**Getting a Bang Out of Your Fourth of July Fireworks**

**By Laura Bacon**
**Staff Writer**

It’s that time of year: along with warm temperatures, holiday gatherings, family picnics and sunburns after trips to the pool or beach, it’s time for live-
stock shows, posters and craft projects, blue ribbons and of course, the County Fair Queen. Each year a handful of girls compete for the crown, and are judged on things like character, poise and participation in school and community activ-
ities and volunteering. This year the Audubon County Fair will run from Monday, July 11 through Sunday, July 17. The coronation will take place Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m., but its open to the public in the Agri Hall at the Audubon County Fairgrounds for dinner and to interview with the judges.

In order to be a queen candidate, you must be at least 16-21 year old girl living in Audubon County. You must be involved in at least one service organization, and the winner will represent Audubon County at the Iowa State Fair.

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**Audubon County Fair Queen Candidates**

Sienna Albertson
Sienna Albertson is the daughter of Mike and Krystal Albertson. She is cur-
rently 17 and will be a senior this fall at Audubon High School.

She is currently active in FFA, and even better in school in volleyball, football, cheer, basketball, wrestling cheer, golf, track, tennis, speech, and stu-
dent senate.

Over the years, Sienna has done a variety of static projects while showing pigs, cattle, and sheep, and has also been an Iowa State Fair Grandstand Usher.

She has obtained the honor roll all three years of high school and is currently Audubon’s Student Body President as well as part of the Southwest 4H Leader-
ship Council.

After high school Sienna hopes to attend Texas Tech University and major in Art.

Rylee Brittain
I am Rylee Brittain, the daughter of Liz and Charlie Brittain. I’m 17 and will be a senior at Audubon High School in the fall.

After graduating, my future plans are to attend college to pursue a career in either Nursing or Speech Language Pathology.

I have been in band and chorus for the past seven years and have received multiple awards. My most recent award was as an outstanding soloist at the Dick Boman Jazz Festival. During my high school career, I have participated in vol-
leyball, basketball, softball, and multiple volunteer activities. Over this past year, I helped to organize an FFA Meals From The Heartland packaging event. During this event students from 5th grade to 12th grade helped to package 45,000 meals. These meals were then shipped overseas to help kids who are less fortunate and don’t have access to food.

Through FFA I have learned many skills that I believe have prepared me to be a good leader and I would love the opportunity to be the Audubon County Fair Queen.

Local News

**Bids on Audubon school project to be opened July 7**

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AUDUBON - The Audubon Community School’s middle school and high school renovation project has hit another snag, and will have to rebid part of the project after problems with the general contractor.

Superintendent Eric Trager said “We will have to rebid the general contractor portion (of the project) due to failure to perform.”

The school board has sent that put out for bids again, and Trager said bids will be held on July 7.

“Hopefully we will be back on track after that,” Trager said.

It is definitely a set back for the district.

Last fall Trager said there were hopes of getting work started as early as May, and he said this week that the electrical and mechan-
ical work “are literally way ahead of schedule. Then we did finish going a great job, but the things the general contractor had to do (to keep elec-
trical and mechanical work moving forward) aren’t being done.”

Now, he said, he was “still very hopeful that we will be able to get in and have school on time (in the fall), that’s kind of where we’re at.”

The general contractor does things like de-
molition work, and on this project for exam-
ple, Trager said old ventilation units had been
removed, leaving “large gaping holes in the walls,” which would need to be filled. In other areas ceiling grids, ceiling panels, sheet rock, floors, cabinets and “just about all the insides,” would need to be done.

This is the second time the project has had to be rebid – the first set of bids came in over early estimated costs, and there weren’t many bids received. New cost and time schedules were re-estimated the districts received bids for the work and the $2.3 million project.

The new bids are expected to be received at 1 p.m. July 7 and a public hearing will be held on the proposed specifications and forms of contract, and estimated total cost of the middle school building board room on July 7 at 6 p.m.

**Just the basics of fireworks safety:**

• Don’t allow young children to handle fire-
works.

• Older children should only use

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cially here and it’s the start of the Fourth of July weekend. Suddenly there are many events and activities going on around the area, and fireworks displays coming up as well — but fireworks at home, with family are a tradition. Fire-
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**Our Town**

**Hail to the Queens-to-be**

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storms. High near 81, with a light wind.

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