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SWINE EXHIBITORS & FAMILIES

An informational meeting will be held Monday, March 30, 6 PM at the Extension Office. Members and families planning to or thinking about exhibiting swine at the 2020 county fair should attend this meeting.

We will discuss the (potential) rate of gain contest, ractopamine, and provide you with a list of suppliers for both pigs and feed. (The list is prepared, if you would like that prior to the meeting, please contact the office.)

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8:30 am—5:30 pm Monday-Thursday
WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/AUDUBON/4H

AUDUBON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Audubon County Clover Commissions is offering one $500 scholarship to a Class of 2020 4-H member. High school seniors, who are current Audubon County 4-H members and have been in 4-H for at least three years are encouraged to apply. Application deadline is 5:30 pm, April 2, 2020. Return completed materials to the Extension Office. The applications have been mailed. Contact the office if you have not received your application.

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.

Register with the Extension Office by March 5.

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.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

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

- Exhibitors of beef, goats, rabbits, poultry, sheep or swine are REQUIRED to participate in a YQCA Training in 2020.
- PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER.
  To register for a training, follow this link: https://yqca.learngrow.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.

OPTIONS:
- Web-based modules are available for all age divisions. A $12 fee is collected upon registering.
- Instructor-led 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 for either type of training.
- Instructor-led trainings will be held:
  * 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 instructor-led training in ANY location provided on the YQCA website - check dates carefully!

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

Once training is complete, please submit a paper or electronic copy of your certificate to the office.

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.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or for an application visit http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/ Entries must be postmarked by March 14, 2020.

MARKET BROILERS

Order deadline is Thursday, April 2nd.
Orders are a minimum of 25 chicks @ $1.50 each. Payment is due when the order is placed.

MAY 15 REMINDERS

*MAY 15, 2020 falls on FRIDAY*

If you will need office staff assistance, please be sure to contact us on or before THURSDAY, MAY 14.

NEW 4-H MEMBERS: New 4-H members’ enrollment paperwork must be received to the Extension Office by THURSDAY, MAY 14th to be eligible to show at County Fair. Call the office to verify your status if you have questions!

ANIMAL ID FORMS DUE: If you are exhibiting breeding beef, bottle-bucket calf, cow-calf pair, dairy, feeder calves, dog, swine, horse/pony or leased horse, you need to enter in 4hOnline (MAY 15th) OR fill out an animal ID form and return to the Extension Office by THURSDAY, MAY 14th. ANIMAL ID is OPEN—stop in any time and get tags/forms filled out!

NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!

FFA exhibitors need to fill out an ID form and return to the office on or before THURSDAY, MAY 14th.

GARDEN PLOTS: Contact Abby by THURSDAY, MAY 14th if you wish to tend a garden plot this year (even if you have done so in the past). Plots unclaimed on May 15 will be offered to Clover Kids.

FAIR FOOD DRIVE/SCULPTURE CONTEST: Clubs should indicate interest in participating by THURSDAY, MAY 14th.
SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP WILD June 4-6, 2020

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend Camp Wild, June 4-6, 2020 at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth in grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2020. Experience the adventure and excitement of three days filled with 4-H camping traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, orienteering, canoeing, fishing, archery, swimming, camp songs & campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Thursday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m. with registration, until our closing ceremony, starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6.

The camp will be filled at 60 youth, so register before it fills up! Registration Deadline is May 8, 2020. Registration is $200. (see lower right for scholarship information)

4-H Youth Conference

Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of:
- motivating speakers
- interesting workshops
- mixers and dances
- a banquet
- community service activities

Experience campus life, meet new people from across the state, share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show and have fun learning-by-doing!

If you'd like to be part of the team to capture the conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera.

Youth Conference is June 30-July 2 and is open to 8th-12th graders. Non-4-H members welcome - invite a friend to attend with you!

Animal Science Round Up

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to apply to attend this three-day conference all about animal science. Animal Science Round Up is held June 30 to July 2 @ Iowa State University.

Choose from beef, swine, sheep, horse, poultry or goat and experience hands-on learning from top scientists in the country. Applications due April 15, 2020. Participants will be notified by May 1. (each species is limited to 20 participants)

For more information or to apply, visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

Project Area Workshops

REGIONAL LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP - all ages welcome, new livestock exhibitors encouraged to attend. Highly respected specialists demonstrate and discuss concepts such as fitting, showing and animal nutrition. Choose 2 market animal sessions (beef, sheep, dairy goat, meat goat, swine, rabbit and poultry) to attend PLUS experience mini Livestock judging, skill-a-thon, and quiz bowl sessions. Saturday, April 18, at Wiese & Sons Herefords, 31554 Delta Ave, outside of Manning, 1-5 PM. Pre-registration required. Deadline is April 9th. Register using this link: http://bit.ly/385Q5AL

FAIR 101 WORKSHOP - all ages welcome, new members encouraged to attend. Explore all the non-livestock opportunities available through the county fair—communication events, clothing events, static exhibit write ups, conference judging FAQ. Save the date—June 10, from 6-8 PM at the Extension Office.

Horticulture Project - County Fair Grounds Garden Plots

Did you know there are 14 garden plots on the Audubon County fair grounds tended by 4-H and Clover Kid members? If this is a project area you've been wanting to try, but you need a mentor to help—we have Audubon County Master Gardeners available!

4-H and Clover Kids choose a theme or idea for their garden plot, select annual or perennial plants and water and weed the plot all summer. They are evaluated during the fair and cleaned up in early October to prepare for winter. Plots should be claimed by May 14 (even if you've tended a plot in the past). Unclaimed plots are then offered to Clover Kids.

Contact the office to learn more.

4-H Youth Conference and Animal Science Round Up “early bird” registration is $180 and closes on June 1 with late registration for $200 available until June 10.

Scholarships for Youth Conference, Animal Science Round Up and Camp WILD are available through Clover Commissions.

Scholarships are also available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Applications can be submitted at any time but will be evaluated beginning May 1 and then on a rolling basis. Visit www.iowa4hfoundation.com for information on this funding opportunity.
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 5  Intermediates RISE UP workshop registration deadline

Mar 8  C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 3:30 PM @ Extension Office

Mar 10 Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM @ Extension 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  Tip Top club meeting, 5 PM @ Extension Office

Mar 16  YQCA Instructor-Led training, 10-11:30 AM @ Extension Office

Mar 22  Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Club
          Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 3:30 PM @ Extension Office

Mar 30  Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 4 PM @ Blue Grass Inn

Mar 30  Swine Exhibitor Meeting, 6 PM @ Extension Office

LEADER TRAINING (third time’s the charm?!) ANNUAL Leader Training is April 22. The
training highlights skills preparing our members
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!

APRIL

Apr 2  Senior Scholarship application deadline, 5:30 PM

Apr 5  Leroy Leaders Club meeting, 1:30 PM @ AMVC Mgmt Office

Apr 11  Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM @ Cozad’s home

Apr 18  Sheep & Goat weigh-in, 9-11 am @ fairgrounds

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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2020 FAIRBOOK COVER CONTEST

The theme for the 2020 Audubon County Fair is “STRIVE FOR GOLD”
Clover Commissions is holding a fairbook cover design contest and will choose a winner at their April
meeting. The winner will receive a prize, recognition
at the 4-H Recognition event at the fair, and be our
featured artist for the cover of all the 2020 fairbooks.

Fairbook cover requirements:
- Portrait orientation only, not landscape
- Include the title: Audubon County Fairbook
- Include the 4-H and FFA emblems
- Include the fair dates - July 15-19, 2020
- Include “Sponsored by the Audubon County Fair
  Board & ISU Extension and Outreach Audubon
  County”

Submit your fairbook cover design to the Extension
Office by 5:30 PM April 16.

Original designs only!
(the theme was modified slightly from first announcement
due to Olympic copyright concerns)

Note this site for trademarked work by the Olympic
Committee: https://www.teamusa.org/brand-usage-guidelines

MAY

May 2  Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 pm @ Exira Care Center

May 3  Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm @ AMVC Mgmt Office

May 9  Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM @ Cozad’s home

May 14 DEADLINE DAY IF YOU NEED STAFF ASSISTANCE/PAPER FORMS

May 15 ANIMAL ID, NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

May 17  Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 3:00 pm @ Extension Office

May 20  Dog Project Meeting, 6:30 @ Extension Office

May 24  Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Center

May 25 Office Closed - Memorial Day

Lucky Lincolns club meeting, TBD

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