



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Lines from Lori:

I am so ready for Spring!! Winter continues to rear its ugly head, but we are surviving. We made it through the Beef Weigh-In, club visits and a rock-n-sock'em hockey game.

A special thanks to:

-Volunteers, leaders, parents and members who helped make the Beef Weigh-In a success. It was truly interesting and educational for me. I can't wait to see the members show their beef projects at fair.

-Leaders and members for attending the 4-H Night with the Quad City Flames and tossing those teddy bears. This was my first teddy toss and it was remarkable to see so many bears fly through the air.

-4-H members who created and submitted fairbook covers.

We have a couple of great programs that are being offered. To encourage 4-H member involvement, I am offering club points for each member who attends. Both programs should be loads of fun and members will be able to show their finished projects at the fair. The finished bracelets can be shown in the Visual Arts Category, since most of the beads are made of glass or plastic. Reality World Camp definitely fits under Financial Champions. Check out the information on the Beading Workshop and Reality World Camp.

We continue to make preparations for the fair and appreciate everyone's dedication and help. Just as a reminder, enrollments were due March 1st and project enrollments are due April 1st.

Have a great month!
Lori

Reminders

Radon Poster Contest

Youth ages 9-14 can participate in the Nation Radon Poster Contest. For additional information and complete contest rules, log on to: <http://www.takeactiononradon.uiuc.edu/moreinfo.html> or call me at the Extension Office. Leaders will also have information regarding the contest.

Dig writing?

If you like to write and are enrolled in any of the Horticulture or Floriculture Projects, then I have a job for you. The Master Gardener's have their bi-monthly newsletter, "DIG IT," and are looking for 4-H members to contribute an article for their newsletter. The article needs to be about your Horticulture or Floriculture 4-H project and what you have learned from it. You may also include your interests in gardening or any other ideas you may have, relating to the horticulture field. **Your pay is 50 club points that will be added to your club total.** We need 6 writers, one article per newsletter. This is on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, please call me at the Extension Office.

2008 4-H Day With the St. Louis Cardinals

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 17, 2008 for the seventh annual 4-H Day With the Cardinals. The Cardinals will be playing the Tampa Bay Rays in a 12.10 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be \$21.00 each which includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front. In addition, May 17 is Kid's Plate Day at the ballpark, so all fans 15 and younger will receive a 10" dinner plate featuring Albert Pujols.

4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families who purchase 4-H Day With the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Families can also take part in a scholarship raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to Cardinals baseball games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day With the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at the University of Illinois Extension office, or on the web at www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 7, 2008. Please note that we have a limited number of tickets, and tickets have sold out before the order deadline the past two years, so families are encouraged to order early. 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.

Families can also donate to the 4-H Day With the Cardinals scholarship fund. Those who donate to the scholarship fund will have the opportunity to win great prizes. Complete information about 4-H Day With the Cardinals scholarships is on the ticket order form.

Fairbook Cover Contest

We received many entries and it is time for you to vote for your favorite. Voting will be open from March 7-12 via the Extension Office website: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/>. Only one vote per person, please. While you are on the website, check out all the upcoming programs that University of Illinois Extension in Rock Island County has to offer.

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Extra Fun Programs!



Beaded Bracelet Workshop

Register by March 7th. A professional instructor will spend the morning teaching us different techniques and styles. The workshop will be held on: Saturday, March 15, 2008 – 9 am to 12 pm – The Extension Office. The fee is \$15.00 per person plus the cost of beads. A supply list will be sent upon registration. Approximate cost of supplies ranges from \$12 to \$15. Space is limited. Register online: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/> or call the Extension Office at: (309)796-0512.

Each 4-H member who attends will receive 25 club points for their club.

Reality World Camp for Teens, March 26 - 27

Looking forward to being on your own or concerned how you'll do? Join us for some fun on your spring break! Reality World Camp is an overnight simulation camp for all youth in grades 8 - 10th to learn real world skills for living comfortably on their own. It will take place at Camp Abe Lincoln, Buffalo, IA on Wed March 26, 10:00 am -Thursday, March 27 at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$60 per person, includes 4 meals, snacks, accommodations and supplies. (A limited number of half-fee scholarships are available.)

Challenge yourself to see how easily you'll be able to live on your own in just a few years. Register now at: www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland 25 Club points will given to each 4-H member who attends.

SHOW AND TELL



Members from the Magical Muggles 4-H Club participate in a “magical potions” activity and play the games that they created.



2 Brittney discussed nutrition with other members at the Safety Meeting.



Morgan, Grace and Kayleen of Zuma Zippers are ready to toss their bears at the hockey game.



4-H Tidbits

Smart Bus Books

It is not too late to donate books for the Smart Bus Book Drive. Your donation of books is greatly appreciated and can make the difference to someone. We thank the clubs that have donated books so far. Books are being accepted for donation through the end of March. Club points will be awarded at the end of March when the drive has ended. If you have any questions, please call me at the Extension Office.

Earth Week Fair

The 2008 Earth Week Fair will be held at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, on Saturday 19th. Area Businesses and Organizations will provide exhibits, games and quizzes, demonstrations, scavenger hunts, crafts, and more! Admission is free. Clubs will receive 10 points for 4-H'ers who attend. All you have to do is have your passport stamped and turn it in to the Extension office. Call or email with any questions.

Upcoming State Contest Events

State 4-H Hippology Contest - Saturday, April 19, 2008, 8:00 AM
Registration Contact: Debra J. Hagstrom, 217-333-1785, hagstrom@uiuc.edu
Registration Due: February 25, 2008, \$3/contestant, see Illini Horsenet

Illinois 4-H Horse Formal Speech Contest - Date: Saturday, April 19, 2008, Registration: Entry fee \$3.00 per individual, see Illini Horsenet
Entry due: April 1, 2008

State 4-H Horse Bowl - Sunday, April 20, 2008, 8:00 AM
Registration Contact: Debra J. Hagstrom, 217-333-1785, hagstrom@uiuc.edu
Registration Due: February 25, 2008, \$15/team and \$3/individual, see Illini Horsenet

State 4-H Electricity Skillathon Contest - Tuesday, June 17, 2008, Registration: 11:00 a.m. – Noon; Contest starts at 12:05 p.m. Rules and Registration Form due June 9, 2008 Contact: Bill Million, 217-333-0910, wmillion@uiuc.edu

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest - Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Registration: 11:00 a.m. – Noon; Contest is from Noon - 3:30 p.m.
Additional information available at Illini Horsenet. Contact: Debra J. Hagstrom, 217-333-1785, hagstrom@uiuc.edu

State 4-H Forestry Judging Contest - Saturday, June 28, 2008
Contest events are 1:00 - 5:00. Additional information available at <http://forestryjudging.nres.uiuc.edu/Index.html>.
Contact: Dave Shiley: 217-333-4901, dshiley@uiuc.edu

State 4-H Meats Judging Contest - Saturday, June 14, 2008
Registration: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Contest: 10:00 - 12:30 p.m.:
Contact: Tom Carr: 217-333-1014, tcarr1@uiuc.edu

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest - Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Registration: 11:00 a.m. – Noon. Contest: Noon - 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Dave Fischer, 618-692-9434, dfischer@uiuc.edu

State 4-H Livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine) Judging Contest - Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Registration: 11:00 a.m. – Noon. Contest: Noon - 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Rich Knipe or Dan Jennings: 815-397-7714, djennin@uiuc.edu

State Poultry Judging Contest - Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Registration: 11:00 a.m. – Noon. Contest: Noon - 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Ken Koelkebeck: 217-244-0195 or kkoelkeb@uiuc.edu

State Horticulture Judging Contest - Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Registration: 11:00 a.m. – Noon. Contest: Noon - 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Jim Schmidt: 217-244-5153 or schmidt1@uiuc.edu

Rocket Launch Events - Tuesday, June 17, 2008 - 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm
Contact: State 4-H Office: (217) 333-0826

Edgington Go-Getters Monthly News Reporter: Shelby Ryckaert

It's been a long time since I wrote to the Times Record about the Edgington Go-Getters 4-H club. Our last meeting was January 12th, 2008. We started off by discussing our committee reports. First, Lucas went over the QC Flames Game 4-H night on February 16th 2008. We decided that the club is going to pay for us, but if a member is inviting a friend they will have to cover their own cost. We decided that we are going to donate old books for the Smart Bus to help give books to kids across the nation, and the members are suppose to bring books to the February meeting. Dewi went over the Fun Night that we are going to have sometime soon. We decided maybe going bowling on Saturday March 15th, from 1-3. For our new business our club got our new shirts and they turned out fantastic! Some of our members are going to draw for the Rock Island Fairbook cover. Although, we don't know when we are going we will go to the Oak Glen Nursing Home. Jessica said that she will be the chairperson for that event. Kevin passed out Geranium Sale forms. They are \$2 each and the club will be selling them. We adjourned the meeting, treated ourselves to snacks, and then watched the talks and demonstrations. Josh B did his talk on cattle clippers, and I did my demonstration on how to scrapbook.

Prairie Ramblers Submitted by: Jordan Hall

On February 21st our meeting was held at the County Line Agri Service. Ashley Reed called the meeting to order as Jake Olson lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Derek Reed lead us in the 4-H pledge. We read the minutes and the treasurer's report. There was no old news to discuss so we moved to the new Business. We talked about the permits that you must have.

We then moved on to demonstrations. Mont Anders showed us his model plane that he sanded, painted and then glued together. He let all of us see the plane up close. Jordan Hall then made Banana Chocolate-Chip bars. She gave us step by step instructions as kids and parents asked question about what she was doing. Thank you to the Halls for treats and drinks. Our next meeting will be held on March 3rd at the Milan animal shelter at 6:30.

Buccaneers Submitted by: Jessica Tucker

On Sunday February 17 the Buccaneers' meeting at Snowstar was cancelled. However, we are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and members also turned in more books for Smart Bus. Are next meeting will be on March 9 at 1:00 at the Armstrong's house.

Club Reports

Edgington Go-Getters By: Shelby Ryckaert

Sunday February 10th, the Edgington Go-Getters met again at the Edgington Fire station, with 19 members showing up. We went over the committee reports. Lucas started off on the QC Flames event that we are participating in. He said that we are going to be there around 6:30 and that we need to bring a new teddy bear to donate. Cody discussed on when we are going to the Animal Welfare Center. We didn't set a date because, but we set it off till April. After that Dewi went over our bowling trip. Our club decided that we are going to go cosmic bowling at Milan Lanes on Saturday, March 15th. After that we did talk and demonstrations. Kevin, our leader, surprised us with his own talk. He showed us these wooden animals. They were really neat and the club decided that we are going to meet at his house, and create some of our own. After Kevin presented his Sarah did her demonstration on how to make a valentine butterfly. We adjourned the meeting and treated ourselves to cookies and juice that Abbi W brought.

Zuma Zippers Submitted by: Caroline Simmons

JANUARY MEETING of Zuma Zippers was held as an ice skating/pizza party. On January 13th, we started out at the Quad City Sports Center for ice skating and then made our way to Happy Joe's in LeClaire for pizza and the meeting. GERANIUMS SALES are due at the February meeting. Flowers are selling for \$2.00 each; Orders need to be turned in by Feb. 9th at our meeting or they can be mailed before March 1st. MALLARDS game is Feb. 16th, sign up for tickets. Tickets are \$10.00 adults and \$5 child, Karla will be picking them up and distributing them at the February meeting. Please bring a stuffed animal for the toss.

FEBRUARY 9TH MEETING – will be held at the Hillsdale Fire Dept. from 3-5 pm. It will be a potluck. Don't forget to bring your information on the safety topic you sign up for – you will be presenting this info at the meeting. BRING FAIRBOOK COVER drawings to Feb meeting and we will submit them to the Extension office – each entry gets the club 10 points. Our MARCH 8TH MEETING will be held at CJ's house. More info at February meeting. APRIL MEETING is at the extension office helping the Handi-Buds MAY MEETING – Join Hands Day at the Elementary???? Bake sale during Port Byron days???? JUNE 5TH – potluck with the HCE Ladies at Country Side Christian Church Remember DEMONSTRATIONS.

Zuma Zippers

Zuma Zippers were busy in February. They had a safety meeting on February 9th at the Hillsdale Fire Department. The club then attended the Quad City Flames hockey game on February 16th and participated in the Teddy Bear Toss.

The members decided to educate each other on different safety topics. Each member chose a topic to discuss at the meeting. The topics covered were fire, CPR, nutrition, water and cooking safety, first aid treatment, automobile and poison, safety, and hand washing tips, exercising and stretching tips. The members made posters or handouts to add to their presentation. They all did a great job and I think each person, including adults, learned something new. A potluck followed the talks.

Rural Go-Getters Submitted by: Zach

The Rural Go-Getters had a meeting on February 20, 2008. We talked about ideas for the fair booth. We talked about how to get club points by turning in books. You were suppose to turn the order forms for geranium sales. Kelsey and Dayton Brought treats and refreshments.

Rural True Blues Jon Schroeder, Reporter

On Saturday, December 8th the Rural True Blues had our

annual craft day. This was the last meeting at Mrs. Zwicker's house. It was sad that this was our last day because we had some wonderful memories. The fun crafts, food, and our meetings will be remembered. We discussed the great times we had with Mrs. Zwicker as our leader. Everyone was in attendance. Deanna was excused. The Secretary's report was read. The newsletter was discussed. This was a short meeting so we could work on the many projects.

The first project we started was the clay pot reindeer. We painted the body and the head with brown paint which took some time to dry. The body was a clay pot as well as the feet and hat. We added rope for arms, felt ears, fabric scarf, and red pom pom for a nose. The reindeer turned out really cute. The next craft was a spool snowman which we painted white and painted on a face. We then created another snowman made from three small spools that were also painted white. We also painted a face on this snowman. The last project was a penguin. It was made from a clear Christmas ornament that was filled with tinsel. The head was painted white, red felt hat was made for its head, and a yellow bill and yellow feet were added. The penguin turned out really cute. All the projects were fun to create.

Our next meeting will be January. The Christmas party will be held December 21st. This will be a potluck with the family's assigned food to bring. Games are to be provided by Kole, Alyssa, and Christian.

Rural True Blues Jonathan Schroeder, Reporter

On Monday, January 21, 2008 we had our monthly 4-H meeting held at Jim and Carla Zwicker's house. All members were in attendance and Julia brought a friend, Alex. Secretary's report was read. The newsletter was discussed with the mention of changes in the livestock categories. Julia was going to attend the Science Siesta to be held at the Botanical Center, Rock Island. The fair book theme was discussed with drawings due next month. Also the selling of the geraniums was discussed. After the discussion of the newsletter the meeting was concluded.

The second part of the meeting included our talks and demonstrations. Demonstrations were done by the following: Jon – tractor signals. Talks were done by the following: Trent – Beef, Kole – motor power, Alyssa – scrapbooking and Christian – tents for camping. All the talks and demonstrations were very informative and we learned a lot.

Our valentine project was a candy sundae. It was made with a sundae glass that was filled with hard candy and we inserted a piece of foam. Candy was placed all over the foam and two straws and fancy ribbon was added to complete the project.

The meeting will be Monday, February 18th at Zwicker's.

Rural True Blues Jon Schroeder, Reporter

On February 18th the Rural True Blues held their monthly 4-H meeting at Jim and Carla Zwicker's home. The secretary, Trent did the roll call with our favorite season. All members were present. Deanna was excused. The secretary's report was read and approved. Old business was discussed, the Smart Bus and the Geranium sales. New business was then discussed with the return of conference judging at the state fair. The date for the March meeting was also discussed. It was decided to hold the March meeting on March 21st.

After our short meeting we did our demonstrations. The demonstrations are as follows: Alyssa – slide show photography, Christian – simple light circuit, Kole – recycling, Jon – microwave brownies, Julia – guinea pig, and Trent – woodworking-footstool.

We then had lunch which was a lot of fun. Everyone had been assigned an item to bring and we all enjoyed the food. After lunch the work began. We had to design a cover for the fair book. Everyone got out their artistic skills and thought hard for their design. Most of them looked good. Mrs. Schoenig was taking them to the 4-H office.

On March 21st we will be making our Easter project.

Prairie Ramblers Submitted by: Jordan Hall

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Kountry Kids Submitted by: Ashley Beckman

The Kountry Kids met on Monday January 18th. We went over old business and started on new. We are selling the Papa Murphy's discount cards for awhile longer. We will be donating some of the money to the humane society. We are also collecting items that they could use to donate along with the money. Dillon and Ashley gave there demonstrations. We want to thank Lori for coming out in the cold weather to attend our meeting. She helped us answer some questions. THANKS AGAIN LORI!! We are gearing up for the next few months and can't wait till fair time.

Animal Science

Premise ID

Have you registered for your Premise ID? Do you still have unanswered questions?

Attend a seminar on March 15, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, 421 West Pines Road, Oregon, IL. This seminar is open to parents of 4-H members. The seminar is being sponsored by Bits 'n Reins 4-H Club of Ogle County. For additional information or to pre-register call (815) 562-9522 by March 10th.

4-H Poultry Workshop

A poultry workshop sponsored by the Poultry Pals 4-H Club out of the Sangamon-Menard Unit will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008, from 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm, at the IL State Fairgrounds, U of I Extension Bldg, Bldg. 30, in Springfield. This workshop is open to all Illinois 4-H members. A featured speakers are Ken W. Koelkebeck, Associate Professor at the University of Illinois Champaign Illinois Breeder and Exhibitor and Representatives of the 2005 Illinois National 4-H Poultry Judging Team. The program will consist of: Care of poultry, Breeding of poultry, Poultry Judging, and New Poultry Photo/ Drawing Contest (entries should be matted or framed). For more information please contact: Sangamon County Extension Office at 782-4617.

Save the Date!!

Open House Private Treaty Lamb Sale — **Saturday April 12th 1pm-5pm.**

At our farm SW of Illinois City ***Powerful*** club lambs that are bred to ***win*** and priced to ***sell***

*50+ wether and ewe lamb prospects will be available on a first come first serve basis

* A Kent Feed rep. will also be on hand to talk about care and feeding of lambs and will have feed available

* All lambs will be removed at time of purchase

* The sale date of these lambs satisfy 4-H weigh-in dates [Questions/Directions](#) Contact: Beau Carlson 563-299-9663/309-537-3245

Swine for Sale

What: \$25 Buying Credit to each swine exhibitor towards a pig purchased from the Tom Kurtenbach Family.

When: Our pig sales on March 29th, April 5th or purchased privately off the farm.

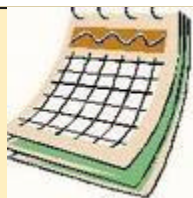
Where: Interstate Center Bloomington, IL or Tom Kurtenbach Family Hamps & Durocs,
10708 N 3200 East RD, Chatsworth, IL 60921

Why: The Tom Kurtenbach Family has been involved in the swine industry and 4-H for over 30 years and wants to help Swine exhibitors get a small break when starting their project. We believe if we can help young kids get started in an industry that has been so good to us, then the future of the swine industry is bright.

How: Just bring this certificate or the newsletter containing the certificate with you to either of our sales and present it to the sale clerk at the time you pay for your project.

If you have any questions please contact us: **Tom's Cell:** 815-674-2406. **Andy's Cell:** 217-257-0685. **Email:** tkffarms9@hughes.net

Calendar of Events



March 1 – Enrollments Due – Extension Office
 March 15 – Beading Workshop – 9 a.m. to 12 noon
 April 1 – Project Enrollments Due – Extension Office
 April 5 – NW Regional Horsebowl & Hippology Contest - Aledo
 July 15-20 – Rock Island County Fair - “4-H...We’re in a Town Near You!”

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Club Points:

Zuma Zippers	1165
Prairie Ramblers	1115
Edgington Go Getters	1040
Rural Go Getters	880
Buccaneers	860
Rural True Blues	695
Hayburners	690
Club Clovers	505
Double Dunn Dream Catchers	495
Kountry Kids	390
Magical Muggles	350
Sun Shiners	200
Country Clovers	190
Rockridge Royals	140
Adventurers	50
County Line Cloverbuds	50

Club Point Opportunities:

Invite Lori to a Meeting – 100 pts.
 Club Reports – 50 pts.
 Show & Tell – 20 pts.
 SMART Bus Book Donation – 1 pt. per book.
 Pop tabs – 10 pts. per pound.
 Ronald McDonald House Donations – 50 Club Points
 Dig It Article – 50 Club points.
 Workshop Attendance – 25 points.
 Earth Fair Week – 10 points.



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