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O’Brien County News

March 2019

Fair Book changes will be listed in the newsletter for the next few months. Please make sure that you read through your section of the fair book as things have changed this year.

Register for summer camp at nwiasummercamps.fairentry.com

Camps this year including: Science of BBQ, Cake decorating, sewing, Robotics, vet science and science of superpowers. Camps run from June until August in multiple locations in NW Iowa.

Clover Kids will be having summer sessions this year at the fairgrounds. If you are interested in makers space and free design your clover kid can attend for free. Sessions begin May 29.
Opportunities

2019 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity
Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don’t know if you can afford one of good quality? Each year, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways they encourage young people in this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.
If you are interested visit https://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/ for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2019.

PLUNGE! into 4-H

April 26-27, 2019
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 26.
· Eat supper BEFORE you arrive on Friday.
· Breakfast & Lunch will be provided Saturday.
· Pick up by 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Join us for Wall Climbing, Archery, Team Building Challenges, Nature Hikes, Campfires, Service Projects & More!

Scholarships are available to those that would like to attend.

2019 Fair King and Queen
Applications for the 2019 O’Brien County Fair King and Queen are open. Application form can be found on the O’Brien County 4-H app or online. All applications are due to Heidi Farquhar by May 15, 2019. Judging for this will be June 2 at 3pm at Grace Lutheran Church Primghar. If you have questions please contact Heidi Farquhar.

Interested in being the next Iowa Poultry Queen! Information to apply is below:
Send a resume about yourself and your participation in the poultry industry/events. This may be as many pages as needed to share your experience.
An essay about the Poultry Industry in Iowa.
(Minimum 2 pages) Two 4x6 photos of yourself.
Entries are due March 15th, 2019. Questions can be e-mailed to: davies@myfmc.com
Mail all information to: Kambrea Davies 2294 Xavier Place Clarinda, Iowa 51632
Livestock ID

All animals need to have a 4-H tag and ID entered into 4-H online by May 15. Tags can be purchased from the Extension office for $1.00.

YQCA

Codes have been sent out for those that need to take YQCA this year. If you have any questions about what you need to do before July 1 for YQCA let us know. If you need a code, request one from the Extension Office. Certificates will be required to enter for the 2019 fair.

FSQA certificates can be requested from the Extension Office if you need one.

Rule Changes

Swine—Weights for all swine to need to be from **230 lbs to 320 lbs**. Anything that is under or over the weight requirement will not be accepted at the fair.

Substitute Showman—A letter must be filed requesting a substitute showman no later than July 12 to the Extension Office. The exhibitor must list the name of the substitute. The substitute showman must be an eligible O’Brien County 4-H/FFA member in grades 4-12. Exceptions to this rule apply in extreme or emergency situations. Exhibitors with one animal per class must show their own animal. If you have more than one in a class, an O’Brien County 4-H/FFA member, in grade 4-12, may assist, with prior approval by the superintendent of the department at the time of the show.

Project Ribbon Sale—Any 4-12 grade exhibitor is eligible to sell their ribbon in the auction. Only one ribbon will be sold per fair year. If you have livestock that can go through the auction you may not sell a ribbon. You must sign up for the sale by 5pm Tuesday July 23. You are able to display your project in the ring. The ribbon sale will begin right after the livestock sale.
Dates to Remember

**O’Brien County Fair**

**July 20-25**

**March**
- 2 & 9—Advanced Sewing

**April**
- 26-27—Plunge
- 28—County Council Meeting 3pm

**May**
- 1—Leader Meeting
- 15—Livestock ID’s DUE
- 27—Extension Office Closed

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