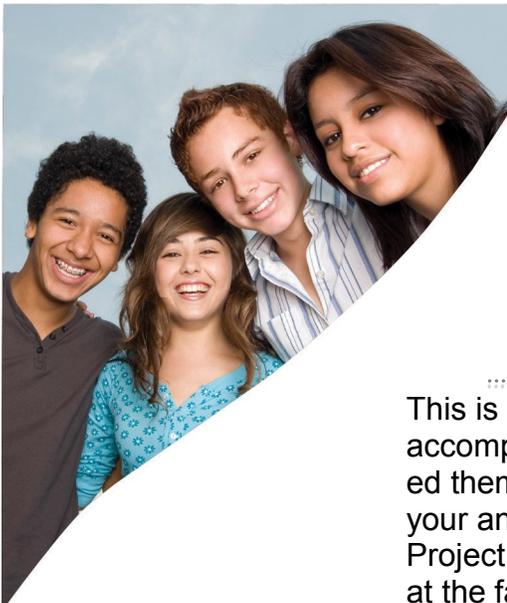




JANUARY 2015 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

This is the time of the year to set your personal goals and goals you want to accomplish in 4-H. Many of you have already set some goals and completed them. Maybe your goal was to purchase a calf and learn how to care for your animal. Some of you have set a goal of applying for a Record Keeping Project award. Many of you will be setting goals on what you want to exhibit at the fair. A GOAL is...deciding what you want to do and learn in a 4-H Project.

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A Goal has 3 parts: The action: how you are going to do it. The result: what you will do. The timetable: when you plan to have it done.

Action	Result	Timetable
I want to make	three nutritious snacks	by June 1.

I want to look at the 4-H Hot Sheets to learn what I can do as a presentation by the April club meeting. Can you tell what the action is, the result, and when it needs to be done by?

Set goals that:

- Are specific (not too general or broad)
- Meet your needs and interests
- Provide you an opportunity for achievement
- Can be accomplished in a reasonable amount of time
- Show progress over last year
- It is ok to make changes and to add or delete goals during the year. Now it's your turn to write your goals!

Lujean Faber

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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. There is also a template for 4-H'ers in 4th – 8th grade to make it easier to understand what is needed for awards...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 Scholarships| Due Feb 1

The 2015 Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available online and can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships. There are four separate applications: Incoming Freshman, Current College Students, Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant, and Iowa 4-H Veterinary Medicine Scholarships.

Letters of recommendation need to be submitted through the online form at <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarshiprecommendation>. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. February 1, 2015. New this year, applicants will have the ability to save and return to the application as many times as needed. Supporting documents with instructions and helpful hints are posted as well.

Iowa 4-H Conference 2015 and Round-Up – Dare to Discover

The 2015 Iowa 4-H Conference and Round-Up will be held June 30 – July 2 in Ames, Iowa. The conference is for any teen who has completed 8th – 12th grades...invite your friends. Cost is approximately \$175 and anyone who is a Woodbury County 4-H member will receive free bus transportation. Registrations will be due in late May. An orientation for county youth will be held in early June.

4-H Round-Up *NEW INFORMATION*: Youth who plan to participate in 4-H Round-up held during the Iowa 4-H Conference must now fill out an online application. Only 20 youth per species (beef, sheep, swine, and horse) will be accepted to participate, based on their application. The online application will be due February 1. More information will be coming. If you are interested, please contact Lujean at faber@iastate.edu and a link to the site will be sent to you.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Website is: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>
Financial Aid Application is due April 25.

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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-Hers 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. See enclosed flyer for more information!

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. The 4-H County Council are requesting snacks for the 4-H Afterschool program, mittens and/or hats, or other items for the Midtown Pantry.

We need your help for the 4-H Holiday: 4-H'ers who would like to share a craft or special talent, please let Lujean Faber know. You can reach her at 712-276-2157 or email faber@iastate.edu

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 that may want to join 4-H. More details will be in the *4-H Scene next month*.

You're Invited! | 4-H Recognition Team on January 14

The 4-H Recognition Team are inviting leaders or others who are interested to be a part of the 4-H Recognition Team. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office. We will have pizza.

Please let Lujean know if you plan to attend by calling her at 712-276-2157 or email her at faber@iastate.edu. In case of bad weather we can contact you in case the meeting needs to be cancelled (snow date is January 21).

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4-H & Fair Committee | January 8

The next meeting of the 4-H & Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville. The committee will approve 4-H Fair Superintendents at their January meeting. Other Agenda items: clarification on ribbons and premiums, clarify rules and update of programs. Others are invited to the meeting if they have suggestions or concerns. After the March meeting, no fair changes will be addressed. The committee will meet in March to approve all 4-H Fair changes for 2015. 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 (a snow date is set for January 15).

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, January 11, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office in Merville. If you would like to develop your leadership skills, plan 4-H events work with the 4-H County Council, please consider this opportunity.

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.

Make-Up Date for Required Leader Training

The make-up date for the Woodbury County 4-H Volunteer Training "The Heart of Belonging" has been set for **January 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office**. This training is required for all 4-H volunteers who work with youth, including club leaders, project leaders, Clover Kids leaders, Robotic Club leaders, and Shooting Sports volunteers. During this meeting, we will cover important information related to your club's financial health; as well as how you can ensure that your club is a place where all youth feel like they belong.

Since the weather in January is unpredictable, a snow-date for January 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office. A decision will be made by 3:00 p.m. if the meeting needs to be postponed on January 22, due to weather. If e-mail is not the best way to let you know, please respond by calling 712-276-2157 with your preferred method of being notified. Please email Brenda Welch at bwelch@iastate.edu or call her at 712-276-2157.

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4-H Recognition for State and County Awards

Now is the time to start thinking about State 4-H Recognition. State Recognition is for any 4-H member in grades 9 – 12. You will need to check out each opportunity for grade and other requirements. Opportunities include: State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, State 4-H Council and National 4-H Dairy conference. Applications are done online and will be due February 1 to the State 4-H office. Interviews will be held in March 28 in Ames. Information is available at the state 4-H website located at:

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

Opportunities include:

State Project Awards	Grades 9-12
National 4-H Congress	Grades 10-11 Atlanta, Georgia
National 4-H Conference	Grades 9-11 National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland
State 4-H Council	Grades 10-11
National 4-H Dairy Conf.	Grades 9-12 Application is due July 1, Conference at Madison, WI

NEW State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program—Details coming soon!

2015 State Volunteer Retreat | Feb. 6-7, 2015, Iowa State University, Ames

Register now to get your choice of workshops! Online registration and workshop descriptions are now posted at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat>

The annual State Volunteer Retreat brings together 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening, February 6, features hands on activities and ideas.

Saturday, February 7, is filled with a variety of workshops and networking opportunities. Workshops are presented by ISU faculty and staff and volunteers. The wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Registration is FREE this year and limited to the first 100 people who register. Registration is filling up fast so don't delay! Registration deadline is January 23.

Shooting Sports (SESS) Instructor Training, Iowa 4-H Center

Online registration is now available for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop! It will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center on May 1-3, 2015. All volunteers MUST have successfully completed the background screening process through their county extension office before participating in the training. Early Bird Registration ends March 31, 2015 and will cost \$250. Late Registration will take place from April 1-10, 2015, and will cost \$275. Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun, and Wildlife will be offered if minimum registration numbers are met.

Visit the website (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/shootingsports/training>) for information, tentative agenda, and online registration.



Cement to the Beef Barn

Fellow 4-H Clubs, it has come to the attention of the Anthon Advancers that the new cement that was installed on the entry to the beef barn was not funded. We would like to challenge the other 4-H clubs in Woodbury to donate money to the fair to help with this very great improvement. We are donating and would like to encourage every other club to donate too. No amount is too big or too little; please give as you see fit. Thank you for supporting our great Fair. Please mail checks to the Woodbury County Fair Association, PO Box 369, Merville, IA 51039.

2015 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza | January 25

The Beef Bonanza will be held on Saturday, January 24, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Emmetsburg Campus. Cost is \$5 per Participant (includes lunch). This event is for any youth in grades 4 and up. Adults welcome for \$5 lunch fee.

Sessions include: Expanding your learning with cattle, Winning with feeds, "Meat" the Data, Sire breeding and selection, College Ag program tour, Ways to increase the quality of your cattle for fair exhibits, and Would you eat that? Attending the sessions will fulfill your FSQA requirement (required if you are in 4th – 6th grades and want to exhibit at county and state fair) or take the FSQA test for 4-H'ers in grades 7-12.

Plus...Great Door Prizes! Registration and \$5 fee due January 16. For a registration form go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmet/>

2015 North Central Iowa Youth Beef Conference| January 24

An educational program sponsored by Iowa State University Extension & Outreach for North Central Iowa youth who want to learn more about beef production will be held **Saturday, January 24**, at the Ellsworth Community College Agriculture & Renewable Energy Center, south of Iowa Falls on Hwy 65 at 705 Ellsworth Ave. The program will run from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM with registration beginning at 9:00 AM.

A variety of interactive workshops and sessions are being planned for youth 4th grade through 12th grade who register for this event. Youth will learn how to take vitals on a calf to determine if they are sick; how diseases spread and what would happen if a deadly disease came to Iowa; discover how the vet learns to identify the parts of a reproductive tract by palpation; and the science behind building and creating your own tasty hamburger! **Qualifies as FSQA Certification for one year!**

Cost is \$5.00 per participant lunch included (Accompanying adult/s are welcome for \$5 lunch fee). Please pre-register by **January 16** at your County Extension Office, or send to the address below. Registrations must include the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form. For more information contact the Franklin County Extension Office at 641-456-4811. Event must have a minimum of 20 participants to be held.

NEW: Woodbury County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

When: January 18, 2015 6pm

Where: Woodbury County Fair Grounds 4-H fair office Merville, IA.

Who: Open to all Woodbury County 4-H members who have an interest in evaluating Livestock

Coach: Justin Nelson was born and raised in Colorado and began evaluating livestock at age 9 in 4-H. He was on the All State Judging team in 96-97 with several other kids across the state of Colorado. He judged at the collegiate level for Northeastern Jr, College and Colorado State University. Justin and his wife Autumn along with their 2 kids Wyatt and Kara live in Pierson, IA. They are excited to help start the Livestock judging team and share their love of livestock with the youth of Woodbury county.

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Sewing Holiday Event | July 22-25

4-Hers and their parents wanting to learn to sew, quilt, fashion design and more or improve on your current skills here is a BIG event for you! Former Woodbury County 4-Her, Award Winning Fashion Designer, author, McCall Pattern Designer and National Sewlebrity, Joi Mahon, is the organizer of this special event.

Designer Joi's Sewing Holiday will take place on July 22-25th at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. This event includes an adult Learn to Sew, Kids Sewing Camp (kids receive a new sewing machine to keep sponsored by Baby Lock Sewing Machine Company and family members can take adult sewing classes while the youth are well taken care of). Classes each day in sewing techniques, quilting, serging, machine embroidery and more taught by sewlebrities such as Nancy Zieman, Mary Fons, Angie Wolf, Janet Pray, Sue O'Very, Designer Joi and more. Special features include three evening Banquets with a special program each night including an opening banquet concert by Tonic Sol Fa, An Evening with Nancy Zieman, and Mary Fons with insight into the quilting world. There will be a program by the McCall Pattern Company where you will learn about the history of the company and commercial patterns, a session on the "History of Fashion" by Iowa State University, and a special quilt event from the International Quilt Study Center. Don't miss the gourmet goody bags and pick up your free project kit at the Charity Sewing Exhibit sponsored by Simple Simon and Company and other fun extras. There is something for everyone. Come take a class, learn a skill, meet a sewlebrity and sew a project to take to fair.

This is a ticketed event and Pre-registration is required. Space is limited and this event will sell out fast. For early bird registration information please email joi@sewingholiday.com

The official website will be available the end of January, but in the mean time you can sign up for updates at www.sewingholiday.com

Enroll in 4-H | visit: iowa.4honline.com

Thank you to all the 4-H families who enrolled by December 15! It is not too late to enroll in 4-H. 4-H members who were in last year, and want to exhibit at the Woodbury County Fair have until May 15 (By January 2 if you plan to exhibit market beef). Your enrollment fee will now be \$30.

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.

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Calendar of 4-H Events



DECEMBER

- January 3 Beef Weigh-In 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds by Red Barn
- January 8 4-H & Fair Committee, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville (Snow date Jan 15)
- January 11 4-H County Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds (4-H'ers in 7-12th grades invited)
- January 14 4-H Recognition Team meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office, pizza for supper (snow date January 21)
- January 22 Make-up Workshop for 4-H Leaders, 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension Office
REQUIRED for any project or 4-H leader

FEBRUARY

- February 1 State 4-H Awards Due to the state 4-H Office. State awards must be done online and are due **Sunday, February 1**
- February 1 4-H Scholarship Information Due to the State 4-H Office.
- February 1 Application due for Round-Up (see article under Iowa 4-H Conference)
- February 12 4-H Holiday "Valentine Party" 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Sergeant Bluff Methodist Church
- 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 15 DuPont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grants for Spring due date
- March 30 County Award Applications due

FUTURE DATES

- May 15 Livestock, horse and dogs must 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

Be sure to read the 4-H Scene. The newsletter has information to help you all year long and for fair too!

January Master Gardner Tip: Add garden record keeping to the list of New Year's resolutions. Make a note of which varieties of flowers and vegetables do best and which do poorly in your garden.