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CONGRATULATIONS, SOPHIE KITELINGER!
Sophie submitted the Fairbook cover contest entry chosen by Clover Commissions!
Special THANKS to the contest participants.

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

PLAN AHEAD!

EAR TAGS ARE AVAILABLE NOW.

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

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

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.

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!
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.

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!

We miss you!
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

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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