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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 1** 4-H Foundation Scholarship deadline
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- Feb 6 YQCA @ Exira Public Library
- Feb 12 YQCA @ Extension Office
- Mar 5 RISE UP Intermediate Workshop registration deadline
- Mar 14 RISE UP Intermediate workshop
- Mar 16 YQCA @ Extension Office
- Mar 23 YQCA @ Exira Public Library

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Top Record Book Awards

Congratulations to Emily Foran (Jr), Kerrigan Larsen (Int) and Chloe Jackson (Sr) on receiving the Top Record Book award from their respective age division. They are pictured here with their camping chair prize, courtesy of Clover Commissions. Nice work, ladies!

They were chosen from a pool of Outstanding Record Books in each division- keep up the good work!

Thanks to Melanie Larsen for taking photos at our awards program!



We are currently looking to fill a few volunteer positions as **fair superintendents.**

If you know someone or are interested yourself, please contact the office!

Superintendents help coordinate aspects of these contests. For specific responsibilities, contact our office.

AREAS OF NEED:

- STATIC EXHIBITS JUDGING**
- CLOTHING EVENTS CONTEST**
- LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**



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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

- **Livestock exhibitors are REQUIRED to participate in a YQCA Training in 2020.**
- Interactive, web-based modules are available for all age divisions. A fee of \$12 **per member** will be collected for maintenance, development & support of the program and website when you login. These modules are age-specific.
- Face-to-face training will cost \$3 **per member** and is collected when registering online. *To pay with cash or check, contact the Extension Office PRIOR TO registering.*
- **Face-to-face trainings will be held:**
 - * **February 6 @ Exira Public Library, 1-2:30 PM** (E-EHK no school day)
 - * **February 12 @ Extension Office, 2:45-4 PM** (Audubon early dismissal day)
 - * **March 16 @ Extension Office, 10 –11:30 AM** (Audubon Spring Break)
 - * **March 23 @ Exira Public Library, 9-10:30 AM** (E-EHK Spring Break)
 - * **“LAST CHANCE” June 11 @ Extension Office, 1-2:30 PM** (must have at least 5 registered to hold this one)

You may attend ANY face-to-face training in ANY location provided on the YQCA website - check dates carefully!

To register for a training, follow this link:
<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Use your 4hOnline credentials to login and your “4-H age” - the age you were on Sept 1, 2019 - when selecting your course.

Please contact the office with any questions you have. This is a fairly new process for many of our exhibitors and families!

TRAINING DEADLINE FOR ALL AUDUBON COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IS JUNE 15, 2020

Have you visited the [Iowa 4-H webpage](#) recently? There are all kinds of project ideas, out-of-county/state/national programs, and more!

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

- **Camp WILD**—June 4-6 for grades 5-7 - new camp location in Guthrie County (non-4-H friends welcome too!)
- **Animal Science Round Up**—applications due Spring 2020, event is held June 30 to July 2 @ ISU for grades 8-12
- **4-H Youth Conference**—June 30 to July 2 @ ISU for grades 8-12
- **Healthy Living Youth Ambassadors**- This opportunity provides you with skills to do something good where ever you are!
- **AgOvation**—do you have an idea for an invention that would solve an ag-related issue or problem?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT ANN or visit the Iowa 4-H Website!

2020 Audubon County Fair
theme will be
“Go for the Gold!”

Project Areas and Fair Exhibits

As you consider your project interests for this year, consider a new project area.

At our 2019 fair these categories had five or fewer entries:

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| + animal science | + automotive |
| + child development | + civic engagement |
| + clothing & fashion | + consumer management |
| + environment & sustainability | + health |
| + horticulture | + mechanics |
| + music | + outdoor adventures |
| + science, engineering, electric, technology | |
| + small engine | + tractor |
| + veterinary science | + welding |

Want to submit a fair entry in (any) category?

1. Chose a project area.
2. Set one or more goals.
3. Work towards your goal(s). Take pictures as you go.

Exhibits for fair show the learning!

Have questions or need ideas? Contact your club leader or Ann or Abby!



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2020 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be post-marked by **March 14, 2020**.

Intermediates: RISE UP!

Saturday, March 14, from 10 am-3 pm is an opportunity for our Intermediate (7th-8th grade) members! Join us for a fun day with other youth from our region! This event will be held at the Audubon Recreation Center.

4-H members attend **free**; non-4-H friends are welcome too! Their registration fee is just \$10.

Be better prepared to respond when you hear hurtful stereotypes, learn about the risks of vaping, experience some leadership/team-building activities, and there will be free time to use many of the Rec Center's offerings and meet kids from neighboring counties.

Food provided.

Register at the Extension Office by March 5.



Save the Date—Sheep & Goat weigh-in will be

Saturday, April 18 from 9-11 am

@ the Audubon County Fair Grounds.

Project Area Workshops

These following project area workshops are being planned for the upcoming year. We are open to hearing your suggestions for additional topics or projects areas as well.



POULTRY— learn how to select, care for and show your poultry project

REGIONAL LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP - all ages welcome, new livestock exhibitors encouraged to attend. Choose 2 market animal sessions to attend + Livestock judging, mini skill-a-thon, and quiz bowl. Saturday, April 18, on location outside of Manning, 1-5 PM

FAIR 101—this one is for our newer members and families— learn about fair exhibiting/participation opportunities.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP—Record Keeping is a life-long skill—come to this workshop to learn the whys and hows of keeping good records, setting goals, determining projects vs exhibits and more! This would be a great workshop for our new members, but if you haven't turned in a record book before, or want to make your record book better, you would benefit from attending as well!

Other workshop suggestions are always welcome!



ATTENTION SWINE EXHIBITORS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Swine consuming the feed additive **ractopamine hydrochloride**, commonly known as Paylean, have been banned by most swine packers. As a result, pigs that have been fed this additive cannot be sold at our fair livestock auction. The Iowa State Fair has also banned use of this feed additive. Smithfield may randomly test the animals and one fail will reject the entire load.

SWINE RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

Mike Albertsen, our Swine Superintendent, is interested in adding a Rate of Gain contest to our Swine show. Participants would need to bring their animal to a county weigh-in (to be determined, likely late April or May) Only animals weighed in would be eligible for the Rate of Gain award. We are gauging interest in this additional opportunity-contact the office, Mike or your club leader if you would participate or if you have questions.



FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 ****Market Beef 4hOnline Verification deadline****
STATE SCHOLARSHIP and AWARDS DEADLINE, 11:59 PM
- Feb 2 **Exira Explorers club meeting, 2 PM @ Exira Public Library**
- Feb 6 **YQCA face-to-face training, 1-2:30 PM @ Exira Public Library**
- Feb 8 **Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM @ Cozad's home**
- Feb 9 **Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 PM @ AMVC Management Office**
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 5 PM @ Extension Office
Tip Top club meeting, 2 PM @ Exira Public Library
- Feb 12 **YQCA face-to-face training, 2:45-4 PM @ Extension Office**
- Feb 16 **Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 3:30 PM @ Extension Office**
Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 PM @ Extension Office
- Feb 17 Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM @ Extension Office
- Feb 21 Roller Skating, 6-8:30 PM @ Agri-Hall
- Feb 23 **Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Club**

MARCH

- Mar 1 Exira Explorers club meeting, 3:30 PM @ Bethany E-Free Church
Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 PM @ AMVC Mgmt Office
- Mar 14 Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM @ Cozad's home
Intermediate RISE UP Leadership workshop, 10 am –3 PM @ Audubon Recreation Center
- Mar 15 Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 3:30 PM @ Extension Office
Tip Top club meeting, 5 PM @ Extension Office
- Mar 16 **YQCA face-to-face training, 10-11:30 AM @ Extension Office**
Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM @ Extension Office
- Mar 22 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Club
- Mar 23 **YQCA face-to-face training, 9-10:30 AM @ Exira Public Library**
- Mar 28 Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 4 PM @ Blue Grass Inn
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, TBD

APRIL

- Apr 5 Leroy Leaders Club meeting, 1:30 PM @ AMVC Management Office
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 3 PM @ Audubon Rec Center
Tip Top club meeting, 3 PM @ Exira Public Library
Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 PM @ Exira Public Library
- Apr 11 Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM @ Cozad's home
- Apr 18 Sheep & Goat weigh-in, 9-11 am @ fairgrounds
Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 10 AM @ Extension Office
Regional Livestock Workshop, 1-5 PM @ Wiese & Sons Farm, Manning
- Apr 19 Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 12 noon @ Extension Office
- Apr 20 Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM @ Extension Office
- Apr 22 Annual Leader Training, 6 PM @ Extension Office
- Apr 26 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Club

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Roller Skating at the Agri-Hall

Roller skating is good exercise and a lot of fun!
Sponsored by the Fair Board, held at 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.

FINAL Date for the 2020 season:

February 21



LEADER TRAINING (third time's the charm?!)

ANNUAL Leader Training is April 22. The training highlights skills preparing our members to be college & career ready. Meal will be offered 6-6:30; training will start at 6:30.

Please contact the office to confirm meal and training or training only!



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