



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

University Extension

OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER

May 2009

****FSQA****

Training will be offered on May 16, 2009 at the Extension office at 9:00 a.m.
Testing will be again May 16 by appointment 9 -12:30 p.m.at the Extension office.
Call into the office to reserve a seat or test, 712-754-3648.

Leaders

Spring Leaders Meeting May 30 at the Osceola County Extension office at 10:00 a.m. till Noon with a lunch. RSVP by May 29 to Sandy 712-754-3648.

Enrollment forms Due

4-Hers , Have you turned in your enrollment forms yet? If not, please turn them into the office ASAP! If you need a new enrollment form you can pick on up at the office, we can mail, email or etc. let me know how I can help you! Ph 712-754-3648 or jnasers@iastate.edu.

Weather

Northwest Iowa weather is very unpredictable so please listen to KIWA,KWOA or KICD for any cancellations or postponements . If you miss the news and want to double check my cell number is 712-461-0034.

Jodi Nasers, CYC

Shooting Sports

Osceola County would like to invite anyone from the ages of 10 years of age and older to contact the office as soon as possible if you are interested in Shooting sports events. There is Shotgun, muzzleloader,archery, rifle or Wild life skills. Contact Rob & Gail Travaille , SS Coordinators 758-3249.

Awards Banquet / carnival ?

Awards will be given to the clubs to do their own presentation of awards for 2008. Carnival will be in conjunction with the Relay for Life August 7. More Details to follow watch the newsletter.

Sewing Clinic



Sewing clinic will be offered to any 4-H'er from the 4th to the 8th grade. This will be a beginning sewing class in one session on May 16 from 9:00 till 4:00 p.m.

The \$15 Challenge Rules for 2009

“Thanks to the 98 responses on the email requesting feedback on tweaking and clarifying the rules for The \$15 Challenge. As a result of the feedback, the rules for The \$15 Challenge in 2009 will be: This category is designed to expand the 4-H’ers shopping experience to different shopping venues. Outfits **must** be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation or similar place. (Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts belong in **clothing selection** IF the 4-H’er actually selected the item(s).

Comments from the email survey indicated that specific examples were needed for the clothing selection category. As a result of that feedback, a new piece, “Clothing Event Judges Orientation” is now included in the Iowa State Fair 4-H Handbook <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Staff/SFHandbook.html> (Scroll to 6-F1 and 6F-2) and Evaluating 4-H Exhibits Handbook <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/EEHandbook.html> (Scroll to U and U-P)

Sheep / Goat Weigh in

May 2, 2009

Osceola County Fair Grounds

9:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

More information call 712-754-3648 or Jodi’s cell 712-461-0034

REMINDER

4-H/FFA members **MUST** attend at least **1/3** of their club/chapter meetings to be eligible to participate at the 2009 Osceola County fair.

New Design IOWA 4-H T-SHIRT ORDERS

We will be placing an order for T-shirts, polos and sweatshirts. The shirts will be customized with Osceola County on the top line and you may add your club name to the bottom line or leave it blank. Order forms will be available at the Extension Office. Orders must be in by May 27. If you have ordered shirts from last year we will replace your shirts with new ones and we cancelled the order from last years. Call if you have questions!

Fair Dates

Osceola County Fair July 14-18
ISF August 13-23
Clay County Sept. 12-20

Foundation chicks

We will order these Foudation chicks to be delivered the week of May 8th, 2009.



Scholarships

The Osceola County 4-H Foundation and Mohr Memorial **Fund** are offering scholarships to graduating 4-H'ers. Letters explaining these opportunities will be mailed to seniors. Applications and record books are due to the Extension Office **May 15, 2009**.



Emails Needed.....

Due to the increase of postage and decrease in our budget, we are asking the 4-H families to please send me a email at jnasers@iastate.edu to obtain your address to send you your Osceola County Observer via Email. Thank you for your support!

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2009 Fair Dates / New Schedule

Osceola County fair

July 14-18, 2009

Media Days: July 16-18 (KIWA, KWOA, KICD, Sibley Gazette, Ocheyedon Press, Daily Globe & Review)

Tuesday, July 14

8:30 till 12:00 Non-Livestock Judging at the High School

1:15-4:00 Communications and Clothing at the High School

7:00 p.m. Queen Contest / Little Miss Osceola @ Great Plains building

7:00 p.m. Horse entry (Subject to change)**

Wednesday, July 15

6-11 a.m. Beef Weigh-in /Swine/ Poultry entry day (Subject to change)**

9 a.m. Horse Show

2 p.m. Small pet show and Dog Show

7 p.m. Share the Fun & Fashion Revue @ Grand Stand

Thursday, July 16

7-10 a.m. Dairy, Sheep & Rabbits entry day

8 a.m. Swine Show

1:30 p.m. Poultry Show

4 p.m. Horse Show / Games

6 p.m. Pen of Three

7:00 p.m. **Grand Stand to be determined by Fair Board**

Friday, July 17

8a.m. Market Beef

Feeder Calf

Cow/ Calf

Bottle Bucket

8 a.m. Bottle / Bucket Calf Interviews

1 p.m. Dairy Show

3 p.m. Rabbit Show

5 p.m. 4-H BBQ

Swine release upon selling to packer

Grand Stand / Grand Plains Tractor Pullers

Saturday, July 18

9 a.m. Sheep Show

11:30 2009 Super Showmanship in the Show Ring

Parent Show/ Kids Judge in the Show Ring

Grand Stands;

Tug of War

Mud Volleyball

Ag Olympics

Pie Contest

Greased Pig

Dog Agility

All 4-H, FFA & Open Class Exhibits (Livestock – Non- livestock) release after 3 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Grand Stand / Demolition derby

9-12 p.m. Osceola County Fair Dance from 9-12 p.m. at the 4-H Building

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2009 Iowa State Fair Livestock Updates

All Species: Fitting done by Family- includes parents (mom,dad, step-parent or legal guardian), brother,sister or step sibling.

NO COACHING from or near the show ring verbal or non-verbal! Violators will be excorted from the arena.

Beef: No artificial tails will be allowed; All commercial heifers will be required to have a tattoo in order to exhibit at the ISF or AK-SAR-BEN. It will need to be on your Id sheet that is due May 15. No fresh tattoos will be allowed at the ISF. If re-tattooing is necessary in order to read it, the Extension office must be notified and verify the re-tattooing so they can confirm it with the state office.

Horse: For the ISF substitution horse will be allowed ONLY if they are indentified on the 4-Her's ID form that is due at the local Extention office on May 15 and **ONLY** if they are for the exact class entered. You will need to contact the state office BY July 25 if you plan to substitute a horse.

Walk/ Trot will be combined into one age group. If you enter walk/ trot only other riding class you may enter will be Showmanship.

ISF is working on allowing horse exhibitors to arrive on Monday- more info to follow. The same horse **CANNOT** be identified by more than one 4-Her **unless** it is the only horse the family has all of their 4-Hers. If a 4-Her identifies a leased horse, that is the **only** horse they can indentify.

Swine: At check-in a number will be painted on the each pig. This number **MUST** be legible upon entering the showing or you won't show. There will be **NO** weigh backs for derby pigs. All farrowing dates for purebreds will go by the date on the registration pater if there is a conflict with the date on the ID form.

Sheep: State staff are adjusting the formula for performance data. Purebred registration papers must be presented at the time of check-in. **NO** copies or faxes will be accepted.

Meat goat: Both Wethers and does will be allowed to show in this class.

Dairy Cows and Goats: The card you used to fill out with entry will now be mailed to the exhibitors after the State Fair office has received the entries. The exhibitors will then bring the cards with them to check-in. Iowa 4-H Horse Advisory Committee invites you to tune in to the first of three Adobe Connect sessions with information on various 4-H equine opportunities and information.

Iowa 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Invite

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Session #3

Monday, May 4th 7:00 – 9:00 PM Topics of Interest – *Correctly Identifying your horse, 4-H State Fair Show, Special topic(s) on skill development*

Announcing a new 4-H event for the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

Stitch This!

August 21-22, 2009

Stitch This! is a 16-hour fashion design competition for Iowa high-school youth inspired by the hit TV show "Project Runway". The competition will involve teams of youth working together to deconstruct wedding dresses and design them into new wearable garments, which will culminate into a runway-style fashion show during the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

The grand prize winning team will have the opportunity to share their talents with Michele Beschen, host and creator of "Courage to Create," "B. Original" and "B. Organic" TV shows. Michele was recently featured on "Rachel Ray." The winning team and their project will be featured on the set of "B.Original" which will air fall/winter 2009. Youth will learn about developing their creative ideas and nurturing their talents.

The Iowa 4-H Stitch This! event will be a fun opportunity for youth across the state to express their creativity, design style and fashion sense. We hope that participants will catch a glimpse of what 4-H is all about, and how many different ways one can excel in any individual interest area.

Here's how the competition works: Each team will be assigned a wedding dress. Over the course of two days, each team will take the dress apart and will use their creativity to design and construct a wearable garment from the pieces. Each team will be paired with an ISU Textiles and Clothing student who will provide direction and overall expertise on patternmaking and construction.

Stitch This! will take place on Friday and Saturday, August 21-22, 2009, at the 4-H Exhibit Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. Youth can apply in teams of four, and nine teams will be selected to compete.

To apply, teams need to submit a written application online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/stitchthisreg.htm> (or print off the PDF form and mail it in), as well as upload a video application to YouTube and e-mail the video link to iowa4h@iastate.edu. The video will then be posted on the 4-H YouTube channel, <http://www.youtube.com/iowa4h>.

Applications are due by June 1, 2009. Teams will be selected by July 1, 2009 and will be announced at the State 4-H Conference. All Iowa high-school youth who have completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 are eligible to apply. At least one youth on each team must be a 4-H member.

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