A few things...
Thank you to everyone for getting 4H online registration done. Awards are being ordered soon. I am still sorting through and trying to get the right awards for everyone. I will let the leaders know when they can pick everything up. If you have not turned in your calendar or meeting dates please do it as soon as you can.
I would like to attend some 4H meetings. Please feel free to call the Office or email me with questions or concerns.
Sarah

Agri-Science Summit-3 girls from O'Brien County
The National Youth Summit on Agri-Science, taking place January 16-19, 2015 in Washington DC will be welcoming Anna Sells, Haley Wagenaar, and Jade Goergen. They will be bringing back lots of knowledge to share! Have fun.

4h livestock App link:
Training Dates and Opportunities:

4-H Robotics Training for Volunteers in January

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/4-h-robotics-training-volunteers-january

A Master Volunteer Robotics Training session is coming to northwest Iowa for adults with a desire to lead youth in robotics experiences. This 4-H STEM opportunity is Jan. 24 in Storm Lake.

Yard and Garden: Pruning Oak Trees in Winter

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/yard-and-garden-pruning-oak-trees-winter

Winter is the best time to prune oak trees in Iowa, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists offer tips on how to prune safely and smartly.

Make Better Financial Decisions with Free Smart Investing Courses

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/make-better-financial-decisions-free-smart-investing-courses

Iowans who want to learn to make better investing decisions can register for “Smart Investing@Your Library.” Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering three free courses completely online, as well as face to face at some Iowa libraries.

2015 Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops Scheduled

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/2015-confinement-site-manure-applicator-workshops-scheduled

Confinement site manure applicators and anyone interested in learning about manure issues should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in January or February 2015. These workshops are offered in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Here is a link to Youth Loans through the Farm Service Agency for livestock projects. With high-priced feeder animals, this may be something we want to share with our livestock youth.


Iowa Beef Center Offers Online Heifer Development Resources

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/iowa-beef-center-offers-online-heifer-development-resources

The Iowa Beef Center has created a series of YouTube videos and additional resources highlighting best management practices of first-calf heifers and developing yearling females.

Feedlot Forum to Feature ‘Change’

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/feedlot-forum-feature-change

Feedlot Forum 2015 on Jan. 22 in Sioux Center will feature presentations on changes affecting northwest Iowa feedlot producers and includes a trade show displaying new products and services in animal health, cattle nutrition, manure management, beef facilities and livestock equipment.
4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

2015 O’Brien County Fair

Information

6 1/2 Months until Fair

4H online livestock verification is due Feb 1st. Please make sure to login to 4H online and ok your entries. If you have something different from weigh in or questions I can guide you through this process.

Information about livestock can be found at the following link:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock

If you have questions, you can always contact our office at xobrien@iastate.edu or 712-957-5045. We’d be glad to guide you through this process!

2015 State 4-H Recognition Day

All applications and materials must be submitted via electronic submission in JotFormPro by 11:59 PM on February 1, 2015. Make sure you submit a viable email address for contact.

Recognition in 4-H has several purposes:

- Recognition can be a motivator for some young people to excel and take risks.
- Recognition can foster self-appraisal skills, providing a strong foundation for each young person to engage in self-reflection and self-praise without the need for external rewards.
- Recognition can encourage and support the efforts of young people as they engage in individualized learning, peer competition or cooperation.
- Recognition, used in all its forms, can provide balance to the recognition young people receive as they move through our educational programs to increasingly difficult challenges.

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities
K-12 Inquiry Training

January 27, 2015   5-9pm

Youth education volunteers, College education students and ISU extension and outreach staff are invited to attend this learning experience in Orange City, IA. This workshop will help you to understand how to create an environment that inspires, encourages, explores and test youth in their ideas and arguments in community and teamwork settings. Program will focus on STEM initiatives that are being used throughout Iowa.

Please register online: www.jotformpro.com/4Hregion1/k12InquiryTraining

Physical Location:

ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County
400 central Ave NW suite 700, Orange City, IA

FSQA Training and Testing

Saturday January 17 9-11am

Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) Training is required each year of all 4th, 5th and 6th graders that is planning on exhibiting beef, sheep, dairy, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry at the fair. There are 7 good production practices and different ones are taught each year. We are only offering the training twice this year, so make sure you get it taken care of right away.

Parents are welcomed to stay but it is not required.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January
8—Deadline to enter Market Beef into 4-H Online
17—FSQA at O’Brien Co Extension Office 9:00—11:00 am

February
1—Deadline for 4-H Online weight entry Market Beef verification.

April
18—FSQA at O’Brien Co Extension Office 9:00—11:00

July 18-24, 2015 O’Brien County Fair

A rabbit superintendent is needed for the 2015 O’Brien County Fair. If you know anyone who would be interested in the position please contact the ISU extension and outreach office at 712-957-5045.