



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

Lines from Lori:

We made it through Fair! A Big Thanks to everyone who offered support and kind words along the way. It has been a year of training and learning new things. I have made a list of things to remember for next year and we will be scheduling a Fair meeting in the future.

It was also very nice to meet so many of the 4-H members and their families. I have seen names come across in an email or note and now I can place a face with those names.

The new 4-H year is about to begin. I will be getting New Year packets ready and will be planning events for the New Year. If you have an idea for a workshop or special event, please let me know. I have had one request for a workshop on photography. I am always looking into new possibilities and interests.

With the end of the 4-H year, comes the opportunity to apply for 4-H Awards. The information about the awards is listed in this newsletter.

Thanks so much and have a great month!

Lori

Fair Follow-Up

Thanks goes out to the clubs who supplied recorders at General Projects Judging. The following clubs will be earning club points for supplying their recorders: Edgington Go Getters, Club Clovers, Rural True Blues, Prairie Ramblers, Zuma Zippers, Country Clovers and Double Dunn Dream Catchers.

Thanks to all of the club leaders and members who honored the 5:00 p.m. project release time. We know everyone is tired by the end of fair week and wants to get projects and go home. Just as a friendly note: we did have several projects that were not picked up on time Saturday. It is very important that projects get picked up. We cannot ensure the security of projects that are left behind.

Fair Booths

Thanks so much to the clubs who created and set-up club booths. They were all so creative and showcased what 4-H is all about. I did not envy the judges who were asked to judge the booths this year. The following awards were given by the judges this year:

- Best Use of Theme – Edgington Go Getters
- Most Creative – Club Clovers
- Most Educational – Country Clovers
- Best Representation of 4-H – Rural True Blues
- Judge’s Choice – Kountry Kids
- People’s Choice – Rural True Blues

We were notified by the Fair Office that there were times when clubs did not show up during their designated time to monitor the 4-H Building. As a reminder, these times were ones when each club signed up and committed to being building monitors. This is an important issue because the building needs to have someone present to ensure the security of the projects in that building. This is our responsibility—not the fair office’s responsibility. For next year, please make sure that when your club signs up, you follow through with your commitment. A big thanks to the clubs who fulfilled their responsibility.

4-H Tidbits

4-H Trash to Treasures Rummage Sale! Saturday, September 6, 2008

Rock Island County Fairgrounds; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

It’s time to clean out your closets, garage, barn and shed! Bring your gently used “treasures” to the Rock Island County fairgrounds 4-H building Thursday, September 4 between 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Friday, September 5 between 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Volunteers, rummage sale and bake sale donations are needed. The proceeds from the sale will benefit 4-H clubs by covering the costs of a printed newsletter, leader support and other immediate needs. If you would like to volunteer, call Lori at (309) 796-0512.

10 Club Points per box will be awarded for items donated. 10 points per baked good unit donated. 25 Club Points per member, parent or leader who volunteers to help out at the sale.

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Calling All golfers! & 4-H Supporters!

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.

Volunteers Needed for the FORE-H Golf Classic, Saturday, October 4th

4-H members ages 13 and older and 4-H parents are needed to help at our first annual Jim Bohnsack FORE-H Golf Classic at Indian Bluff Golf Course, Milan. Volunteer opportunities include loading carts with golf bags, greeting guests, helping with registration (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), helping with lunch, helping with players' reception dinner (5:00 p.m.), assisting with games at the various holes, (1 – 5 p.m.). Contact Lori Tharp to volunteer. 50 club points for each volunteer who works a 2-hour shift.



Thank You Notes

We are very appreciative of all of the sponsors who sponsored a trophy, buckle or duffle bag. Please make sure you send your thank you note and let them know we appreciate their support.



Open Horse Show on Saturday, September 20. 9:00 a.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds

Join the Rock Island County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation for an Open Horse Show on Saturday, September 20th. All ages and many classes including: Halter and Performance, Western, Barrels, Flags, Catalog Races, Showmanship and more. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the first five places. Entry fee is \$4.00 per class. Numbers



sponsored by Blue Grass Feed. Class sponsorships available for \$25. To sponsor a class or for more information, call Steve Simpson at (309) 654-2503 or Larry Carls at (309) 654-2838. Register at the show, or online at www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland. All funds will support 4-H scholarships donated by the Rock Island County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation.

Club Reports

Buccaneers

Submitted By: Jessica Tucker

On Sunday, July 6, 2008, the Buccaneers were supposed to meet at the fairgrounds, but due to people being out of town, the meeting was canceled. Our tags were mailed to us and we planned to meet at the fair at three o'clock. Best wishes and good luck to all at the fair.

On Sunday, June 22, 2008, the Buccaneers met at the Eirenburg's house. We discussed if we were going to do an individual booth or a general booth. We decided on a general booth. After our meeting, we all went swimming. Our next meeting will be held on the fairgrounds on July 6 at 12:00.

4-H Awards

Award Meeting

An Award Application Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at the Extension Office, 4550 Kennedy Drive, East Moline. We will discuss the application process and answer any questions you may have. Please let me know if you will be attending. 10 club points will be given for each member/leader who attends.

Applications are available on our website: <http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/opps/recognition.html>. We will also have applications available at the meeting.

4-H Award Areas

"ILLINOIS 4-H STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR 4-H GROUPS"

Your club must meet 11 of the 14 standards to be recognized. The club will receive an Award of Excellence patch and year patch the first year it is achieved, and a year patch for each consecutive year your club qualifies. ***Must be turned in by Sept. 12.***

CLUB SUPERIOR PROGRESS AWARD

Calendar patches will be awarded to clubs whose calendars were turned in to the Extension Office by February.

INDIVIDUAL 4-H MEMBERS

Recognition for Participation

Recognition for participating in a 4-H Club meeting, project, or learning activity is one way that leaders can help in the development of their members. The following recognition items are available to present to 4-H'ers in acknowledging their 4-H participation: * Membership cards * 4-H membership folders * Illinois 4-H Alumni pin - available to 4-H'ers completing their last year in 4-H. **Leaders should request this item** * Certificate of Participation—this can be given to all members for their participation. **Leaders need to order this.**

PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS

The Illinois 4-H program has designed its awards program to recognize youth for setting their own goals and for striving to complete those goals. Leaders should review their member's goal and activity sheet periodically for progress. Progress toward goals should be awarded throughout the 4-H year and/or at the end of the 4-H year.

* Certificate of Progress- 4-H'ers who achieved project goals for the first time. * Progress Seals-for 4-H'ers who continue to meet project goals.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE (Forms are due September 12th!)

Project Achievement

8 - 11 year old members

Establish a plan for their 4-H project and make a report on the project to a leader.

1. Attend at least 2/3 of club meetings (or number determined by club).
2. Share project by giving a presentation or making an exhibit.
3. Members completing these standards for the first time receive a Medal; consecutive years (until they reach age 12), they receive a Certificate.

Service Achievement

12 - 14 year old members

Youth must meet these 3 standards PLUS the 3 listed under Project Achievement.

4. Serve on a club committee or hold a club office.
5. Take part in a community service activity or in a community activity related to the member's project.
6. Assist leaders with a special club activity, tour or program.

Members completing these standards for the first time receive a Medal; consecutive years (until they reach age 15), members receive a Certificate

Leadership Achievement

15 - 18 year old members

They must complete the 6 standards listed under Project Achievement and Service Achievement, PLUS the following.

7. Participate in one or more county, multi-county or state level learning experience.
8. Provide leadership for a 4-H project, an activity, or for a 4-H group.
9. Assist in conducting programs at the county level or beyond.

15 year old members completing these standards will receive a 4-H Key Ring; 16 year olds a 4-H Notebook; a t 17 a Leadership Achievement Plaque ; and 18 year olds receive the Key Club Award.

COMPETITIVE AWARDS (Application is available on our website; due date is September 12th!)

Competitive awards are designed to encourage 4-H'ers with a competitive spirit to achieve. Members who wish to apply for competitive awards (14 - 18 years of age) should complete the "4-H Award Application" form, and return it to the Extension Office by **September 12**. Youth ages 8 - 13 should fill out the R. I. County Award Application.

The 4-H Award Application (10 awards given) takes into consideration a cumulative project report throughout the 4-H'ers membership. The scoring is based on:
4-H & Extension-related Accomplishments in Project (25%); Other 4-H & Extension Accomplishments (25%) Community/School/Other Accomplishments (25%) and 4-H Story (25%).

County winners receive a medal, and members 15 years and over (as of September 1 of the year in which the state awards are being judged), may be selected for state competition. After once receiving a medal in an award area, 4-H members will receive a Blue Award certificate. Winners of State competition may win a trip to: National 4-H Congress, National Safety Congress, or National 4-H Dairy Conference.

Award Areas:

AGRICULTURE

Animal Sciences - Medals/Certificates and 5 trips to National 4-H Congress given for the following categories: Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Pets, Swine, and Veterinary Science.

Plants & Soils-Medals/Certificates, 1 trip to National 4-H Congress given in the following:
Crops, Horticulture, Flower and Vegetable Gardening, and Plant & Soil Science

Dairy-Medals/Certificates and 4 trips to National 4-H Dairy Conference given for: Dairy Cows, Dairy Goats, and Dairy Foods

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & GLOBAL AWARENESS

Medals/Certificate, 1 trip to National 4-H Congress for: Intercultural, Citizenship, and Community Service

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES

Medals/Certificates and 1 trip to National 4-H Congress in the following categories: Natural Resources, Prairie Plants, Conservation, Camping, Sport Fishing, Entomology, Forestry, Geology, and Wildlife

FOOD, NUTRITION & HEALTH

Medals/Certificates and 3 trips to National 4-H Congress in the following categories: all Food and Nutrition projects and Health

HOME & FAMILY

Medals/Certificates, 2 trips to National 4-H Congress in the following categories: Child Development, Intergenerational, Family Relations, Clothing & Textiles, Consumer Education, Fashion Revue, and Interior Design

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Medals/Certificates and 2 trips to National 4-H Congress in the following categories: Aerospace, Bicycle, Computer, Electricity, GPS/GIS, Safety, Small Engines, Tractor, and Woodworking

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Medals/Certificates and 5 trips to National 4-H Congress in the following categories: Communications, Theater/Performing Arts, Photography, and Visual Arts

OTHER 4-H AWARDS

I Dare You Award

This is a leadership award given to 11th and 12th grade 4-H members who display a balanced fourfold life of leadership, physical fitness, scholarship, and character. 4-H members are selected for this award only once. Winners receive a certificate and the I Dare You book on personal motivation. Contact the office for an application. **Due September 12.**

Top Secretary Book - Each club secretary is to submit the completed "Secretary's Record Book for Illinois 4-H Clubs." The winner receives an award. **Due September 12.**

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARDS

A 4-H member who serves as a leader of a 4-H group or who works with others in leading a 4-H group is entitled to receive a special Junior Leader Certificate. **Let Lori know if you have Jr. Leaders in your club!**

Animal Science



Twelfth Annual Horse Superior Young Producer Contest Results

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On July 24, during the Illinois State Junior Horse Show, the eleventh annual Superior Young Producer Award (SYPA) contest was held. Participants competed for five, \$1,000 scholarships to the college or university of their choice. These scholarships have been generously sponsored by Archer-Daniel's-Midland. The thirty-six horse enthusiasts who competed in this year's contest began the competition by judging 2 halter classes and 2 performance classes. Then they took a written test and went through skillathon stations. Plaques were given to the top three individuals in each event (judging, written exam, and stations). The top five individuals overall earned a \$1,000 scholarship to the post secondary education facility of their choice. To participate, these individuals were either a 4-H or FFA member in good standing, meeting all eligibility requirements. In addition, they were required to be between the ages of 14 and 19 according to 4-H rules. Furthermore, the Superior Young Producer Award contestants must have exhibited a horse at the 2008 Illinois State Junior Horse Show.

The top 3 individuals earning plaques in the judging phase of the contest were:

1st: Jenna Guthrie from Pike County with 98.5 points out of a possible 100 points 2nd: Kim Stout from Macon County with 98 points 3rd: Ellie Tarr from Rock Island County with 97.5 points

The top 3 individuals earning plaques in the written phase of the contest were:

1st: Elizabeth Raynor from Clinton County with 78 points out of a possible 100 points 2nd: Emily Callahan from St. Claire County with 72 points 3rd: Kendra Steinhorst from DeKalb County with 70 points

The top 3 individuals earning plaques in the stations phase of the contest were:

1st: Casey Parr from Franklin County with 94 points out of a possible 100 points 2nd: Cassie Catlett from Rock Island County with 91 points 3rd: Elizabeth Raynor with 90 points (who won the tie breaker with Emily Callahan)

The top 5 individuals overall who will receive a \$1000 college scholarship in addition to a plaque were:

1st: Kendra Steinhorst with 249 points out of a possible 300 points 2nd: Elizabeth Raynor with 247 points 3rd: Leslie Diehl from Ogle County with 243.5 points 4th: Ellie Tarr with 243.5 points 5th: Casey Parr with 242.5 points (who won the tie breaker with Cassie Catlett)

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients for doing an outstanding job of demonstrating their comprehensive horse knowledge. In addition, credit should be given to those who excelled in a particular phase of the contest. Furthermore, appreciation is extended to all of the Junior show exhibitors that volunteered to provide horses for the judging phase of the contest. Finally, thanks are extended to ADM for providing sponsorship for this scholarship.



2008 Superior Young Producer Scholarship Winners (pictured left to right)
Leslie Diehl (Ogle Co.), Kendra Steinhorst (DeKalb Co.), Ellie Tarr (Rock Island Co.)
Elizabeth Raynor (Clinton Co.) and Casey Parr (Franklin Co.)

Calendar of Events

August 17 – Rock Island County Day at State Fair
August 27 - Award Application Meeting – Extension Office
September 6 – 4-H Rummage Sale – Rock Island County Fairgrounds
September 12 – Award Applications Due to the Extension Office
October 4 – Jim Bohnsack 4-H Golf Classic - Indian Bluff Golf Course
October 5 – 4-H Awards Banquet



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Unit Educator, *Youth Development*, Diane Baker
Program Coordinator, *Youth & Family*, Jennifer Holldorf
4-H Community Clubs, Lori Tharp
4-H Secretary, Sue Reilly
The 4-H Name and Emblem are protected under 18 USC 707.

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:

See the Awards Section and the Rummage Sale sections for club point opportunities.



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