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, COOL, 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 at the state fair http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/

Woodbury County 4-H – the 4-H Scene can be found here and other 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.4-Honline.com/

During the winter and spring months take some time now to explore these sites, then when you need information this summer, you will know where to look. Keep reading the 4-H Scene!
County 4-H Award Applications Due March 30

We want all 4-H’ers to apply for county 4-H awards. Woodbury County 4-H’ers have done some amazing projects and they need to be recognized for their project work. Your award application(s) is due Monday, March 30, 2015. Go to the Woodbury 4-H Website at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h

Look at Project Award Guidelines; those guidelines will tell you what is required. The 4-H Award rubric will help 4-H’ers know how the award application(s) is judged.

Your application can be up to four (4) pages and up to two (2) pages of support material (resume and/or photos). The application cover form is attached to the front of your application. The cover form has additional information to help prepare your application.

- Woodbury County Record Keeping Project Award Guidelines for Grades 4-8
- Woodbury County Record Keeping Project Award Guidelines for Grades 9-12
- 4-H Award Rubric for 4-H members in grades 4-8
- 4-H Award Rubric for 4-H members in grades 9-12
- 4-H Application Cover Form
- Special County Project Awards for 4-H’ers in grades 10-12
- 4-H Project Award template for 4-H’ers in grades 4-8

Spirit of 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 applications 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.

4-H Recognition Event| Sunday, June 7

Each year 4-H’ers and volunteers are recognized at the 4-H Recognition Event. To help with the cost of the meal, the 4-H Recognition Team are asking 4-H clubs for a donation towards the meal so that 4-H members, 4-H Volunteers and their family can all benefit. 4-H Clubs have been very generous in the past to help with this effort.

The Recognition Team is requesting each club donate a $5 door prize for the 4-H Recognition event. The 4-H Recognition event will be held on Sunday, June 7 in the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Moville. The meal will be catered by Central Catering of Hawarden and will start at 5:00 p.m. with the award program starting at 5:45 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to attend.
I’m A (Future) Agronomist | Due date Extended to March 20

Former Woodbury 4-H Members, Emily Putze and Kalli Weber, are inviting Woodbury 4-H’ers to The “I’m A (Future) Agronomist” event. Iowa State University Agronomy Club is excited to announce a new and educational opportunity for middle school 4-H’ers in grades 4-8 who are interested in agriculture and agronomy. Together with the staff and professors of the Iowa State University Agronomy Department, the club will be hosting a fun-filled interactive day full of demonstrations by world renowned ISU Agronomy faculty and teaching assistants, a career fair with companies in agricultural industries, a lunch, and a raffle. The day will focus on many important areas such as weeds, seeds, crops, weather, and soil.

This event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Ames at Agronomy Hall. The cost is $5 per attendee to help cover the cost of lunch and one t-shirt per person. For the flyer/registration visit http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h – registration is extended to March 20. Woodbury County did not get enough youth for a bus; families are welcome to attend on their own.

IFAA Scholarships

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA).

The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two - or four-year post-secondary institution this fall or current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry. 2015 IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarships are available at:


- Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application – Due May 1, 2015
- Undergraduate Scholarship Application – Due April 1, 2015

If you have questions, contact Harold Hodgson, 515-290-8875, boars@swinegenetics.com or Tracy Tarlton, 515-979-1013, t_tarlton@yahoo.com.

Woodbury County 4-H 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.

Woodbury County 4-H 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.
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 would like 4-H’ers in 7th through 12th grades to visit any of their meetings. The next meeting will be held Sunday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Moville.

4-H County Council members would also like to visit your club meeting. Leaders can contact Lujean for the names of 4-H County Council members assigned to each club.

4-H’ers wanting more information or 4-H leaders wanting 4-H County Council members to come to their meeting, please contact Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 ext #12.

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 June 7 Recognition Event, set interviews, and set dates to look at project award applications.

Hear about 4-H Fair Changes | March 12 4-H & Fair Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the 4-H & Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office in Moville. The committee will approve 4-H Fair Superintendents at their March meeting. Other agenda items: approval of the 4-H fair changes, approval of any 4-H Fair trophies and prizes and 4-H 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.

30K for 30 Years – 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign

The 2015 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council Finance Committee has made it their goal to raise $30,3030.30 for Iowa 4-H’ers. Contributions raised through this campaign support the State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center, and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations.

Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation or delivered to the Woodbury County Extension office by May 15.

It is suggested that each 4-H’er donate $3, but any amount is welcomed. Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for your 8-12th grade 4-H’ers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs. For information and forms, please go to: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/ and select "Ways to Give" then select 4-H’ers for 4-H. The campaign will end June 1.
The dates for this year’s Iowa 4-H Youth Conference are June 30-July 2, 2015. The conference will be held on the ISU campus in Ames and is open to all Iowa youth who have completed 8th grade through 12th grade. Invite all who Dare to Discover! Registration information will be available in mid-March. Plans are to have a bus available for 4-H’ers in Woodbury County, it will be first come/first serve. Take a look at the website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

We already have one adult chaperone, Eric Nelson – Thank you! Woodbury will also need a female chaperone. If you are interested, please contact Lujean Faber at the Woodbury Office. All fees are paid for the adult chaperones.

2015 State 4-H Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid, Iowa

Young people in grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. While exploring the special themes, campers will live in a camp community for five days and four nights, enjoying traditional camp favorites like swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and campfires. Each camp will also include an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

The dates and themes of the three camps are:

**June 21-25—State 4-H “…And My World” Camp;** Campers will choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen leadership skills.

**July 5-9—State 4-H Science Explorers I;** Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture.

**July 12-16—State 4-H Science Explorers II:** Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture.

Registration cost is $350 for 4-H members, $380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs. Financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H camps at the Iowa 4-H Center is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation available at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/summer_4h_camp_assistance/.

**Deadline to apply for financial assistance is April 25.**

4-H Weekly News

The latest news on 4-H opportunities can always be found at the 4-H Weekly News website located at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news

You’ll see information on 4-H camps, the agronomy event, scholarships, job openings, and the Equine Extravaganza. There is also information for volunteers and judges. Be sure to bookmark the site.
Iowa 4-H Livestock Home Page

4-H’ers wanting information on any of their livestock questions should look at the Iowa 4-H Livestock Homepage located at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock. Just click on the picture of the animals you are interested in learning more about.

There is information on:
- 4-H Livestock Events COOL (County of Origin Labeling)
- 4-H State Fair Information FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance)
- Horse Helmet Policy Animal Care
- 4-H Horse Rules and Regulations 2015 Livestock updates (under hot topics)
- 4-H Identification Information
- 4-H Project Information
- Animal Care/Disclosure Forms – required for county fair in 2015

That is only the tip of the iceberg of information. Start exploring today!

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Start to Identify your Animals and Livestock NOW!

All 4-H animals and livestock must be identified in 4-H Online…no paper forms will be accepted from 4-H families (FFA students will still need to fill out paper forms). If 4-H families do not have a computer or internet access, you are welcome to come into the Extension Office to enter your animals. If office hours don’t work, please make special arrangements. This is a web-based program; you can also use computers at libraries and schools.

Go to 4-H Online at: https://iowa.4-Honline.com/ - this is the same site that you used to enroll in 4-H. If your address or email has changed, please contact the Extension Office first. All animals that 4-H’ers want to exhibit at the County Fair, State Fair, Clay County Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben (and for other shows that required animals to be identified) must be identified on or before May 15 by 11:59 p.m. to be eligible to show.

Animals that are required to be identified by the 4-H’er in 4-H Online are:
- Breeding Heifers
- Cow/Calf Pairs
- Dairy Cattle
- Dogs (current rabies vaccination is also needed)
- Feeder Calves (4-H’ers will first need to pick up Iowa 4-H tags from the Extension Office)
- Goats (dairy goats and fancy goats that are already tattooed)
- Meat Goats (must have a 4-H tag; or tattoo for does)
- Horse (will need 4 pictures: front, back and both sides – required for State Fair)
- Llamas
- Poultry (optional to identify for county fair or state fair)
- Rabbits (only identify for State Fair by July 1 and Clay County by May 15)
- Swine (4-H’ers will first need to pick up Iowa 4-H tags from the Extension Office)
- Small Pets and Cats (do not need to be identified, but dogs need to be Identified)

Please check out the Iowa 4-H Livestock Show Requirements located at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock located under 4-H Resources. This resource list requirements for exhibiting at county, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. It mentions how many animals can be identified, when ID’s are required (most by May 15), and other requirements for exhibiting. 4-H families are responsible for reading this document. It is impossible to list all the livestock requirements in the 4-H Scene.

Animals that were weighed in at an official weigh-in site do not need to be identified by the 4-H’er in 4-H Online, those animals include: Market Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats and Pig-of-Merit.

Important Due Dates: County Fair Animal Livestock 4-H Fair Entries are due to the Woodbury County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on July 15. Iowa State Fair entries due July 1 in 4-H Online. Clay County entries are due on July 15. 4-H’ers planning to exhibit livestock and animals are required to attend a workshop or test out in Food Safety Quality Assurance before July 1 (see FSQA article in this issue of the 4-H Scene).
Pig-of-Merit Weigh-In | April 11

Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three Swine must be tagged and weighed in on Saturday, April 11, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds in Moville. Eight pigs may be entered in the Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three. There is no weight limit on pigs, but 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, they are:

Lonnie Ploeger (712) 375-5932  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.

Sheep & Goat Weigh in | May 2

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; Holly Petersen (712) 365–4528; Kathy Petersen (712) 259-1428.

4-H’ers who plans 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: Alan Ralston (712) 873-3471 or Jen Ankerstjerne (712) 333-0771.

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.
FSQA Workshops & Testing Dates

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.

Area workshops:
You are invited to attend any of these workshops! These workshops are limited to the first 40 who register! To register for these workshops please call the number listed next to location.

- March 7 10 a.m. Lohff-Schumann Rec Center, Holstein | Call 712-364-3003
- April 14 6 p.m. Rec Center, Ida Grove | Call 712-364-3003
- April 15 6 p.m. TBD, Sioux City | Call 712-276-2157
- April 20 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church, Mapleton | Call 712-423-2175
- April 27 6:30 p.m. Extension Office, Storm Lake | Call 712-732-5056
- May 30 9:30 a.m. Fairgrounds, Onawa | Call 712-423-2157
- June 5 1:00 p.m. Rockwell City | Call 712-732-5056
- June 27 9:30 a.m. Community Center, Correctionville | Call 712-276-2157

Testing Dates:
4-H’ers in grades 7th - 12th grades must also take the FSQA test. You only need to take the test once as a 7th - 9th grader and then again as a 10th – 12th grader. Most 4-H’ers test out as a 7th grader and again as a 10th grader. If you need to know if you need to take the test, please check in 4-H Online under your personal profile. Please try to attend one of these testing dates; if these do not work for your 4-H’er, please call and make other arrangements with Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu or 712-276-2157

All testing will be at the Woodbury County extension office, please come during the hours listed, no appointments needed!

- June 9 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- June 11 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
- June 23 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- June 25 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

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.
Upcoming 4-H events & Deadlines

**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 Moville, to hear about the 4-H fair changes
- **March 15**  
  DuPont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grants for Spring due date
- **March 19**  
  4-H Recognition Team meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office
- **March 22**  
  4-H County Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the fairgounds in Moville
- **March 30**  
  County Award Applications due to Woodbury County Extension Office

**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

**MAY**

- **May 2**  
  Sheep and Goat Weigh-in | 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds
- **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

**FUTURE DATES**

- **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

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March Master Gardener Tip: Make plans to attend the 2015 Siouxland Garden Show!

**March 27-29 | Sioux City Convention Center**