

# Osceola County 4-H Observer

## Last Minute Fair Reminders

**Share the Fun** acts will be performed and judged on Wednesday, July 18, after the Style show in the grandstand at the fair grounds. Please keep the length to a maximum of **eight minutes** and be sensitive to the diversity of Iowa's population.

**Code of Ethics Forms** must be signed and returned to the Extension Office, before any 4-H / FFA member show at the fair!! If you are only participating in non-livestock judging, bring in with your green entry sheets on **July 17**.

The following forms are from your 4-H leader or the Extension Office: goal sheets, photography exhibit labels, poster exhibit entry forms, and non-livestock entry forms.

**4-H Office Phone Number** for the fair office is **754-3592**. This is the only number you will be able to reach us at during fair time!

## COMMUNICATION DATES

The following dates and times are reserved for us at the Iowa State Fair. Please keep them in mind so you can plan ahead.

- ❖ **Educational Presentation**- August 15, 19, 20.
- ❖ **Working Exhibit**- August 19, 20.
- ❖ **Share the Fun**- August 19, noon & August 20 5:00 pm.
- ❖ **Extemporaneous Speaking**- August 16, pm.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

**ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESSSES OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS CONDITION WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.**

## SMALL PET RULES

Small pets include: cats, puppies under 6 months of age, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, fish, birds, turtles, and other reptiles. **NO WILD ANIMALS**. It is illegal under Iowa Law to capture or keep any game animal, fur animal, or game birds.

No animal may be exhibited at the Small Pet show if there is another class available in which it can be exhibited. **EXCEPTION:** First year 4-H'ers may exhibit a dog or rabbit if it is not being exhibited in any other show or enrolled in dog obedience training. All pets must come on a leash, in a box, cage, or bowl. For more information see Fairbook.

## CITIZENSHIP PROJECT DISPLAY

Citizenship projects for each club can be displayed on a blackboard or on a table north of the State Fair Exhibits. Each club is encouraged to organize a display which demonstrates its contribution in making a difference in their community.

## PLANTER CONTEST



The Fairboard is sponsoring a Planter Contest this year. Osceola County 4-H Clubs, and County Council may enter up to five planters. **Planters must be labeled with the club's name.** Clubs will determine container design, organization and kinds of flowers/materials. Planters should be brought to the 4-H Building **by noon, Thursday, July 19 for judging.** The Fairboard will award prizes to winners. Winning entries will be posted in the 4-H office.

## 4-H BOOTH JUDGING CONTEST

Booths will be judged on **Thursday, July 19**, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. The top three clubs will receive a prize. One hundred points are possible and are awarded according to the following; Attractiveness, Cleanliness of Booth, Originality of Booth, Club Identification and Neatness and Arrangement of Exhibits.

Decorating can be done after cleanup on **Monday, July 16, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, **Tuesday** from 9-12:00 **From 1:00 – 9:00 pm the building is closed for State Fair Judging and set-up.**

Booth decorating can be completed on Wednesday from 9:00 – 5:00pm. Clubs may use the State Conference Theme “007 License to succeed” or another appropriate theme.

## NUTRITION PROJECT CHANGES

Enclosed is the “**Guidance for Safe Foods**” guide. This guide helps to determine if a food exhibit is safe to exhibit at the fair. Please read it carefully as it must be followed when preparing your food and nutrition project.

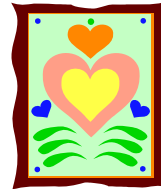
## COPYRIGHT GUIDELINES

4-H’ers--be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing 4-H exhibits and communication activities.

“It is the responsibility of individual 4-H’ers to be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing 4-H exhibits and communication activities for county and state fairs. 4-H’ers are encouraged to create their own original work and illustrations so they can avoid using copyrighted and/or trademarked material.” (From “Use of Copyrighted/trademarked Material in 4-H Fair Exhibits and Activities”).

If you are not sure about what constitutes correct copyright material, contact the Extension Office.

## DESIGN ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN



The following fair classes require you to include information on the design elements and principles of design: **Visual Art, Clothing, and Home Improvement. The Clothing Event** which encompasses **Fashion**

**Revue/Clothing Selection** requires you to list them. Design elements are line, shape, color, texture, and space. Principles of Design are rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity.

A check-out kit; a pamphlet, 4-H 634; and brochure 4-H 313 are available for you to read as well as many other pieces of information.

## LAST HORSE SHOW PRACTICE



Horse show practices will be held **July 11 at the Fairgrounds**. Horse show practices are at 7:00 pm, unless notified. Horse exhibitors must attend at least one practice before being allowed to take part in the horse show at the Osceola County Fair. **The Horse Helmet policy is in effect---- EVERY TIME, EVERY RIDE!**

## WHAT WILL THE JUDGE ASK?

Questions judges ask depend on your exhibit goals and type of project. You will find it helpful to write a clear, short, one-sentence goal statement before you begin to create your exhibit.

After knowing your goals, the judge will ask you about the learning involved, that is, how information was gathered, materials used, problems that were solved, and what new skills you learned. The judge will also look at the general appearance of the exhibit as far as neatness and attractiveness. In addition, the judge will want to know your future plans and what you have learned.



### **Fun Day at the Fair**

Plan to participate in "Fun day" at the fair, Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. Activities will include, "Mud Tug of War", a "Dunk Tank" and "Mud Volleyball". Register yourself or a 6 man team for Mud Volleyball by calling the extension office at 754-3648!

Fun Day is sponsored by the Osceola County 4-H Council.

### **Super Showmanship 2006**

Super Showmanship will be held in the Show ring on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. Those competing ....

Katie Ackerman- Beef;  
Justin Wagenaar-Dairy;  
Marisa Ramos- Dog;  
Jacob Fox- Sheep;  
Justin Nasers-Swine;  
Jon Brown- Rabbits;  
Marshall Eddy- poultry;  
Cassandra Gradert- Horse.

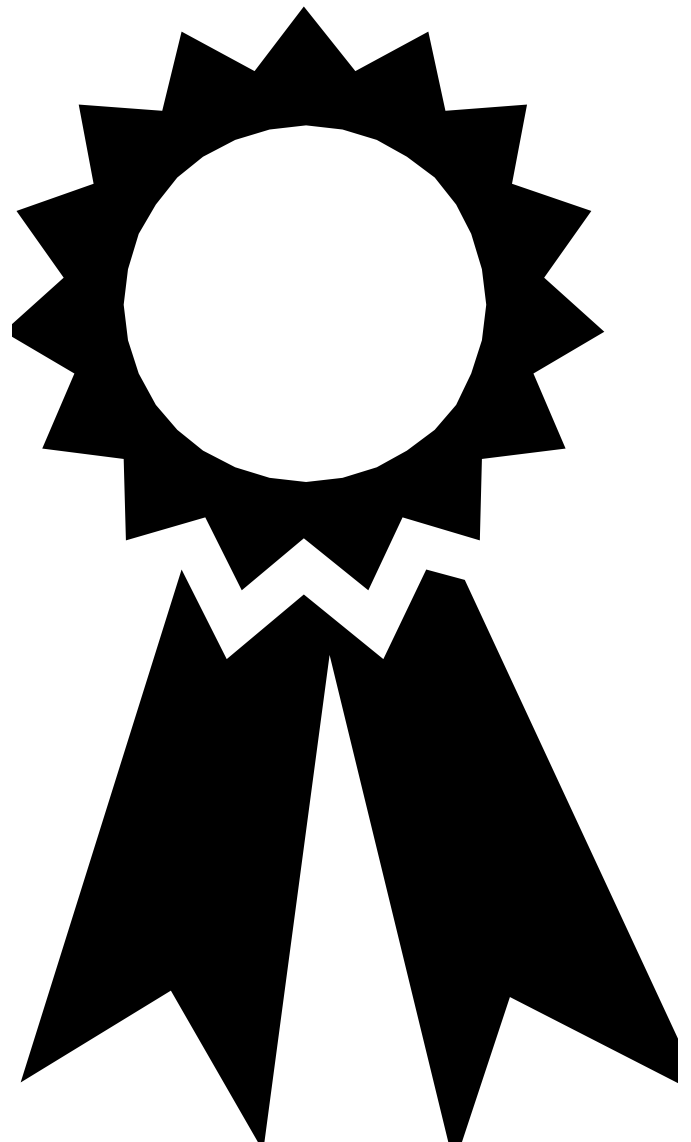
### **Market Heifer or Breeding Heifer??**

If you brought a market heifer in at weigh-in time in December and now are thinking of putting it in the breeding heifer class, you **MUST** inform the beef superintendents and extension staff at Fair weigh-in. You have up until the day that you enter your animals to decide which class you want them in as far as choosing breeding or market heifer. In order to be able to put your animal in the breeding heifer class, you **MUST** provide a birth date at time of weigh-in. If you have any further questions, please call the Extension office.

### **Osceola County 4-H T-shirts**

There are 4-H T-shirts available for sale at the Extension office now and during the fair. All shirts are \$8 and extended sizes \$9.

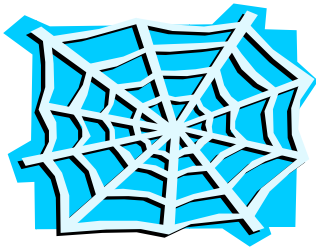
### **ENJOY THE 2007 OSCEOLA COUNTY FAIR!**





## CLOVER KIDS....

**Don't forget Clovers!** Come visit our booth at the Osceola County Fair. We will be located in the 4-H building! You will be able to pick up your Record books for the '07 clover sessions and be able to view some of the projects we worked on together during the year. There will also be a special award for your participation! See you there! ☺



### BOREDOM BUSTERS.....

We had such a great time with our "Insect Investigator" summer clover program, I thought you might like to do some more investigating.....

#### Preserve a Spider Web

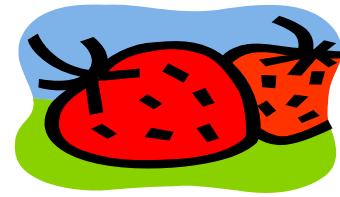
Things you'll need...

Newspaper

Black **Spray Paint**

White poster board

In your backyard or a nearby field, search for a web not containing a Spider. Morning is better time to look for webs as the dew makes them more visible. When you find one look for its anchor lines. Have your child hold up a piece of newspaper behind the web to protect the surrounding foliage while you spray both sides of the web. Start spraying at the center of the web and move outward spraying in a circular motion. Holding the posterboard firmly, move it towards the web. As it contacts the web's surface, hold it steady until the entire web has stuck to the board. Cut the web's "Guy" lines to free it. Let the paint dry for several minutes before touching. *Spider webs are made solely for catching food-spiders don't live in them! This activity will allow you to admire one of nature's great works of art!*



### RECIPES FOR FUN.....

#### Strawberry Short-snake

2 cups all purpose flour

6 Tablespoons confectioners sugar

4 teaspoons baking powder

$\frac{3}{4}$  teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup of milk

1 quart of strawberries

Whipped cream, mini M&M's and green fruit leather.

Directions.....

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Sift together the flour, two tablespoons of baking powder and salt into a large mixing bowl. Cut in the butter with a pastry blender. Once dough is crumbly, slowly stir in the milk. Turn out dough onto a floured surface and gently roll or pat into a 1 inch thick rectangle (6 to 8 inches long. Handle dough as little as possible.

Slice rectangle into four 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch x eight inch strips. Place on a ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

Slice the cooled shortcakes in half length-wise. Cover with cool whip and arrange the sliced berry "scales". Add a whole berry head, M&M eyes and a fruit leather tongue. Serves 4.

