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### AUDUBON INDUSTRIAL PARK

The 25 acre Audubon Industrial Park is now annexed to the City of Audubon. This committee is in the process of establishing covenants for the park to insure that the development is a desirable environment for industrial use and to protect owners and tenants against improper use of surrounding premises that may depreciate the value of their property.

### VALLEY BUSINESS PARK

The economic downturn has slowed the activity of this project, however inquiries are received frequently. This committee is pursuing a billboard to be installed on the property to help in the marketing of the park.

### T-BONE TRAIL

The T-Bone Trail is scheduled to be completed for the ribbon cutting scheduled August 1, 2009. This date is also the Saturday of Operation T-Bone. The completion of the trail creates the 20 mile paved trail which starts at the Albert the Bull Park in Audubon and has access in Hamlin, Exira, and Brayton. The trail goes under I-80 into Cass County.

### U-TUBE VIDEO OF ALBERT THE BULL

The Buena Vista College students did a class project which included filming a segment on Albert the Bull. This is a nice presentation that you can enjoy by going to [www.auduboncounty.com](http://www.auduboncounty.com) and click on the link under News Report.

### NEWS REPORTS OF LOCAL EVENTS

At [www.auduboncounty.com](http://www.auduboncounty.com) there are several bulletins and detail information regarding Operation T-Bone, Audubon County Fair, Audubon County Foundation's fall distribution, T-Bone Trail ribbon cutting, Albert the Bull, and more. Come back often, as the news changes often. Also reference the calendar on the Home page for scheduled activity details for the months ahead (click the arrow by the month's name). Audubon County has web presence and information available at: [www.westerniowaadvantage.com](http://www.westerniowaadvantage.com), [www.locationone.com](http://www.locationone.com), [www.valleybusinesspark.net](http://www.valleybusinesspark.net), [www.iowaworkforce.org](http://www.iowaworkforce.org), [www.iowalifechanging.com](http://www.iowalifechanging.com), [www.traveliowa.com](http://www.traveliowa.com), [www.visitwesterniowa.com](http://www.visitwesterniowa.com), [www.omahacf.org](http://www.omahacf.org).

### COMMUNITY VENTURE NETWORK (CVN)

CVN was formed for rural communities in an effort to bring high growth businesses together with economic development professionals seeking to attract business expansions and relocations to their area. These presentations also include start up businesses and those that are seeking venture capital. Audubon County has a membership through our WIAD group which attends these sessions. The sessions alternate between Minneapolis and Chicago every other month. Each session features six businesses each making a 35 minute presentation about their company and expansion or relocation. Examples of presenters from our last session are: a metal works that makes tools and is land locked in Chicago with no room to expand (they have

\$450,000 funding needs); a plasma gasification of solid waste plant; processor of rough sawn lumber; supplier of industrial tooling, equipment and services; IT company, etc. Eventually we hope one of the companies will be a match for our county.

**EDUCATION-TRAINING-WORKFORCE**

Efforts and consideration is being given to the need of providing career awareness, education, and selection tools to assist students in earlier identification and selection of the right career and occupation that matches their interest and abilities. Then we need to match the right job with the right employer. These types of programs, in other areas, have shown they tend to keep students in school versus dropping out, reduces changing programs or majors, complete their program/degree more timely, and reduce the overall costs to the student, parents, and institutions. Another benefit is the program will help local companies find, hire, and retain a workforce that is well matched with its company culture. Success has been great because the students' vocation programs and educational majors match their interest. This is an interesting undertaking and one we hope will be embraced by area employers, local high schools, and colleges. Currently schools do use assessment programs and apprentice programs. Ideally we can have an opportunity to use the best of all of them to make one tailored for our local industries and schools.

**AUDUBON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The fall distribution will be \$53,110. September 1, 2009 has been set as the grant deadline. Application will not be accepted prior to August 15, 2009. The new application version must be used and it must be emailed. Applications and instructions are available at [www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/auduboncef](http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/auduboncef). The Audubon County Community Foundation is a great boost to our county not-for-profit organizations as this will make a \$155,000 total distribution this year.

**COUNTY BROCHURES**

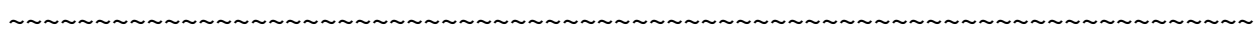
New brochures promoting our county are near completion and will be circulating in the next week or two. One of the brochures is a four fold that promotes the points of interest throughout the county, another promotes Albert the Bull and Operation T-Bone, and there is one promoting the John James Audubon Bird Walk and John James Audubon Plaza in Audubon.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

The Western Iowa Advantage (WIAD) Region's monthly unemployment rate increased to 4.1 percent from 3.1 percent in May 2008, according to the Iowa Workforce Development figures. Following are May 2009 unemployment figures for our WIAD counties: Adair 4.3%, Audubon 4.5%, Carroll 3.7%, Crawford 3.6%, Greene 5.0%, Guthrie 4.7%, Ida 3.5%, Sac 4.1%, Iowa 5.8%, and U.S. 9.4%. Total employment in our region is 48,132 as of May 2009.



Thomas R. Nielsen  
Executive Director



**Food for Thought.....**

*“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”*

# AUDUBON COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2009

## TUESDAY, JULY 21

5:00 PM Farm Bureau Meal  
Agriland Ice Cream  
Fair Superintendents Meeting  
6:30 PM Fair Preparation

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

7:00 – 8:00 AM 4-H/FFA Swine check in  
8:00- 9:00 AM 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat check in  
9:00-10:00 AM 4-H/FFA Beef check in  
10:00-11:00 AM 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Poultry check in  
11:00 AM 4-H/FFA Horses must be stalled  
2:00 PM 4-H Fashion Designer Showcase  
3:00 PM 4-H Decorators Showcase  
5:00 PM 4-H Communications Contest  
7:00 PM 4-H/FFA Pet & Dog Show  
9:00 PM 4-H Club Booths Must Be Set-Up

## THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:00 AM Judging 4-H Garden Plots  
9:00 AM Judging 4-H Static Exhibits  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Fair board secretary's office open  
Commercial Exhibit set-up  
11:00 AM 4-H Food Sale  
11:00 AM 4-H/FFA Horse Show  
2:00 PM Ageless Ag Games - Grandstand  
4:00 PM Knowledge Bowl – Show Barn  
6:00 PM 4-H Building Open to Public  
6:00 PM Open Class static must be entered  
6:00 PM Silent Auction Items in place  
7:00 PM 4-H Recognition – Grandstand  
Decorator's Showcase, Fashion Designer Showcase, FR/CS, State Fair Exhibitors, Communications, Senior Recognition, Banner Club, Hall of Fame  
7:30 PM Queen Contest – Grandstand

## FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:00 AM 4-H/FFA Goat Show  
4-H/FFA Sheep Show  
8:00 AM Open Class exhibits must be in place  
9:00 AM Judging Open Class Static Entries  
12:00 Noon 4-H/FFA Pen of Three Interviews  
12:30 PM 4-H/FFA Pen of Three  
4-H/FFA Bottle Bucket Show  
4-H/FFA Market Heifer Show  
4-H/FFA Market Steer Show  
4-H/FFA Supreme Market Animal  
4-H/FFA Showmanship  
5:00 PM Beef Feed  
7:30 PM Figure Eight Races  
Following races, Battle of the Bands in the Pits

## SATURDAY, JULY 25

7:00 AM Biscuits and Gravy- Pop stand  
7:30 AM 4-H/FFA Swine Show  
8:00 AM Open Class Horse Entries Due  
8:00 – 8:30 AM Open Class Rabbit/Poultry check-in  
9:00 AM Baby Contest – Hoop  
10:00 AM Big Wheels Races – Hoop  
10:00 AM Open Class Horse Show  
11:00 AM Non-sanctioned Kids Pedal Pull  
11:00 AM 4-H Poultry, Open Poultry Show  
11:30 AM Livestock Judging Contest  
Registration  
12:00 Noon Livestock Judging Contest  
1:00 PM 3 on 3 Basketball Registration - Hoop  
1:30 PM 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament  
2:00 PM 4-H Rabbit, Open Rabbit Show  
2:00 PM Open Class Beef/Dairy Entries Due  
4:30 PM 4-H/FFA Feeder Calf  
4-H/FFA Breeding Beef  
Open Class Dairy  
Open Class Breeding Heifer  
Open Class Feeder Calf  
Open Class Market Beef  
Pork Feed – Hoop  
5:00 PM Children's Theater – Grandstand  
6:30 PM State Fair Bill Riley Talent Show  
7:30 PM

## SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:00 AM Tractor Check - in  
10:00 AM Tractor Ride  
11:30 AM Cowboy Open Fun Show Registration  
12:30 PM Cowboy Open Fun Show  
1:00 PM Tractor Games  
1:00 PM Bingo – Hoop – Exira Lions  
2:00 PM Pie Contest – Hoop  
Old Timer's Band  
3:00-3:30 PM Pick Up Silent Auction Items, Ag Hall  
3:00-3:30 PM 4-H/FFA and Open Class **static**  
Exhibits released from 4-H Building, Agri Hall and Antique Building.  
Animals not going through the sale released  
4:00 PM Livestock Sale – Poultry, Rabbit, Swine, Beef, Sheep  
*Members are expected to stay until clean-up is done.*  
7:30 PM Figure Eight Races

**Carnival Rides Available**  
**Dunk Tank – Thursday – Saturday**



# 59th Annual Operation T-Bone

## Audubon, Iowa July 31 - August 2, 2009



7<sup>th</sup> Annual Retail "Smokin' Bull Sale" - (July 30, 31 & August 1) Check stores for details!

### Friday, July 31

6:30-8:30 pm  
Dusk  
10:00 pm - Midnight

Kick-Off T-Bone with Hamburgers at the Fairgrounds by the Audubon County Fairboard  
Fireworks - Audubon County Fairgrounds (Rain Date: August 1)  
Teen Dance - City Park Stage - FREE ADMISSION

### Saturday, August 1 - Around City Park

8:00 am  
8:00 - 10:00 am  
8:30 am  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
10:00 am  
10:00 am  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
11:00 am  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
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1:30 - 4:00 pm  
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2:00 - 3:30 pm  
2:00 - 4:00 pm  
3:00 pm  
3:00 pm  
4:00 pm  
8:00 pm - Midnight

9th Annual ACMH "Running With The Bull" 5M / 2M Fun Run & Walk - Albert the Bull Park (7:00 am Registration - Pre-register at [www.acmhosp.org](http://www.acmhosp.org) or [www.auduboniowa.org](http://www.auduboniowa.org))  
Audubon County Good Neighbor Service Council Breakfast - Memorial Bldg. - (Free Will Offering, Bake Sale & Crafts)  
T-Bone Trail Ribbon Cutting - Church of Christ parking lot - Refreshments & Bike Ride for fun  
Crafts, Vendor Tables, Store Bargains, Bake Sales and Flea Market  
Wheeler Power Show - Main Street / Awards following - City Park Stage  
Food Available in City Park  
Kid Games  
Bingo by Knights of Columbus & CYO - City Park Stage  
T-Bone Association Steak Sandwich Feed - City Park  
Raffle tickets for sale - available at Feed Line for 2 Whole T-Bone Loins (2 Winners)  
Audubon School's Memorabilia (Year Books, etc.) - Cultural Center@ the Library  
Operation T-Bone Parade - Grand Marshal: Rich Gleason  
(You may pre-register, but order depends on arrival time - [www.auduboniowa.org](http://www.auduboniowa.org) for downloadable form, online form or pick up at Chamber of Commerce Office)  
Old Time Saloon & Fireside Portraits at your cost - Basement of Memorial Bldg. - Have your picture taken - Appointments preferred (563-9992), but Walk-Ins Welcome (Instant review of images allows you to select your favorite portrait before ordering.)  
Beer Garden - City Park  
Talent Show - Stage in City Park  
T-Bone Assoc. Chili Cook Off - (2:00 - 2:30 Registration at City Park / 2:30 - 3:30 Judging / 3:30 Prizes awarded on City Park Stage)  
School Buildings Open  
Old Park Hotel stroll through the photo gallery - 423 S. Park Place  
Danish Coffee - 100 Year Anniversary - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - 326 Leroy St.  
Highway 71 Band - City Park Stage  
Fireman's Water Fights (3:00 Registration & 3:30 Fights)  
Wheeler Power Show Awards - City Park Stage  
Street Dance with Music by Travelin' Light - FREE ADMISSION



7:00 am - 1:00 pm  
10:30 am  
1:30 pm

Breakfast Fundraiser & Open House at Fire Station  
Alumni Tennis Round - Robin Play - Tennis Court  
Alumni Basketball - High School - Former men & women players welcome

### Tuesday, August 4

9:00 am  
Noon

Operation T-Bone Cattle Auction - Anita Livestock Auction  
Free Hamburger Feed - Anita Livestock Auction

### Saturday, August 29

Audubon County Saddle Club Ranch Horse Show - Fairgrounds

### Sunday, August 30

10:00 am

Audubon County Saddle Club Double Judge Horse Show - Fairgrounds - S.I.S.C.O. Approved

### Sunday, September 13

8:00 am

Men's T-Bone Golf Tournament - Golf & Country Club



#### T-BONE PARADE - AUG. 1, 2009

Attention: Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.  
Chambers' Bin Site - 511 Northwestern Ave.  
(You may pre-register, but order depends on arrival time - [www.auduboniowa.org](http://www.auduboniowa.org) for downloadable form, online form or pick up at Chamber of Commerce Office)

Parade Starts at 1 p.m.

#### PARADE CATEGORIES

ANTIQUÉ AUTO 1959 AND OLDER  
MILESTONE AUTO 1960 AND NEWER  
ANTIQUÉ MACHINERY  
SADDLE  
HITCH HORSE DRAWN UNITS  
J.R. DIVISION  
ANY ENTRY SPONSORED BY A YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP AND FEATURING YOUNG PEOPLE  
SR. DIVISION  
ALL ENTRIES NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER CATEGORIES  
GOOD NEIGHBOR ENTRIES FROM OUTSIDE OF AUDUBON  
GRAND CHAMPION WINNER - ALL ENTRIES, EXCEPT BANDS

Please do not throw candy or other items from parade vehicles.  
Candy may be given out at curbside. Prizes given.  
No Registration Fee. Livestock will be last in parade.

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Information available to date.

# T - BONE TRAIL

**BIKE  
FOR  
FUN**



**T-BONE TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING**

**AUGUST 1st 8:30 AM**

**T-BONE TRAILHEAD IN AUDUBON  
AUDUBON CHURCH OF CHRIST PARKING LOT  
2050 Highway 71, Audubon Iowa**

**Bike or Walk from T-Bone Trail Points  
at Brayton, Exira, & Hamlin**

**Operation T-Bone  
JULY 31- August 1 & 2, 2009**

