December 2018

It’s the season for giving and the O’Brien County Youth Council is hosting a food drive. They will be collecting non perishable food items that will be donated to the Upper Des Moines pantry in Primghar. Starting Monday December 3 and going until Wednesday December 12, you can bring your items to the O’Brien County Extension Office where we will have a donation box. Thank you for your support in keeping our community strong.

Changes are taking place for the new 4-H year with FSQA. Starting in 2019 youth will have to take YQCA, a online based program for showing livestock at the fair. More details are on page 3.

Club Dues should be sent to the Extension Office. Please make sure that you are enrolled in 4-H Online before coming to Beef Weigh-In.
Opportunities
All 9-12 graders that are interested in going to the National 4-H Center, you can attend a conference for Agri-Science Jan 10-13, 2019 or Healthy Living Feb 15-18, 2019. Funding is available to those that would like to attend. Please contact Sarah for more information. Deadline to register is December 30.
https://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summits/

Swim & Skate event at the All Seasons Center, Sioux Center is December 27. 4th grade and up youth can ice skate (skates included) and swim from 12-4pm. Snacks and drinks are provided for the afternoon. Cost is $10. Forms that you need to bring can be found here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lyon/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/lyon/Swim-Skate%20Flyer_2018.pdf

Scholarship from 4H If you are looking at college, then you are looking for money. Please consider applying for the NW Iowa 4H scholarship. Two, $1,000 awards will be given to a High School Senior that will be attending a 2 year or 4 year college with any major. Information can be found here: www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships.

Livestock
AKSARBEN has changed for the 2019 year. All ID’s and entries will be made directly with AKSARBEN. The Extension office will no longer retinal scan or hair pull. Details can be found at the webpage listed: https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/
Livestock

Market Beef weigh-in is December 29 starting at 10am. If you have a returning bottle bucket calf, new market beef steer or heifer for the 2019 O’Brien County fair you need to come to weigh-in. All state fair animals need to be there by 11:30am. Call if times will not work for your family. Cost: tags $2/animal  State Fair $5/animal

10:00-O & O Kids, G & W Feeders, State Fair
11:00-FFA’s, Western Workers, Center Farmers, Kool Kids
11:30-Caledonia Ramblers, Highlanders

Market Beef Pen of Three

Pen of three cattle need to be weighed in on December 29. If you are looking for a great project for fair consider participating in it. One lead calf can be shown in the ring and participate in the livestock auction out of the pen.

YQCA used to be FSQA

Training December 28 at 9am Primghar

Is required for all exhibitors that are showing beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, dairy, goat. Requirements for testing have changed.

If you tested out as a 10th grader last year, you do not need to take YQCA!
If you tested as a 7th grader you will need to take YQCA in 2021.
If you do not fit in the above rules then you need to take YQCA every year. Test or Training

1) YQCA is an online test that you are able to take on your own time. You use for 4H Online username and password to login and begin the trainings.
2) YQCA training face to face will still be offered for 4th grade and up. Training will be an hour in length.

Please call or email with questions

Go to yqca.org
Dates to Remember

**December**
- 24 & 25—Extension Office Closed
- 27—Swim & Skate
- 28—YQCA Training
- 29—Market Beef Weigh-in

**January**
- 1—Extension Office Closed

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