



Happy Valentine's Day

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AUDUBON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

AUDUBON COUNTY 4-HERS ATTEND CYCLONE BASKETBALL GAME

The Cyclones' Women's Basketball team faced off against Texas A&M on January 14th in front of a crowd of 4-H members including some from Audubon County. The event was hosted by the Iowa 4-H Foundation and included a pre-game tailgate and an opportunity to attend *4-H Leads to Careers*, a tour hosted by ISU College of Human Sciences. Unfortunately, the Cyclones didn't win that night but it was a good show of 4-H pride.



The Irlmeier Family also enjoyed the evening of fun!



The Christensen Family had 3 generations of 4-H members in attendance including current 4-Hers McKenna Nielsen and Grace Christensen.

HELP WANTED!

Audubon County 4-H Hall of Fame Nominee Needed!

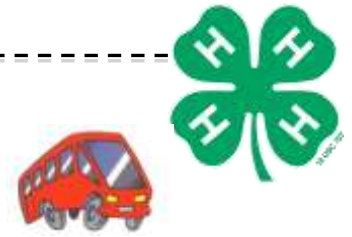
Do you know someone that has been a dedicated supporter of the Audubon County 4-H Program? If so, please let us know! We will collect all suggestions and choose a recipient to be inducted to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during the 2012 State Fair!



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INTERMEDIATE 4-H

Region 12 Intermediate 4-H Trip Planned



What: A fun-filled day in Omaha with other intermediate members (7th and 8th grades) from Region 12

Where: Henry Doorly Zoo, IMAX Theatre and the Amazing Pizza Machine

When: Saturday, April 12, 2012

Cost: \$70, \$30 – Audubon County Clover Commissions will contribute the remaining \$40!

This fun day will be a great way to meet and interact with 4-H members from surrounding counties! A charter bus will pick up members from the Audubon Extension office at 8:10 am and drop them back off at 9:10 pm. The cost includes everything except lunch. Registrations will be on a first come, first serve basis and it is bound to fill up quickly! Please contact the Extension Office for more information!

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New Volunteer Training

March 17th, 9:30 - 3:30
Atlantic, IA

Are you a new 4-H volunteer and interested in learning more about the 4-H experience and how you can be more effective? Then join the Iowa 4-H team in Atlantic for a training aimed at improving the 4-H experience in Audubon County. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Topics include:

- Needs of Youth
- Essential Elements of the Iowa 4-H Equation
- Outcomes of 4-H
- Resources to support volunteers
- Break outs sessions including club management and goal setting in clubs

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4-H Livestock Resources Available Online

As you gear up for your livestock projects this year, don't forget to check the Iowa 4-H Livestock Pages for important information related to your projects and animal requirements. With FSQA testing coming up, you can check out powerpoints with all the FSQA information in them. Also on the site is the Livestock Health Requirements, ID requirements and record keeping papers. If you will be exhibiting livestock, please check the website for important information!

Information on state horse events is also available online.

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



SPECIAL REMINDER:

TAKE PICTURES AS YOU WORK ON OR WITH YOUR PROJECTS SO YOU HAVE LOTS OF PICTURES FOR YOUR RECORD BOOKS!



Other Fun Things

“Snapshot Iowa” Photo Contest

- Photos of Historic Iowa Architecture
- Open to all Iowa students, grades 7-12.
- Un-mounted, black and white photos only
- One winner from each group will receive \$100
- Entries must be received by March 14, 2012

For complete rules, see:

www.iowaarchfoundation.org



LEAP!

Family Activity Party

February 19th, 1 pm – 3 pm
Agri-Hall, Fairgrounds

New Opportunities is hosting an afternoon of family fun activities to bring families together and emphasize healthy habits and lives! 4-H will be hosting Putt Putt Golf, so come by and see what's in store!

ISU Veterinary 4-H Workshop

Saturday, February 25th
9 am – 3 pm

Open to 4-H members in grades 7-12
\$10 fee includes lunch

Iowa State Veterinary students will once again be hosting a 4-H Veterinary Workshop in Ames. Topics will include anatomy, pathology, radiology, and many more! Registration will be limited to the first 100 members so sign up quickly! Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Vet Medicine!

Registration and money should be sent by February 11th to:

Kevin Vaughn
121 S Russell Ave
Ames, IA 50010.

If you have questions, please email
kvaughn@iastate.edu

4-H Camp Registration Online

4-H camp offers the opportunity for supervised independence to gain self-confidence and leadership skills, a sense of belonging with a caring group while making lifelong friends, a spirit of generosity toward others, and a wide variety of opportunities to master new skills and discover nature. The Iowa 4-H Center follows the motto of “learning by doing,” and draws on the knowledge base of Iowa State University and competent professional and student staff.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/center/camp.htm>



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**WE LOVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING!
SEND US YOUR PICTURES FROM MEETINGS AND 4-H ACTIVITIES TO DISPLAY IN
THE OFFICE OR NEWSLETTER!**



DATES TO REMEMBER

- * **February 1** - Applications for State Opportunities DUE to the State 4-H Office
- * **February 10-11** - State Volunteer Retreat
- * **February 23rd** – Horse Jamboree entries due to Extension Office
- * **March 1** - 4-H Scholarships due to the state 4-H Foundation
- * **March 9** - 4-H Camp Financial Aid applications due
- * **March 17** – New Volunteer Training in Atlantic, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
- * **March 24** - State Recognition Interview day
- * **April 4, 10, 12** – FSQA Testing Days
- * **April 14** - Swine Weigh-In, Fairgrounds 8 am - 10 am
- * **April 17th** – FSQA Training, 4:30 pm for Jr members, 6:30 pm for Int/Sr members *note date change
- * **May 5** - Sheep Weigh-In, Fairgrounds 8 am – 10 am
- * **May 15** - Animal ID Forms due
- * **July 16** - County Fair Entries due
- * **July 25-30** - Audubon County Fair
- * **August 9-19** - Iowa State Fair

CLUB MEETINGS

- * **Audubon Peppy Pals** – February 12th, 2 pm, bowling in Atlantic
- * **Bunkhouse Gang** – February 26th, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- * **C.D. Starlighters** – February 13th, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- * **Exira Explorers** – February 4th, 4 pm, Exira Lutheran Church
- * **Leroy Leaders** – February 12th, 1:30 pm, Management Office
- * **Lincoln Producers** – February 12th, 2 pm, Bowling at L&M in Manning
- * **Lucky Lincolns** – February 12th, 3:30 pm, Becky Bruch's
- * **Tip Top** – February 14th, 5 pm, Meaghan Sonntag's home

If you would like to receive your newsletters by email, please email Abby with your preferred email address.

Thanks!

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LIVESTOCK CORNER



76 animals were weighed at the recent Beef Weigh-In, which is an increase over last year. Mark your calendars for other upcoming weigh-ins!

April 14th 8-10 am – Swine Weigh In, fairgrounds

May 5th 8-10 am – Sheep Weigh In, fairgrounds

DON'T FORGET ABOUT FSQA!

April 4th, 10th, 12th – Testing dates

April 17th – FSQA Training*

4:30 pm for Junior members

6 pm for Int/Sr members

*Date change from 4-H calendar

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/AUDUBON