

June Newsletter

Lines from Lori

One week and counting! I bet everyone is getting projects ready, prepping animals and hopefully having some fun.

We have been getting ready for fair and working on getting many things lined up. I am looking forward to meeting so many of the 4-H families and getting to know what fair is all about.

In addition to getting thing ready for fair, we have also been planning events that will help the future of Rock Island County 4-H. Please make sure you check out the information in the newsletter regarding the fundraising events we have planned. We are doing everything we can to ensure that 4-H is around for years to come.

See you at the Rock Island County Fair!

Lori

**Fair Theme:
“4-H...We’re in a town near you!”**

Fair Information and Reminders

Recorders Needed

Please remember to turn in the name of your recorder! I have very few signed up, and we need 14. Each club is required to have one recorder at general projects judging. Providing your club recorder is worth 100 points.

General Projects Release Time

Just a reminder that projects will not be released from Building #2 until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st. Those projects that will be sent to the State Fair can be dropped off in the Director’s Room at that time.

Fair Booths

Each club is assigned a club booth to decorate. Fair Booths are an opportunity to show others what activities and accomplishments your club has been involved in for the year.

Your club must abide by the following rules:

- *Club name **MUST** be visible.
- ***ALL** club members’ first names must be somewhere in the booth.
- *You must follow the theme.

Six awards will be given for: Best Use of Theme; People’s Choice; Most Creative; Best Representation of 4-H; Most Educational; and Judge’s Choice. People’s Choice will again be voted on with money. Each penny equals one vote. Money raised is used to support 4-H programs.

Don't Forget Your Club's Time to Watch Building #2!!!

All clubs are asked to sign up for a time to watch the 4-H exhibits in Building #2, during the Rock Island County Fair. Please check the calendar below to see when your club signed up. It is VERY important that if you are signed up to watch the building, you have at least 2 people present.

If you can help watch the building, please call your club leader!



2008 4-H Building #2 Watch Times

Date & Time	Tuesday, July 15	Wednesday, July 16	Thursday, July 17	Friday, July 18	Saturday, July 19
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.					
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<i>Adventurers – Kathy Colbrese</i>	<i>Cloverleaf – Sue Wendt</i>	<i>Sun Shiners – Sharon Sallows</i>	<i>Kountry Kids – Liane Freyermuth</i>	<i>Edgington Go-Getters – Kevin Dean</i>
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<i>Magical Muggles- Becky Buckrop</i>	<i>Hayburners – Peggy Geiger</i>	<i>Zuma Zippers – Karla Mercer</i>	<i>CountyLine Cloverbuds – Tom & Carol Parchert</i>	<i>Extension</i>
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<i>Country Clovers – Donna Abrego</i>	<i>Rural True Blues – Joyce Schoening – Sonya Grafton</i>	<i>Club Clovers – Rick & Ginger Johnson NK TrailRiders – Cindy</i>	<i>Buccaneers – Tara Oleson</i>	
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<i>Double Dunn Dream Catcher, Tina Dunn</i>	<i>Rural Go Getters – Pat Edmondson – Ericka & Deb Jacobson</i>	<i>Prairie Ramblers – Michelle Hall</i>	<i>Rcokridge Royals – Ann Jahn/Sarah Bohnsack</i>	

Building Opens at 1:00 p.m.

Sponsors Needed for Trophies

Trophy donations have been coming in, but we still have some that have not been covered. If you or someone you know is interested in donating, please call the office at (309) 796-0512 and ask for Sue or Lori. Sponsors are needed in all animal categories.

Don't miss "The Amazing 4-H Celebrity Race"

Tuesday, July 15, 6:00 PM, Under the Main Tent

Rock Island County 4-H is teaming up with local celebrities in a fun family event at the Rock Island County Fair on Tuesday, July 15. Inspired by the TV game show, Amazing Race, a local celebrity is paired up with several 4-H club members. They make several pit stops around the fair to complete fun 4-H related tasks—such as identify a horse breed, make a smoothie, find the Grand Champion Photography winner, and others. Each team has one hour to complete their tasks and create a slide show. At 6:00 pm, the team will share their race experience on stage. A panel of judges will determine the winner. \$500 in 4-H scholarship will be awarded to help local youth attend Rock Island County 4-H camps and programs.

Be a Part of the Amazing 4-H Celebrity Race

Is the Amazing Race Reality Show one of your favorites? Then give us a call. We are recruiting 4-H members to participate in this year's celebrity event – The Amazing 4-H Celebrity Race Event. Local celebs will team up with 4-H'ers to complete certain "4-H tasks" around the fairgrounds. If you are interested please call Diane or Jen at the Extension office.

4-H Tidbits

4-H Rummage Sale!

A 4-H Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, September 6, 2008, at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds. More details will be announced soon. Clubs will have the opportunity to earn club points by donating items for the sale and helping out at the sale. The proceeds from the sale will benefit 4-H clubs by covering the costs of a printed newsletter and leader support. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the Extension Office.

Calling All golfers! & 4-H Supporters!

The F-ORE-H Golf Classic Saturday, October 4 will benefit Rock Island County 4-H. Please join us for the Jim Bohnsack FORE-H Golf Classic to benefit Rock Island County 4-H on Saturday, October 4, 2008. You'll have a great day of golf at the beautiful Indian Bluff Golf Course in Milan, IL. The event will include a 4-person preferred ball, lunch and awards reception following the golf game. Featured events for the day will include: Hole in One Contests, Closest to the Pin Contest, Mulligans, Player Gifts, Longest Drive Contest, Raffle, and much more. Register now and remember to invite your friends to play. You can register online at www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland or call (309) 796-0512. Thank you for your support of Rock Island County 4-H - inspiring over 13,000 local youth each year.

Future College Plans?

Are you interested in continuing your education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign? If so, then the 4-H House might be the perfect place for you to live. 4-H House is a unique cooperative sorority located conveniently close to most classes, especially to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

The 4-H House sisterhood is very distinctive because it is a cooperative sorority. This means that we are self reliant, by working together to cook and clean for ourselves. This helps keep the cost of 4-H House very economical and through the use of teamwork we create especially strong bonds between the members.

Similar to 4-H Clubs across the nation, the 4-H House is self governed. Each semester 4-H House elects members to hold leadership positions. The women also participate in chapter meetings once a week to discuss house matters, determine changes in rules and procedures, as well as share joys and concerns with the other members. In addition an adult house director lives in the house and is accessible at all times.

4-H House is considered a sorority because it is part of the University of Illinois Greek Community. In fact, it is the only independent house on the campus that has ever been asked to join the Greek System. Like other sororities on campus, 4-H House women enjoy participating in intramural sports, Illini student section seating at sporting events, sisterhood events, Greek awards, and a multitude of events with other Greek Organizations.

There is only one 4-H House in the entire nation and it is located at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The University of Illinois is an outstanding college. It is nationally renowned for its academic excellence. The University of Illinois offers a wide variety of majors, extracurricular activities, and a wonderful atmosphere for learning. While it is a very large university, 4-H House helps make it seem more like home because every woman has the common tie of 4-H.

To become a member of 4-H House, you must be a girl with a minimum of five years experience in 4-H and be attending the University of Illinois. We look for young women with academic excellence, strong 4-H experience, and leadership qualities. If you are interested in learning more about 4-H House, please feel free to check out our website at www.4hhouse.com or you can contact Allison Kotecki via email at akoteck2@uiuc.edu or via phone at (815)-303-5584. The women of 4-H House would love to hear from you and provide you with any information needed. Also, we are always happy to show off our college home and would love to arrange a tour for you while visiting campus.

Animal Science

Changes for the Junior Breeding Beef Show

Rule 10 (page 60 in the 2008 Junior Department Premium Book) - Exhibitor can show a total of six Breeding Beef Females. These entries can be one breed, six different breeds or any combination. No more than six total entries can be shown in Beef Females including Performance Cow entries (cow/calf are 1 entry); heifer calf may be shown individually if born before March 31. If the heifer calf is shown individually, that entry counts as a separate entry. Polled Hereford, Hereford, Simmental, % Simmental, Shorthorn and % Shorthorn are each considered a breed as it pertains to the Illinois State Fair Junior Heifer Show.

Rule 13 (page 51 of 2008 Junior Department Premium Book) - A breed class will be developed for any breed (breeding beef females) that has 10 or more qualified entries at the conclusion of entry processing. The number of classes shown with each breed and the all other breeds will be determined after all the heifers have been processed.

RULE 12A (page 51 in the 2008 Junior Department Premium Book)! - Absolutely no aerosol cans will be allowed in the make up area!

Swine Youth PQA Certification

As was required last year, any 4-H member who wishes to sell their hogs at the 4-H auction will be required to be PQA level III certified. Youth are required to re-certify each year. Please contact your veterinarian for certification.

Show and Tell



The Rural True Blues gathered on June 11th at the Mad Potter in Bettendorf. They painted pottery projects and discussed how they would set up their fair booth.

Club Reports

Rural True Blues

Reporter: Jon Schroeder

The Rural True Blues held their June meeting at the Mad Potter in Bettendorf, Iowa on June 11, 2008. There were six members in attendance. A short meeting was held with the designing of the club's booth. We decided to have a meeting on next Wednesday, June 18th to work on the booth. After the meeting we made our pottery projects. The day concluded with a meal at Fazoli's in Moline. Everyone attended and it concluded with a gift to Kole for his upcoming surgery.

Edgington Go-Getters

Reporter: Shelby Ryckaert

On June 8th the Edgington Go-Getters had their monthly meeting. As usual, we started off the meeting with committee reports. Lucas was first and he spoke about the flower planting. He said we planted flowers up around the fire station in Edgington, and the three Reynolds entrance signs in Reynolds. We were very lucky for Hilltop Greenhouse to donate the flowers. Thank You! After Lucas and Shelby went over what we are doing for the fair booth at the Rock Island County Fair. The club said that it was a good idea, and that they can't wait to see it. We didn't have any unfinished business, so we went onto new business. Some of our club members are doing the fair cleanup on July 7th at the fairgrounds. Next, we discussed the parade/float idea for the Illinois City Day Parade on August 9th. Kevin then had news about the fair he wanted to share, so he told the club about when we needed to be up there. On July 17th, our club is doing the Ag Olympics up at the fairgrounds. We decided that we aren't having a July meeting because it was so close to the fair.

Rural Go-Getters

Reporter: Zach Meyers

The Rural Go-Getters meeting was held on June 18, 2008. We talked about who could watch the booths at the fair. Then we worked on our booth for the fair. Mallory Meyers did a talk on how to make an ice cream Sunday out of flowers. Kyle brought the treats and refreshments.

Zuma Zippers

Reporter: Grace Mercer

Zuma Zippers met June 12th at the Countryside Christian Church in Port Byron and had a potluck with the HCE ladies. There were 13 members present along with the two leaders and some parents. Demonstrations and talks were given by Cody Kessler on a maple tree planting. Emily Kessler gave a demonstration on a flower craft project done in school. President Caroline Simmons and Vice-President Kailey Johnson gave a talk to the ladies on what our club has done for activities this past year. Leader Karla Mercer also talked about some accomplishments the club has done this past year.

Zuma Zippers are also meeting at the Simmons home on June 26th to work on their fair booth. The members were asked to turn in their Birdie for Charity forms. The leaders also handed out the 4-H fair tags for the members projects. Karla also discussed about participating in the Fair Clean Up and Ag Olympics. The date for our club to watch the fair booth is Thursday from 3-5pm right before the Olympics. This was the last meeting to give your talk and demonstrations. The members were going to swim (weather permitting) followed by hot dogs and snacks.

Calendar of Events

July 7 – 4-H & Master Gardners Fair Clean-Up Day – 9:00 a.m.

July 10 – Small Pet Show – 6 to 7 p.m. – Rock Island County Fair Grounds

July 13 – Dog Obedience & Showmanship – 9:00 a.m. – Rock Island County Fair Grounds

July 15-20 – Rock Island County Fair - “4-H... We’re in a Town Near You!”

August 17 – Rock Island County Day at State Fair

September 6 – 4-H Rummage Sale – Rock Island County Fairgrounds

October 4 – Jim Bohnsack 4-H Golf Classic - Indian Bluff Golf Course

October 5 – 4-H Awards Banquet

Club Points -

Zuma Zippers	1636
Edgington Go Getters	1420
Prairie Ramblers	1365
Buccaneers	1351
Rural Go Getters	1245
Rural True Blues	1157
Double Dunn Dream Catchers	1059
Hayburners	1058
Club Clovers	565
Kountry Kids	554
Magical Muggles	400
Country Clovers	390
County Line Cloverbuds	300
Sun Shiners	250
Rockridge Royals	215
Adventurers	100

Club Point Opportunities:

Watch your Club Booth - 100 points
Recorder for General Projects - 100 points
Club Reports – 50 pts.
Show & Tell – 20 pts.



2008 Rock Island County 4-H *Fair Booth Layout*

OFFICE

37 Zuma Zippers
36 Cloverleaf
35 Kountry Kids
34

1 Extension
2 Extension
3 General Projects Area
4 Edgington Go-Getters
5 Club Clovers

VENDOR BOOTHS

**LARGE BOOTHS
10' x 10'**

**SMALL BOOTHS
10' x 5'**

**SUBJECT TO
CHANGE!**

7
8 Rural True Blues
9 Double Dunn Dreamcatchers
10 Rural Go-Getters
11 Rockridge Royals

31 Mounted Achievers
30 Country Clovers
29 Adventurers

General Projects Judging Area