



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

### Lines from Lori:

Greetings to everyone! I realize this newsletter is a little late, but with the Labor Day Holiday and the first 4-H Yard Sale, I am a little behind schedule. In addition, I broke my ankle at the office last Monday and am writing this from home. I am working from home as I am unable to drive; it just had to be my right ankle! If you have questions or need any help with anything, please call the office. Connie is keeping track of messages and urgent questions and will let me know if you need anything. You can also send an email.

I apologize for the late notices for events that will be taking place during National 4-H Week. Please make sure you read the newsletter for information regarding Club Windows, Club Cookie Jars and the Awards Banquet.

The yard sale was a hit and we made about \$1500.00. We received donations from clubs and the community at large. We also had community people who stayed to help when they dropped off their donations. Thank you to all of the clubs who donated items for the sale: Double Dunn, Rural True Blues, Zuma Zippers, Hayburners, Country Clovers, Magical Muggles, Buccaneers and Rural Go-Getters. A big thanks to members of the Zuma Zippers, Country Clovers, Hayburners, and Double Dunn Dream Catchers for all of the time they volunteered at set-up and at the sale. A local hauling company, **Samuel & Son**, donated their services to haul anything that was left to Goodwill. We also had volunteers

from **RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program** who volunteered to help set up the sale. It is the kindheartedness and dedication of all those who helped that made this a huge success.

I hope everyone was able to complete their award applications. They were due to the Extension Office by September 12<sup>th</sup>. I have been planning the awards banquet and am looking forward to honoring those that “make the best better.”

Have a good month!

*Lori*

## 2008-2009 4-H Theme

“4-H – Connecting our Past, Present & Future”

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### Window Display Contest

Window displays are a great way to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week and recruit new members. It also shows the community what events your club participates in and what your club is all about. Find a public building that will let your set up a window display, table display, or decorate their windows. Good places to create your displays include libraries, schools, businesses or banks. Be creative!

Display Rules are as follows:

1. Submit display location to Lori by September 30th.
2. Club Name must be visible.
3. Use this years 4-H Theme: “4-H—Connecting our Past, Present, & Future.”
4. Make good use of space.
5. Be neat and make sure you leave the area as you found it.

Grab their attention! Use your creativity. Color and details capture attention.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three windows. Participating Clubs must submit the following information to Lori by Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>: club name, display contact person and their phone number, and the name and address of the business. Displays need to be in place by noon on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. **100 club points will be awarded to clubs that participate! Additional club points will be awarded for the winning windows: 1<sup>st</sup>-100; 2<sup>nd</sup>-75 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-50.**

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# 4-H Tidbits

## Cookie Jar Contest

This past spring, local government officials and dignitaries were knowledgeable about 4-H thanks to you! Our annual Cookie Jar Contest is a way for clubs to share what 4-H is all about! Cookie jars are available at the Extension Office.



The jars are 7 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches. Once again, the cookie jars will be distributed to local government officials and dignitaries. The jars are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The rules for the jar are:

Only one jar per club.

All jars must be filled with cookies.

Only jars from the Extension Office may be used.

The jars will be judged on creativity and the best representation of 4-H.

The club cookie jar voted the “Most Representative of 4-H” will be awarded a prize and receive a 100 club point bonus. Participating clubs will receive 100 club points.

## New Projects and Resources for the 2008-2009 4-H Year

### New Projects for this 4-H year are:

Computer Science – Computer Science Intro (Beginner)

Computer Science 1 (Intermediate)

Computer Science 2 (Advanced)

Computer Science 3 (Advanced)

Food & Nutrition – 4-H Cooking 201 (Intermediate Level)

Dairy Goats – Dairy Goat 1 (Beginner)

Dairy Goat 2 (Intermediate)

Dairy Goat 3 (Advanced)

Welding – Arcs and Sparks – Shielded Metal Arc

Welding (Grades 7 & up)

### New Resources for this year are:

Dairy Goats Helper’s Guide

Sheep Helper’s Guide

4-H Parent Handbook

Helping You Help Youth fact sheet – Build Character (on-line only)

Vegetable Gardening (available on-line only)

## Project Manual Prices

The cost of project manuals will remain the same for the 2008-2009 4-H year, \$3.00 per manual. However, **project manuals will need to be prepaid before they are ordered.** Orders sent in will not be ordered until payment is received in the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please contact Lori or Sue.

## Treasurer’s Books

All clubs that have a checking and/or savings account must turn in a 4-H Treasurer’s Book to the Extension Office by October 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember, all books must be audited by another member, parent, and leader. Auditors should not be related to each other.

## It is Sew Cool to Sew!

Is sewing one of the projects you showed at the fair? Or is this a project you would like to learn more about? Check out this cool website! You can purchase patterns for \$.95. That is a great deal! Go to [www.mccallpattern.com](http://www.mccallpattern.com) and the Sew Cool in School link. View over 80 different patterns. Once you have made your choice, send it in to the Extension Office, along with your payment and I will get them ordered for you. Sewing can be “sew” much fun! Questions? Email or call Lori.

## Reminders

### Golf Anyone?!

There is still time to sign up for the very first Jim Bohnsack FORE-H Golf Classic. All proceeds will go to support Rock Island County 4-H. Join us on Saturday, October



4, 2008, at Indian Bluff Golf Course in Milan, IL. The event will include a 4-person preferred ball, lunch and awards reception following the golf game. Additional events and raffles will take place throughout the event. Register now and remember

to invite your friends to play. You can register online at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland) or call (309) 796-0512. Remember it helps support Rock Island County 4-H.

### **Volunteers Are Still Needed for the FORE-H Golf Classic!**

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.**



### **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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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**

**Club Reports – Club reports received were not able to be posted this month. Clubs who sent in reports will receive their club points and will be posted in October's Newsletter.**

## **4-H Family Fun Night & Award Banquet**

This year the Family Fun Night will be held before the Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 5th.

Games and prizes for everyone! This event is sponsored by the Teen Federation. Games will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner following at 6:00 p.m.

See enclosed flyer for details. Remember we **must** have your RSVP by Tuesday, September 30th, so check your calendar quickly!

### **4-H Teen Federation**

**Attention Teens! Do you Like...Food? Fun?**

**Making New Friends? Helping Other?** Then join the Rock Island County 4-H Teen Federation—a group of teens ages 13-18 who plan community service projects and activities for 4-H members from throughout Rock Island County, while learning leadership and team building skills. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00—8:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Call Jen for more information.

Join the Teen Federation in a night of "Family Fun" prior to the 4-H Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>! Play games and win prizes, everyone will go home with something! Games will be open from 5:00 to 6:00. Volunteers are needed to help run games. If you are interested, please contact Jen.

### **Tech Team/Club Meeting-**

Do you like to learn about technology...Robotics, GPS, computers, etc. Then, join us on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office as we brainstorm ideas for a new monthly Technology program. This group will meet once a month and focus on a different topic each month. Field trips may also be an option. You don't have to be in 4-H to join, so bring a friend! Join us and share your ideas for enhancing technology education in Rock Island County.

## Calendar of Events

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

**October 5 -11 – National 4-H Week**

**October 5 – 4-H Awards Banquet**



If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in an Extension program, please contact Rock Island County Extension (309) 796-0512. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. University of Illinois-USDA-Local Extension Councils Cooperating

## Club Points:

**Club Points – Club Points will be posted again beginning in October's Newsletter. Who will win the 2007-2008 Club Point Award? Attend the Awards Banquet on October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**County Director, Michael Woods**

**Unit Educator, Youth Development, Diane Baker**

**Program Coordinator, Youth & Family, Jennifer Holldorf**

**4-H Community Clubs, Lori Tharp**

**4-H Secretary, Sue Reilly**

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