



DECEMBER 2015 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

There are many events going on in December for families. With the move to our new office at 4728 Southern Hills Drive, November and December have been busy months.

Thank you to all the 4-H'ers and 4-H volunteers who have already enrolled in 4-H Online and have turned in their enrollment fee. We have decided to extend the deadline to January 15, 2016 for enrollments and the \$20 fee (new families have until May 15). With all the enrollments coming in we haven't had the time to process them all yet.

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Be sure to read through the 4-H Scene for other due dates and important information. Included in this issue of the 4-H Scene is information on:

- Beef Weigh-in for Saturday, December 12, 9 – 11 a.m. at the fairgrounds
- Citizenship Washington D.C. Trip – first deposit due January 4
- Resume, Interview and Awards Oh My! Open House for 9–12 graders on January 9
- 4-H Archery Classes Jan. 11, 18 & 25 and Feb 1, 8 & 15 in Sioux City
- Global Citizenship Event for 4-H'ers in 4th – 8th grades on January 23
- 4-H State Awards and Scholarships due February 1
- Monona County 4-H invite to a Hockey Game on February 20

During the holiday break from school would be a great time to set goals and decide what you want to do in 4-H this coming year. Have a happy holiday season!

Lujean Faber

Deadline extended to January 15, 2016 for Enrollments



With the busy months of November and December, we have extended the deadline for 4-H enrollments until January 15. 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. If you plan to exhibit market beef, you must be enrolled by December 15; the reason for this is that 4-H'ers need to verify their animals in 4-H Online by the end of the year. 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.

Beef Weigh In| Saturday, December 12

The 2015 Beef Weigh In will be held on December 12th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. —11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds, south of the Red Barn. This weigh in is for market steers and market heifers that are going to be exhibited at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair, AK-SARBEN and Clay County Fair or other 4-H events that the animals must be weighed and identified.

4-H'ers/FFA members in the same family must decide before the animals are weighed which animal each youth plans to exhibit. After the animal is identified and weighed, no switching is allowed. 4-H members may weigh ten market animals. Animals must be identified as either 4-H or FFA.

New Rule: All Woodbury County 4-H'ers MUST attend this weigh in. If there is another conflict on that date it must be approved by the Woodbury County Office. No cattle will be weighed in at another county unless approved by our office first.

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.

We will help you with what to put in a resume and polish up your interview skills to assist you with a job application, college or a 4-H award application. It's a come and go and we will also have hot chocolate and treats!

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

4-H members in 9th-12th grade are eligible to attend the trip to Washington D.C. that will be held June 10-18, 2016.

The chartered bus trip highlights include the Flight 93 Museum, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museum, Mount Vernon and the Holocaust Museum. Youth will also meet with the Iowa Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Youth will room at the National 4-H Center.

Cost of the trip is \$1,570. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions and most meals. Registration and a \$510 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Woodbury County 4-H members will receive a scholarship of approximately \$150 that will be given right before they leave for Washington D.C. Space is limited. Registration deadline is January 4, 2016. To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>

2016 4-H Scholarships| Due February 1

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.

OUR VISION

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



Grants for Community Improvement Projects

The Iowa 4-H Foundation would like 4-H Clubs to apply for DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for 2015/2016. Applications should be turned into County Extension Offices by December 15.

Information for these grants are on the Iowa 4-H website located at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants. Grants will be awarded for anywhere from \$50 to \$500 but typically will not exceed half of the cost of the total project as groups are encouraged to work at obtaining local support as a match. Successful projects are those that enlist partnerships with other community entities, demonstrate engagement by the full 4-H club, and make a positive impact on the community.

Early this year, Woodbury County 4-H Clubs, Bronson 4-H Rustlers and Lucky Lassies and Lads, received grant money to help their communities.

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. – 8:00p.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 that includes a \$10 equipment fee. E-mail Maureen Rusley at rusley@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.

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

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

On this site are videos to help 4-H'ers prepare for the awards, interviewing tips and organizing and designing your application(s). The questions you need to answer are also located at that site.

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 (this form is currently being revised to make it easier to understand)

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

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.

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.

Give the Gift of Sewing this Season

Do you know an avid sewer deserving of an ultimate sewing get away or a youth wanting to learn to sew? Save the date for Designer Joi's Sewing Holiday 2016 July 20-23 held at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. This is an ideal event for adults and 4-H youth with classes in quilting, fashion, fitting, embroidery and more along with the Kids Sewing Boot Camp. Enjoy three full days of classes taught by top national sewlebrities, special speakers, a charity sewing event, gourmet goody bags and more all in our own backyard. Space is limited so register early. For information on how you can give the gift of sewing this holiday season or how to register yourself check out www.sewingholiday.com and sign up for our event updates or email joi@sewingholiday.com.

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



December

December 12 Beef Weigh-In | 9-11 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds

January 2016

January 7 4-H & Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville, IA

January 9 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.

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 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).

Future Dates

March 28 4-H County Awards due to the Woodbury County 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: Remove leaves and other debris from gutters, and clean and store your garden tools for the winter months.