



Iowa State University
Extension

OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER



April 2007

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 workshop for 4th-12th graders is Saturday, April 21, 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Sibley.

Test-outs will be April 21, 1:00 at the Sibley State Bank upstairs meeting room for 7th -12th grades.

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.

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

You can still participate in the last session of the Goat Clinic! We will be doing 1 more session: On Monday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m., 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.

Enrollment Forms Due

Please turn you new or updated enrollment forms to the office by 4-15-07.

Need to have into the office to participate in the Fair.

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.

ISU celebrates 150th Birthday



Iowa State University celebrates its 150th birthday! 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 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.

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.

All Youth and Adults need to complete a Health Information / Medical Release form and turn into the Osceola County Extension office to be able to participate in the 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.

IOWA 4-H T-SHIRT ORDERS

We will be placing an order for T-shirts and polos. 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 due to the office by April 16, 2007.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Osceola County 4-H Foundation and Mohr Memorial Fund are offering scholarships to graduating 4-H'ers. Applications and record books are due to the Extension Office **May 15, 2007**.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

We are all excited for the warm weather to come! What a great time to start a Science and Nature project for Clover Kids! On April 2nd we focused on keeping our environment clean and the benefits of doing so! Have you seen any of the clovers out picking up trash? They are working to help keep our city Beautiful!

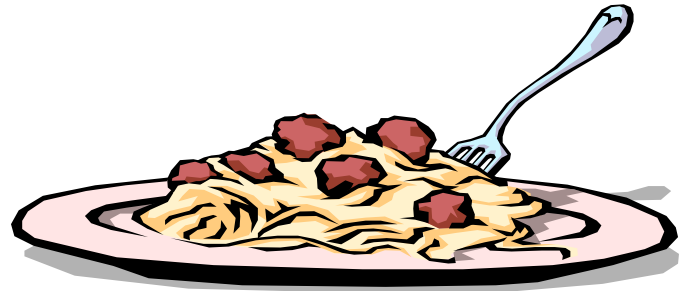
I can't wait to display the kid's "Future Cities" at the 2007 Osceola County Fair! They worked so hard on these back in March. The Clovers put a lot of thought into what they might want to do in their futures! You know they're thinking when the room gets quiet!

Our May meeting will be on the 14th. May's topic is "Growing In The Garden". Let's hope our temp's warm up before then!

APRIL BOREDOM BUSTER!

WORM WRANGLING.....

Ever see an earthworm's tunnel below ground? Fill a 1 gallon plastic jug or jar with potting soil you've mixed with about 6 cups of manure. Moisten the soil with water. The next rainy evening or morning after, gather up about 6 or so earth worms. Add them to your container. Cover the top opening with screen or punch plenty of holes in the lid. Now tape black construction paper all around the jar. Worms like the dark! Set your jar in a cool shady place. Keep the soil moist. In a few days remove the paper to reveal the tunnels! The worms have digested your dirt! When you're done spying release the worms and dirt into your garden!



RECIPES.....

APRIL FOOL'S DAY SPECIAL

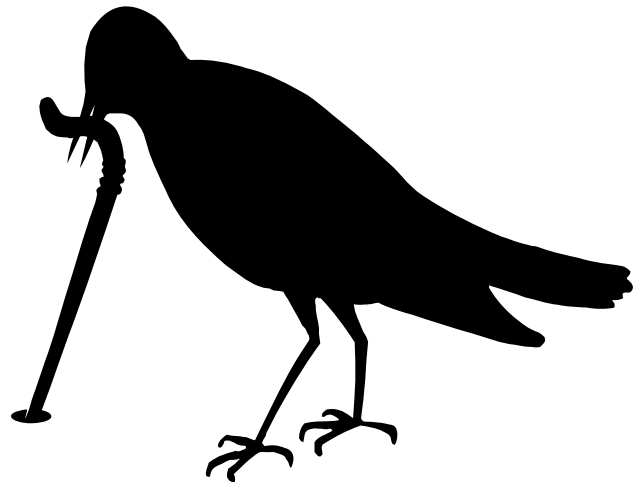
SPAGHETTI & "MALT" BALLS

Place half a cup cake on a serving plate. Prepare about 3 cups of your favorite frosting. Spoon it into a decorating tube with a circular tip. Pipe it in a looping fashion all over the cupcake until it resembles spaghetti noodles on a plate.

Spoon strawberry ice cream topping over the "noodles".

Top with cupcake crumbs "parmesan cheese". Add some malted milk balls to resemble "meat balls".

Do you eat it first or last?!?!?



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Happy Easter



Important Dates to watch

- Swine ID Deadline 4-16-07
- 4-H Enrollment forms due 4-16-07
- FSQA Training & Testing 4-21-07
- Health Forms Due 5-15-07



4-H Calendar

April

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| 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

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| 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 |