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Audubon County 4-H Newsletter—JANUARY 2022

4-H/FFA COUNTY MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

Beef weigh-in will be Sunday, January 2, from 2-4 PM at the AMVC Vet Clinic (Audubon).

**County Fair-exhibited market calves:**
Animal will be weighed and ear tagged. **Cost $2/head.**

**4-H Iowa State Fair:**
Each animal to be verified will have retinal images taken, be ear tagged and weighed. **Cost $7/head.**

**Checks or cash accepted. Exact change appreciated.**

If you are unable to attend our weigh-in, contact the office about other area weigh-ins. There aren’t many nearby options after ours!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Jan 2  Market Beef Weigh-In
- Jan 5  RSVP deadline for Awards
- Jan 7  Skating @ Agri-Hall
- Jan 9  County 4-H Awards
- Jan 21  Skating @ Agri-Hall
- Feb 1 (11:59 pm) Deadline for entering market beef ID’s into 4hOnline 2.0

CONTACT US:
608 Market St, Audubon, IA 50025
712-563-4239
8:30 am—5:30 pm Monday-Thursday
WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/AUDUBON/4H

**WEIGH-IN ONLY—NO VET ON SITE**

Following the weigh-in, **ALL 4-H animal data will be entered into 4hOnline 2.0 by families before February 1st.**
Instructions for the process will be given at weigh-in.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

- Livestock exhibitors will be required to participate in a YQCA Training in 2022.
- Interactive, web-based modules are available for all age divisions now. A $12 training fee will be collected when registering.
- Instructor-Led Trainings will be held in February, April and June. A $3 training fee will be collected when registering.
  
  **These webinars are open to any Senior division 4-H member.**

- **How to Write a State Recognition Application**
  Wednesday, January 5, 4PM
- **How to Write a One-Page Resume**
  Thursday, January 13, 4PM
- **How to Prepare for an Interview**
  Tuesday, March 1, 4PM
  Register for these webinars in 4HOnline under the "events" tab.

To register for a training, follow this link:
https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login
Use your 4hOnline credentials.

Please contact the office with any questions you have.

TRAINING DEADLINE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IS JUNE 15, 2022

2022 Recognition Preparation Statewide Workshops

Senior division 4-H Members are encouraged to apply for state awards to earn recognition for your efforts. Several webinars are being offered to members in 9th - 12th grades to help you prepare for this awesome opportunity.

Audubon County 4-H Awards

Join us Sunday, January 9, 2022 for our all-county 4-H awards ceremony
Families encouraged to attend!

Club Photos
4-H year completion recognition
Top Record Book awards
Club Member Perfect Attendance awards
Leaders - years of service awards
and more!
Wear your 4-H Uniform (clean 4-H shirt and jeans).

New this year - we will serve PANCAKES and SAUSAGES from 11:30 am –12:30 pm. Awards at 12:45 pm

This event is held at the Agri-Hall on the Audubon County Fairgrounds

RSVP by January 5 using this link
https://form.jotform.com/213535395794164

15 CLUB OFFICERS TRAINED

15 youth representing 4 clubs have completed training for club officers for 2021-2022. In addition to learning about the specific duties of their offices, these officers learned the proper order of a business meeting and practiced using Parliamentary Procedure for effective group decision making.
Project Areas and Fair Exhibits
You never know where your new favorite hobby might come from. For 2021-2022, consider a new project area. Visit the Iowa 4-H Projects page for inspiration: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
Want to submit a fair entry in any category?
1. Choose a project area. (See webpage above for more ideas!)
2. Set one or more goals.
3. Work towards your goal(s). Take pictures as you go.

Consumer Management - Learn tips and tricks to making your money stretch further. Discover more about comparison shopping to find the best buy. Set saving, spending and sharing goals and track your progress. Develop a savings plan for a high-dollar item you'd like to purchase. Research credit, investing or savings account options.

Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) - Being scientific involves being curious, observing, asking questions and learning about how to find answers. Discover the science, do your own research and form your own conclusions. The state Science Technology Fair is a great place to exhibit your entry prior to county fair. To learn more about the State Science Technology Fair, visit: https://sstfi.org/

WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?
• Camp WILD - June 5-7 held in Guthrie County for 5th-7th graders in Southwest Iowa. Counselors needed! Must be 16 by camp dates.
• Overnight Intermediate Trip—June 21-22, destination: Des Moines, for current 7th-8th graders in Southwest Iowa
• Animal Science Round Up—applications due Spring 2022, event is held in Ames, June 28-30 (8th - 12th graders)
• 4-H Youth Conference - June 28-30, held in Ames (8th-12th graders)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT ANN!

An important part of your 4-H experience is gaining skills and knowledge in areas that interest you.
A GOAL is deciding what you want to achieve and learn in a 4-H project. A GOAL is having a road map. It helps you decide how to get to where you want to go.
All goals should have an ACTION, a RESULT and a TIMELINE.

Project Area Workshops
At this time, the following project area workshops are being planned for the upcoming year.

WELDING, WOODWORKING - currently working to find local experts to help facilitate these workshops - stay tuned!

INTRODUCTION TO LIVE ANIMAL EXHIBITS
Are you a new club member, caring for an animal this year? Would you like to exhibit an animal at the fair, but feel like you need some help getting started? This workshop series will provide you with an introduction to care for large and small animals and you’ll get some hands-on experience with exhibiting tips.

COMMUNICATIONS
Hands on workshop to prepare a working exhibit, educational presentation, prepare for extemporaneous speaking or share the fun!

FOOD & NUTRITION—Kids in the Kitchen (spring) - Learn some baking basics, nutrition and kitchen safety AND end up with a tasty treat to take home

FOOD & NUTRITION—Food Preservation—JAM (APRIL 18)
Attend this workshop for a hands-on lesson in making your own fruit jam.

WANTED: STATIC JUDGES FOR TRAINING
PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD
Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a trained static exhibit judge for area county fairs? Several Virtual Judges Trainings are available soon!

Iowa 4-H Judges FCS Content Area Training - January 4, 2022, 7pm-8pm
Iowa 4-H Judges Communications Training for Static Judges - January 6, 2022, 7pm-8pm
Iowa 4-H Judges Photography Training - January 11, 2022, 7pm-8pm
Evaluate, Educate, and Encourage – Your Role as an Iowa 4-H Static Judge For all Iowa 4-H judges, new and returning - January 15, 2022, 9am-11am

More trainings available, visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-judges
JANUARY
Jan 2  Market Beef Weigh-In, 2-4 pm @ AMVC Vet Clinic, Audubon
Jan 7  Roller Skating @ Agri-Hall, 6-8:30 PM
Jan 9  All-County 4-H Awards celebration, 11:30 am @ Agri-Hall
(The following clubs will count this as their January meeting:
Bunkhouse Gang, C.D. Starlighters, Leroy Leaders, Lucky Lincolns and Tip Top)
Jan 12 Exira Explorers club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
Jan 17 OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY
Jan 21 Roller Skating @ Agri-Hall, 6-8:30 PM
Jan 23 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Club

FEBRUARY
Feb 1  MARKET BEEF ANIMAL ID ENTRY DEADLINE (11:59 pm in 4hOnline 2.0)
      Senior State Recognition Application Deadline (11:59 pm in 4hOnline 2.0)
Feb 4  Roller Skating @ Agri-Hall, 6-8:30 PM
Feb 9  Exira Explorers club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
Feb 13 Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 11:30 am @ Extension Office
      Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm @ Audubon Rec Center
      C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4 pm @ Extension Office
      Tip Top club meeting, 5 pm @ Exira Public Library
Feb 16 YQCA Instructor-Led Training, 2 pm @ Exira Public Library
Feb 18 Roller Skating @ Agri-Hall, 6-8:30 PM
Feb 20 Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 pm @ Extension Office
Feb 23 YQCA Instructor-Led Training, 2:45 pm @ Extension Office
Feb 27 Shooting Sports club meeting, TBD

MARCH
Mar 9  Exira Explorers club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
Mar 13 Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 11:30 am @ Extension Office
      Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm
      C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4 pm @ Extension Office
      Tip Top club meeting, TBD
Mar 20 Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 pm @ Extension Office
Mar 25, 26, 27 Equine Extravaganza, Iowa Falls
Mar 27 Shooting Sports club meeting, TBD

Roller Skating at the Agri-Hall

The Audubon County Fair Board is once again sponsoring roller skating this winter @ the Agri-Hall.

$4 admission, beginners skate from 6-6:30 pm, all skate from 6:30-8:30 pm. Come for free-skate, skating games, concessions, music and FUN! Skates or roller blades available to borrow, or bring your own.

Dates:
January 7 & 21
February 4 & 18

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