

Osceola County 4-H Observer

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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 2005. Swine ID forms will be due in the Extension Office **April 30**.

SHEEP WEIGH-IN

Osceola County sheep/goat weigh-in is Saturday, **May 5, 2007 from 9-10 am**.



4-H'ers FOR 4-H MATERIALS

To all Club Leaders – Your 2007 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign materials will be **mailed** to you. Please present these materials to your club and return the campaign contributions to the Extension office by **May 15, 2006**. "Funding for the Future" is this year's theme. The annual 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign is a cooperative fund-raising effort between the State 4-H Council and Iowa 4-H Foundation. The goal is to raise \$2.00 per club member to support programs & activities that benefit Iowa 4-H'ers.

BROILER PROJECT SIGN UP



The Osceola County 4-H Foundation offers 4-H'ers the chance to have a poultry project. They will provide 16 broilers for anyone wanting to participate in the Broiler Project. Your part is to provide a place for the chickens, feed, water, care for, and show four of your chickens at the County Fair. After the fair the chickens are yours! If you are interested in this project, contact the Extension Office for a contract which is due May 10 2007 .

NOTE: If you want more than 16 chicks, you will need to order them on your own and pick them up at the Cooperative Elevator Association in Sibley.

DOG OBEDIENCE

Dog Obedience classes will be offered to all interested 4-H'ers. An informational meeting will be held 9:00 a.m., Saturday, **April 29, 2006** at the Extension Office. During this meeting dog obedience training and class scheduling information will be given. There is no charge for these classes. They will be held Saturday mornings in May and June. **Do not** bring your dog at this time; however, do bring proof of vaccination and/or shots. Pre-registration forms will be available at the Extension Office.

CROPS PROJECT

Joel DeJong, ISU Extension Crops Field Specialist, will be working with youth interested in the Crops Project. Participants in this project will raise two or more acres of soybeans, corn or other grain. We will supply you with a list of requirements for this project when you sign up. You must be signed up by **May 1**. Contact the Extension Office for more information.



IOWA 4-H T-SHIRT ORDERS

We will be placing an order for T-shirts, polo's 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 are available at the Extension office. Orders & money are due to the office by **April 28, 2006**.

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 shortly. Applications and record books are due to the Extension Office **May 15, 2006**.

RABBIT & POULTRY CLINIC & SHOW

On Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. at the Pipestone County Fairgrounds, Deb Pauly & Mike Grann will lead a rabbit clinic and judge the rabbit show. Don Roscoe will also be hosting a clinic on poultry for production birds, large fowl, bantams, pigeons, ducks and geese. Pre-register by calling the Pipestone County Extension Office at 800-967-2705 by May 5.

REMINDER

- ✓ 4-H/FFA members **MUST** attend at least **1/3 of their club/chapter meetings** to be eligible to participate at the 2006 Osceola County fair.
- ✓ If you have not paid your club dues yet, please get that money into the Extension Office as soon as possible. This year it is \$20 per member. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office in Sibley at 712-754-3648.

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE EXTENSION
OFFICE ARE 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**



MAY CLOVER MEETING

Our last regular clover Kids Meeting will be held on Monday May 14th at 3:30 pm. We are doing a Garden Party so be ready to get DIRTY!

We are planning a summer meeting and we will inform you of the time and place when we know for sure what we are doing.

Planning takes more time and effort than many of us realize! All of us at the office do our best to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Let us know if there is something you'd like to see added to our monthly newsletter. This letter is our way of communicating with ALL the clubs in our county and beyond. Extension and the 4-H program offers many fun learning experiences for people of all ages. Stop in and check out what's new in Osceola County!

Just a reminder to those of you who weren't able to bring home your bird houses last month, (Tyler, Adam, Jacob, Rene', Nick and Brenden) they are at the extension office and ready for you to pick up any time!

MAY BOREDOM BUSTER

"SPIN" ART!

Dig out that old record player! Do your kids even know what that is? Have them choose a few washable markers in their favorite colors. Poke a hole in the center of a paper plate, set it on the phonograph as you would a record and turn on the player. Have your kids hold the tips of one or more of the markers on the plate and repeat on the other side. If you like, use a scissors to cut around the spiral until you reach the plates middle, then string up one end of the strip and let it hang down in a colorful curlicue!

PIZZA MUFFINS

Muffin Batter.....

1 ½ cups all purpose flour

½ cup of fine yellow cornmeal

1 Tablespoon of sugar

2 teaspoons of baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

1 large egg, lightly beaten

1 ¼ cup vegetable oil

Topping.....

1/3 cup marinara sauce

1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese

1/3 cup finely chopped pepperoni

Directions.....

Heat oven to 400 degrees and line about 36 mini muffin cups with paper liners.

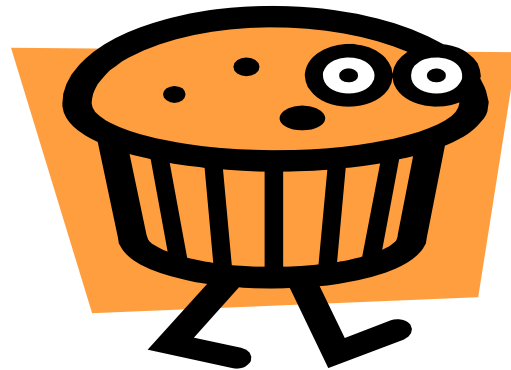
Sift the flour cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, and salt into a bowl, blend the egg, milk, and vegetable oil. Make a well in the dry mixture and add the liquid. Stir the batter until combined.

In a small bowl, blend the marinara sauce and parmesan cheese. Set aside.

Spoon the batter into the muffin cups filling them ¾ full. Spoon about ½ teaspoon sauce and cheese mixture on top of each one, pushing it in slightly and topping with chopped pepperoni.

Bake muffins for 15 minutes; they will brown slightly around the upper edge. Cool in the pan for several minutes, then remove and eat warm!

Makes about 36 mini muffins.



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4-H CALENDAR



April 2006

30 Swine ID forms due

May 2007

4 Boomerang 3rd Grade
5 Sheep/Goat weigh-in, 9-10:00 am.
10 Poultry contracts due
11 Boomerang 4th Grade
12 Northwest Iowa Dairy Quiz Bowl
14 Clover Kids 3:30-5
18 Boomerang 6th Grade
23 Animal Workshop in O'Brien County
29 **Office closed for Memorial Day**

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15 FSQA Testing