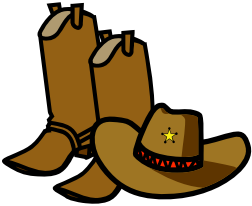




OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER

February 2007



County Carnival Hoedown

March 24, 2007

Ocheyedan Town Hall

6:00 till 8:30 p.m.

The 4-H sponsored County Carnival Hoedown is Saturday, **March 24**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. County Council members will serve Texas Straw hats, Nachos, Coney / Cheese Hot Dogs, coffee and pop, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A **Labor Auction** of County Council members and other 4-H'ers will be held at 7:00 p.m. Clean up will start at 8:40.

Everyone, including leaders and club members, will be charged .25 cents for admission to help with the food and promotion. The following is a list of previous games at the carnival booths:

If you are changing your booth games or not listed, please let the office know, asap.

Allison Aces - Toilet Toss, Golf Ball Roll
Baker Roadrunners/Southern Skies – Dice Game, Throw Ball at Milk Bottle
East Holman Wildcats – Dart Board Game.
Future Leaders - Sucker Tree, 'Let's Make a Deal'
Gilman Jr. Farmers – Spin the Wheel, Egg Surprise, Face Painting
Midwest Settlers - Duck Pond, Jail
Ocheyedan Indians – Ball Toss, Popcorn Balls
Westerners - Pop a Balloon, Snow Cones

Set up: All clubs may begin setting up their booths at 3:30 - **5:30 p.m.** on Saturday.

- Plywood is in hallway of City Hall .
- County Council will bring corner blocks from basement of Extension Office.
- Decorate and set up games by 5:30 p.m. Each club is responsible for making its own club signs. Buckets for tickets will be provided.
- Operate games from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Keep things quiet during the Labor Auction at 7:00 p.m.

Clean up: Clean up will begin **at 8:40**.

All clubs are responsible for cleaning their own area. Please bring brooms, mops, and pails.

- Return tables and chairs
- Take down booths and place lumber in hallway.
- Pick up garbage
- Sweep and mop floor from your booth area to the center of the gym.
- Let's work together and help each other out so some clubs don't start mopping while others are still sweeping. *Teamwork counts!*

Additional duties:

These jobs need to be done in addition to the duties listed above and will be rotated to different clubs each year.

Clean restrooms: **Midwest Settlers**

Sweep and mop front entrance and empty garbage cans: **Ocheyedan Indians**

FSQA INFORMATION

All 4-H members must be FSQA certified to show animals at the Osceola County Fair.

1. Youth, ages 9-11 by January 1, 2007, must recertify in FSQA annually. All are required to take certified FSQA training from an ISU Extension Office.
2. Youth, ages 12-14 by January 1, 2007, can recertify annually with training or test out which will certify them until they turn 15.
3. Youth, ages 15-18 by January 1, 2007, can recertify annually with training or test out which will certify them until they turn 19.
4. The Osceola County Office requires FSQA certification for swine, beef, sheep, dairy, poultry and rabbit.

A training & testing workshop for 4th-6th graders is Saturday, April 21, 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Sibley. For additional information, contact Jodi Nasers at 712-754-3648 or via e-mail at: <jnasers@iastate.edu>

SWINE WEIGH-IN

There will not be a Swine Weigh-in for 2007. Identification and tagging procedures will be the same as those done in 2006. 4-H and FFA families will receive a letter detailing these procedures. Swine ID forms will be due in the Extension Office April 16.

SWINE AT STATE FAIR

If you are showing swine at the Iowa State Fair, there is an "Intent to Participate" form that must be completed. The form is available from the Extension Office and is due back by **March 15**.

SHEEP WEIGH-IN

Osceola County sheep weigh-in is Saturday, May 5, 2007. More information and exact times will be announced in future newsletters.

****All Youth and Adults need to complete a Health Information / Medical Release form by 3-1-07**

HORSE HELMET POLICY

All 4-H horse events across the state will require the use of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding and driving---every time, every ride.

COUNTY FAIR DATES

Dates for the Osceola County Fair are **July 19-21, 2007**. Mark your calendars for this very important time in your 4-H year.

- Non-livestock judging is Tuesday, July 17, 8:30 a.m. – Noon.
- Communications Event is Tuesday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Clothing Selection/Fashion Review is Tuesday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- All at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Commons.

AGRICULTURE/LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK

The Iowa 4-H Youth Agriculture/Livestock Handbook is now on the Internet. It can be found at:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbook.htm>

The 2007 edition will look familiar and it will fit into the current notebook tabs, General, Beef, Dairy/Goat, Ethics, etc. Each of the tab sections is divided into subsections by topic to reduce file sizes, to keep loading times to a minimum, and allow for easy updating. Each of these files can be printed separately, allowing users their own paper copies of as much of the handbook as desired. Some files will be accessible to the public, while others will be for staff only. If you have questions about being able to access the Agriculture Livestock Handbook, call the Extension Office.

COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

The Osceola County Youth Council will meet Sunday, **February 8, 7:00** p.m. at the Extension Office. Agenda includes preparing for County Carnival. Don't forget to bring your calendars for planning future events.

ISU celebrates 150th Birthday



Iowa State University celebrates its 150th birthday! Osceola County would like to help celebrate by having a Birthday cake at the County Carnival Hoedown March 24, 2007 at Ocheyedan Town Hall from 6-8:30 p.m.

To also recognize the 150th Birthday will be planting a tree on the East side of the 4-H Building / office on June 4, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. and barring a time capsule. All 4-H groups are asked to present one item to go into the time capsule. Items must be turned into the office by June 1, 2007.

Theme for the 2007 4-H Planter Contest will be 150th Birthday of ISU.

4-H Project Fair & Leader's Learn about

4-H will choose from great hands-on workshops and leaders will have time to share ideas and get updates on some of the changes in Iowa 4-H.

March 3, 2007

At the Northwest Community College in Sheldon, IA

Registration will be at 9:30 a.m.

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

More details coming.....



Calendar of Events

January

- 29 Youth Committee Meeting with County Council members

February

- 1 4-H Scholarships due into Ames, IA
- 3 Junior Winter Day Camp @ Inspiration Hills 9-3 p.m.
- 5 Extension Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Fair Board Meeting @ 7p.m. @ Extension office
- 8 County Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. @ Extension office

March

- 3 Project Fair & Leader's learn about @ NCC Sheldon From 10-3 p.m.
- 5 Extension Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- 24 County Carnival Hoedown @ Ocheyedan

April

- 2 Extension Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- 21 FSQA @ Extension office @ 1:00 p.m.

May

- 5 Sheep & Goat Weigh-in at 8:00 a.m. @ Fair grounds
- 12 NW IA Dairy Quiz Bowl
- 13

CLOVER KIDS FEB. '07



Our program for February will be Personal development and discovering the special qualities with-in ourselves! We'll throw a little Valentines day fun in the mix as well!

We have a nice group of kids this year. Parent volunteers have been so willing to assist and that is very important in having a successful program! Thanks Parents!

Remember our group meets this month on February 12th from 3:30 -5. See you all there!

DO YOU HAVE TWO AUNTY EM? GO FISH!

How about a new twist on the old favorite "GO FISH" card game! With the help of your computer you can design and print out 4 blank playing cards for each member of your family,(especially those living far away). Then glue 4 wallet sized pictures of each person on the cards! You'll have your own version of "Family Fish" and the kids will remember the faces of relatives they don't see often!

GO FISH!



Fun with food.....

SIMPLE STROMBOLI

Short on time? Try this simple supper!

Roll out and flatten your favorite pizza crust into a rectangle on a 9 x 13" greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees until the dough starts to rise but is still flexible (about 5min). Remove pan from the oven and cover the dough with layers of your favorite meats, sauce and cheeses leaving 1 to 2 inches uncovered on one of the short sides of the pan. Starting from the other short side, roll up the dough. Place the Stromboli seam-side down in the middle of the pan, brush with a little oil and cook until brown, about 25 to

**35 minutes. Cool some
before slicing!**