



OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER

March 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.

***The bold lettering games are the new changes.**

Allison Aces - Toilet Toss, Golf Ball Roll
Baker Roadrunners/Southern Skies – Dice Game, Throw Ball at Milk Bottle

East Holman Wildcats – Plinko 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 – Bowling,

Westerners – Ball Roll, Ladder golf, & 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!**

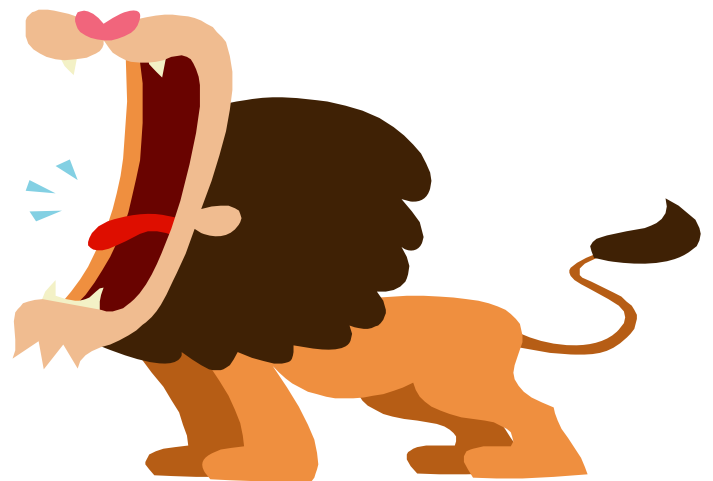
Additional duties:

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, empty garbage cans and put away tables/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, 2008, can recertify annually with training or test out which will certify them until they turn 15.
3. Youth, ages 15-18 by January 1, 2008, 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>

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.

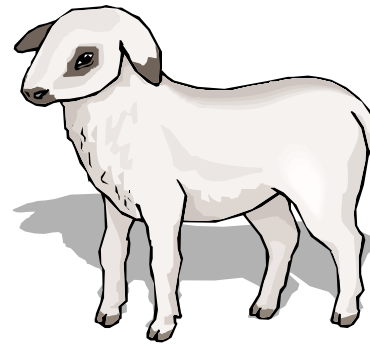
SWINE AT STATE FAIR

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!

AGRICULTURE/LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK

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

The 2008 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 15th 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 7th.** 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 19th, 2008.**



REMINDER

4-H/FFA members **MUST** attend at least 1/3 of their club/chapter meetings to be eligible to participate at the 2008 Osceola County fair.

Your Emails are needed.....

Due to the increase of postage and decrease in our budget, we are asking the 4-H families to please send me a email at inasers@iastate.edu to obtain your address to send you your Osceola County Observer via Email. Thank you for your support!

IOWA 4-H T-SHIRT ORDERS

We will be placing an order for T-shirts, polos 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 will be available at the County Carnival March 29, 2008 and at the Extension Office. Orders must be in by April 3, 2008.



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. Applications and record books are due to the Extension Office **May 15, 2008.**



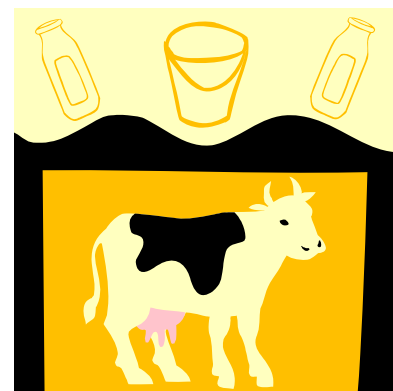
2008 Iowa Junior Dairy Coalition

Do you have an interest in the dairy industry? Do you want to spend two fun-filled days meeting other kids from across Iowa that share your interest while learning and completing hands-on activities related to the dairy industry? If you answered yes to these questions, then plan on attending the 2008 Iowa Junior Dairy Coalition!!

The 2008 Iowa Junior Dairy Coalition will be held April 4-5th in Dyersville, IA at the Comfort Inn. The annual event is put on by the Iowa State University Dairy Science Club. The exciting, two day event schedule includes workshops, quiz bowl, a banquet, a pizza and pool party, and many other games and activities! A visit to a dairy farm in the Dubuque County area is also included on Saturday. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the farm, but Coalition attendees are responsible for getting transportation to Dyersville Friday afternoon and from Dyersville on Saturday afternoon. The event is open to

anyone between the ages of 8-18 who has an interest in the Dairy Industry. Cost for the event is only \$25.00, which includes the hotel stay, all meals at Coalition, and a t-shirt! The deadline for registration forms is March 18. Contact your local extension office or FFA Chapter to get a registration form. You may also contact Leah Gesing or Sarah Parker (515)294-6021 for more information. Further information regarding the itinerary will be sent out upon registration.

Hope to see you in Dyersville in April!!!



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

MEDIA DAYS: JULY 17-19

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

Wednesday, July 16

6:00-11:00AM: BEEF WEIGH-IN (Beef /Horse
Exhibitors have Priority weigh-in)

SWINE AND POULTRY ENTRY DAY

8:30AM: Mandatory Horse Check- in @ Fair
grounds

10:00AM: HORSE SHOW

3:00PM: SMALL PET SHOW & DOG SHOW

6:00PM: SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

7:30PM: 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: ATV – Pull / GRAND STAND

Friday, July 18

8:00AM: BOTTLE/BUCKET CALF
INTERVIEWS

8:00AM: Feeder Calf

Cow/Calf

Breeding Heifer

Market Beef

Bottle Bucket

Continued Friday, July 18

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: GOAT & 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 2PM.**

7:00PM: GRAND STAND/DEMOLITION
DERBY

9:30-11:30PM: OSCEOLA COUNTY FAIR
DANCE AT THE 4-H BUILDING.

***LIVESTOCK PENS MUST BE CLEANED
OUT TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY.**

***SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE DUE TO
CONFLICTS**



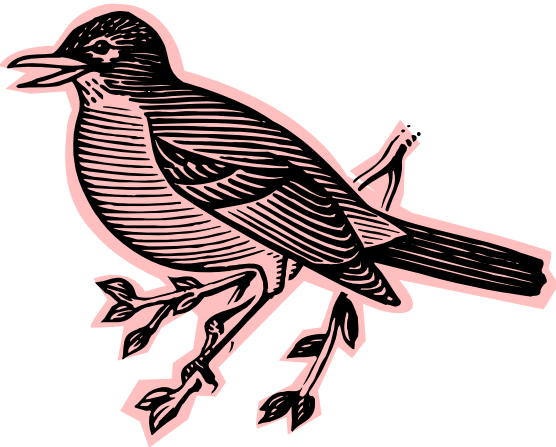
CLOVER BUDS

March brings in a whole new season! SPRING! It is my favorite season of all! I love to anticipate the spring rains and see the new life that it brings. It seems our senses just come alive! Speaking of senses! We will talk about our sense of hearing at this month's meeting!

"The Science of Sound" is the theme of our March meeting. We will be doing Experiments that help us understand sound.

Sessions will be held on March 14th for K-1st and the 21st for 2nd and 3rd grades.

Please bring along a empty tin can from soup or any canned good (be sure it has no sharp edges!). Again, we are meeting in the Ben Franklin IMC and will dismiss at 4:30.



Happy Easter!

When you run out of candy and toys while filling plastic Easter Eggs, try slipping in an "Easter Coupon". Slips of paper with notes saying, "You can go to lunch at a restaurant of your choice." Or "Skip chores 3 days in a row." Your kids will love saving these for a special day!

Creamy Guacamole

Did you know guacamole is made with fruit? Avacado's are a fruit! Here's a "Green" dish to make for St. Paddy's Day that's not at all Irish!

2 ripe avacado's

3 Tablespoon's sour cream

3 Tablespoon's salsa

1 tsp. lemon juice

¼ tsp. salt

Black Pepper to taste

Cut the avacado's in half, remove the pits and spoon out the flesh out of the skins and into a medium size bowl. Mash avacado's with a fork. Add sour cream, salsa, lemon juice, salt and mix well. Season with peppr and serve with tortilla chips! Makes 1 ½ cups.

Egg-Heads

Hers is a new way to decorate your Easter Eggs.....

Using a nail, make a hole about the size of a quarter in the end of an egg. Empty out the egg and rinse the shell. Draw a funny face on the egg shell with a PERMANENT marker. Use a spoon to fill the shell with soil. Place in an egg carton and plant with grass seed. Moisten soil and cover with plastic wrap. Place in a sunny window until the seeds sprout. Place your Egg Head with his fresh sprouting of hair, in an Easter egg rack or other holder. Hair styles may be trimmed and styled but don't forget to keep watering!



New Member / Parent Meeting

Due to bad roads and poor visibility the New Member / Parents Meeting was postponed to March 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola County Extension office.

Sheep Workshop

A Sheep workshop will be held on Monday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Extension Office lower level meeting rooms (use the East Entrance on Central Ave. – just north of Mr. Movies). Plan to attend and learn from Kyle Schmillen of Schmillen Club Lambs. Kyle's knowledge is well respected in the region. He will cover topics on **how to evaluate a show lamb, staging your feeding program and conditioning lambs for show day**. Shelia Letsche from Purina Mills will also be on hand to review the **types of feed rations** to consider feeding your new lamb prospects. **Door prizes** will be sponsored by Performance Feeds of Alton, Iowa. Please plan to attend and learn how to make your next project a winner. Deadline for registration is March 3. Contact the Sioux County Extension Office by calling 712-737-4230 or email Cindy Clevering at clever@iastate.edu

Cure the Winter Blues!

Join 4th, 5th & 6th graders from five counties for an afternoon of fun, adventure and exploration at the March 15 Wild-N-Wacky Winter Camp! Campers will participate in down-hill tubing, ice candle making, energy experiments and ME (communication) boxes at Inspiration Hills, Inwood, IA. Camp will be held from 1:00-5:15 pm. \$15 cost includes: Tubing fee, snack, class materials and insurance.

Registration open to 4th, 5th & 6th grade 4-H members and their friends. Registration form for Non-4-H members is available from the Extension Office. 4-H members should register by phone to the Extension office. Registration is due February 29, 2008.

County Council Retreat & Winter Camp Leadership Opportunity

County Council members

- *Learn to Lead... from 4-H curricula including Leadership and Communication themed activities
- *Explore 4-H Opportunities... Area, State, National & International experiences
- *Reflect on Self Discovery... take the Colors Personality Inventory and create and share ME boxes (communication project area)
- *Prepare for role of Camp Counselor... prep for Winter Camp by experiencing many of the day's activities: Energy Experiments, Ice Candle Making, etc.
- *Have fun with County Council members from 5 counties!

Retreat will begin at 6:00 pm, March 14 and end 6:00 pm, March 15. \$40.00 fee includes Colors inventory, lodging, breakfast & lunch on March 15, snacks, class materials and insurance. Call your CYC to register before February 29.

Horse Leadership Opportunity

Osceola County 4-H Horsemen and Women!

- *What Horse discipline do you excel in?
- *Do you need a leadership project?
- *Why not share your talents with other 4-hers? Support your Osceola 4-H Horse Program.

If you would be interested in helping others in horsemanship, please call one of our horse Supers and make yourself available during our pre-fair horse practices.

