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Audubon County 4-H Newsletter—MAY 2020

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MAY 14th DEADLINE

GARDEN PLOTS: Contact Abby to tend a garden plot (even if you have done so in the past) (extra plots will be offered to Clover Kids)

FAIR FOOD DRIVE/SCULPTURE CONTEST: Club has indicated interest in participating

MEMBER ENROLLMENT: NEW 4-H members' enrollment paperwork received by the Extension Office; current members **FINAL** RE-enrollment deadline

4-H ENROLLMENT FEE: Abby will contact club leader's and treasurer's about payment

JUNE 1st DEADLINE CHECKLIST

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

- ear tags purchased for:
 - breeding beef
 - bottle-bucket calf
 - cow-calf pair
 - dairy animals
 - feeder calves
 - goats
 - sheep
 - swine

- Animals **tagged and identified** in 4hOnline OR on a paper form (submitted to the Extension Office by 5:30 pm) including the above species as well as the following:
 - dog
 - horse/pony or leased horse

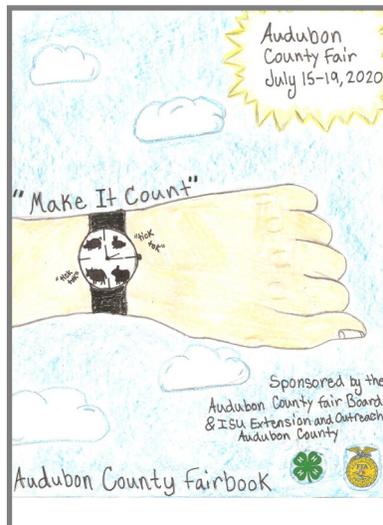
PLAN AHEAD!

**EAR TAGS ARE
AVAILABLE NOW.**

CONGRATULATIONS, SOPHIE KITELINGER!

Sophie submitted the Fairbook cover contest entry chosen by Clover Commissions!

Special THANKS to the contest participants.



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8:30 am—5:30 pm Monday-Thursday

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Please contact the office with specific questions, and to place your tag order / make payment and pick up arrangements.

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.
- **Instructor-led training** will cost \$3 **per member** and is collected when registering online.
- "LAST CHANCE" **June 9** @ Extension Office, 1-2:30 PM (*will only be held if programming is allowed by Extension and Outreach state leadership) (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!

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

RAFFLE UPDATES

2020 raffle tickets are printed! While the process of selling tickets and collecting money may look a little different this year, we hope you are still able to support the overall 4-H program by selling at least one book of 6 raffle tickets. Prices and prizes remain unchanged— single tickets are \$1 each and a book of 6 tickets is \$5.

*If Iowa State Fair tickets are unavailable, an alternate prize, similar in value will be offered in their place.

Contact your club leader or the office for tickets!

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 Commisisions has modified the minimum number of meetings to 3 (three) to be eligible to exhibit at the Audubon County Fair.

DOG PROJECT

Remember to ID your dog project(s) and mark your calendars for the (virtual) planning meeting. Save Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 PM. More details will be sent as the date approaches.

HORSE PROJECT

Remember to ID your horse projects—and return your goal sheet 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.



LIVESTOCK TAGS

Beef = \$2/head

Goat & Sheep = \$1.50/head

Swine - County Fair = \$1.50/head

Iowa State Fair = \$1.50 + \$8 for DNA punch tag/head

Contact the office to place your order and make payment/pick up arrangements.

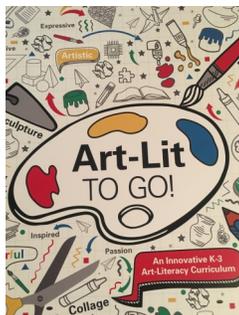


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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer day camp planning is underway. It is unknown at this time if camps will be able to be held in-person or via kits and videos and web-based meetings.

CAMP OFFERINGS



ART-LIT(ERATURE) CAMP for CLOVER KIDS

Campers and an older helper will complete a variety of art experiences linked with read alouds. Participants will explore elements of art in very basic forms. This will be a half-day camp if held face to face. If we are unable to meet face-to-face, a kit of supplies and instructions will be provided.

“HANDS FOR LARGER SERVICE”

In cooperation with the Audubon County Master Gardeners, this daycamp will provide education, fun and service in the great outdoors at Nathaniel Hamlin Park.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN (ONLINE/KIT)

Youth will learn the importance of healthy eating and physical activity while making and eating healthy, child-friendly, yet challenging recipes. Lesson topics include: food safety, basic kitchen safety, the five food groups, and the importance of physical activity.

Based on current safety recommendations, this “camp” will be held virtually. Youth participants will be given recipes and instructions and check in via web weekly.



ON THEIR OWN AND OKAY

This day camp opportunity is designed to strengthen skills in youth who may care for themselves and/or siblings during the afterschool hours.

Tentative dates are being looked at in June. Registration forms will be available on our website, via our Facebook page or the school lunch program later this month.

Project Area Workshops

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 **6 garden plots** available 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. Unclaimed plots are then offered to Clover Kids.
 Contact the office to learn more.

FIGURE 8 RACES—Concession Stand

Clubs are invited to select a date to work the concession stand at the Figure 8 Races hosted by our Fairboard. This on-going partnership helps support the fair board and their efforts to improve our grounds and fair activities and provides our 4-H program with access to the Agri-Hall.

Contact the office staff to claim your preferred date. Smaller clubs are encouraged to work together and provide multiple shifts.

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| Dates: June 12 | C.D. Starlighters |
| June 26 | Leroy Leaders |
| July 10 | |
| July 17 | |
| July 31 | |
| August 7 | |

***These dates/ability to conduct the races is subject to change.**
 We continue to plan and if/when things change we will contact club leaders!



MAY

- May 2 Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 pm, online
May 3 Leroy Leaders club meeting
Tip Top club meeting, 3 pm, online
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 3 pm, online
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, online
Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 3:30 pm, online
May 20 Dog Project Meeting, 6:30, online
May 24 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Center
May 25 **Office Closed - Memorial Day**

*tentative, may be held virtually
Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM TBD

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

- June 1 **ANIMAL ID DEADLINE (4hOnline or paper forms) (2020 only)**
June 7 Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 PM @ Exira Public Library (*tentative)
June 9 **"Last Chance" Instructor-Led YQCA, 1 PM @ Extension Office (*tentative)**
June 10 Fair 101 workshop, 6-8 PM @ Extension Office
June 12 Figure 8 Races, 7:30 PM @ Audubon County Fairgrounds (*tentative)
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 (*tentative)
June 15 **AUDUBON COUNTY YQCA DEADLINE**
June 21 Tip Top club meeting, 3 PM @ Exira Legion Park (*tentative)
Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 3:30 PM
June 25 Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 PM @ John James Audubon Park (*tentative)
Brad Morgan, Music in the Park, 7 PM @JJ Audubon Park (*tentative)
June 26 Figure 8 Races, 7:30 PM @ Audubon County Fairgrounds (*tentative)
June 28 Shooting Sports club meeting
June 30 Hands for Larger Service Day Camp, TBD (*tentative)

JULY

- JULY 1 **AUDUBON COUNTY FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE**
JULY 2 **OFFICE CLOSED—INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)**
July 10 Figure 8 Races, 7:30 PM @ Audubon County Fairgrounds (*tentative)
July 13 Clothing Event Judging
July 14 County Fair Set Up
JULY 15-19 **AUDUBON COUNTY FAIR**
July 17 Figure 8 Races, 7:30 PM @ Audubon County Fairgrounds (*tentative)
July 31 Figure 8 Races, 7:30 PM @ Audubon County Fairgrounds (*tentative)

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