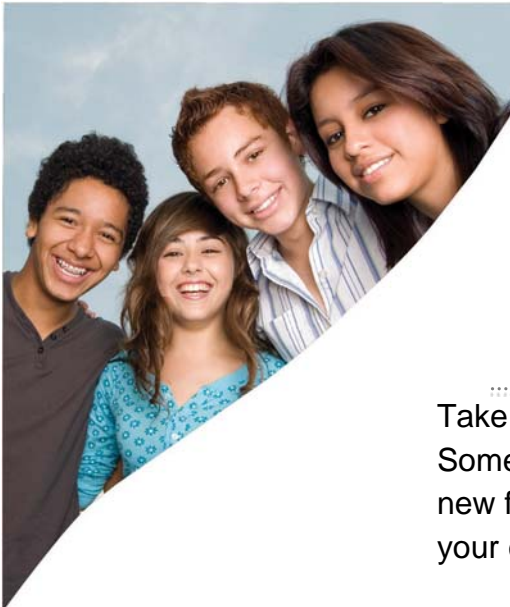




FEBRUARY 2015 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

Take advantage of the county 4-H opportunities that are available. Some of the events are fun and will help you learn about 4-H or meet new friends. Be sure to read the articles and put important dates on your calendar. See below what events are important to you!

- County Project Awards are due: Monday, March 30
- Livestock Judging Meeting on February 8
- 4-H Holiday “Valentine Party” on February 12
- New Wildlife Club informational meeting on February 15
- Spring Archery Session in Correctionville, Mondays: Feb 16-April 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Regional Ski Trip planned for February 21 (registration due February 13)
- FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) required if 4-H’ers plan to exhibit livestock/animals at the Woodbury County Fair and State Fair and other livestock events as required. This is an Iowa 4-H State rule.

All this information can be found in this issue of the *4-H Scene*. Or if you lost your *4-H Scene*, it can be found at the Woodbury County 4-H website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>

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New 4-H Wildlife Club Starting Up

Woodbury County 4-H is pleased to announce the formation of a group of people interested in learning more about wildlife in Woodbury County and helping to improve wildlife habitat. This will be a special interest club and won't necessarily need to have monthly meetings.

All 4-H'ers and their family members are invited to come to an organizational meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the fair office at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds. This first meeting will include a short presentation to define wildlife habitat needs, develop a mission statement and set some goals for the club for the upcoming year.

We hope to have a great group of 4-H'ers and their family members attend. Club members will be hands-on to determine what they want the club to be and will hopefully result in a net gain in wildlife habitat in Woodbury County. If you have any questions, please call Sam Thomas at 712-870-1237.

Livestock Judging 4-H Club

The Livestock Judging 4-H Club will be meeting on Sunday, Feb. 8, 4:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. At the January meeting there were over 20 4-H'ers who attended. It's not too late to join; give Justin and Autumn Nelson a call at 712-899-8950 or stop by the meeting.

4-H Holiday "Valentine Party" | February 12

The 4-H County Council will be having the 4-H Holiday "Valentine Party" on Thursday, February 12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Sergeant Bluff (First and Baker Streets). There will be pizza, crafts, decorating cookies and a drawing for prizes. 4-H'ers can come anytime between 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

We haven't had very many 4-H'ers attend the 4-H Holiday in the last several years, but the 4-H County Council wanted to give this event "one more try." Please attend and invite friends who may want to join 4-H. See enclosed flyer for more information.

4-H'ers Invited to 4-H County Council Meetings

The 4-H County Council want you to know what they do and also what you are interested in for 4-H! They are inviting 4-H members (4-H'ers in 7th through 12th grades) to any of their meetings. The next meeting will be held Sunday, February 8, 4:00 p.m. at the Extension office in Sioux City. If you would like to develop your leadership skills, plan 4-H events and work with the 4-H County Council, please consider this opportunity. At our next meeting we will be finalizing plans for the 4-H Holiday "Valentine Party" that will be held on Thursday, February 12.

If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 ext #12, contact one of the 4-H County Council members or come to the meeting.

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4-H County Award Applications | Due March 30

The 4-H Recognition Team wants 4-H'ers to take advantage of 4-H project awards. The 4-H Project Award Guidelines (one for 4th – 8th grades and for 4-H'ers in 9th – 12th grades) is posted on the Woodbury County 4-H website located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>

Also on this site will be the 4-H Rubric and Cover Form. The 4-H award rubric helps leaders, parents and 4-H'ers know what is required to receive the different levels of awards. All forms are linked together.

There is also a template for 4-H'ers in 4th – 8th grade to make it easier to understand what is needed for award; 4-H'ers can type in their information or use it as a guide.

Also on the web is additional information for the special project awards for 4-H'ers in 10th – 12th grades. Those awards are Project Achievement, Merit, Danforth, Overall Achievement, and Outstanding Graduated Senior.

The 4-H Recognition Event to recognize project and special awards, will be held on Sunday, June 7, at the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Merville, Iowa. Meal will start at 5:00 p.m. with program to follow at 5:45 p.m.

4-H Recognition Team March | You're Invited!

The 4-H Recognition Team is inviting leaders or others who are interested to be a part of the 4-H Recognition Team. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office. We will have pizza. Agenda will be to continue to plan the recognition event, set interviews, and set dates to look at project award applications.

Hear about the 4-H Fair Changes

The next meeting of the 4-H & Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office in Merville. The committee will approve 4-H Fair Superintendents at their January/March meeting. Other agenda items: approval of the 4-H fair changes and fair schedule. Others are invited to the meeting if they have suggestions or concerns.

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

Open Horse Show

The 2nd Annual IAAHA Summer Spectacular Open Horse Show will be held at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls, Iowa. The show will be held June 27-28. There is camping available for \$25/night and there are other show fees. To reserve stalls or get more information contact Sean Thurm: (319) 231-9826, email: sean.thurm@gmail.com or www.iowaarabianhorseassociation.com

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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 third 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 15. Questions may be directed to ISU Extension Program Coordinator Adrienne Jansen at jansena@iastate.edu or (712) 276-2157.

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 for more than four years.

This is the fifth year the educational awards have been given. Last year, three 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.

2015 Equine Extravaganza

The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza is a newly combined event of the Youth Horse Jamboree (typically held in late March) and the State Horse Judging Contest (typically held in November) that will be held at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. We hope that this will increase participation for all of the variety of equine events that youth can participate in. Look for more information on entry deadlines and processes coming soon on the Equine website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza>. There are a couple of blocks set up at the AmericInn and Super 8 in Iowa Falls. Be sure to ask for the *Ellsworth College 4-H Horse Event* block to reserve.

State Photography Camp

The camp will be held June 15-17 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center. Learn basic camera settings, portraits, close-ups, landscapes, special effects, composition and computer photo enhancement and much more. For more information, email: iowa_4h_photocamp@yahoo.com. Cost is \$180.00 to attend by May 1 for early fee.

Snow Tube/Ski Regional Trip

4-H'ers from Plymouth, Monona, Harrison and Woodbury can participate in a fun event on Saturday, February 21, at Mt. Crescent (located between Missouri Valley and Council Bluff). Registrations are due February 13. A bus will take 4-H'ers to Mt. Crescent. The bus is free to any Woodbury 4-H members.

4-H'er MUST be enrolled in 4-H Online. Once you send in your registration, there will be additional waivers to fill out that will be sent to you. The flyer was in last month's 4-H Scene or go online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h> to download a form.

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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 can be emailed to faber@iastate.edu and posters can be dropped off at the Extension office - all are due Monday, May 4. 4-H'ers and Clubs will be recognized on Sunday, June 7 at the Recognition Event held at the Fairgrounds.

Use 4-H Online | iowa.4honline.com | 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.

It's not too late for 4-H'ers who were enrolled last year to enroll in 4-H. Your fee will be \$30.

Fundraising Ideas

If your club is planning a fundraiser, drop a note to the Extension office. That way we will be aware in case we get a call asking about your fundraiser. Just email Lujean at faber@iastate.edu. A couple of businesses have recently sent information on their fundraiser: MinnTex Citrus and Pastry Puffin. It is up to each club on what type of fundraiser they want (or not) to do. If you want information on any of the above, just contact Lujean. If clubs do have a fundraiser, any proceeds need to be decided by the club members on what they would like to do with the money. Make sure you have the secretary record that in the club minutes.

Spring Archery Session

Siouxland Shooters is having a spring archery session every Monday, starting February 16 – April 6. Archery is open to all 4-H members 4th – 12th grades and new members are welcomed. Classes will be held at the gym of the old school in Correctionville, Iowa on 512 5th Street. For questions or sign-up, contact Joleen at 712-577-0105. There is no cost to current 4-H members, new 4-H members will need to pay the \$20 enrollment fee. These classes are for beginners to experienced.



I'm A (Future) Agronomist

Iowa State University Agronomy Club's 4-H Experience Agronomy Event

Former 4-H'ers Emily Putze and Kalli Weber are inviting 4-H'ers in 4-8th grades to attend an interactive day full of learning about different aspects of Agronomy including weeds, seeds, plants, and industry. Contact Lujean for a registration form. Or see the website at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>

If there are enough 4-H'ers, Woodbury will rent a bus...no costs to the 4-H members!

Who: All Iowa 4-Hers grades 4-8 are invited

Where: Iowa State University, Ames IA @ Agronomy Hall

When: Saturday April 11, 2015 9:00-1:15

FSQA Workshops

Required for 4-H'ers Exhibiting Animals at the County Fair

4-H'ers in 4th – 6th grades MUST attend an FSQA workshop if they want to exhibit animals at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair. If you plan to show Cattle (market, breeding, cow/calf, feeder calf), Goats (dairy, meat and fancy), Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine please plan to attend one of the workshops listed below.

You are invited to attend any of these workshops! These workshops are limited to the first 40 who register! Please mark your calendars!

- March 7 10 a.m. Holstein
- April 14 6 p.m. Ida Grove
- April 15 6 p.m. Sioux City
- April 18 9:30 a.m. Onawa
- April 27 6:30 p.m. Storm Lake
- May 12 6:30 p.m. Mapleton
- June 5 1:00 p.m. Rockwell City
- June 20 9:30 a.m. Correctionville

Urban 4-H Update

The AmeriCorps staff headed up a Martin Luther King Jr. project with the Afterschool 4-H Clubs. Fleece blankets were purchased using donated money and were made into winter scarves in sizes for children, teens and adults. There were 130 tied scarves made. They were then donated to military groups to be distributed to veterans, active military and their families.

There will be a day camp at the Midtown Family Center at 525 14th Street on Feb. 9, when the Sioux City School district does not have school. The title of the camp is "Have a Hoot: Cooking and Crafting Camp." The hours for the camp are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All meals and snacks are provided. Call 224-3363 for registration information.

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Upcoming 4-H Events & Deadlines



FEBRUARY

- February 8 4-H County Council meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the Extension office in Sioux City
- February 8 4-H Livestock Judging meeting, 4:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
- February 12 4-H Holiday "Valentine Party" 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Sergeant Bluff Methodist Church
- February 15 4-H Wildlife Habitat organizational club meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the fair office in Merville
- February 21 Snow Tube/Ski Regional Trip to Mt. Crescent (Registration and fee due February 13)

MARCH

- March 2 Woodbury County Youth Committee | 5:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
- March 12 4-H & Fair Committee, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office in Merville, hear about the 4-H fair changes
- March 15 DuPont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grants for Spring due date
- March 30 County Award Applications due

APRIL

- April 11 Pig-of-Merit Weigh-in | 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds
- April 15 4-H Mini Grants Applications due to the Woodbury County Extension Office
- April 15 Educational Incentive for 4-H high school seniors due to Woodbury County Extension

FUTURE DATES

- May 4 Spirit of 4-H and Club of the Year entries due to the Woodbury County Extension office.
- May 15 Livestock, horse and dogs must to be identified in 4-H Online (county, state, Clay county and Ak-Sar-Ben)
- May 15 Must be enrolled and enrollment fee paid to exhibit in 4-H at the Woodbury County Fair
- June 7 4-H Recognition Event, 5:00 p.m. Meal, 5:45 p.m. Program
- July 1 4-H State Fair entries due in 4-H Online
- July 15 Woodbury County Fair 4-H/FFA entries due for all livestock (beef, sheep, swine, dairy goats and meat goats, llamas, dairy cattle, rabbits, poultry, sheep, dog & horses)
- July 15 4-H Clay County Entries due (Clay County Fair is September 12-20)
- August 3 4-H Building Judging
- August 4 4-H Livestock Entry
- August 5-9 Woodbury County Fair
- August 13-23 Iowa State Fair

February Master Gardner Tip: Make plans to attend the 2015 Siouxland Garden Show!

March 27-29 | Sioux City Convention Center