

## 2009 4-H Champion Showcase

The 2009 McLean County Fair will recognize hundreds of special winners with 4-H Champion Showcase awards. This award program will provide many class, breed, or other special 4-H show winners with “extra” recognition and cash awards above the traditional premium awards for 4-H members.

### Showcase Guidelines

1. Varying levels of award amounts are offered throughout the 4-H classes ranging from \$5 up to \$400. The superintendents provide input to the Show Committee who determine allocation of showcase money in various categories. For the 4-H Livestock Division, the categories are noted in the fair book with a bold print “4H” followed by a number in parentheses. For classes in the 4-H Exhibits Division, all 4-H classes, (unless otherwise noted), are eligible for a Best of Class award of \$15 and Reserve Best of Class award of \$5 **IF** the class winner receives an “A” rating. Beyond the Best of Class awards, some 4-H class categories are eligible for a Best of Show award of \$20 and Reserve Best of Show award of \$10. These are indicated by **(4H20/10)**. Only Best of Class and Reserve Best of Class projects are eligible to compete for these awards. Showcase awards are determined by the judge.
2. All monies offered for this year’s 4-H Champion Showcase will be supervised by the 4-H Show Committee. Funds for the Champion Showcase are solicited through the efforts of the McLean County Extension Service Foundation.
3. No unofficial solicitation of potential 4-H Champion Showcase sponsors will be allowed or accepted. Recognition will be given to official donors in a variety of ways each year.
4. The following sponsorship categories are used for collection and sponsor recognition:
  - Grand Champion Sponsor (\$2,500 and up)
  - Reserve Champion Sponsor (\$1,000 to \$2,499)
  - Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show Sponsor (\$500 to \$999)
  - Best of Class and Reserve Best of Class Sponsor (Up to \$499)
5. Projects must receive an “A” rating to qualify for any 4-H Champion Showcase award.
6. Winners may collect recognition and awards in more than one category.
7. Possession of the projects remains with the exhibitor.
8. Every effort will be made to highlight the winners with enhanced display areas at the fair. Champion Showcase awards are identified in the fair book like the following examples:
  - (4H20/10)**=\$20 Best of Show, \$10 Reserve Best of Show
  - (4H5)**=\$5 Award
  - (4H50)**=\$50 Award
  - (4H400)**=\$400 Award



### 4-H Champion Showcase Sponsors

Combined list from 2008 and 2009 (as of April 1, 2009)

#### Grand Champion Sponsors (donations of \$2,500 and over)

Violet Espy Estate  
McLean County Farm Bureau  
State Farm Foundation

#### Reserve Champion Sponsors (donations between \$1,000 and \$2,499)

Cargill, Inc.  
Evergreen FS, Inc.  
McLean County Pork Producers  
Myers, Inc.

#### Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show Sponsors (donations between \$500 and \$999)

Busey Bank, McLean County  
Commerce Bank  
COUNTRY® Financial-McLean County Agency  
DEKALB/Asgrow Seed  
McLean County Corn Growers Association

#### Best of Class, Reserve Best of Class Sponsors (donations up to \$499)

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Automated Agri-Systems, Inc.	In Memory of Earl Klein
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Central Illinois Ag, Inc.	Don Loeffler, Inc.
Clover Crew 4-H Club	Rosemary Martin
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Earlybird Grain and Fertilizer Service, Inc.	Dennis & Mary Ella Mennenga
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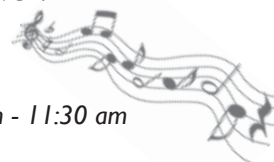
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## **Young At Heart Day**

Thursday, July 30

Free gate admission, which includes parking until Noon  
for those age 60 and over!



*Musical entertainment from 8:30 am - 11:30 am*

*Door Prizes*

*Senior Organizations with Educational Information and Health Testing*

*Special Hobby Collections will be on View*

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