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## Audubon County 4-H Newsletter—APRIL 2021

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 1 Deadline—Scholarship, 4-H/FFA Broiler Chicken order

Apr 15 Fairbook Cover Contest deadline

Livestock Workshop registration deadline

Apr 24 Beginning Livestock Workshop

Apr 25 Sheep & Goat weigh in

May 13 Ear tag purchasing deadline / paper ID forms DUE

May 15 ANIMAL ID DEADLINE - 4hOnline 2.0

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### 2021 FAIRBOOK COVER CONTEST

The theme for the 2021 Audubon County Fair is  
“There’s MAGIC in the FAIR”

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 2021 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 14-18, 2021
- 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 15

Original designs only!

### National Volunteer Week is celebrated April 18-24

*VOLUNTEER: (noun) A person who freely offers to undertake a task*

Volunteers are the  of our 4-H program!

Our **CLUB LEADERS** and **FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS** are among the volunteers that make our 4-H program what it is. Please find a minute to say “THANKS” during the week!



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## Project Area Workshops

### **BEGINNING LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP**

Learn about livestock care and nutrition, grooming and showing from local experts, and meet kids from neighboring counties. Choose 2 species sessions to attend (beef, goat, rabbit, poultry, sheep, swine), livestock judging or animal skill-a-thon. Quiz bowl contest session too. Saturday, April 24 @ Audubon County Fair Grounds. Morning or afternoon sessions available.

Register here: [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e3QgPiQolGYsfOe](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3QgPiQolGYsfOe) by April 15.

\$10 fee, payable to our office.

Any 4-H youth are welcome, but those new to exhibiting livestock or those wanting to learn about a different species will benefit the most from attending. Contact the office for the full flyer.

### **TABLE-SETTING and \$10 MEAL CHALLENGE workshop**

**NEW fair contests**—June 8 @ 1 PM This workshop will explain the guidelines of two new fair contests that incorporate food and nutrition concepts like MyPlate, meal planning, table setting and food budgets. RSVP by June 3.

(location to be determined)

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

### ⇒ **Outdoor, “Hands to Larger Service” Day Camp - June 14**

In cooperation with Audubon County Master Gardeners this camp will provide environmental education, fun and service in the great outdoors at Nathaniel Hamlin Park on Monday, June 14 from 9 am to 3 pm. (This camp may be rescheduled if inclement weather is forecasted.) Space is limited to 15 participants. FEE: \$10 per participant. Bring own sack lunch.

### ⇒ **Mars Base Camp Day Camp - June 22**

The race to land humans on Mars is on! This daycamp will explore the challenges of sending a mission to Mars. These hands-on challenge activities allow youth to develop quantitative, observational, and critical thinking skills while they make discoveries and design solutions to real-world problems. Join us for a fun, engaging day on Tuesday, June 22 from 9 am to 3 pm. FEE: \$5 per participant. Bring own sack lunch. Space is limited to 12 participants.

### ⇒ **Youth Conference—save the date—June 29**

Youth having completed 8th-12th grades are eligible. Registration opens April 1. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference> for more information and to register. If you’ve been curious about Youth Conference, this is a great opportunity to try it out!

### ⇒ **Animal Science Round Up - June 29, 30 or July 1**

Animal Science Round Up participants will attend a one-day event on campus - date determined by the animal species the participant selects. Youth having completed 8th-12th grades are eligible. Registration will be first come/first served for each species. yet—use the above link and check back frequently.

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

- Youth that exhibit **BEEF, GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, SHEEP, and/or SWINE** are **required** to participate in an annual YQCA training to be eligible to exhibit at either county fair or the Iowa State Fair.
- Interactive, web-based modules are available for all age divisions. A fee of \$12 per member will be collected when you login. These modules are age-specific. ([Use the age you were September 1, 2020](#))
- “LAST CHANCE” Instructor-led training May 26- TBD @ Agri-Hall and cost \$3/participant and is paid via credit card when registering online. **Youth MUST be pre-registered.**

**\$\$ If you prefer to pay with cash, contact the office PRIOR to registering. \$\$**

To register for a training, follow this link:

<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Use your 4hOnline credentials.

([Use the age you were September 1, 2020](#))

Please contact the office with any questions you have.

**Please submit a PDF, screenshot or paper copy of your completion certificate by JUNE 15, 2021**



### **Sheep & Goat weigh-in**

**SUNDAY, April 25 from 4-6 PM**

**@ the Audubon County Fair Grounds.**

- Ear tags cost \$1.50 each.
- Each animal verified for the Iowa State Fair will be tagged, weighed and have retinal images collected. **Cost \$6.50/head** (includes cost of ear tag)
- **Goats:** All goat does (females) need to have a **birthdate** provided.
- Pay with check or cash. Exact change appreciated.

Following the weigh-in, families will **enter the data** in 4hOnline 2.0 **PRIOR TO MAY 15**. Instructions will be provided at weigh-in.

**If you cannot attend, contact the office for other area weigh-ins** (There aren't many choices nearby!)



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## “...Our Hands to Larger Service...”

### Fairgrounds Work Days

Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, beginning at 1 pm, clubs (members, leaders and parents) are encouraged to participate in a variety of clean up/freshen up tasks at the fair grounds. Painting and staining, deep cleaning, weeding, trimming and other miscellaneous tasks are needing completed. Please come ready to work. Junior (4th, 5th, 6th grades) members will need to have a parent/responsible adult come to help supervise.

### Collect Pop Tabs in Jacy's Honor

The 2020-2021 State Youth Council's goal is to collect and deliver 2,021 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines in September. Help us help them reach their goal. Save your pop tabs and bring them to the office for a county collection.



## \*MAY 15, 2021 falls on SATURDAY\*

**If you will need office staff assistance, please be sure to contact us on or before THURSDAY, MAY 13.**

**NEW 4-H MEMBERS:** New 4-H members' enrollment must be APPROVED in 4hOnline 2.0 by **THURSDAY, MAY 13th** 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 2.0 (MAY 15th) **OR** fill out an animal ID form and return to the Extension Office by **THURSDAY, MAY 13th.**

**ANIMAL ID is OPEN now**  
stop in any time and get ear 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 13th.**

**GARDEN PLOTS:** Contact Ann by **THURSDAY, MAY 13th** if you wish to tend a garden plot this year (even if you have done so in the past). Unclaimed plots will be offered to Clover Kids.

**FAIR FOOD DRIVE/SCULPTURE CONTEST:** Clubs should indicate interest in participating by **THURSDAY, MAY 13th.**

### 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 13 (even if you've tended a plot in the past). Unclaimed plots are then offered to Clover Kids.

Contact the office to learn more.

### Animal ID procedures—4hOnline 2.0

With the transition to 4hOnline 2.0, our animal ID procedures have changed slightly. **FAMILIES** will be responsible for creating and entering animal records. Our office will verify weighed in animal records and cross-check other ear tag data. We **HIGHLY recommend** getting the ear tags and starting this process WELL BEFORE the May 15 deadline, as that is a state deadline and many families across the state wait to ID their animals at the last minute.

**SWINE** - all swine will need ear notches and a USDA tag (\$1.50 ea). State Fair-bound swine will need an additional DNA punch tag (\$8 ea). Animal records will be created by families in 4hOnline 2.0. (FFA swine will be identified on a paper form)

**HORSES** - existing horse records did not transfer over during the transition from 1.0 to 2.0. As a result, all horses will need to be re-identified. Please include 4 photos, and if leased, a completed lease form.

**DOGS** - existing dog records did not transfer over during the transition from 1.0 to 2.0. As a result, all dogs will need to be re-identified, including current rabies vaccination data.

An animal ID helpsheet is available on our website, or can be sent via email - just ask office staff if you would like one.



## APRIL

- Apr 1** **Audubon Co 4-H Scholarship application deadline (5:30pm)**  
**Broiler Chicken order deadline (5:30 pm)**
- Apr 7** **Tip Top club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library**
- Apr 11** **Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm @ Agri-Hall**  
**C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4:30 pm @ Ext Office**
- Apr 15** **Fairbook Cover Contest entry deadline (5:30 PM)**  
**Registration deadline for Livestock Workshop**
- Apr 18-24** **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**
- Apr 18** **Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 1 pm @ Blue Grass Inn**  
**Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 3 pm @ TBD**
- Apr 19** Clover Commissions meeting, 6 pm @ Extension Office
- Apr 21** **Exira Explorers club meeting, 3:30 pm @ AMVC Vet Clinic**
- Apr 24** **Region 13+14 Livestock Workshop @ fair grounds**
- Apr 25** **Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Club**  
**Sheep & Goat weigh in, 4-6 pm @ fair grounds**

## MAY

- May 1** Fairgrounds Work Day, 1 pm
- May 2** Fairgrounds Work Day, 1 pm  
Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1 pm @ fairgrounds  
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 1 pm @ fairgrounds  
Exira Explorers club meeting, 2 pm @ Exira Public Library
- May 5** Tip Top club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
- May 13** **LAST CHANCE TO BUY EAR TAGS and submit PAPER ANIMAL ID FORMS, member enrollment deadline, Garden Plot sign up, Can Sculpture**
- May 15** **DEADLINE—ANIMAL ID ENTERED INTO 4hONLINE 2.0**
- May 16** Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 1 pm @ TBD  
Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, TBD
- May 17** Clover Commissions meeting, 6 pm @ Extension Office
- May 23** Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Club
- May 29-30** Austin Alt Memorial Classic @ Audubon County Fair grounds
- May 31** **OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY**

“Last Chance” YQCA Instructor Led session, TBD –late May

## Figure 8 Races

The Fair Board greatly appreciates our clubs helping out in the concession stand during Figure 8 races.

Race dates:

- June 11 - CD Starlighters**  
**July 9 - Leroy Leaders**  
**July 16 - Exira Explorers**  
**July 30 - Bunkhouse Gang & Tip Top**  
**August 6 (rain date August 8) - Lucky Lincolns**

Please arrive by 6 PM. The concession stand typically remains open until the Feature Races begin.

6-8 youth are needed at a time. Feel free to schedule shifts for your race night, if necessary. Members should wear their 4-H shirt and close-toe shoes. 1-2 adults (leaders or parents) are needed as well.

## JUNE

- June 6** Exira Explorers club meeting, 2 pm @ TBD
- June 7** **Daycamp registration deadline**
- June 8** Table Setting Contest + \$10 Meal Challenge workshop, 1 PM, location TBD
- June 9** Tip Top club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
- June 11** Figure 8 Races, 6 pm @ fairgrounds— C.D. Starlighters
- June 12** Bunkhouse Gang club meeting @ 9 AM @ John James Audubon Park (Art in the Park)
- June 13** Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm @ fairgrounds  
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4:30 pm @ Ext Office
- June 14** “Hands to Larger Service” Day camp, 9-3 @ Nathaniel Hamlin Park  
Clover Commissions meeting, 6 pm @ Extension Office
- June 20** Lucky Lincolns club meeting, noon @ King’s home
- June 22** Mars Base Camp day camp, 9-3 @ TBD
- June 27** Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Club  
Cass County Cowpokes 4-H Horse Invitational
- June 29** State Youth Conference (west Iowa), Ames



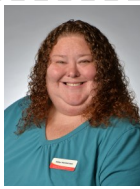
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