April 2018

We closed out March with our sewing clinic producing pillowcases. More sewing workshops will be coming in June.

Tags are available in the extension office for your animals. Please stop and pick them up for swine, sheep, goats and bottle animals. All animals need to be entered into 4-H online by May 15.

O’Brien County Extension is featuring pictures and interesting facts in the Hartley, Sanborn, and Bell, Times, Courier papers. This feature will showcase the past 100 years of O’Brien County Extension.

Pictured: Avery and Grace Ebel
Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is **June 26-28, 2018**. This event is open to all Iowa youth who have completed the 8th grade. General information and last year’s materials are all available on the Conference website. Registration is open until June 1. O’Brien County 4-H Foundation will pay a portion of the $180 cost.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

Registration for 2018 Summer camps is open. Register at the following link

[https://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/content/2018-summer-camps](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien/content/2018-summer-camps)

**Camp topics include:**
- Cooking
- Dinosaurs
- Sound
- Outdoor Fun
- Jump start your Heart
- Monarchs
- Dash & Dot
- Lego Challenges
- Robotics
- Sewing
- Design
- Garden to Pantry
- Shooting Sports

O’Brien County 4-H Foundation will pay 100% of the cost to attend Plunge for all O’Brien County 6-8th graders! Sign-up by calling or email sfid-delk@iastate.edu.

**PLUNGE! into 4-H**

**April 27-28, 2018**

**Camp Foster – YMCA**

**Spirit Lake, IA**

*Open to All Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th grade) 4-H Youth!*

*$60 per Youth (Cost includes Lodging, Food & All Activities)*

**Things to Note:**
- Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 27.
- Eat supper BEFORE you arrive on Friday.
- Breakfast & Lunch will be provided Saturday.
- Pick up by 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

Join us for Wall Climbing, Horseback Riding, Archery, Team Building Challenges, Nature Hikes, Campfires, Service Projects & More!
110 Days to Fair!

**Livestock Information**

2018 Fair book is online and also in the 4-H app. for reference or if you have additional questions please contact the Extension Office. Hard copies will be coming soon.

**Non Livestock—NEW!** Classes have been divided out from last year with new, more specific areas. Please read descriptions carefully.

*Horticulture and Plant Science*  *Home grounds improvement*

*Photography Idea/Educational display*

*Clothing & Fashion-Constructed/Sewn Garments*  *Clothing & Fashion-Purchased Garments*  *Clothing & Fashion-Other ideas/educational*

*Food & Nutrition-Prepared & Preserved product*  *Food & Nutrition-Educational display*

*Sewing & Needle arts-Constructed item*  *Sewing & Needle arts— other/educational exhibits*

*Automotive*  *Electric*  *Small Engine*  *Tractor*  *Welding*

**Communication Projects** are a way to advance your 4-H experience. Consider an Educational presentation or a Working Exhibit. These events can be done individually or with a partner.

**Sheep Weigh-in** will be May 12 from 9-10:30am at the fair grounds.

**Rabbit Tattoo** night is June 7 from 5-6pm. If you need a new tattoo for your rabbit or would like to have your rabbit species confirmed please attend.

**FSQA** training will be June 1, 9-10:30am Primghar. Testing can be done anytime during office hours. Please let me know if you have questions or are not sure if you need FSQA. All youth that will be showing animals at the fair need to have FSQA certification.

**O’Brien County King and Queen** applications are open to 4-H and FFA members. Judging will be June 3rd time to be announced. Applications due to thefarquhars@midlands.net by May 15th, 2018.
Dates to Remember

April
15 & 22—Shooting Sports
27 & 28—Plunge

May
11—Farm Safety Day
4 & 11—Shooting Sports
12—Sheep/Goat Weigh-in
24—Multi County Livestock Clinic/FSQA

June
1—FSQA 9-10:30am
7—Rabbit tattoo 5-6pm
26-28—4H Conference
26-28—State 4-H Conference

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