

Greeley Tip Tops 4-H Club news

This month, the Greeley Tip Tops 4-H Club met at Ben Petersen’s wood working workshop to build bird houses. We broke up into four different groups where we learned how to measure, mark, and cut boards for the bird houses. We then constructed them using drills and other tools. The bird houses will be donated to various groups within Audubon county. This was a very fun, educational meeting. A special thank you to Ben Petersen of Timbersmith for making it possible.



Greeley Tip Tops 4-H Club display their birdhouses.

Iowa farmers and small businesses receive Choose Iowa value-added grants

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has awarded 33 Choose Iowa value-added grants to Iowa farmers and small businesses located in 28 counties.

Grant recipients were eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in cost-share per project to increase or diversify their agricultural product offerings, expand markets and shorten supply chains. Choose Iowa



The Bruck family of Bruck Hillside Acres in Audubon County were recipients of a Choose Iowa grant.

awarded \$463,000 in value-added grants to leverage a total investment by grant awardees of \$1,325,710.05 to expand the availability of Iowa grown, Iowa raised, and Iowa made food, beverages, and ag products. The Choose Iowa grant announcement was made as part of Iowa Horticulture Week at Farmer Sarge’s in Algona, a veteran-owned produce farm, Choose Iowa member, and one of the

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Audubon FFA Members Receive the Iowa FFA Degree

The Iowa FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be bestowed upon an FFA member by the Iowa FFA Association each year. Only 5% of the FFA members in Iowa receive the degree each year. This year Audubon FFA members receiving this honor were: Olivia Carter, Lane Elmquist, Ryan Hermansen, Sydney Johnson, Maecy Rudy, Brody Schultes, Walter Vetter, Carson Wessel, and Brody Weber. The degree was presented at the 97th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference on April 15, 2025, at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

To receive the Iowa FFA Degree, FFA members must meet the following standards: 1) Have been an active FFA member for at least 24 months; 2) Have completed at least two years of systematic instruction in agricultural education; 3) Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500 or worked at least 375 hours in a supervised agricultural experience program; 4) Have a satisfactory scholastic record; 5) Have demonstrated leadership abilities from a specific list of activities; 6) Have completed 25 hours of community service; and 7) Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the local level.

Each Iowa FFA Degree recipient received a certificate and the golden State FFA Degree Charm which is made possible with support from Corteva Agriscience Pioneer Brand Seeds through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Audubon FFA Chapter provided members a gold chain for their charm and a frame for the certificate.



Pictured (left to right): Front row: Sydney Johnson, Maecy Rudy and Olivia Carter. Back row: Walter Vetter, Carson Wessel, Ryan Hermansen, Lane Elmquist, Brody Weber and Brody Schultes.

Legal Notice

AUDUBON SCHOOL BOARD April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL FLEXIBILITY FUND
The Superintendent of the Audubon Community School District presents the following Resolution for adoption:
WHEREAS, HF 565 School Flexibility Fund, was established in the 2017 Legislative Session to provide local control and flexibility regarding the use of ending balances in certain categorical funds effective July 1, 2018; and
WHEREAS, the Audubon Community School Board of Directors conducted a public hearing on March 25, 2025 as required by Iowa Code 298A.2(d), using the form of public hearing prescribed by the Iowa Department of Education, which was published in the same manner as required in Iowa Code 24.9, to provide adequate notice to stakeholders and transparency of intended board action; and
WHEREAS, the Audubon Community School District has fulfilled the needs intended to be met by the following categorical funds, as hereby certified by the Board of Directors, and that the statutory requirements for the following original sources of funds have been met, have been repealed, or are no longer in effect as noted below:
€ Professional Development funds received under Iowa Code 257.10 (10) were used to meet all statutory requirements of Iowa Code 284 and a balance remains unencumbered and unobligated at the close of FY21.
€ Teacher Leadership Compensation which is no longer required to be expended for those purposes as the fund has been discontinued, and a balance remains unencumbered and unobligated at the close of FY22.
WHEREAS, the Audubon Community School District has transferred the following funds authorized pursuant to HF 565 into the School Flexibility Fund:
€ Professional Development funds received under Iowa Code 257.10 (10) ending balance of \$78,147.20 of which \$78,147 was transferred to the Flexibility Fund from FY21.
€ Teacher Leadership Compensation which is no longer required to be expended for those purposes as the fund has been discontinued ending balance of \$28,601.50 of which \$8,000 was transferred to the Flexibility Fund from FY22.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Audubon Community School District determined by resolution dated April 21, 2025, the needs of students would be better served by the flexible expenditure of these funds during the budget year beginning in or after the calendar year in which the transfer to the flexibility fund occurs, for the following purposes:
€ Any school district general fund purpose, specifically the purchase of math curriculum in the amount of \$21,451.64
Now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Audubon Community School District, acknowledges the transfer of such funds to the Flexibility Fund within the General Fund, and requires expenditures accordingly for those purposes stated above, total amount of \$21,451.64 to be available for expenditure effective for the 2026 Fiscal Year.
RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is directed to include the information concerning such expenditure in the budget certified in accordance with Iowa Code 24; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Iowa Department of Education as they prescribe and make such Resolution available for any audit of the district performed under chapter 11.
Resolution approved, April 21, 2025, by the Audubon Community School board of directors:
Ayes: Justin Sprague, Anne Bomstad-Miller, Mark Nissen
Nays:
Absent: Sarah Asmus, Heath Hansen
Signed,
Mark Nissen, Chair – Board of Directors Audubon Community School District
Trevor Miller, Superintendent Audubon Community School District
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Adam Obrecht

Audubon FFA

CDE'S/LDE's: Conduct of Meetings, Soil Judging
SAE: Placement with Budd Insurance Agency
Favorite FFA Memory: Participating in the Washington Leadership Conference
After HS Plans: Iowa State University, Aerospace Engineering

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CDE'S/LDE's: Ag Impact, Conduct of Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, Soil Judging, Livestock Judging, Experience the Action, Farm Business Management
SAE: Entrepreneurship in Beef Production
Favorite FFA Memory: FFA “Living to Serve” Mission Trip to Liberia, Africa
After HS Plans: Iowa State University, Agriculture Studies

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