

# O'Brien County 4-H News

May 2024



## 4-H CLUBS

Caledonia Ramblers

Center Farmers

G & W Feeders

Highlanders

O & O Kids

Western Workers

*May is the month of sunshine, blooming flowers and endless possibilities!*

The newsletter contains a lot of important information regarding fair and deadlines so be sure to read carefully.

We have many opportunities for 4-Hers this summer at camps. The summer camps are filling up fast so don't delay in getting registered.

- ⇒ If you are in 4th-12th grade and intend to bring an animal/livestock to the fair you need to complete the **Animal Identification in 4H Online by May 15th**. Most animals require a 4-H ear tag that is purchased at the Extension Office.
- ⇒ Livestock Exhibitors don't forget to take your YQCA training! This needs to be completed by June 1st!
- ⇒ If you took YQCA training in person you still need to send your certificate of completion to Michele.

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# IMPORTANT DATES

- ⇒ 5/11– Market Sheep Weigh-in 9:00am-10:30am at Fairgrounds
- ⇒ 5/15- All animals MUST be identified in [4-H Online](#)
- ⇒ 6/1– Rabbit ID MUST be identified in [4-H Online](#)
- ⇒ 6/23– Poultry Identification at Fairgrounds 2-4pm
- ⇒ 6/27– All animals AND Clothing Events MUST be identified in [Fair Entry](#) for O’Brien County Fair
- ⇒ 7/1– State Fair Entries Due in [Fair Entry](#)
- ⇒ 7/9– Clothing Events at Grace Lutheran Church from 2-7pm
- ⇒ 7/11– All static exhibits, communication, and working exhibits must be entered in [Fair Entry](#)
- ⇒ 7/19– Static Judging Day at Open Class Building at the Fairgrounds starting at 9am
- ⇒ 7/20-25– O’Brien County Fair
- ⇒ 8/8-8/18– Iowa State Fair



# 2024 Fairbook

2024  
O’Brien  
County  
Youth Fair



July 19-25



The 2024 Fairbook is available:

- ⇒ Online our website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/county-fair>
- ⇒ On our 4-H App
- ⇒ Print copies are available at the Extension Office



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# Congratulations 2024 Seniors!

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors! Thank you for your leadership and dedication to O'Brien County 4-H. We wish you all the best in the future!



Jayson Stamer	Caledonia Ramblers
Hailey Dobbins	Western Workers
Claire Wagner	Highlanders
Makenna Hofmeyer	Caledonia Ramblers
Jake Tapper	Caledonia Ramblers
Elizabeth Westra	Center Farmers
Ellen Hunt	Caledonia Ramblers
Justice Frerk	Caledonia Ramblers

## 4-H Meeting Requirements

### ENROLL NOW IN 4-H!!!!

4-H members must attend **FOUR** regular business meetings during the 4-H year. (Community service projects, club parties, camps, workshops, or additional animal practice sessions are not counted as a club meeting unless a club business meeting is also a part of the event.)

If you can't attend four meetings you may supplement **up to two** of those meetings for club activities. This would include activities such as community service project, club tour, fair clean up, fly-in breakfast, or field trip. If a business meeting is conducted with the event it can only count as one, not both a meeting and a club event.



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# 4-H Youth Conference

June 25-27, 2024

Every June, approximately 500 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service-learning activities.

If you have specific interested in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the Round-UP track! We'll also have a special track devoted to agronomy, called CSI: Crops

Please Join us in June for the most incredible tree days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

## 4-H Leaders/Volunteers

- 4-H Leaders—Please be sure that you are enrolled in 4-H Online and either came in person to the Annual Volunteer Training or took it through 4-H Online. Annual Volunteer training is due by July 1st.
- 4-H Superintendents—please be sure that you are enrolled in 4-H Online.

## Summer Camps



Registration for 2024 Summer Camps is open! Join us for a summer filled with STEM, Robotics, Project areas and Cooking in the Arts. Camps are offered for youth in 1st-3rd grade and 4th grade and up. Included in these camp offerings are garden camps for both age groups! Check out the babysitting clinic as well!

Financial assistance is available upon request. Please reach out to Kate for with questions.

Link to register: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19515>

Link for the booklet online: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/o'Brien/youth-programs>



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# May 15 Deadline

- ⇒ **ALL ANIMALS** must be identified in 4-H Online. (This **INCLUDES** *beef, horses, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, dogs, bottle/bucket calves, bottle/bucket lambs, swine and sheep*)
- ⇒ FFA Members: Can only turn in a paper copy– received from FFA Advisor or Extension Staff
- ⇒ Late identification result in no exhibiting at the O'Brien County or Iowa State Fair!

## **Entering Ear Tags in 4H Online-**

- ⇒ Include ALL the numbers and capital letters. All caps/no spaces!
- ⇒ EID Tags must include all 15 digits
- ⇒ Animal ID Help sheet will be available here: [https:// www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/county-fair](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/county-fair)

# June 27 Deadline

**June 27 Deadline– Animals AND Clothing Events must be ENTERED into Fair Entry.**

**You may enter animals and clothing events in Fair Entry from May 16th to June 27th.**

[Click here for Fair Entry Sign in Help](#)

[Click here for the Fair Entry Help Sheet to get animals Entered for Fair](#)

[Click here for a short Entry Help Video](#)

# July 11 Deadline

**July 11 Deadline– ALL static, and communications projects have to be entered in Fair Entry  
You may enter static, communications, and clothing in Fair Entry from May 16th to July 11th**

[Click here for Fair Entry Sign in Help](#)

[Click here for the Fair Entry Help Sheet to get exhibits Entered for Fair](#)

[Click here for a short Entry Help Video](#)

Static Goal Sheets can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/county-fair>



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# Fair Information

## Sheep/Goat Department

- ⇒ Weigh-in is scheduled May 11th from 9:00-10:30am at the O'Brien County Fairgrounds.
- ⇒ ALL Market Sheep will be required to weigh in.
- ⇒ All State Fair Sheep and Goats MUST be Retinal imaged and weighed in.  
Retinal Image cost \$5 per animal.

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## Ear Tags

Ear tags are available at the Extension Office.

All Species need to be tagged with a 4H tag for the fair: Breeding Beef, Bottle Bucket Calf, Cow-Calf, Feeder Calf, Swine, Sheep and Goat.

\$3.00 for each tag

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## 2024 King/Queen Application

Applications will not be considered unless typed. Judging will be June 4th at 2 pm at the Grace Lutheran Church in Primghar IA. **Applications due by May 15th, 2024**, to thefarquhars@midlands.net If you have any questions please contact Heidi Farquhar at this email address.

Application can be located on our webpage under 4-H & Youth → County Fair → King & Queen Forms or click on the following link: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/county-fair>

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## YQCA Online Training

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is required every year for any 4-H member in grades 4-12 who are showing rabbits, poultry, beef, swine, sheep, goats, and dairy at the county fair. **Email Michele or call the extension office for a code to take the course for free.** Thank you to the 4-H Foundation for covering the cost for YQCA trainings.

**YQCA is needs to be completed by June 1.**

To access the training online go to: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

**Once your training is complete, email your certificate to Michele at [mlwagner@iastate.edu](mailto:mlwagner@iastate.edu)**

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## Poultry Identification Day

**Sunday, June 25th from 2 to 4 p.m.** Leg bands will be given to given to each bird being exhibited. You can also get help identifying your breed of bird. Leg bands will be required this year when entering in Fair Entry by June 27.

Due to a shortage of Pullorum serum, the State Fair vet has waived Pullorum testing for fairs this year, but we are still holding an Identification day to received Leg bands.



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## Bucket of Junk Static Project

Use your creativity to build a sculpture from a bucket of junk. 4-Hers may sand, weld, glue, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, and paint items in the bucket to make a new creation. However, additional items may not be added. Entries are judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and a Fair Goal Sheet. No conference judging will take place.

- Sign up by May 23 by calling the Extension Office at 712-957-5045 or by emailing [mlwagner@iastate.edu](mailto:mlwagner@iastate.edu) or filling out this link <https://forms.gle/VUu7XPX3h44hjUZE8>
- You **NEED** to sign up through the office to get a bucket reserved.
- Your bucket of junk will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office June 5-13.

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## Dog Project

We are excited to offer the dog project area again this year! **Please remember to ID your dog in 4-H Online by May 15.**

- ⇒ Our **informational meeting** to kickstart the summer will take place on **Tuesday, May 14 at the County Fairgrounds at 5:30**. Please do not bring your dog to this first meeting.
- ⇒ Workout schedule: Monday's from 5:30-6:15pm at the O'Brien County Fairgrounds in Primghar:

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|-----------|------------------------------|
| * May 21  | * May 28                     |
| * June 4  | * June 11                    |
| * June 18 | * June 25th                  |
| * July 2  | * July 9                     |
| * July 16 | * Dog Show July 21 at 4:30pm |

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## Horse Clinics

Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30pm at the Horse Arena at the Fairgrounds.  
Dates are:

- ⇒ Wednesday, June 19
- ⇒ Wednesday, June 26
- ⇒ Wednesday, July 10
- ⇒ Wednesday, July 17
- ⇒ Horse Show at the Fair is Sunday, July 21



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# IMPORTANT WEBSITES

<https://v2.4honline.com>

**Enroll** for the 4-H year. This provides us with all 4-Hers contact information and project interest.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/>

All county specific 4-H Information: Newsletter, upcoming county events, O'Brien Fair information, etc.

<https://nwiasummercamps.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18391>

Sign up for Summer Camps! Various camps are offered for youth grades 1st-8th.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

All Iowa 4-H information: Project areas resources, state events, Iowa State Fair info, 4-H leader resources, etc.

## CLOVER KIDS

- ◆ If you want to participate any projects at the fair make sure your child is enrolled in 4-H Online BEFORE July 1st!
- ◆ Ear tags are available, if needed at the Extension Office
- ◆ More information regarding fair for Clover Kids will be mailed out at a later date.



## CONNECT WITH US.

Reminder to follow us on:

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Instagram ([@isuobrienext](#))

Twitter ([@ISUOBrienExt](#))

for updates and photos!



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