

OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER



December 2007



Intermediate 4-H'ers Swim/Skate Party

You are invited to a multi-county Swim/Skate Party on December 28 from 2:00-5:00 pm at the Sioux Center All Season Center. Swimming will be from 1:00-4:00 with and skating will be from 3:30 – 4:30, food and games the entire 3 hours in the upstairs meeting room. Cost per person is \$7.00 (an extra \$3.00 if you need to rent skates for a total of \$10.00) and covers the swimming/skating and food. RSVP to the Extension Office by calling **737-4230** or email Cindy at clever@iastate.edu. Don't miss this chance to spend time with old friends and make new friends! **Deadline to register is December 21.**



Remember

Osceola County Extension office will be closed
December 24 & 25 for Christmas



Closed for New Year's Day!

Beef Weigh-in

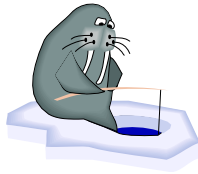
Beef weigh-in will be December 29, 2007 at the Osceola County Fair grounds from 6 a.m. till Noon. All breeding animals will need to be ID to be able to participate in the Clay County, State Fair & Ak Sar Ben.

FSQA

Testing and training will be offered on January 19, 2008 at the Extension office at 2:00 p.m. Training and the testing will be done.

Call into the office to reserve a seat or test, 712-754-3648.

Ice Fishing Clinic



All ages are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Clinic at Willow Creek on Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Learn about Safety, kinds of fish, how to tie on a hook, bait & etc. Snacks and lunch provided.

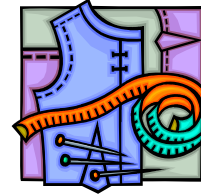
Drawing for tackle, pole & fish rod. Fee: \$5.00

Call the Extension office to sign-up.

Remember to dress warm!!



Sewing Clinic



Sewing clinic will be offered to any 4-Her from the 4th to the 8th grade. This will be a beginning sewing class in two session starting February 6 & 27 from 12:00 till 4:00 p.m, you will need to bring pattern (or borrow / share a pattern with someone pattern must have an elastic waist), material, any supplies needed to construct your pajama pants or shorts (thread, elastic, pins, good fabric scissors).

There is an in-service day on February 6 & 27, so you may come from school to the Extension office for lunch and learn how to sew your self a pair of shorts / Pajama pants. Call 712-754-3648 to sign-up. Maximum of 15.

4-H Exchange Student

4-H families have the opportunity to open their hearts and homes to 4-H/Japanese Exchange delegates this summer for 3 ½ weeks, approximates dates are July 20 – August 20. Families with children age 11 – 18 are eligible to host. Your family will host a Japanese student the same age and gender as your child. There will be 20 youth and two adults in the exchange. Anyone interested in hosting the adults will host approximately 10 days. The adult staff will have work to do, so they will not need constant entertainment or “stay at home” hosts. Expect to have lots of fun sharing your home, 4-H club, language, chores, food, fair and more. Host family applications and information are available in the Extension office. Applications are due March 1st. Amy Fuglestad Nahnsen, Youth Development Specialist, will answer additional questions regarding the 4-H/Japanese Exchange. She may be contacted at: amyfn@iastate.edu or (712) 546-7835.

2007 Awards Program

2006 -2007 County Council

Katie Ackerman, Michael Berkland, Jacob Fox, Cassandra Gradert, Melissa Gradert, Samantha Honken, Josh Krahling, Ashley Roelfs, Courtney Schmidt, Justin Wagenaar.

2007- 2008 County Council

Kevin Berkland, Brandon and Steven Brockshus, Jacob Fox, Morgan Gradert, Allison Helmers, Aaron Lorich, Andrea Meier, Jessica Nasers, Samantha Travialle, Justin Wagenaar and Ashley Wolterstorff.

Outstanding Record Books:

Junior: Brooke Block

Intermediate: Annie Zylstra

Senior: Emily Lorich

Outstanding Officer Books:

Outstanding Secretary's book:

Westerners

Outstanding Treasurer's book:

Westerners

Outstanding Historian's book:

Westerners

Rate of Gain: Sheep

Sheep Pen of 3:

First Place: Shane Travaille

Second Place: Tyler Fox

The Individual sheep rates of Gain Winners are:

First Place: Samantha Travaille

Second Place: Shane Travaille

ALLISON ACES

MIRANDA BRUEGGEMAN-CLOTHING
SELECTION-BLUE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-
BLUE; HORSE-PINK; PHOTOGRAPHY-BLUE
SAMANTHA BRUEGGEMAN-CITIZENSHIP-
SILVER; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE;
HORSE-SILVER; PHOTOGRAPHY-SILVER;
VISUAL ARTS-BRONZE

AMANDA HIBMA- FOOD AND NUTRITION-
BRONZE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE
JODI HIBMA-HOME IMPROVEMENT-
BRONZE

AARON LORCH-BEEF-BRONZE;
CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; CROP
PRODUCTION-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-
BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE
EMILY LORCH-BEEF-BRONZE;
CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-
BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE

HANNAH LORCH-BEEF-BRONZE;
CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; FOOD AND
NUTRITION-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-
BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE
PHILLIP LORCH-BEEF-BRONZE;
CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-
BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE

RUSSEL LORCH- BEEF-BRONZE;
CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-
BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE

ANDREA MEIER-DOG-BRONZE; HOME
IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-
BRONZE; POULTRY-BRONZE;

BAKER ROAD RUNNERS

DEREK ACKERMAN-BEEF-BLUE-FOOD AND
NUTRITION-BLUE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-
BLUE

DEREK ACKERMAN-BEEF-GOLD

JOHN BENZ-BEEF-SILVER

MATT BENZ-BEEF-GOLD

EAST HOLMAN WILDCATS

ELLIE KLAASSEN-CLOTHING SELECTION-BLUE; FOOD AND NUTRITION-BLUE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BLUE;
HANNAH KLAASSEN-CLOTHING SELECTION-BLUE; FOOD AND NUTRITION-BLUE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BLUE; PHOTOGRAPHY-BLUE; VISUAL ARTS-BLUE
CARSON GRADERT-CITIZENSHIP-PURPLE; CROP PRODUCTION-PURPLE; HORTICULTURE/GARDENING-PURPLE; SHEEP-BLUE; WELDING-BLUE
TYLER FOX-SHEEP-PURPLE
JACOB FOX-SHEEP-BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE
MARSHALL EDDY-BEEF-BRONZE; CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; FOOD AND NUTRITION-BRONZE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE; POULTRY-BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE
TAYLOR BLOCK-BEEF-BRONZE; HORSE-BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE

FUTURE LEADERS

ASHLEY KOHN-CITIZENSHIP-SILVER; FOOD AND NUTRITION-SILVER; SWINE-GOLD
SARA HIBMA-FOOD AND NUTRITION-SILVER; HOME IMPROVEMENT-SILVER
PATRICK COLEMAN-CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-BRONZE; SWINE-SWINE; WELDING-BRONZE
HOUSTON COLEMAN- HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-BRONZE; SWINE-BRONZE
KATE KOSTERS-CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-SILVER

GILMAN JR. FARMERS

KATIE BELDT- FOOD AND NUTRITION-SILVER; WOODWORKING-SILVER

JOEL BOENDER- BEEF-SILVER; CITIZENSHIP-SILVER; CLOTHING-SILVER; CLOTHING SELECTION-SILVER; COMMUNICATIONS-SILVER; CROP PRODUCTION-SILVER; FOOD AND NUTRITION-SILVER; HORTICULTURE-GOLD; LEADERSHIP-GOLD; PHOTOGRAPHY-SILVER
BROOKE BLOCK-BOTTLE BUCKET-PINK; CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PINK; CLOTHING-BLUE; CLOTHING SELECTION-PINK; HOME IMPROVEMENT-PINK; HORTICULTURE-PINK; PHOTOGRAPHY-BLUE; POULTRY-PINK; SELF DETERMINED-PINK; SHEEP-PINK; SWINE-PINK
BRIDGET BLOCK- BOTTLE BUCKET-BRONZE; CHILD-DEVELOPMENT-BRONZE; CLOTHING-BRONZE; CLOTHING SELECTION-BRONZE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE; HORTICULTURE-BRONZE; POULTRY-BRONZE; RABBIT-BRONZE; SELF-DETERMINED-BRONZE; VISUAL ARTS-BRONZE
KATIE BELDT-CHILD DEVELOPMENT-FOOD AND NUTRITION-SILVER; WOODWORKING-SILVER
BECCA FISCHER-BEEF-GOLD
MICHELLE FISCHER-FOOD AND NUTRITION-BRONZE; HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE
KEVIN HUSS-VISUAL ARTS-GOLD; WOODWORKING-GOLD
KYLE HUSS-HORTICULTURE-SILVER; VISUAL ARTS-GOLD; WOODWORKING-SILVER
BEN PAUSMA-DAIRY CATTLE-BRONZE
STEPHANIE PAUSMA-DAIRY CATTLE-BLUE; HORTICULTURE-BLUE

MIDWEST SETTLERS

MANDY GRADERT-CITIZENSHIP-SILVER; CLOTHING-SILVER; HORSE-GOLD;

LEADERSHIP-GOLD; PHOTOGRAPHY-GOLD; VISUAL ARTS-SILVER
MORGAN GRADERT-CITIZENSHIP-GOLD; FOOD AND NUTRITION-GOLD; HORSE-GOLD; LEADERSHIP-GOLD
MORGAN KLAASSEN-FOOD AND NUTRITION-PINK; HORSE-PINK; VISUAL ARTS-PINK
ANNIE ZYLSTRA-CITIZENSHIP-SILVER; FOOD AND NUTRITION-BRONZE; HORSE-BRONZE; LEADERSHIP-SILVER; PHOTOGRAPHY-BRONZE; SELF-DETERMINED-SILVER

OCHEYEDAN INDIANS

ANDREW BROCKSHUS-CLOTHING-PINK; CLOTHING SELECTION-PINK; COMMUNICATIONS-BLUE; DAIRY CATTLE-BLUE; POULTRY-PINK; VISUAL ARTS-PINK; WELDING-BLUE
BRANDON BROCKSHUS-CLOTHING-SILVER; DAIRY CATTLE-SILVER; VISUAL ARTS-SILVER
DYLAN BROCKSHUS-FOOD AND NUTRITION-PINK; HOME IMPROVEMENT-PURPLE
STEVEN BROCKSHUS-CLOTHING SILVER; DAIRY CATTLE-SILVER; FOOD AND NUTRITION-BRONZE; PHOTOGRAPHY-BRONZE; POULTRY-SILVER; VISUAL ARTS-SILVER
JOHN DEBONDT-FISH AND WILDLIFE-PINK
DREW HEEMSTRA-CITIZENSHIP-BRONZE; DAIRY CATTLE-GOLD;
KAITLIN MICHEALSON-CHILD DEVELOPMENT-BRONZE; FOOD AND NUTRITION- BRONZE; SELF-DETERMINED-BRONZE
SHANNON MICHELSON-BOTTLE BUCKET-BLUE; CLOTHING-PINK; FOOD AND NUTRITION-PINK; RABBIT-BLUE; VISUAL ARTS-PINK

WESTERNERS

TED BRAAKSMA-HOME IMPROVEMENT-BRONZE; WOODWORKING-BRONZE

MICHAEL BERKLAND-BEEF-GOLD; HORSE-GOLD; LEADERSHIP-GOLD; SWINE-GOLD
KEVIN BERKLAND-BEEF-SILVER; CITIZENSHIP-SILVER; COMMUNICATIONS-SILVER; DOG-SILVER; ENTOMOLOGY-SILVER; FOOD AND NUTRITION-SILVER; HORSE-SILVER; LEADERSHIP-SILVER; SWINE-SILVER; WOODWORKING-SILVER
JOSH EARLL-ENTOMOLOGY-BRONZE; FOOD AND NUTRITION-BRONZE; VET. SCIENCE-BRONZE; POULTRY-BRONZE; FISH AND WILD LIFE-BRONZE; MUSIC-BRONZE; VISUAL ARTS-BRONZE
KARISSA HIELKEMA-CITIZENSHIP-SILVER; DOG-SILVER
WILLIAM ROCKMAN-BEEF-BRONZE; COMMUNICATIONS-BRONZE; POULTRY-SILVER
SUSAN SEIVERT-LEADERSHIP-BRONZE; SELF DETERMINED-BRONZE
KAYLA VAN STELTON-HORSE-GOLD



CLOVER-BUDS

Clover Buds Meeting Dates for December

Merry Christmas! Our little Clovers (K-1st) will be meeting on the 10th of December at 3:30, Older Clovers (2nd and 3rd) will meet the following Monday, December 17th. Both clubs will meet in the Extension Office meeting room. Our program this month is "Christmas is Giving". **Please send a new pair of warm children's socks with your child** and we will give them to Upper Des Moines Opportunity to be distributed to area children. Let's celebrate the season with fun games and holiday activities! See you there Clovers!



Christmas "Growing" Tree

MAKE A BANNER TO MEASURE YOUR CHILDREN'S GROWTH FROM CHRISTMAS TO CHRISTMAS!

Cut a 6X2-foot piece of felt and lay it on a flat surface. To each long edge glue a 6 foot measuring tape with 1 inch being on the bottom running to the top. Fold over the extra 2 inches at the top and sew or glue leaving a space for a wooden dowel to be inserted. Cut a large Christmas tree of green felt the same height as your banner. Glue tree onto banner. Cut round 3 ½ inch circles of colored felt to represent decorations. With fabric paint write in your child's name, age and height. Add their new heights each year.



Healthy Christmas Eating.....

Everyone loves a good holiday appetizer! This is a remake on the "pinwheels" we often see on our holiday platters. Think about it and you too can come up with ideas to make your holiday appetizers a little healthier!

PEANUT BUTTER PINWHEELS

Spread creamy or chunky peanut butter onto a fresh flour tortilla. Drizzle honey over peanut butter. Sprinkle with granola. Roll up the tortilla and slice into bite-size pinwheels. Serve with toothpicks!

SPIRAL SANDWICHES

Spread ½ cup of cream cheese sprinkled with your favorite herbs, onto a fresh flour tortilla and onto 6 spinach leaves. Place 3 slices of tomato down the center of your tortilla. Place spinach leaves with cream cheese face up, over tomatoes. Roll into a log and cut into bite size pinwheels! Serve with toothpicks.