

Pictured are first year animal exhibitors from the 2020 Audubon County Fair. Thanks to AMVC for sponsoring a brush for each exhibitor.



4-H GROWS HERE

Audubon County 4-H Newsletter—SEPTEMBER 2020

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 7 **Labor Day - Office Closed**
 Oct 1 **Record Book deadline**
 Oct 4-10 National 4-H Week
 TBD - 4hOnline opens for enrollment

Check out full county fair results, and new photo slide shows of static exhibits and clothing event entries by visiting:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/audubon/content/audubon-county-fair-results>

Any youth in grades 4-12 can join 4-H

Graduated Clover Kids, returning 4-H members & leaders re-enroll using 4hOnline.

The state 4-H office is currently in the midst of upgrading to 4hOnline 2.0 and enrollment will not be open September 1 as it has in the past.

Watch email and our Facebook page for updates when it opens.

At this time our re-enrollment deadline will remain November 15.

****Youth NEW to the 4-H program (including graduated Clover Kids) have until May 15 to enroll.****

Those that have not participated in our Clover Kids program enroll by visiting our website.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/audubon/page/join-4-h>
 Print & fill out “4-H Enrollment Form” and return it to the Extension Office. Forms are also available to pick up at the office.

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



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Annual Record Book Submission

Record Books are for EVERYONE! Every member of our program learned something in at least one project area, regardless of your participation at the county fair. The annual summary is an excellent place to document all of your volunteer, leadership, communication, and civic engagement experiences in one place!

Record keeping is an important skill—and an important piece of the goal-setting process. Like any skill, practice makes perfect.

Record books are an excellent tool for recording learning and growth, volunteer hours and personal responsibilities.

Record books are mainly for your personal benefit.

You are practicing a life skill! Also, when you apply for scholarships, or college, all of your volunteer hours, and in- and out-of-school activities are all in one place and your leadership roles are documented. Down the line 2 years or 20 years, you'll have this to look back on.

Record books **do not** have to be fancy and complicated! It's easy (and understandable) to be overwhelmed at the idea of creating your record book, especially if it's your first time. My best tips are:

- ◆ **Work on it a little bit at a time**—it doesn't have to get all done in one sitting! In preparation for next year, start a binder or a folder to keep things in. Designate an envelope for keeping 4-H related receipts until you have time to record them. Complete your cover page when school pictures are received.
- ◆ **Set a calendar reminder** to review your annual summary and project records 2-3 times a year.
- ◆ **Keep it simple**—we have forms available at the office or online, but those are not required. If you completed a write up for your exhibit at fair, you can use that—just add a couple sentences evaluating how the exhibit did, or other activity since county fair
- ◆ **Ask lots of questions**—your club leaders, Abby and Ann are all available to help—call, email or stop in! Attend a virtual office hour, or schedule a one-on-one visit (virtual or in-person).
- ◆ **Save time next year**—download the forms and type up your responses, then save them and update year-to-year instead of starting from scratch!
- ◆ **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR ACTUAL RIBBONS** - they may get lost/damaged!

Additional record book covers are available for \$2 at our office.

Audubon County 4-H Program Expectations

Watch your email for a document that thoroughly explains the “rules and expectations” of our county’s 4-H program - this isn’t a new document, but it is current and important for new members and parents to be familiar with. Direct any questions to your club leader or office staff.



Fourth Annual Fall Clean Up Day

Plan to join in once again as we make fall yard clean up tasks easier for our friends and neighbors.

Thursday, November 5 is an early dismissal schedule for both school districts. Your participation is appreciated—many hands make light work!



Two “how-to” record book video links are available on our county’s 4-H & Youth webpage—find them with the other helpful record book links toward the bottom of this page

www.extension.iastate.edu/audubon/4h

Virtual “office hours” will be held Wednesdays to answer questions and provide support.

Sept 2 & 16 @ 2 PM Sept 9 @ 9:30 AM.

Can't make the scheduled Zoom sessions? Contact Ann to set up a time that works!

OUR COUNTY RECORD BOOK DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Submit completed record books to your club leader(s), or drop them off at the office.



When you see these members, congratulate them on a job well done representing Audubon County!

2020 Iowa State Fair Special Edition 4-H Livestock Show Results

Aiden Alt - swine - 2 blue
Brent Asberry - goats - 1 purple, 1 blue
Jayda Bowlin - sheep - 2 purple
Chase Buck - sheep - 3 purple, 1 - 3rd place
Lane Elmquist - swine - 1 purple/3rd place, 3 blue,
 beef - 1 blue
Carter Essick - swine - 1 blue
Joe Klein - goat - 1 purple
Ashlyn Pruitt - goats - 1 purple, 1 blue
Kennedy Rohe - goats - 2 purple
Clayton VanAernam - beef - 2 purple, 1-2nd place

2020 Iowa State Fair Show Iowa Results

Anna Campbell - Static - 5 blue, 1 red
 Share the Fun participant
 \$15 Challenge Awardrobe participant
Olivia Carter* - Static - 1 blue
Chloe Jackson - Clothing Selection Awardrobe participant
Isaac Jackson - Static - 1 blue
Mayne Jorgensen - Static - 1 blue, 1 white
Maya King - Static - 1 red
Ashlyn Pruitt* - Static - 3 blue

* at time of printing not all results had been posted.

Full official results can be found here for livestock:

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/14096>

And here for static/communication/clothing:

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/14524>

REMINDER

If you haven't already, please be sure to thank your supporters - whether it was a sponsored trophy or support money from the sale, fair board members, club leaders, family or other community members - your effort to say "thanks" will encourage them to keep supporting our members and our fair.

Watch for the long list of fair supporters in the special FAIR TAB section of the Audubon County Advocate Journal, and thank those supporters by doing business with them.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

It's never too early (or late!) to begin asking your friends to join 4-H! While enrollment opens soon, it's better for new members to be involved from the beginning.

"Graduated" Clover Kids will be looking for the club that they fit into too!



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is October 4th-10th! This is a great time to showcase to our county the great things our 4-H program is doing! Here are a few activities planned for the week—join in one or more to celebrate 4-H!

- **Supply Drive for Ronald McDonald House**

Donations will be accepted at our office all month, and other locations throughout the county during the week. Watch for more details next month.

- **Investigate project areas and Set Goals for the year** visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list for hot sheets with more details and ideas

- **Healthy Living Wellness Walk - Wednesday, October 7th.** wear your green and get outside to walk for wellness. More details will come in next month's newsletter.

- **Wear your 4-H shirt to school on Thursday, October 8th.** If you are new to our program, transitioning from Clover Kids to 4-H or just need a new shirt, stop by the office. Shirts are \$10.

- **Youth Trivia Night (virtual).** Join in a fun, new event with teams from multiple local regions. Saturday, October 10 @ 7 PM, teams of 3-5 youth will compete to win fun prizes. At least one member of the team needs to be a current 4-H member. Find your team, select a team name and a captain and register here:



SEPTEMBER

- Sept 2 Virtual Record Book office hour, 2 PM (find the link via email or Facebook)
- Sept 7 **OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day**
- Sept 9 Virtual Record Book office hour, 9:30 AM (find the link via email or Facebook)
- Sept 13 Exira Explorers club meeting, 2 pm @ Legion Park in Exira
Boots and Clovers club meeting, 3 pm @ Legion Park in Audubon
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4:30 pm, location TBD
Leroy Leaders club meeting, TBD
- Sept 16 Virtual Record Book office hour, 2 PM (find the link via email or Facebook)
- Sept 20 Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 1 pm @ Extension Office
Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 3 pm @ Extension Office
- Sept 21 Clover Commissions meeting, 6 pm @ Extension Office
- Sept 23 Tip Top club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Public Library
- Sept 27 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Club

OCTOBER

- Oct 1 **Record Book submission deadline**
- Oct 4-10 **National 4-H Week**
- Oct 7 **4-H Week Wellness Walk**
- Oct 8 **Wear 4-H shirt to school**
- Oct 10 **4-H Week Virtual Trivia/Game Night, 7 PM**
- Oct 11 C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4:30 pm @ Extension Office
Leroy Leaders club meeting, TBD
Boots and Clovers club meeting, TBD
- Oct 18 Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 1 pm @ Extension Office
- Oct 25 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Club

Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, TBD
Exira Explorers club meeting, TBD
Tip Top club meeting, TBD

NOVEMBER

- Nov 5 **4th Annual Fall Clean Up day, after school, various locations**
- Nov 8 C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4:30 pm @ Extension Office
Boots and Clovers club meeting, TBD
Leroy Leaders club meeting, TBD
- Nov 15 **CLUB PROGRAM DEADLINE / RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**
Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 1 pm @ Extension Office
- Nov 22 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Club
- Nov 25-26 **OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving**

Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, TBD
Exira Explorers club meeting, TBD
Tip Top club meeting, TBD

AUDUBON COUNTY EXTENSION



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK ACTIVITIES

- Ronald McDonald House Supply Drive
- Healthy Living Wellness Walk - Wed, Oct 7th
- Wear your 4-H shirt to school - Thurs, Oct 8th.
- Youth Trivia Night (virtual)- Sat Oct 10 @ 7 PM (register by Oct 2)

Adults: Please check your calendars for November 5th—we can cover more yards with more groups. If you are available to supervise a small group from your club, please let your club leaders know.

We can also use dump trailers and drivers for hauling out the raked up yard waste.



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