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April 13-18

Audubon County 4-H Newsletter—April 2020

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- Fair 101 Workshop
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- **MODIFIED MEETING RULE MINIMUM FOR EXHIBITORS**
- FULL Calendar

At this time our office is closed to the public. Please contact the office to place ear tag orders or for other needs and to make arrangements to safely pick up your needed items.

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.

CONTACT US:

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8:30 am—5:30 pm Monday-Thursday

WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/AUDUBON/4H

2020 FAIRBOOK COVER CONTEST

The theme for the 2020 Audubon County Fair is

“MAKE IT COUNT”

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 has been modified from the first announcement due to the 2020 Olympics being postponed)

MARKET BROILERS

Order deadline is Thursday, April 2nd.

Orders are a minimum of 25 chicks @ \$1.50 each. Payment (by check) is due when the order is placed. Submit your order using our drop box or mail to the office.



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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.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.

OPTIONS:

To pay with cash or check, contact the Extension Office PRIOR TO registering for either type of training.

- **Web-based modules** are available for all age divisions. A fee is collected upon registering. ***Watch our Facebook page for information about a flash sale during April***
- **Instructor-led training** will cost \$3 per member and is collected when registering online.
- **Instructor-led trainings will be scheduled after May 9.**

* tentatively May 13 in Exira & May 16 in Audubon

* "LAST CHANCE" **June 9** @ Extension Office, 1-2:30 PM (must have at least 5 registered to hold this one) (this date has changed due to a change in Ann's schedule)

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!

Sheep & Goat weigh-in has been canceled.

Families will be asked to purchase tags from our office and tag their own animals. 4hOnline will ask for photo documentation when identifying animals.

\$1.50 per ear tag

If you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair and need retinal images taken, please contact the office. We will have a plan in place for this process by early May.

The animal ID deadline has been pushed back to Monday, June 1 for the 2020 exhibit year.

MAY 15 REMINDERS

MAY 15, 2020 falls on FRIDAY

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!

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.**

NEW ANIMAL ID DEADLINE: MONDAY JUNE 1st

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 **OR** fill out an animal ID form and return to the Extension Office by **MONDAY, JUNE 1st**

ANIMAL ID is OPEN—place an order for needed tags by contacting the office. We will make arrangements with you for payment and pick up.

NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!



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.



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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP WILD 2020

Unfortunately, Camp WILD 2020 has been canceled.



4-H Youth Conference

Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days **full** of:

- **motivating speakers**
- *engaging 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>

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.

Local Scholarships for Youth Conference or Animal Science Round Up 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

Project Area Workshops

REGIONAL LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP - at this time the Regional Livestock Workshop scheduled for April 18 has been postponed (likely to next fall).

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.

COUNTY & STATE FAIR UPDATES

SWINE

County fair exhibited swine will need a USDA tag and ear notches.

Iowa State Fair swine will need a USDA tag, ear notches and a DNA punch or DNA punch tag. Return DNA samples to extension office by May 28, 5:30 PM.

Place an order for your tags by contacting the office and arranging for pick up. Enter data in 4hOnline, or complete an ID form to have office staff enter data for you.

BEEF

Cow-Calf Pairs - New for 2020 - calves born to a cow in the 2019-2020 production cycle will be allowed. The rule requiring the calf to have a birthdate from January to May was eliminated.

Place an order for your tags by contacting the office and arranging for pick up. Enter data in 4hOnline, or complete an ID form to have office staff enter data for you.

6 MEETING RULE MODIFICATION

For the 2019-2020 program year only, Clover Commissions has modified the minimum number of meetings to 3 (three) to be eligible to exhibit at the Audubon County Fair.

DOG PROJECT

Members planning to ID a dog project should mark their calendars for the planning meeting. Save Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 PM. Exhibitors and parents encouraged to attend. NO DOGS.

HORSE PROJECT

Members planning to ID a horse project—please watch your email for a survey/goal sheet. Return this form to Hollie Rudy (text a pic, or scan and email). Practices: For 2020 only (at this time) please submit riding/exercise logs. If the situation allows, traditional practices will be scheduled. However, at this time, individuals may schedule practice times with Hollie in their arena. More details will be in your email.



APRIL

- Apr 2** Senior Scholarship application deadline, 5:30 PM
Market Broiler orders due by 5:30 PM
- Apr 3** Lucky Lincolns club meeting, via Facebook
- Apr 5** Leroy Leaders Club meeting, 1:30 PM
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 3 PM via Zoom
Tip Top club meeting, 3 PM via Facebook
Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 PM via Facebook
- Apr 11** Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM
- Apr 13-17** Extension and Outreach Week
- Apr 16** Fair Book Cover Contest Deadline, 5:30 PM
- Apr 18** Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 10 AM
Regional Livestock Workshop, 1-5 PM, Manning
- Apr 19-25** National Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Apr 20** Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM, virtually
- Apr 26** Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Club

MAY

- May 2** *Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 pm
- May 3** *Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm
*Tip Top club meeting, 3 pm
*C.D. Starlighters club meeting, TBD
- May 9** *Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM
- May 14** **DEADLINE DAY: Garden Plots, Enrollment, Can Sculpture**
- May 17** Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 3:00 pm @ Extension Office
- May 18** Clover Commissions meeting, 6 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

*tentative, may be held virtually

JUNE

- June 1** **ANIMAL ID DEADLINE (4hOnline or paper forms) (2020 only), Youth Conference & Animal Science Roundup Registration deadline**
- June 7** Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 PM @ Exira Public Library
- June 9** "Last Chance" Instructor-Led YQCA, 1 PM @ Extension Office
- June 10** Fair 101 workshop, 6-8 PM @ Extension Office
- June 13** Boots & Clovers club meeting, 3 PM
- June 14** Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 PM
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4 PM @ Med Air
- June 21** Tip Top club meeting, 3 PM @ Exira Legion Park
Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 3:30 PM
- June 25** Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 PM @ John James Audubon Park
Brad Morgan, Music in the Park, 7 PM @ JJ Audubon Park

National Volunteer Week is celebrated April 19-25

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!

LEADER TRAINING

ANNUAL Leader Training will now be completed online. Leaders, watch your email for instructions and if you need office assistance, please contact us!

June 15 is the recommended deadline for completing this training.

June 28 Shooting Sports club meeting

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