



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

University Extension

## OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER

February 2008

### MARCH MADNESS CARNIVAL

March 29, 2008

Melvin American Legion Hall

6:00 till 9:00 p.m.

The 4-H sponsored County Carnival is Saturday, **March 29**, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. County Council members will run the food booth beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone, including leaders and club members, will be charged .25 cents for admission to help with the food and promotion.

The following is a list of previous games at the carnival booths:

**If you are changing your booth games or not listed, please let the office know, asap.**

- Allison Aces - Toilet Toss, Golf Ball Roll
- Baker Roadrunners/Southern Skies – Dice Game, Throw Ball at Milk Bottle
- East Holman Wildcats – Dart Board Game.
- Future Leaders - Sucker Tree, ‘Let’s Make a Deal’
- Gilman Jr. Farmers – Spin the Wheel, Egg Surprise, Face Painting
- Midwest Settlers - Duck Pond, Jail
- Ocheyedan Indians – Ball Toss, Popcorn Balls
- Westerners - Pop a Balloon, Snow Cones

**Set up:** All clubs may begin setting up their booths at **3:30-5:30 p.m.** on Saturday.

- Plywood is in hallway of City Hall .
- County Council will bring corner blocks from basement of Extension Office.
- Decorate and set up games by 5:30 p.m. Each club is responsible for making its own club signs. Buckets for tickets will be provided.

**Clean up:** All clubs are responsible for cleaning their own area.

**Please bring brooms, mops, and pails.**

- Return tables and chairs
- Take down booths and place lumber in hallway.
- Pick up garbage
- Sweep and mop floor from your booth area to the center of the gym.
- Let’s work together and help each other out so some clubs don’t start mopping while others are still sweeping. *Teamwork counts!*

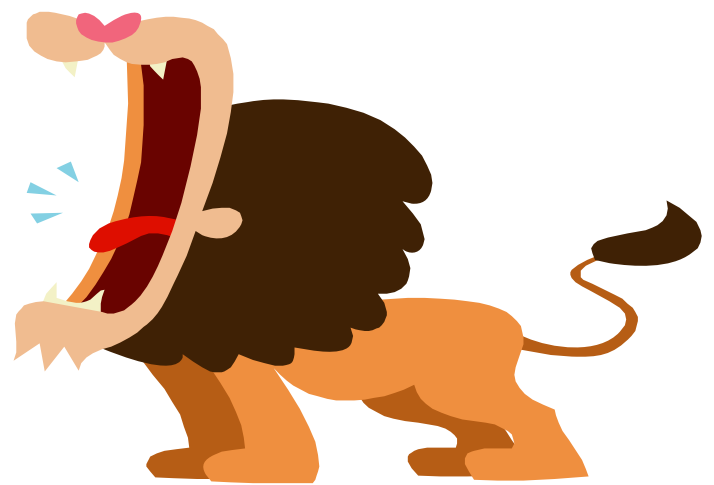
**Additional duties:**

These jobs need to be done in addition to the duties listed above and will be rotated to different clubs each year.

Clean restrooms: **Allison Aces**

Sweep and mop front entrance and empty garbage cans, put away tables and chairs:

**Baker Road Runners/Southern Skies**



### 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, 2008, 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 & testing workshop for 4th-6th graders is Saturday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Sibley.** 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 2008. Identification and tagging procedures will be the same as those done in 2007. 4-H and FFA families will receive a letter detailing these procedures. Swine ID forms will be due in the Extension Office April 15.

**SWINE AT STATE FAIR**

If you are showing swine at the Iowa State Fair, there is an "Intent to Participate" form that must be completed. The form is available from the Extension Office and is due back by **March 15**.

**GOAT & SHEEP WEIGH-IN**

Osceola County sheep weigh-in is Saturday, May 3, 2008. More information and exact times will be announced in future newsletters.

**\*\*All Youth and Adults need to complete a Health Information / Medical Release form by 3-1-07**

**IMGA VICE PRESIDENT TO DO 4-H GOAT CLINIC**

For those of you thinking about showing goats at the Osceola County Fair..... a **Multi-County** Goat work-shop will be given by Adam Fedders of Sioux Center this spring. Let **us** know if you would be interested!!

We will let you know when we have more details!

**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.

**HORSE MEETING**

**All are welcome to come at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2008** at the Osceola Extension Office, Sibley. Meeting agenda includes but not limited to: Updates on Horse safety, discussion of arrival time at the fair, stalls/ repairs, trailer parking and game day procedure. Please **RSVP** to Kristin by Friday noon, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 754-3648.

**AGRICULTURE/LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK**

The Iowa 4-H Youth Agriculture/Livestock Handbook is now on the Internet. It can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbook.htm>

The 2007 edition will look familiar and it will fit into the current notebook tabs, General, Beef, Dairy/Goat, Ethics, etc. Each of the tab sections is divided into subsections by topic to reduce file sizes, to keep loading times to a minimum, and allow for easy updating. Each of these files can be printed separately, allowing users their own paper copies of as much of the handbook as desired. Some files will be accessible to the public, while others will be for staff only. If you have questions about being able to access the Agriculture Livestock Handbook, call the Extension Office.

## YOUTH COMMITTEE & COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

The Osceola County Youth Council will meet Monday, March 3, 2008 at 6:00p.m. (with sandwich and beverage provided) at the Extension Office. Agenda includes preparing for County Carnival. Don't forget to bring your calendars for planning future events.

## VIRTUAL ARTS WORKSHOP

There will be a hands on, Virtual Arts Workshop held at the Sibley-Ocheyedan Middle school on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12:30 pm. Classes for this workshop include: Elements of Arts; Painting; Drawing and Jewelry making. **Please register at the Extension office by Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>.** Cost of the workshop is \$5.

## ORDER YOUR FOUNDATION CHICKS

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 March 10, 2008 . We will order these chicks to be delivered the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

## 2007 OUTSTANDING JR.'S

It has been brought to our attention that the 2007 Outstanding Jr.'s were inadvertently left out of our November Awards Program! We apologize to these kids and wish we had realized this sooner!

So without further ado.....

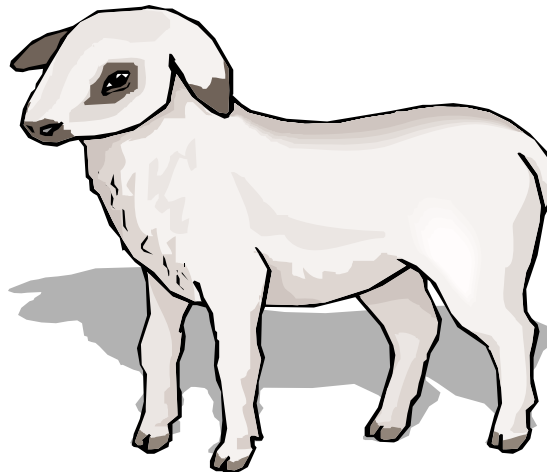
HERE ARE THE WINNER'S WHO HAVE EARNED THE TITLE OF 2007 OUTSTANDING JR.....

**MIRANDA BRUEGEMAN**

**CARRISSA WAGENAR**

**SARAH HONKEN**

Congratulations to each one of you! We appreciate your hard work and dedication!



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.....who said we had to check this newsletter for typo's??? ☺



GOOD  
WORK  
4-Her's!

**2008 Osceola County Fair 4-H/FFA  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2008**

**MEDIA DAYS: JULY 17-19  
(KIWA, KUOO, KICD, SIBLEY GAZETTE,  
OCHEYEDAN PRESS, DAILY GLOBE &  
REVIEW)**

**Tuesday, July 15**

8:30-NOON: NON-LIVESTOCK JUDGING AT  
ATHE HIGH SCHOOL  
1:15-4PM: COMMUNICATIONS AND  
CLOTHING EVENT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL  
7:00 PM: QUEEN CONTEST/LITTLE MISS  
OSCEOLA AT THE GREAT PLAINS  
BUILDING  
7:00PM: HORSE ENTRY ( subject to change )

**Wednesday, July 16**

6:00-11:00AM: BEEF WEIGH-IN  
\*SWINE AND POULTRY ENTRY DAY  
8:00AM: HORSE SHOW  
2:00PM: SMALL PET SHOW & DOG SHOW  
6:00PM: SUPER SHOWMANSHIP  
7:00PM: SHARE-THE-FUN AND FASHION  
REVIEW AT THE GRAND STAND.

**Thursday, July 17**

7:00-10:00AM: DAIRY, SHEEP & RABBIT  
ENTRY DAY  
7:00AM: SWINE SHOW  
1:30PM: POULTRY SHOW  
4: 00 PM: HORSE SHOW/GAMES  
6:00PM: PEN OF THREE  
7:00 PM: GRAND STAND SHOW TO BE  
DETERMINED BY FAIR BOARD

**Friday, July 18**

7:00AM: MARKET BEEF FOLLOWED BY  
FEEDER CALF, COW/CALF AND BOTTLE  
BUCKET (IN THAT ORDER)  
8:00AM: BOTTLE/BUCKET CALF  
INTERVIEWS  
1:00PM: DAIRY SHOW  
3:00PM: RABBIT SHOW  
5:00PM: 4-H BBQ  
SWINE RELEASE UPON SELLING TO  
PACKER  
GRAND STAND/GREAT PLAINS TRACTOR  
PULLERS

**Saturday, July 19**

9:00AM: SHEEP SHOW  
11:30 2008 SUPER SHOWMANSHIP IN THE  
SHOW RING  
PARENTS SHOW/KIDS JUDGE FOLLOWS  
SUPER SHOWMANSHIP  
GRAND STANDS FUN AFTERNOON  
EVENTS: TUG OF WAR, MUD VOLLEY BALL,  
AG OLYMPICS, PIE CONTEST, GREASED  
PIG, DOG AGILITY  
**ALL 4-H, FFA, & OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS  
(LIVESTOCK & NON-LIVESTOCK) RELEASE  
AFTER 3PM.**  
7:00PM: GRAND STAND/DEMOLITION  
DERBY  
9:00-12:00PM: OSCEOLA COUNTY FAIR  
DANCE FROM 9-12PM AT THE 4-H  
BUILDING.  
**\*LIVESTOCK PENS MUST BE CLEANED  
OUT TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY.  
\*SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE DUE TO  
CONFLICTS**



## CLOVER BUDS

Happy Valentines Day Clovers! Our sessions at the Ben Franklin School went really well last month! We will plan the rest of this year's meeting in the same place!

Our program for February is "FUN WITH NOODLES!" Making noodles, playing with noodles, noodle art and eating noodles! NOODLES, NOODLES, NOODLES! It'll just be Noodle-riffic!

We still need parents to volunteer for both sessions in February! One parent of a K or 1<sup>st</sup> grader on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 1 parent of a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grader on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Please give me a call at the office and let me know if February would work for you!

Our February programs will take place on the 11 and 18<sup>th</sup> this month. Remember that because we can start our program earlier at Ben Franklin School, **we will be done at 4:30.**

## A SWIM NOODLE GAME FOR YOU... "SPAGHETTI STAND OFF"

**OBJECTIVE:** Use your balance and agility to spear your opponent and avoid being speared.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** You will be throwing your Swim Noodles at the other player like a dart and the other player will throw it back at you. The receiving player will try to avoid being hit by the leading end of the noodle. The problem is the receiver can only move one of his feet. The thrower must not move either foot. After the noodle has landed, the new thrower can walk back to his noodle and move back to his position.

Each player should stand 20 ft. apart. If the receiver is hit by the end of the noodle or moves both feet to get out of the way, the thrower gets 100 points. The receiver then becomes the thrower.

The first person to 1000 points wins the game!



## CRUNCHY NOODLE JUMBLE

3 OZ. OF CHOW MEIN NOODLES  
½ TSP. OF CHILLI POWDER  
¼ TSP. GARLIC SALT  
¼ TSP. DRY MUSTARD  
2 TBLS. BUTTER  
1TBLS. SOY SAUCE

Combine all ingredients in a 9" X 13" pan. Toss lightly to coat. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes, stirring once during baking time. Remove from oven. They are great hot!



## A FUNNY NOODLE POEM by Kenn Nesbitt

I have noodles in my nostrils.  
I have noodles on my nose.  
There are noodles on my cheeks and chin  
And dripping down my clothes

I've got more upon my forehead.  
Some are sticking to my neck.  
It's completely disconcerting .  
I'm a noodle covered wreck.

I can see them on my knee-caps, and I know  
they're in my shoes. (When I stand they're  
really squishy and I feel them start to ooze.)

There are several in my pockets.  
There's a handful in my hair.  
And I'm pretty sure that some are even in my  
underwear.

So try not to do what I did  
(I'm a total nincompoop),  
And don't ever fall asleep  
While eating chicken Noodle soup.