

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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OSCEOLA COUNTY OBSERVER

October 2007

RECORD BOOKS date extension

Due to NEW Rules & deadlines all 4-Hers have until **October 8** to turn in your record books to your leaders!

Nov. 1, 2007: Record books due in office from 4-H leaders.

If you need forms for recordkeeping, come to the

Extension office and pick up a Yearly 4-H Summary and Project Record sheets (available in three levels). Extra worksheets for livestock (including dog), crops, horticulture, and photography are required. You can obtain many of the needed forms from our ISU Website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/osceola>

Once you open the form, do a "Save As" to your special file folder or place on your computer.

If you just want to download and print the above and other forms such as the 4-H229WS, "4-H Breeding Animal Project Worksheet form, go to this site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/pubs/yo.htm>

The forms are in a PDF Format and can only be downloaded and printed.

You also have the option of keeping records on video tapes, audio tapes, or portfolio.

ENROLLMENT FORMS

All enrollment forms for 4-H'ers **and** leaders were due to the Extension office by **September 30**. New enrollments will be accepted until April 30, 2007. Please check your enrollment form for accuracy and make corrections.

Leaders: If someone has dropped from your club, please write dropped on the enrollment form and return it. Remember, **leaders** need to **complete** an enrollment form, too.



2007-2008 County Council Members



Osceola County is proud to introduce the 2007-2008 County Council Members; Kevin Berkland, Brandon Brockshus, Steven Brockshus, Jacob Fox, Morgan Gradert, Aaron Lorch, Andrea Meier, Jessica Nasers, Samantha Travaille, Justin Wagenaar & Ashley Wolterstorff.

Induction of new Council members will be a video at the Awards Banquet 17/18 (depends if we have anyone going to State with Football /Sheldon, S-O, HLP or HMS)

The first County Council Meeting, Saturday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office, Pizza and beverage will be provided.

2008 Fair Dates / New Schedule

Osceola County fair

July 15-19, 2008

Media Days: July 17-19 (KIWA, KUOO, KICD, Sibley Gazette, Ocheyedon Press, Daily Globe & Review)

Tuesday, July 15

8:30 till 12:00 Non-Livestock Judging at the High School

1:15-4:00 Communications and Clothing at the High School

7:00 p.m. Queen Contest / Little Miss Osceola @ Great Plains building

7:00 p.m. Horse entry (Subject to change)**

Wednesday, July 16

6-11 a.m. Beef Weigh-in /Swine/ Poultry entry day (Subject to change)**

8 a.m. Horse Show

2 p.m. Small pet show and Dog Show

6 p.m. 2007 Super Showmanship

7 p.m. Share the Fun & Fashion Revue @ Grand Stand

Thursday, July 17

7-10 a.m. Dairy, Sheep & Rabbits entry day

7 a.m. Swine Show

1:30 p.m. Poultry Show

4 p.m. Horse Show / Games

6 p.m. Pen of Three

7:00 p.m. **Grand Stand to be determined by Fair Board**

Friday, July 18

7 a.m. Market Beef

Feeder Calf

Cow/ Calf

Bottle Bucket

8 a.m. Bottle / Bucket Calf Interviews

1 p.m. Dairy Show

3 p.m. Rabbit Show

5 p.m. 4-H BBQ

Swine release upon selling to packer

Grand Stand / Grand Plains Tractor Pullers

Saturday, July 19

9 a.m. Sheep Show

11:30 2008 Super Showmanship in the Show Ring

Parent Show/ Kids Judge in the Show Ring

Grand Stands;

Tug of War

Mud Volleyball

Ag Olympics

Pie Contest

Greased Pig

Dog Agility

All 4-H, FFA & Open Class Exhibits (Livestock – Non- livestock) release after 3 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Grand Stand / Demolition derby

9-12 p.m. Osceola County Fair Dance from 9-12 p.m. at the 4-H Building

Explore 4-H & more.....

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Explore 4-H and more

October 14, 2007

All are welcome to come and explore Willow creek and all that the 4-H and Extension have to offer ; Shooting Sports (rifle, muzzleloader, bow , trapping & outdoor cooking), Rockets, Science & Technology, Photography, Fish Iowa just to name a few.....

Oh,yes, we will be playing volleyball! After the activities there will be a build your own hot dog or baked potato bar all free to who come and Explore Willow Creek and 4 –H / Extension.

Who: YOU

What: Explore 4-H & more

When: Oct. 14th @ 3 p.m.

Where: Willow Creek

Why: Head, Hands, Heart & Health and most of all to have fun / learn

For additional information contact the Extension Office at 712-754-3648.

Thank you County Council

Thank you to the 2006-2007 members of County Council: Katie Ackerman, Michael Berkland, Brandon Brockshus, Jacob Fox, Melissa Gradert, Cassandra Gradert, Samantha Honken, Josh Krahling, Ashley Roelfs, and Justin Wagenaar.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 7-13, 2007

Is your club doing something special for National 4-H week?

This is the week we recognize and honor all 4-H members, leaders and parents. Let the community know you are a 4-H member by wearing your 4-H

T-shirt to school one day that week. Be proud to be a member of this organization and invite your friends to join 4-H. Here are some ideas to promote 4-H:

- Make and take “goodies” to community supporters.
- Every member of every club invite a friend to a meeting.
- Submit a story to your local newspaper about your club activities.
- Display 4-H projects in the window of an empty building or in a library.
- Decorate a store window.

Promoting 4-H and these activities will increase awareness of what 4-H is about and let others know how great it is to be a part of 4-H.





4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Trip Open to Teens

It's time to start making summer plans, and here's an exciting opportunity for 4-H'ers in grades 10-12. Join a group of Iowa 4-H'ers on the 2008 Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington, D.C. Choose to attend May 30-June 7 or June 13-21, 2008.

The trip starts with a visit to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Pennsylvania, before arriving at the National 4-H Center where you'll stay, meet, and have fun with hundreds of other teen 4-H'ers from around the nation.

The program includes tours to historic and educational sites in the nation's capitol, visits to your representatives and senators, hands-on learning at the National 4-H Center, and attending the theater and other social activities. It all adds up to a fun week in D.C.

The trip fee of \$1,150 includes transportation, lodging, insurance, entertainment, admission fees, and most meals. Osceola County Foundation sponsors, fundraising, Labor Auction proceeds will go to each 4-Her going on CWF to help reduce the trip fee.

Applications are available at your county Extension office and are due November 15, 2007. Late applicants will be accepted based on available program space.

Iowa's Promise Grants

Do you know a group of young people with a wonderful idea for community service? Are they looking for a funding source? If so, read on!

"Iowa's Promise Youth" grants up to \$250 are available from the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in partnership with Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development.

Criteria for funding include involving two or more local groups (one must be a youth group such as a 4-H club, Scouts, church groups or school groups) in a community service or community improvement project.

For more information contact [Sue Bogue](#) at 515-294-1533. **Applications are due February 1.**

- [Iowa's Promise website](#)
Go to this site to download current applications and information

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Clover Buds

TIME FOR CLOVER BUDS!

Our big sign-up and Clover Buds kick-off event will be held at the Osceola county Extension office meeting room on Monday October 8, from 3:30-5.

Parents can get their buds, grades K-3, signed up while they have fun with Halloween projects and activities. **This is a come and go event!** Parents will also have a chance to sign-up to help at one of the monthly sessions. Don't forget there is a 20\$ registration fee and this year's buds will receive a t-shirt to wear to their monthly meetings!

BUD'S BOREDOM BUSTERS.....

“ A FUN FALL MURAL ”

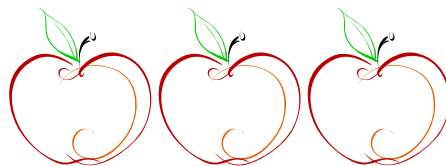
Having a Halloween party this year? Let the kids have fun painting a decorative fall or Halloween themed mural! Take a large sheet of white non-glossy wrapping paper or table covering and tack it to the family room wall or an outside fence. Write the names of different fall symbols, pumpkins ghosts or leaves, on small pieces of paper. Place the papers in a paper bag and let each child pick out one and draw it on the white paper. When everyone is done you'll have a wonderful fall mural!

FUN FACTS....

Leaves don't really change color in the fall. Rather, as daylight decreases, cells at the base of the leaves swell, cutting off the flow of fresh water and causing chlorophyll (which makes leaves look green) to disappear. Other pigments that have been there all along, such as red and orange, become visible.



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RECIPES FOR FUN.....

ISU Field Specialist Ron Hook brought in some really great Apple cake his wife Rochelle had made. We love it when staff bring in treats! It was so good we wanted to share it with everyone!

ROCHELLE'S APPLE SQUARES

2 CUPS OF SUGAR

2 EGGS

$\frac{3}{4}$ CUP VEGETABLE OIL

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ CUPS OF SELF-RISING FLOUR

1 TSP GROUND CINNAMON

3 CUPS DICED PEELED TART APPLES

1 CUP CHIPPED WALNUTS

$\frac{3}{4}$ CUP BUTTERSCOTCH CHIPS

In a bowl combine sugar, eggs and oil. Stir in flour and cinnamon (batter will be thick). Stir in apples and nuts. Spread in greased 9X13X2" pan. Sprinkle with chips. Bake at 350 degree oven for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool before cutting.

NOTE: As a substitute for each cup of self-rising flour, place 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of baking powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt in a measuring cup and add all-purpose flour to make one cup.