



# O'BRIEN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Senior 4-H'er Ellie Clark helped Samantha Sauer & Ashley Willman make "Dresses for Haiti" at her Service Learning Workshop!



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GROWING TOGETHER

*I'm not sure were this winter is going, but so far, it has been a mild one, and for that, I am thankful! I'm not a cold-weather person, so winter's like this suit me just fine! Even our beef weigh-in day on December 31st was easy to take! Thank you to those volunteers who helped us weigh in 148 lead calves! Wow! We had nearly 50 young people take part in the Skate and Swim party over Christmas break and many of you got your FSQA training out of the way for another year! We will have one more FSQA Training in April and tests can be taken anytime during office hours. If you need to train and can't make it to the April date, let us know and we can give you dates of trainings in surrounding counties.*

*I'm very excited about idea of forming a county Livestock Judging Team! The coaches are going to be meeting soon to put together a program, and hopefully training will begin in March! This is a great opportunity for ALL 4-H'ers who might be interested in livestock.*

*Kris Keene*

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## **Beef Project Club Meeting**

Thanks to all of you who attended our first beef project club meeting on the 12th. We had a good turnout and are excited about some up-coming opportunities for our beef project members! We will be holding meetings throughout the year in order to provide learning opportunities in the beef project area. Meetings will include guest speakers, demonstrations and possibly a field trip. We encourage all beef project members to attend! Parents too! Our next meeting will be held on March 12th at 7:00 pm at the O'Brien County Extension Office.

## **Youth Beef Team**

Anyone who is interested may choose to be a part of the “**Youth Beef Team**” which is sponsored by the Iowa Cattleman’s Foundation. We will be having a representative from this organization coming to visit with those members who are interested. The focus of this group of young people is to promote the beef industry in Iowa and beyond. With so much information in the media about food safety, animal rights and environmental issues, the goal of this group is to equip young cattlemen and women with information they need to speak out positively for the beef industry. Youth will help with beef promotions in their community and receive points, which are accumulated for yearly reward prizes. Senior 4-H’ers may be eligible for a \$1000.00 scholarship as well. This opportunity is for ALL beef members.

## **Breeding Heifer Identification**

This is a reminder for any 4-H'er who plans to exhibit purebred breeding heifers at the Iowa State Fair. Registration number and Tattoo will be REQUIRED in 4honline on May 15th. It may NOT be pending! Just a reminder to get purebred heifers registered right away and papers in hand before May 15th!

## **Advanced Cattle Opportunity at the Clay County Fair**

Recently, the Clay Co. Fair Board and the Jr. Feeder Committee decided to open up the Jr. Feeder Beef Show to district competitors. This show would be comparable to our Advanced Cattle project. Weigh-in will be March 17th, with 3 head of cattle being exhibited at the Clay County Fair. The animals are re-weighed and ultrasounded on the Thursday before the fair begins. The actual show takes place on the first Saturday of the fair (this year it's 9/8) The cattle are sold on a live grid.

Below is the link to the rules for the show. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, call Kris or Betsy Schoelerman at 712-363-4635 or [bschoelerman@clay-everly.k12.ia.us](mailto:bschoelerman@clay-everly.k12.ia.us).

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/NR/rdonlyres/04AEBC83-C0B2-416B-BA50-2B8105D87EE7/121302/JuniorFeederFinished1012.pdf>

# MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

## Livestock Judging Team

We are excited to present a new opportunity for any 4-H member who has an interest in livestock!

Beginning this spring, we will be having livestock judging training. Livestock judging offers 4-H'ers the opportunity to learn to evaluate livestock on their carcass and maternal characteristics, skeletal structure as well as performance records. This opportunity will be for all age levels and we will meet once a month, with the hopes of putting together teams of 5 to participate in some area judging events this summer.

By being a member of the livestock judging team, members will strengthen their communication skills, decision making ability and make life-long friends as they participate in judging contests throughout their 4-H career and beyond!

Leah Keene and Venessa Knoblock have offered to head up the Livestock Judging Teams. We could not offer this opportunity without the help of great volunteers! Thank you girls!

## **FSQA Training Date**

The second and final FSQA training will be held on

April 14th—9:30 AM—11:30 AM

If this date does not work for you, contact the office about out-of-county trainings. Tests may be taken any time during office hours until July 1.

## Poultry For Sale

Hello I am Zachary Westhoff. I showed poultry when I was in 4-H and FFA. This year I will have plenty of show quality chicks available January through May. If you want birds to show this coming summer, January and February chicks are your best option. Cost will range from \$3.50-\$5.00 a chick. These birds are of better show quality than anything you will find at farm supply stores or hatcheries. I will have both bantam and standard varieties available for a total of over 100 breeds, ducks, geese, and turkeys are available also. I am available almost anytime via cell phone so call 712-540-4233 with any questions.

**Wanted:** Looking to purchase a good family/4-H horse. Must be well broke and kid friendly.

Please contact Mary at [jmdagel@hickorytech.net](mailto:jmdagel@hickorytech.net) or 712-754-2245.

## ISU Veterinary 4-H Workshop

The ISU Veterinary Student Mixed Animal Recruitment Team is once again holding a Veterinary 4-H Workshop for interested 4-H'ers in grades 7—12. on February 25th from 9 to 3. The cost is \$10 with lunch included. Several disciplinary stations will be offered including pathology, anatomy, radiology and many more! Registrations are due by February 11th and limited to the first 100 youth. Find registration material and info at:

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Documents/PubVetRegistrationDeleteFeb13\\_2012.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Documents/PubVetRegistrationDeleteFeb13_2012.pdf)

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## Lawn & Garden Expo

ISU Extension is co-sponsoring the 2012 Lawn & Garden Expo at Dordt College in Sioux Center on Friday & Saturday, February 3rd and 4th. If you would like helpful information about caring for your yard and garden, this is the place for you! There will be many educational seminars as well as a number of exhibitors on hand to show products and answer your questions. Cooking demonstrations by Hy-Vee will also be featured. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to find out more about Horticulture and "grow" their project knowledge! For more information, go to our website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien).

## Community Garden

The winter is going quickly and before long it will be time to think about planting our vegetable gardens. The Sheldon Community will be offering plots to rent for the 2012 growing season. If you don't have a place for a garden in your own yard, consider signing up for a 10' x 20' plot. Cost is \$20. Workshops by ISU Extension specialists will be given throughout the season and everyone is welcome to attend these lessons.

**If your 4-H club is interested in having a garden plot as a club service project please let me know! This would be a great opportunity to expand your knowledge in the horticulture project area. Individuals are also invited to join this opportunity.**

Start working today towards the *Mark Hanson Memorial Horticulture Award* which will be presented to a 4-H'er next Fall to an outstanding horticulture project member! I believe there will be an opportunity for a community garden project in the Primghar area also. More info will follow.

## What's Up With Robotics?

One of the hottest project areas in 4-H right now is the Science and Technology area. New robotics clubs are popping up all across the state—including right here in O'Brien County!

Would you like to see what goes on in these clubs? Then come and join us on Saturday March 3rd for a 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology event at Dordt College in Sioux Center from 9 to noon. Existing robotics club from this area will share their project work, robot runs and demonstrations so you can see what they are learning in this exciting project! There will be breakout sessions and demonstrations all morning. Come join us and find out what the Science, Engineering and Technology project has to offer you!

## Safety Education in

### Shooting Sports

The 2012 Iowa 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training is scheduled for March 23-25 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center. O'Brien County has many young sportsmen and women who would love to learn more about wildlife and the shooting sports. This opportunity can only be made available to O'Brien County youth through the help of caring adults who would like to learn along with them. The SESS program is not intended to develop strong shooters, so much as it is to develop strong individuals.

Training fees will be paid for you if you are interested in becoming certified for our SESS program. Call Kris for details!

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## 2012 State 4-H Volunteer Retreat

**LEADERS** Are you looking for ways to liven up your club meetings? The annual State Volunteer Retreat brings together **4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members** to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening, February 10, volunteers will learn how to help 4-H members improve their communication skills and demonstrate them through quality, educational working exhibits. Saturday, February 11, is filled with a variety of workshops and networking opportunities.

A wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. The registration fee will be paid by the Extension council for any O'Brien County leader or 4-H member who would like to attend!

If you are a new volunteer, there are special sessions just for you. Are you interested in training to be a 4-H judge? This session is also offered! I will be attending, so if anyone would like to ride along, they are certainly welcome! Please let me know right away if you would like to attend!



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## Summer Opportunities

### Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2012

It's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming Iowa 4-H Youth Conference— This year's theme is **Brighten Your World!** Join 1,000 Iowa youth on June 26-28, 2012 on the ISU Campus!

You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state. There are great speakers, dances, banquets and workshops.

If you have a particular interest in animal science, you might want to consider the ROUND-UP track in a specific livestock species.

You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend, so bring your friends! Sign will begin in early spring and run through May 15th, so make plans now to attend!



### 4-H Camp at the Iowa 4-H Center

Even though there is still snow on the ground, it's not too early to be thinking about summer camp! This year, the 4-H Center is offering 30 different specialty camps for youth of all ages!

There is a discount if you register by April 1st!

Go to [www.iowa4hcamp.com](http://www.iowa4hcamp.com) and see what they have to offer!

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<b>2012 Species</b>	<b>Tag Size/ color</b>	<b>ID Sheet Deadline/ WeighIn</b>	<b>Health/ Test Papers</b>	<b>Vaccinations</b>	<b>FSQA training</b>	<b>Check In/ Weigh-In @Fairgrounds</b>	<b>Date/ Time to be in place @ Fairgrnds</b>	<b>Show - date &amp; time</b>	<b>Clay Co deadlines for ID's</b>
Market Beef	Big/orange	12/31/11w eigh-in	None	None	Yes	7/22 or 7/23/12	7/23/12 Noon	7/24/12 8 am	2/1/12
Feeder Calf	Big /orange or Sm/orange	5/15/12	None	None	Yes	7/22 or 7/23/12	7/23/12 Noon	7/24/12	5/15/12
Breeding Beef	Big/orange or tattoo #	5/15/12	None	None	Yes	7/22 or 7/23/12	7/23/12 Noon	7/24/12	5/15/12
Bottle/Bucket Calf	Small/orange By 5/10/12	5/15/12	Yes -30 days prior	4 way shot by 7/1	Yes	7/23/12	7/23/12 Noon	7/24/12 4 pm	N/A
Dairy	Big/Orange or Reg #	5/15/12	None	None	Yes	7/23/12	7/23/12 10 am	7/23/12 5 pm	No 4-H show
Goat	Small/orange	5/15/12	Scrapie tag Breeding	None	Yes	7/22/12 5:00 pm	7/22/12 10 am	7/25/12 2 pm	6/10/12
Swine	Small/orange	5/15/12	Swine Affidavit	None	Yes	7/22/12 5-7 pm	7/22/12 7 pm	7/25/12 8 am	6/10/12
Sheep	Small/orange Adv./white	5/12/12 weigh-in	Scrapie tag Breeding	None	Yes	7/22/12 4-6 pm	7/22/12 3:30 pm	7/23/12 2 pm	6/10/12
Horse	None	5/15/12	Cent of Inspection	None	NO	7/22/12 12:30 pm	7/22/12 12:30 pm	7/22/12 1 pm	5/15/12
Rabbit	None	6/2/12 tattoo day	None	None	Yes	7/22 6-8 pm or 7/23/12 7:30-8:30 am	7/23/12 8:30 am	7/23/12 9 am	Sr.6/2 Jr. 7/10
Pet	None	None	None	Rabies recommend- ed if applicable	NO	7/25/12 9 am	7/25/12 9 am	7/25/12 9 am	N/A
Poultry	None	None	Pullorum Typhoid @ Fair	Dust with insecti- cide powder by 7/1	Yes	7/22/12 3-6 pm	7/22/12 6 pm	7/23/12 12:00 pm	5/15 /12 "to be born" on ID's
Dog Obedience	None	None	None	Rabies, Parvo- Vac, Distemper	NO	7/25/12 10:00 am	7/25/12 10 am	7/25/12 10:30 am	5/15/12



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## February

- 1—4-H Scholarship Applications due to State 4-H Office
- 1—Applications for State Opportunities due to State 4-H Office
- 10-11—State 4-H Volunteer Retreat—Ankeny DMACC
- 25—Iowa 4-H Foundation Gala—Des Moines
- 25—ISU Vet Workshop—Ames—9:00-3:00
- 28—O’Brien County 4-H Foundation Meeting—5:30

## March

- 3—Science, Engineering and Technology Find-Out Event—Dordt College 9-12
- 8—Youth Advisory Committee Meeting—5:30
- 12—Beef Project Club Meeting—7:00 O’Brien Co Extension Office
- 17—Feeder Pen Weigh-in—Clay County
- 23-25—Safety Education in Shooting Sports Training—Iowa 4-H Center
- 24—State 4-H Recognition Day Interviews—ISU Campus

## April

- 14— FSQA Training—9:30-11:30 A.M.

## May

- 15—Livestock ID’s due in 4hOnline

## June

- 26-28—State 4-H Youth Conference—ISU Campus—Ames



Just a reminder that Clover Kids 4-H for youth in grades 1st—3rd is being held once a month in the following schools. Bring your friends!

### **February:**

- Sheldon: February 18th—1:00—3:00 pm—Public Library
- HMS: February 14th 3:30-5:00 pm
- SOS: February 21st 3:30-5:00 pm

### **March:**

- Sheldon: March 17th—1:00—3:00 pm—Public Library
- HMS: March 13th 3:30-5:00 pm
- SOS : March 20th 3:30-5:00 pm

### **April:**

- HMS: April 17th 3:30-5:00 pm
- SOS: April 24th 3:30-5:00 pm



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### Experience

Extension—Science, Engineering & Technology!



If you are interested in educating youth in these areas, we are looking for a part-time summer educator as well as volunteers to lead First Lego League clubs! Call the office to learn more about these opportunities

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