

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

University Extension

## OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER

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### MANY THANKS . . . .

A special thank you to 4-H and FFA members who exhibited projects and livestock at the Fair this year. We are proud of your accomplishments. Many thanks to parents, leaders, Superintendents, Fairboard, Youth Committee and other support volunteers who helped in many capacities to make the 2009 Osceola County Fair such a success.

### 2010 Fair Dates

July \_\_\_ - \_\_\_, 2010

As of 8-19-09 dates have not been confirmed by the Fair Board.



### Static State Fair Results

**Adam Ackerman:** Ag & Natural , Red  
**Kevin Berkland:** Food & Nutrition, Blue, Personal Development, Blue.  
**Miranda Brueggeman:** Photography, Blue  
**Samantha Brueggeman:** Photography, blue, Visual Arts, White  
**Marshall Eddy:** Food&Nutrition,Red,Home Improvement,White, Home Improvement, Blue, Personal Development,Blue  
**Carson Gradert:** Science & Engineering, Blue

**Sarah Honken:** Food & Nutrition, Red

**Hannah Klaassen:** Personal Development, Blue  
**Kate Kosters:** 2 Photography, 2-Blue  
**Philip Lorch,** Photography, Blue  
**Shannon Michelson:** Food & Nutrition, Blue, Food & Nutrition, Red  
**Ashley Presthus:** 2 Home Improvements, 2 Red

**Congratulations** to **Kate Kosters** who was selected by Professional Photographers of Iowa for the 2009 Iowa State Fair 4-H Gallery Award.

### Beef Showmanship State Fair Results

**Breanna Gradert:**9-10./ Purple  
**James Gradert:** Grade 7-8 / Blue

### Livestock State Fair Results

**Market Beef (results as of 8-19-09)**  
**James Gradert:** Commerical Blue

#### Dairy

**Lora Luitjens:** BS Sr. Yrling / Purple, BS 4yr.old cow, Purple, ,BS Jr. Yrling 2yr / Purple, BS Sr. Yearling / Blue

#### Horse

**Annie Zylstra:**Pony Showmanship, Purple & **Champion Pony Showmanship**, Pole Bending, Purple, Barrel racing, Purple

**Congratulations to all State Fair Exhibitors!!**

## Adult Volunteers Recognition

There is still time to nominate adults for the Adult Volunteer Awards. Nomination forms are available at the Extension office or print off the web page.

### Awards Available are:

**4-H Leader of the year** – To honor 4-H Leaders for their services and dedication to the 4-H program and leadership.

**4-H Alumni-** To honor adults who have been a 4-H members, for their services to 4-H, community leadership, public service and success in their chosen careers.

**Honorary 4-H member-** to honor adults who have not been 4-H members, for their services to 4-H, community leadership, public service and success in their chosen endeavors.

## RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE

**Oct. 1, 2009: Record books and Officer's books due to leaders.**

**Oct. 1, 2009: Record books due in office from 4-H leaders.**

If you need forms for recordkeeping, come to the Extension office and pick up a Yearly 4-H Summary and Project Record sheets (available in three levels). Extra worksheets for livestock (including dog), crops, horticulture, and photography are required. You can obtain many of the needed forms from our ISU Website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/osceola>

Once you open the form, do a "Save As" to your special file folder or place on your computer.

If you just want to download and print the above and other forms such as the 4-H229WS, "4-H Breeding Animal Project Worksheet form, go to this site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/pubs/yo.htm>

The forms are in a PDF Format and can only be downloaded and printed.

## CITIZENSHIP OR LEADERSHIP?

**Citizenship** is how we talk and act toward each other and our relationship with other people. Activities include anything that will benefit the community, school, church, neighbor, etc. Examples are: visit a nursing home with your cat or dog; help at a workshop or bake sale; organize a used clothing drive; perform a Share-The-Fun act at a nursing home or hospital.

**Leadership** is helping a group attain its goal or planning workshops or organizing an event.

Activities include helping younger 4-H members to train a steer, plan a baby sitting clinic, plan a bread making workshop, work with community groups, or organize a trip, clean-up day or plan and carry out a recreation program for your club, etc.

## ENROLLMENT FORMS

All enrollment forms for 4-H'ers **and** leaders are due to the Extension office by **September 30**. New enrollments will be accepted until April 30, 2010. Please check your enrollment form for accuracy and make corrections. Dues are \$30.00

**Leaders:** If someone has dropped from your club, please write dropped on the enrollment form and return it. Remember, **leaders need to complete** an enrollment form, too.

## After Fair / Fair Book Reconstruction

**Who:** Youth Committee, Leaders, Extension Council, FairBoard & Superintendents

**When:** *September 22, 2009*

*At 6:00 p.m.*

**Where:** *Coop Energy Meeting room @ Jack Rabbit Junction*

**Topics:** *After Fair meeting and reconstruction of Fair Book for 3 yr. term.*

*Bring your own food and beverage.*

## County Council Applications

Do you have ideas and plans for 4-H'ers in Osceola County? Would you be willing to volunteer your time and talents with workshops, Clover Kids, County Awards Program, trip to the Capital and other events? **Senior 4-H members are encouraged to become a member of the 2009-10 County Youth Council.**

We ask leaders and parents to encourage senior 4-H'ers whom they feel would be an asset to County Council to apply. Meetings are once a month. Senior members, ask your leader for an application form or pick one up at the Extension Office. Complete and return to the Extension Office by **October 1, 2009**. If you were a County Council member for the 2008-2009 4-H year, you **do** need to reapply.

## National 4-H Week

*October 4-10, 2009*

***Is your club doing something special for National 4-H week?***

This is the week we recognize and honor all 4-H members, leaders and parents. Let the community know you are a 4-H member by wearing your 4-H T-shirt to school one day that week. Be proud to be a member of this organization and invite your friends to join 4-H. Here are some ideas to promote 4-H:

- Make and take "goodies" to community supporters.
- Every member of every club invite a friend to a meeting.
- Submit a story to your local newspaper about your club activities.
- Display 4-H projects in the window of an empty building or in a library.
- Decorate a store window.

Promoting 4-H and these activities will increase awareness of what 4-H is about and let others know how great it is to be a part of 4-H.

## 4-H LEADERS

A very important for Leaders to stop at the Extension on September 21 to pick-up your leader's packets for the new year. Leaders will receive materials for record book evaluation, forms for enrollment, program book set-up sheets, information about the 2009-2010 4-H year, and etc.

## Herdsmanship

Results of the Herdsmanship contest are being compiled by Russell Kasch, CPA and will be announced in the October Newsletter.

## PROJECT OR EXHIBIT?

As you turn in your record keeping books to be judged, remember that you are trying to earn a **project award**, not an exhibit award.

A **project** is a year-long plan in a particular area (beef, clothing, rocketry, etc.) which includes a variety of learning experiences related to a topic. Project goals should be written on project worksheets at the **beginning** of the 4-H year.

An **exhibit** is one part of a 4-H project (item, animal, presentation, etc.) prepared for display at fairs, etc. All **exhibits** must come from a 4-H **project**. All **projects** do not have to be **exhibited!**

## 4-H RECORD BOOK CHECKLIST

We have developed a one-page "4-H Record Book Checklist" for Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors. It tells you how your record book is evaluated, what to include in the Yearly Summary, the Goal Card / record Sheet, the Title Page, recommendations for photos, clippings, and suggestions for extra worksheets that might be needed. This check-off method allows you to see, at a quick glance, what you need to have in your record book and how it should be arranged.



## ***Awards Family Fun***

**Who:** *All 4-H members and their families*

**When:** November 15, 2009

**Where:** Senior Citizens Center in Sibley

Pot-Luck supper /4-H families are asked to bring hotdish, salad and dessert to share and Plates, cups, silverware & beverage will be provided

**Time:** 5:30p.m.

**Topic:** Awards presentations and remaining time Family Fun activities (prizes)!!

All 2008 Awards that were not given at the Share the Fun/ Fair will be presented this same evening.

Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability.