



## OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER



March 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 6:00-8:30 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](mailto: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.

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

## Sheep/"Meat" Goat weigh-in

Osceola County sheep/meat goat weigh-in is Saturday, May 5, 2007, 8 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds on the South end by the Loading chutes.

## Goat Clinic

Sign-up today for a Goat Clinic to be held this Spring! We will be doing 3 sessions: Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5 and Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5 at the Osceola County Extension Office. On Monday April 16 we will meet at the Osceola County Fairgrounds to do some hands on work and talk about getting ready for show. Learn more about your goat! Call the Extension office at 754-3648 to sign-up!

## 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.

## RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS

4-H members or clubs wishing to form a Relay for Life Team to raise money for the local Relay for Life event, please contact Deb Mehlbrech. Having a team involves: 1) Selecting a team captain to represent and lead the team, 2) Recruiting up to 15 team members to sell luminaries and participate in fund raisers, 3) Participate as a team the night of the Relay.

## Enrollment Forms Due

Please turn you new or updated enrollment forms to the office by 4-1-07.

## 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/live  
stockhandbook.htm](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.

## ISU celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday



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

To also recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of ISU.**

## REMINDER

4-H/FFA members **MUST** attend at least 1/3 of their club/chapter meetings to be eligible to participate at the 2007 Osceola County fair.

## Out of County Rabbit Workshop

Cherokee County will once again be hosting an Out-Of-County 4-H Rabbit Workshop. All 4-H'ers interested in learning more about rabbits are welcome to attend the workshop on April 21, 2007 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will take place at the Cherokee County Extension Office at 209 Centennial Drive, Cherokee. The office is located off of Highway 59 between K-Mart and Casey's. Pre-registration is required. This year, we are doing something different than in year's past. We are asking each family to bring one rabbit to the workshop.

After over 30 years in the rabbit business, Don Pingel, the workshop presenter, has no rabbit to display and limited equipment to sell.

For more information and to pre-register, please contact Keely Goettsch at the Cherokee County Extension Office at 712-225-6196 or email at [goettsch@iastate.edu](mailto:goettsch@iastate.edu)."

## 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 County Carnival March 24, 2007 and at the Extension Office.

## 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, 2007.

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE EXTENSION  
OFFICE WILL BE 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

**4-H Project Discovery Day  
Northwest Iowa Community College,  
Sheldon, Iowa  
Saturday, March 3, 2007**

**Deadline to register for 4-H Project Discovery Day: February 20<sup>th</sup>. Mail registration and payment to: O'Brien County Extension Office, Box 99, Primghar, IA 51245. Contact your local ISU Extension Office for more information.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **County** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check Here if Adult** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ participant x \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ additional lunches x \$6 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Youth \$15 fee includes lunch and all session materials. Adults should sign up for lunch. Checks payable to O'Brien Extension. Lunch includes deli sandwich, chips, fruit, drink and cookie.

**YOUTH Participants - Select Your Sessions**

Please rank your session choice "1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>" for each session time period. Please note that if your session states "part 1" or "part 2" it is a 2-part session and you will need to attend both concurrent sessions.

**Session 1 10:15 – 11:30 am**

- \_\_\_ Dog care & grooming
- \_\_\_ Wildlife Adventures & 4-H Shooting Sports
- \_\_\_ Fashion Review & Clothing Selection
- \_\_\_ Food & Nutrition

**Session 2 Noon – 1:15 pm**

- \_\_\_ Wildlife Adventures & 4-H Shooting Sports
- \_\_\_ Basics & Sewing (Part 1)
- \_\_\_ Woodworking (Part 1)
- \_\_\_ Food & Nutrition

**Session 3 1:30 – 2:45 pm**

- \_\_\_ "How-To's" of State 4-H Awards Application (4-Hers grades 9-12)
- \_\_\_ Visual Arts Paper Project, Elements & Principles of Design
- \_\_\_ Woodworking (Part 2)
- \_\_\_ Basics of Sewing (Part 2)

**Parent and/or 4-H Leader "Learn Abouts" offered during the youth sessions on the following topic areas:**  
 \*4-H Outcomes: Communication, Citizenship, Leadership, Knowledge & Life skills – games, activities and presentation ideas to use in your club meetings and/or 4-Her's project area.  
  
 \*New 4-H Curriculum - if you haven't used it lately take a look! Hands on activities & kit ideas.  
  
 \*4-H 101 for Adults – basics to help you through your 4-H years! Topics will include goal writing, project vs. exhibit, copyright, design elements & principles and more!  
  
**Before and after sessions:**  
 Youth will take part in Communication, Citizenship and Leadership "Learn Abouts" as well as learn about new 4-H opportunities.



**\* CLOVER KIDS MARCH 12 \***

What does it mean to be a “Good Citizen”? Find out when you attend this month’s Clover Kids Program at the Osceola County Extension Office! We will be discussing citizenship as well as doing some fun St. Paddy’s day activities. This month’s meeting will be on Monday, March 12th from 3:30-5pm.

We are in the early stages of planning some fun Summer Clover activities. Yes, spring is nearly here and Summer is coming soon! Keep checking your 4-H news letter for all the details!

**SNACK ATTACK!!!!**



**YUMMY PEANUT BUTTER BALLS**

- 1 CUP OF PEANUT BUTTER
- 1/2 CUP OF NONFAT DRY MILK POWDER
- 1/2 CUP OF RAISINS
- 1/4 CUP OF HONEY
- GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBS

In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients except the graham cracker crumbs. Shape the mixture into 1” balls. Roll them in the crumbs and refrigerate! Makes 24 balls.

**SEWING PROJECT.....**

We had so much fun at our sewing clinic this winter making Pajama pants and shorts! Here is another fun but easy sewing project you can try at home!

**DENIM TOTE**

**Materials needed.....**

- Old blue jeans
- Fabric scissors
- A Cotton belt

Zip the jeans and turn inside out. With a pair of fabric scissors, cut off both legs 3” from the crotch (a parents job). Next, fold the cutoff jeans, matching up the side seams as you would press front and back leg pleats.

Using a sewing machine (or a close, even hand stitch), sew closed each leg opening 1 inch from the cut edge. Then, trim the denim 1/2 inch from the stitching. Turn the jeans right side out.

For a handle, thread a cotton belt through the belt loops and tie the ends together.



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## 4-H Calendar of Events

### 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
- 12 Youth Committee & County Council @  
6:30 p.m. at the 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.
- 2 Clover Kids
- 24 County Carnival Hoedown @ Ocheyedan

### April

- 2 Clover Kids
- 6 Good Friday, Office closed
- 16 Swine ID forms due
- 21 FSQA Training, 1:00 p.m. Extension Office
  
- 28 Poultry contracts due
- 29 Dog Obedience Orientation, 9:00 a.m

### May

- 5 Sheep & Goat weigh-in, 8-11:00 am.
- 12 Northwest Iowa Dairy Quiz Bowl
- 15 Livestock IDs due
- 28 Office closed for Memorial Day