Audubon County 4-H Newsletter—FEBRUARY 2022

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- State Recognition Preparation Webinar (Good info for any application/selection process situation!)
- YQCA
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- Local Project Area workshops
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- SCHOLARSHIPS—Iowa 4-H Foundation
- Volunteer Resources (parents/youth can access too!)
- Honoring Volunteers for Years of Service
- Roller Skating @ the Agri-Hall
- FULL Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 1 (11:59 pm) Deadline for entering market beef ID’s into 4hOnline 2.0
Feb 1 (11:59 pm) Deadline for state recognition (Council, trips, project area awards) in 4hOnline 2.0
Feb 16—YQCA –Exira
Feb 23—YQCA—Audubon
Feb 27—Introduction to Meat Goats workshop
Mar 19—Introduction to Rabbits and Poultry workshop

Annual county 4-H awards and recognition event was held on Sunday, January 9 at the Agri-Hall. Club volunteer leaders, 4-H members and Clover Kids were recognized.

Pictured above are the club members recognized for the Top Record Book in their age division. Hayden Larsen won the Top Junior Record Book award, Emily Foran won the Top Intermediate Record Book and Allison Elmquist won the Top Senior Record Book. Each winner earned a 4-H camping chair.

Congratulations!!

*Photo by Melanie Larsen
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.

February 16, 2 pm @ Exira Public Library
February 23, 2:45 pm @ Extension Office, Audubon
April 18, 9 am @ Extension Office, Audubon
June 8 - LAST CHANCE (time TBD)

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

Project Area Workshops

Dates are set for the following project area workshops:

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.

Meat Goat—Sunday, February 27, 1 PM @ Extension Office
Rabbit & Poultry—Saturday, March 19, 10:30 am @ Agri-Hall
FOOD & NUTRITION—Food Preservation—FRUIT JAM
Attend this workshop for a hands-on lesson in making your own fruit jam. April 18, 1-5 PM. Register by April 7.

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.

Figure 8 Races are being planned and the Fair Board greatly appreciates our clubs helping out in the concession stand. Race dates:

June 10          June 24 Bunkhouse Gang
July 15 County Fair    July 29          August 5 T-Bone

Leaders—please contact the office to sign up your club to work the concession stand.
Volunteer Resources, Tips & Tools

The weather is cold, and summer seems far away, but this is the time of year to encourage youth to think about projects and exhibits for our local county fair.

The Iowa 4-H Volunteer Resources webpage (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteerresources) has resources that volunteers, parents, and youth can access to help youth reflect on their goals and consider project areas they have interest in! There are several resources that focus on goal centered learning, the difference between a project area and an exhibit, and writing project area and exhibit goals.

From the Volunteer Resources webpage, under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning” you will find “Goal Centered Learning.” This file defines the relationship between 4-H project areas, goals, exhibits, and evaluation when a 4-H member chooses to exhibit at the county fair.

Also, under this heading you can find “Project Area or Exhibit?” This resource helps youth understand the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H fair exhibit.

Finally, an important resource that is newly updated, is the “Goal Setting: Writing Project Area and Exhibit Goals” resource. This document helps youth work through the process of defining and writing goals related to their project area of interest and their exhibit.

We hope these resources are helpful as you work with 4-H youth this winter and spring in their project areas of interest!

Find your SPARK

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. Chose 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.
   Exhibits show the learning!

Horticulture:
Horticulture is the science, business and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, and ornamental plants. It’s unique among plant sciences because it not only involves science and technology, but it also incorporates art and design principles. Project and exhibit ideas including learning basic principles of plant science, or youth can plan, care for, and manage vegetable and/or flower gardens, or lawns; research and practice effective, safe methods of pest control and management; or produce vegetables and fruits for year-round use. Our local Master Gardener volunteers are an excellent resource too!

Civic Engagement
Citizenship is the opportunity, right, and responsibility to contribute to shaping the world around you and provide services to others. Project or exhibit ideas include (but are not limited to) interview your principal and find out what you and your 4-H Club can do to improve the school grounds; tour city hall, county courthouse or state capitol; help pick up trash at a park; construct a family tree of relatives identifying places lived and vocations, or investigate our local government representatives.

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Over 90 scholarship opportunities (valued at over $100,000) will be awarded to current 4-H members graduating from high school or former 4-H members currently attending college. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2022. Information and applications for the 4-H Scholarships are now available online through the Iowa 4-H Foundation website. https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org
Questions? Contact Mary Clancy (clancy@iastate.edu)
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 6  C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 2 pm @ Extension Office
       Tip Top club meeting, 5 pm @ Exira Public Library
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
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  “Introduction to Meat Goats” workshop, 1 pm @ Extension Office
       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 19  “Introduction to Rabbits and Poultry” workshop, 10:30 am @ Agri-Hall
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

APRIL

Apr 10 Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 11:30 am
       Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm
       C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4 pm
       Tip Top club meeting, 5 pm
       Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 pm
Apr 13 Exira Explorers club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
Apr 18 YQCA Instructor-Led Training, 9 am @ Extension Office
       Food Preservation/Fruit Jam workshop, 1-5 pm
Apr 24 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Center

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AUDUBON COUNTY EXTENSION

Many Thanks
to the
Audubon Lions Club
for making pancakes,

Audubon County Pork Producers
for supplying the sausages

and to the
adult and youth volunteers
for serving food and drinks

for our 2022 Awards and Recognition.
We appreciate your support!

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