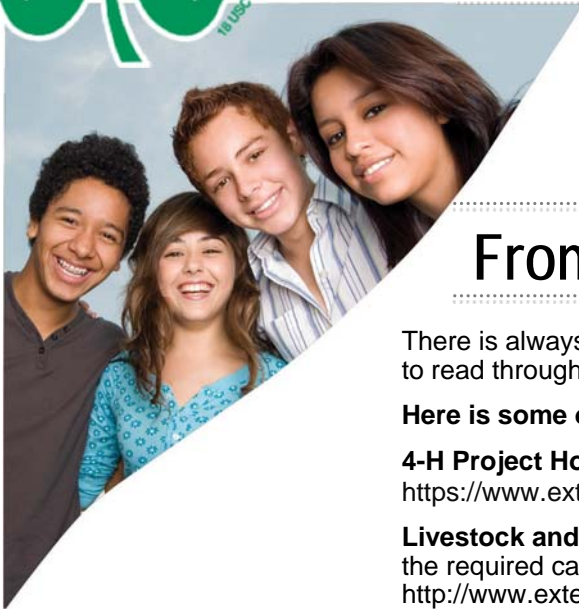




# MARCH 2018 4-H SCENE



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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  
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>

**Livestock and Animal information** – gives information on animal health requirements, the required care/disclosure forms & more (see page 3 in this issue of the 4-H Scene)  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock>

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

**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/>

Take some time now to explore these sites, then when you need information, you will know where to look.

### Healthy Living Club Challenge

What a great job 4-H Clubs have been doing on the Healthy Living Club Challenge! Below are the Woodbury Clubs and the “miles” completed from November 2017 through January 2018. The route is “1,400 miles” and ends in June.

Banner Boosters	950 miles
Blue Panthers	300 miles
Bronson 4-H Rustlers	800 miles
Kitty Cats	300 miles
Little Clovers	425 miles
Little Raiders	325 miles
Rock Branch Producers	475 miles
Roses of Iron	425 miles
Spartans	250 miles
Willow Workers	450 miles
Wolf Pack	425 miles

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## 2018 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, horse, meat goat, sheep, and swine. 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/animalscienceroundup>.

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## Experience Agronomy Day | April 7

Experience Agronomy Day is designed for 4th - 8th grade students with tons of hands-on activities and fun sessions. This day is planned and coordinated by the ISU Agronomy Club. You will have a glimpse into many different areas of agriculture, including sustainability, soil and water resources, and the incredible technology being used today. The event runs from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Ames, Iowa. Registrations are \$5 per student. Check out the Experience Agronomy Facebook page to learn more and get signed up right away! Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/experienceagronomy/>

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## Pig - of - Merit Weigh-In | Saturday, April 7 at the Fairgrounds

Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three Swine must be tagged and weighed in on Saturday, April 7, 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 or 712-251-3224.

**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 8, 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) or contact chair, Wayne Ralston at 712-873-3916.

## 4-H PLEDGE

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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. Please see 4-H 202 Iowa 4-H Livestock Show Requirements - this publication can be found at: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Products/194> or see page 3 in this issue of the 4-H Scene. Page 1 and 2 were in the *February 4-H Scene*. It's important that 4-H families are familiar with this publication.

**The website is: <https://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 \$10 until May 1 (on May 2 the fee goes up to \$35). 4-H members who were enrolled in 4-H last year the enrollment fee is \$35.

*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.

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

This is a required *workshop* for 4-H members in 4th - 6th grades who will be exhibiting Beef (market, breeding, cow/calf and feeder calf), Dairy Cattle, Goats (Dairy & Market), Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine. **You MUST attend this workshop to 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 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 - Please call the office to register or email Laura Johnson

Saturday, March 3, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Extension office

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Extension office

### Monona County 712-423-2175

April 24 – Please Call to Register 712-423-2157

May 5 – Please Call to Register 712-423-2157

**Please note:** Woodbury County 4-H'ers (4th - 6th) **MUST** attend a face - to - face workshop. No Exceptions!

To be put on the FSQA workshop list, please call 712-276-2157 or email Laura Johnson at [laurajoh@iastate.edu](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades has been scheduled. 4-H'ers will need to test out as a 7th grader and again as a 9th grader. See your 4-H Online account to see if you need to test out in 2018. Go to [iowa.4honline.com](https://iowa.4honline.com) - then go into your family account. Some 4-H'ers may need to test out in another grade depending on when they joined 4-H. No reservations needed. MARK DATES on your calendars.**

Wednesday, May 9	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Woodbury County Extension Office
Wednesday, May 16	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Woodbury County Extension Office
Tuesday, June 5	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Woodbury County Extension Office
Tuesday, June 12	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Woodbury County Extension Office



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## Live! With Lujean & Laura

Join us as we host a live chat video on our Woodbury 4-H Facebook page. We plan to go live on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month – check our facebook page for more details! Our live videos will be a chance for us to talk to you about upcoming events, workshops, and opportunities that your 4-H'ers can be a part of. Please let us know if there are any questions or topics you'd like us to talk about. Make sure you visit our facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/woodbury4h](http://www.facebook.com/woodbury4h) and tune in!

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## Sheep and Goat Weigh-in | Sunday, April 29 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Sheep:** Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.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: Kathy Petersen (712) 259-1428 or Tabitha Lewis (712) 870-0439.

**Goats:** Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.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 Thomas Dirks (712) 870-4110.

**State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben Sheep & Goats:** 4-H'ers who plan to attend the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must have their market and commercial animals verified by a retinal scan, tagged and weighed between 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. County tags cost \$1.00 each. State Fair & AK-SAR-BEN Exhibits are \$5.00 each.

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## Educational Incentive and Mini-Grant Applications

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 8<sup>th</sup> year the educational awards have been given. Application may be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h).

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 \$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 seventh 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. Educational Incentives and Mini-Grant Applications due April 11.

Questions can be directed to: Molly Hewitt at [hewittm@iastate.edu](mailto:hewittm@iastate.edu) or (712) 276-2157.

## 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 Tuesday, May 1. 4-H'ers and Clubs will be recognized on Sunday, June 3 at the 4-H Recognition Event held at the Fairgrounds.

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## Still 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 26

**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 26 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 to type in their information.

The 4-H Recognition Event will be held on Sunday, June 3, at the VI building on Fairgrounds.

**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)? 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 30 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 or Lujean Faber at 712-276-2157 or email: faber@iastate.edu

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## Maize Retreat | Youth in Grades 8 - 12

### Maize Retreat - April 13-15, 2018

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. Open to all youth who are enrolled in 4-H and are in grades 8-12.

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 Clover Woods Camping Center in Madrid, Iowa 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 -12. Adult volunteers are also needed to help at the retreats.

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

**Registration closes on Friday, April 6.**

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# 4-H CALENDAR



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## March 2018

- March 3** FSQA Workshop for 4th-6th graders, 9-11 a.m., required for 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair. The other date is April 18. Please see article in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.
- March 7** 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the extension office.
- March 8** 4-H & Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville.
- March 10** Chili Cook-off Fundraiser for 4-H at Midtown Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See enclosed flyer for details.
- March 26** 4-H County Awards due to the Woodbury County Extension office.

## April 2018

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- April 29** Sheep and Goat Weigh-in & Tagging, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds.

## May 2018

- May 1** Spirit of 4-H and Club of the Year due to the Extension Office.
- May 9 & 16** FSQA Testing for 7th - 12th graders at the Woodbury County Extension Office 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 3** 4-H Recognition Event at the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Merville, Iowa.
- June 5 & 12** FSQA Testing for 7th - 12th graders at the Woodbury County Extension Office 9-11 a.m.
- June 26 - 28** 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 March. Cost is approx. \$180 and is due June 1.
- July 1** State Fair 4-H entries due for livestock, animals, dogs, and horticulture.
- July 15** Livestock and animal entry forms and Communications entry forms due for County Fair.

**The 2018 Woodbury County Fair will be August 1-5!**

4-H Exhibit Judging held July 30 and Livestock Entry July 31.

**The 2018 Iowa State Fair will be held August 9-19 - Livestock, Dog & Horticulture entries due July 1**

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**Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip of the Month: It's time to clean up shovels, spades, hoes, and rakes. Use a wire brush or stiff putty knife to removed caked-on soil. Sharpen blades and use an oily rag to wipe and clean surfaces.**

**This topic could be used as a 4-H working exhibit, educational presentation, or as a 4-H building project.**