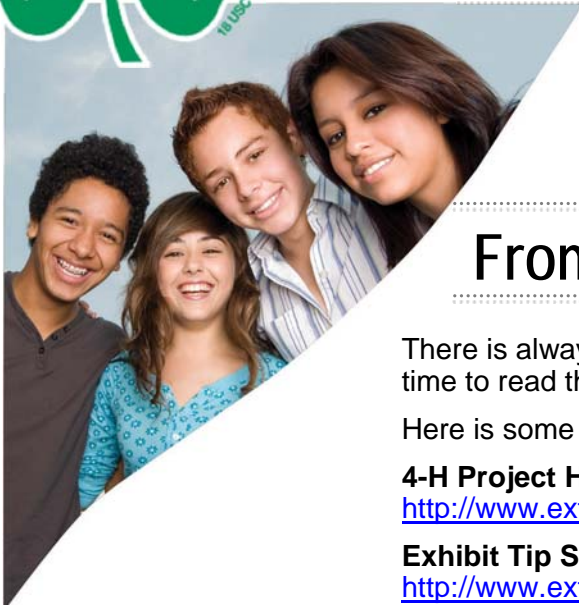




# MARCH 2017 4-H SCENE



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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, 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. Below are a couple of events to post on your calendars.

**Ak-Sar-Ben** - for 4-H'ers who show at Ak-Sar-Ben the show will move to Grand Island, Nebraska, September 28 - October 1, 2017.

**4-H Night at the Explorers** baseball game, Wednesday, June 7, 7:05 p.m.

*Lujean Faber*

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## 2017 4-H Animal Science Roundup | Due March 15



Once again, the 4-H Animal Science Roundup will be selecting 20 youth for each species: beef, dairy cattle, sheep, and swine. New this year is poultry. Roundup will be held in conjunction with State 4-H Conference June 27-29. Applications are due March 15 (note new deadline). Information is available at the following website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

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### Upcoming Events...for Woodbury County 4-H'ers & Families

- **4-H Dance**, March 3, 7-9 p.m. at Midtown Family, 525 14th St. (park & enter in the back). Cost is \$5 for dance, game and food. 4-H'ers can each bring one friend if they would like.
- **4-H Night at the Explorers** Baseball game, Wednesday, June 7, 7:05 p.m.
- **Preservation workshop** for 4-H members and leaders on June 28, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The workshop will teach participants safe practices when preserving food. You will also hear what a judge looks for in canning exhibits at the county and state fair.

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### Pig - of - Merit Weigh-In | Saturday, April 22

Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three Swine must be tagged and weighed in on Saturday, April 22, 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. The maximum weight limit on pigs is 80 lbs. 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) 409-7669 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.

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### 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](mailto: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 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](http://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. 4-H members in last year, your enrollment fee is \$30.

*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](mailto:faber@iastate.edu)

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

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**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grades **must** attend any one of the following workshops. **You must call to reserve your spot.** Limited to 40 youth per workshop.

**Woodbury County 712-276-2157**

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

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

**Monona County 712- 423-2175**

April 20 - Research Farm in Castana

May 6 - Onawa- Fairgrounds

**Ida County 712-364-3003**

March 4 - 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the United Methodist Church in Holstein

April 10 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Ida Grove

**FSQA Testing for youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **May 11**, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Extension Office
- **June 6**, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Extension Office
- **May 18**, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Extension Office
- **June 13**, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Extension Office

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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



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## Mini-Grant Applications being accepted through April 12

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](http://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](mailto:hewittm@iastate.edu) or (712) 276-2157.

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## Sheep and Goat Weigh-in | April 29

### **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: Tracy Kunkel (712) 251-6427 or Tom Dirks.

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.

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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 7th year the educational awards have been given. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 12. Application may be found on at [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://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



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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 Award**. 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](mailto: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.

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## 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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## 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>. Applications are due March 27 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

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 4 will have their meal paid for by a sponsor. Meals are approximately \$11 per meal. The sponsor wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you for this generous donation!

**4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH**



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## 4-H Members! Your Excess Garden Produce Needed

Calling all 4-H gardeners. Up From the Earth has an opportunity for you. How would you like to be part of our community's efforts to fight food insecurity (hunger)? You can and feel great about it! Just grow an extra row of veggies and donate them to our local pantry system. Free seeds and seedlings are available for this project too. It's fun, easy, and rewarding. This is an excellent 4-H citizenship opportunity too!

Up from the Earth is a voluntary system for connecting excess produce from home gardens to people in need. The program encourages home gardeners to "grow an extra row" and facilitates the gathering and distribution of excess fruits and veggies to those in need through existing food pantries.

Produce is taken from the designated collection sites to any one of a dozen or so local food pantries who have the storage and capacity. Plans are to have excess garden produce that 4-H'ers bring to the fair on 4-H Judging Day, Monday, July 31 to be donated to Up from the Earth right on the fairgrounds. Those extra peppers or tomatoes that you picked to get the perfect display for the judge can now be given to others who do not have access to fresh vegetables or fruit. Or you can donate extra fruit and vegetables at any time.

Now is the time to start planning your garden and later this spring plant an extra rows for others who aren't able to have their own gardens. For more information contact or Randy Burnight at 712-251-4955 or email: [rlbdds1949@gmail.com](mailto:rlbdds1949@gmail.com) or Lujean Faber at 712-276-2157 or email: [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu)

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## Maize Retreat | Youth in Grades 9 - 11

**Maize Retreat - April 21-23, 2017**

The 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.

The retreat 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 9 -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 or as the retreat fills.**

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# 4-H CALENDAR



## March 2017

- March 8** 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the extension office
- March 9** 4-H & Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the 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 19** 4-H County Council meeting, 2:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
- March 27** 4-H County Awards due to the Woodbury County Extension office

## April 2017

- April 18** FSQA Workshop for 4th-6th graders, 6-8 p.m., required for 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair, please see article in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.
- April 12** Mini Grants and Educational Incentive Due, Applications can be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h)
- April 22** Pig - of - Merit Weigh-in 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. @ Fairgrounds in Merville
- April 29** Sheep and Goat Weigh-in, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds

## May 2017

- May 1** Spirit of 4-H and Club of the Year due to the Extension Office
- May 11 & 18** FSQA Testing for 7th - 12th graders at the Woodbury County Extension Officers 6-8 p.m.
- 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 4** 4-H Recognition Event at the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Merville, IA
- June 7** 4-H Night at the Sioux City Explorers; baseball game starts at 7:05 p.m.
- June 6 & 13** FSQA Testing for 7th - 12th graders at the Woodbury County Extension Officers 9-11 a.m.
- June 28** Preserving Food 101 for 4-H members, leaders, judges, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Extension Office
- 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 approx. \$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 - Livestock, Dog & Horticulture entries due July 1**

**Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip of the Month:**



**March 24 & 25, 2017**

Sioux City Convention Center

[www.siouxlandgardenshow.org](http://www.siouxlandgardenshow.org)