec. Center
April 12 & Ida Grove Rec. Center

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.

Sheep and Goat Weigh-in | April 30

Sheep: 8:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds | East Swine Barn

All market, commercial ewe and ram lambs must be ear tagged and weighed. For more information contact Sheep Superintendents: Penny Yaremko (712) 372-4722; Kathy Petersen (712) 259-1428. or Tabitha Lewis (712) 870-0439.

4-H'ers who plan to attend the Iowa state fair must have their market and commercial animals verified by a retinal scan, tagged and weighed between 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 4-H'ers who plan to attend the AK-SAR-BEN stock show must pick up DNA envelopes. County tags cost \$1.00 each. State Fair & AK-SAR-BEN Exhibits are \$5.00 each.

Goats: 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds | East Swine Barn

All goats must be either tagged or tattooed for county fair & state fair. 4-H'ers who exhibit meat goats at the county fair must have their animals tagged. For more information contact Goat Superintendents: Alan Ralston (712) 873-3471 or Tracy Kunkel (712) 251-6427.

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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 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.

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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.

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!

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>. Applications are due March 28 to the Extension Office, but your 4-H leader may want them sooner.

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.

EXCITING NEWS... 4-H members who turn in an award application(s) and attend the Recognition Event on June 5 will have their meal paid for by a sponsor. Meals are approximately \$10 per meal. The sponsor wishes are to remain anonymous. Thank you for this generous donation!

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4-H Recognition Team and Interviews | April 28 @ Extension Office

4-H members applying for special project awards will be interviewed on Thursday, April 28 at the Woodbury County Extension Office. Special Awards include: Project Achievement, Overall Achievement, Merit, Danforth and Outstanding Graduating Senior. The Interviews will start approximately at 5:00 p.m. 4-H members will be notified of their interviews.

The 4-H Recognition Team meeting will be held at the Woodbury County Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive in Sioux City on Thursday, April 28, at approximately 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. or when interviews are done. We'll have pizza for our supper.

At the last meeting it was announced that an anonymous donor will provide the meals for 4-H'ers who turn in an award application(s) and attend the Recognition Event, "Facing Your Fears," on June 5.

Entertainment will be a magician show and 4-H Fear Factory! Adult volunteers who attend the Recognition Event will receive a flowering plant; all other volunteers not at the event will be recognized at each table. Club of the Year and Spirit of 4-H awards that will be due in Monday, May 2. Spirit of 4-H Awards must be 100 words or less. Revisions have been made to the Special Awards.

Woodbury County 4-H'ers who applied for State Awards and State Council are: Kiley Boeshart (Citizenship & State Council); Libby Markham (National 4-H Conference); Grace McGowan (Home Improvement); Patrick McGowan (National Congress, Visual Art and State Council); and Sam McGowan (Leadership). The best to you at the state interviews!

Ujima Retreat and Maize Retreat

Ujima Retreat - April 15 -17, 2016

NEW FOR 2016! A culturally-based youth leadership accelerator retreat designed for Iowa youth who are of African ancestry including African Americans, Africans, refugees, immigrants and multi-racial persons.

Maize Retreat - April 22-24, 2016

The second annual Maize Retreat is designed to tap into Latino and Native American culture, history and achievements as an entry point into the 4-H Program.

Both of the three-day retreats will begin on the Iowa State University campus in Ames with a welcome, campus tour, and hands-on educational workshops with ISU colleges and departments. The youth will then travel to the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid for the remainder of the retreat where they will participate in camping experiences, evening entertainment, and culture-based workshops focused on the 4-H priority topic areas of Healthy Living, STEM, Citizenship and Leadership, Communication and the Arts. On Sunday, youth will return to the Iowa State University campus for a reception and departure. The retreats are designed for youth in grades 8 -11. Adult volunteers are also needed to help at the retreats.

The Retreats are free for 4-H members, for youth who are not enrolled in 4-H, the cost is \$350. For more information go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/events/maize-retreat>

Registration deadline is Friday, April 1.

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4-H CALENDAR



March 2016

- March 3** 4-H & Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville
- 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 13** 4-H County Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Merville
- March 28** 4-H County Awards due to the Woodbury County Extension office

April 2016

- 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 9** Pig - of - Merit Weigh-in 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. @ Fairgrounds in Merville
- April 7 & 13** Read 4-H Award Applications from 3:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. @ Extension Office
- April 11** Please register for Preserving Food 101, by 4:30 p.m. call 712-276-2157
- 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
- April 28** Interviews for Special County Awards, approx. 5:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Recognition team meeting to follow.
- April 30** Sheep and Goat Weigh-in, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds

May 2016

- May 2** Spirit of 4-H and Club of the Year due to the Extension Office
- May 15** All animals and livestock must be identified in 4-H Online for county, state and other fairs requiring livestock identification.
- May 15** 4-Her's MUST be enrolled and the enrollment fee paid by May 15 to exhibit at county fair.

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 - Livestock, Dog & Horticulture entries due July 1 in 4-H Online

Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip of the Month:



April 1 - 3, 2016

Sioux City Convention Center

www.sioxlandgardenshow.org