



FEBRUARY 2017 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

It's important that you read the 4-H Scene.

In this issue of the 4-H Scene you will learn about:

- Required Food Safety Quality Assurance Workshops for 4th - 6th graders. This workshop is required if you plan to exhibit animals at the county fair.
- How to identify your animals for county fair. All animals must be identified by May 15.
- County award applications and the forms that will help you prepare your applications. Award applications are due March 27.
- Mini grants to help 4-H members or clubs with projects to help their community.

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Please take advantage of some of the fun activities.

Some of them include:

- 4-H Holiday Valentine Party on Sunday, February 5, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Hour of Code for Kindergarteners - 3rd graders on February 23 - space is limited.
- Mad Makerspace open house on March 8. For just \$5 you will be able to create several projects.

More information can be found in this issue of the 4-H Scene along with additional articles and important due dates.

Please make it your priority to READ THE 4-H SCENE!

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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4-H
GROWING TOGETHER



Cookie Decorating ♥ Crafts
Valentine Cards & Boxes

*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.

Hour of Code | Thursday, February 23, for K– 3rd Graders

The Hour of Code is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week (csedweek.org) and Code.org (code.org) to introduce students in Kindergarten - third grade students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. Parents are encouraged to stay and observe.

Woodbury County 4-H is hosting an Hour of Code event on Thursday, February 23 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive in Sioux City. Youth will play and code robots “Dash” and “Bee Bots.” Space is limited. A light snack will be provided.

Email Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 to register by February 21. Please include:

- Name of Child(ren)
- Name of Parent/Guardian
- Email Address
- Emergency Phone number

2017 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 27-29. Applications are due March 1. Information is available at the following website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>

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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 Monday, 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 \$5.

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

Woodbury County 4-H has decided to stay with FSQA for this year instead of YQCA. 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. 4-H'ers must have completed trainings or tested out before July 1.

Woodbury County 712-276-2157

March 11, 9:00 - 11: 00 a.m. at Extension office

April 18, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Extension office

Monona County 712-423-2175

April 20 - Research Farm in Castana

May 6 - Onawa -Fairgrounds

Ida County 712-364-3003

March 4 (Holstein 10 - noon)

April 4 - Ida Grove 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Buena Vista County 712-732-5056

February 20 - in Storm Lake

To be put on the FSQA workshop list, please call 712-276-2157 or email Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu Be sure to give your name, grade and date of workshop. Each workshop is limited to 40 participants.

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. Dates will be announced in the *4-H Scene*.

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 - \$250 in matching funds to help clubs or individual 4-H'ers get the money they need to complete a community project. This is the fifth 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 Wednesday, April 12. Questions can be directed to: Molly Hewitt at hewittm@iastate.edu or (712) 276-2157.

4-H Holiday– Valentine Party | Sunday, February 5, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

The 4-H County Council is again having the 4-H Holiday - Valentine Party for Sunday, February 5 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (Please note new time) at the Extension Office at 4728 Southern Hills Drive. This will be a come and go event.

We will be decorating cookies, making valentine cards & boxes, 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 9, 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 7th year the educational awards have been given. Last year, seven seniors were selected to receive \$250 - \$1000 each. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 12. 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. Must be kept at 100 words.

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 1. 4-H'ers and Clubs will be recognized on Sunday, June 4 at the Recognition Event held at the Fairgrounds.

2017 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 27

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

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

4-H members who submit applications and attend the 4-H Recognition event on June 4 will have their meal paid for by our generous donor.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Scholarship Opportunity

NEW Cooperative Foundation is once again awarding five \$2,000 scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic school year. I would ask that you share this information and application with any 4-H members who qualify of this great scholarship opportunity. To qualify, students must be a dependent of a NEW Cooperative member or full-time employee. They must be enrolling in an agriculture major at a four year university, or a two year college with an agriculture transfer program. This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

NEW Cooperative 2017-2018 scholarship program description and application is available at their website. These may be copied and are available online at www.newcoop.com, under the About Us tab, NEW Co-op Foundation. All applications must be submitted by **March 3, 2017**.

Should you have any questions about our scholarship program or application process, please contact Gary Moritz by phone 515-955-2040 or email: gmoritz@newcoop.com.

Woodbury County 4-H would like to thank NEW Cooperative Inc. for their support of 4-H and their generous donation towards the 4-H enrollment fees. THANK YOU!

4-H Recognition Team | March 8, 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 Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We'll have pizza for our supper.

4-H Recognition Event on June 5 will be "4-H is more than Fun and Games." We will continue to have the Club of the Year and Spirit of 4-H awards that will be due May 1. 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 in planning mock interviews for 4-H members who have submitted applications for state awards.

"Mad Makerspace Open House" | March 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

"Making is the process of creating, inventing, and discovering. The Woodbury County 4-H 'Mad' Makerspace Open House will introduce youth to the world of creating and imaging. The goal of the evening is for the youth to leave with items that they have designed and created."

Woodbury County 4-H is hosting the "Mad" Makerspace Open House on March 6, 2017 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Midtown Family Community Center at 525 14th Street, Sioux City. Youth in 4th – 12th grades and their parents are invited to attend. Pre-registration is required by March 1, 2017, in order to ensure that there are enough supplies for everyone. To cover the cost of the materials, there will be a \$10 fee. Woodbury County 4-H'ers can attend for a discounted rate of \$5 per person.

Making activities available during the Open House will include creating journals, transportation devices, jewelry/accessories, paper crafts, and snack. Youth will be able to explore electricity and robotics. Youth are able to explore STEM principals and 21st century skills as they design, create and make.

If you are interested in having your 4th- 12th grade youth attend the "Mad" Makerspace Open House, please contact Lujean Faber at the Woodbury County Extension Office, faber@iastate.edu, or 712-276-2157 by March 1, 2017 with your youth's name, your name, phone number, and e-mail address. The \$10 materials fee is due before participating. The materials fee is being reduced to \$5 for current Iowa 4-H'ers.

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4-H CALENDAR



February 2017

- February 5** 4-H Holiday - Valentine Party, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
- February 5** 4-H County Council Meeting, after 4-H Holiday at the Woodbury County Extension office
- February 6** New Leader workshop, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Woodbury Extension Office - this workshop is required for new 4-H Leaders
- February 21** 4-H Livestock/Animal Superintendent Meeting, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. @ Extension office
- February 23** Hour of Code, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office. Registration for the event is due Tuesday, February 21.

March 2017

- March 6** Mad Makerspace Open House, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Midtown Community Center in Sioux City. Registrations and fee due March 1.
- March 8** 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
- March 9** 4-H & Fair Committee to meet on 4-H Fair changes, 7:00 p.m. at Fair Office in Merville
- March 11** FSQA Workshop for 4th-6th graders, 9-11 a.m., required for 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair, other date is April 18, please see article in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.
- March 27** 4-H County Awards applications due to the Woodbury County Extension office

April 2017

- April 12** Mini Grants and Educational Incentive Due, Applications can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h
- April 12** Mini-Grant Applications Due, see www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h
- April 18** FSQA Workshop for 4th-6th graders, 6-8 p.m., required for 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair, other date is March 11, please see article in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.

May 2017

- 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. \$5 for new 4-H members & \$30 for 4-H members who have been in 4-H.

Future Dates

- June 4** 4-H Recognition Event at the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Merville, IA
- June 27-29** 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 2017 Woodbury County Fair will be August 2-6!

4-H Exhibit Judging held July 31 and Livestock Entry August 1.

The 2017 Iowa State Fair will be held August 10-20
(4-H state fair livestock, dog and horticulture exhibits due July 1).

Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip of the Month: assemble seed starting supplies, order Valentine's Day flowers and take photos of your landscape in winter. Plan to attend the Siouxland Garden show on March 24 & 25.