



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

Lines from Lori:

Thank you for all of the get well wishes! I appreciated the cards and offers of transportation. It is greatly appreciated. I am feeling much better and cannot wait to "walk normal" again.

Events continue to take place at the office. We are very lucky to have a County Director who works hard to get the word out about 4-H and all of the good it does for our youth. What a better way to show the community the good it does, than to have a 4-H Day on Paula Sands Live! Area 4-Her's Abbey Baker (Whiteside County), Kyle Zelle (Scott County) and Deanna Zwicker (Rock Island County) demonstrated their talents and shared the impact 4-H has had on their lives. The program is online for one week. Check it out at: http://www.kwqc.com/Global/category.asp?C=7943&nav=menu83_6.

With National 4-H Week fast approaching, how will your club spend that time? Do you have special events planned? No matter how big or small, I would love to hear about them. In the past, we have showcased different events that clubs participate in. Keep them coming in and I will continue to post them in the newsletters.

Have a great October! *Lori*

2008-2009 4-H Theme

National 4-H Week is October 5-11! National 4-H Week is October 5-11!

"4-H - Connecting our Past, Present & Future"

Window Display Contest

Window display photos will be highlighted in November's newsletter. Check out how other 4-H clubs promoted 4-H during National 4-H Week. As a reminder, participating clubs need to have displays need to be in place by noon on Monday, October 6th. **100 club points will be awarded to clubs that participate! Additional club points will be awarded for the winning windows: 1st-100; 2nd-75 and 3rd-50.**

Cookie Jar Contest

Our annual Cookie Jar Contest is a way for clubs to share what 4-H is all about! Cookie jars will be judged at the Extension Office. The jars are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 8th. 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.



Joyce Schoening inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame
Congratulations to Joyce Schoening of the Rural True Blues for being inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame! Joyce has been a leader in Rock Island County for 39 years and we're so please to see her recognized for her dedication to the youth of Rock Island County! Joyce received her award at the Illinois State Fair in August.



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4-H Tidbits



New Program offered to those who show 4-H Steers!

Participants in a new Rock Island County Steer Program will have the opportunity to help others while helping themselves.

Any 4-Her enrolled in beef that has the facilities necessary to raise a steer are encouraged to apply for the new Rock Island County Steer Program. Those chosen to participate will have the opportunity to show in a special exhibition during the 2009 Rock Island



County Fair, which will be in addition to the usual beef shows. For this show, 4-Hers' cattle will be placed based on a composite score that is made up of three categories: live

carcass, body scan, and appearance. In addition to the new class, the 4-Hers will also get the chance to work with local cattle producers, Quad City business leaders, and a local charity. 4-Hers who participate will gain knowledge in raising cattle and will better themselves and the community while having fun doing it!

4-H leaders are asked to contact Denise Coyne for more information and applications so that all interested 4-Hers have the opportunity to apply.

Applications are due by November 3rd. Parents or 4-Hers who would like information or an application can also contact Ms. Coyne. She can be reached at 309-787-4897.

University of Illinois Seeking Crop Sciences Majors

Are you interested in plants and science? The University of Illinois Department of Crop Sciences is seeking students with a career interest in a Crop Science field. There are a variety of great concentrations in the department. Check them out at: www.cropsci.uiuc.edu. Priority application date for the University of Illinois is November 1st.

4-H Premier LCP Award

4-H members who are at least 17 years old by December 1st and not yet 19 years old are encouraged to complete the 4-H Premier LCP Award application. The purpose of the award is to reward members exhibiting outstanding leadership, citizenship, cooperation and professionalism during the past 4-H program year. Top winners are invited to the Illinois Premier 20 Leadership Conference in April. For more information, contact the Extension office. Completed applications are due back to Rock Island County Extension by December 1st.

Be a part of the State Fair Jr. Department Advisory Committee

We are in the process of reorganizing the State Fair Jr. Department Advisory Committee for 2008-09 and we need people!!! We lost several committee members this past year because it was the end of their terms.

Terms on this committee are for 2-years, beginning 9/1. We invite older 4-H teens (15 and above), adult volunteers and Extension staff to indicate interest by completing the attached application form. Because we recruit by Extension Regions and youth/adult partnerships, we try to limit each region to a max of 2-3 adults and 2 youth (usually 1 Extension staff and 1-2 volunteers). We prefer not to put a parent and their child on the committee at the same time.

The following positions are OPEN at this time in our region: 1 Staff; 1-2 Volunteers; 1 Teen Meetings are via Telenet and face-to-face. Travel and lunch costs are covered for face-to-face meetings. The first committee Telenet is set up for October 28 at 7:00 p.m.; the face-to-face meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We generally may also have a Telenet in December, and a face-to-face in March or April. Committee members are requested to volunteer to assist at the State Fair, but it is not a requirement.

For more information and an application, contact Deb Stocker at (217) 333-0910 or dstocker@illinois.edu



Animal Science

Rockridge FFA Raffle Tickets

Support Rockridge FFA through the purchase of raffle tickets. The grand prize is a John Deere Lawn Mower. The drawing will be held during the FFA banquet in April, 2009. Proceeds benefit Rockridge FFA Alumni & Scholarship Funds. Cost is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. For tickets, see any Rockridge FFA student or Alumni or call Sue Reed at 309-537-3563 or 309-791-1423.

Attention Guys and Gals interested in improving their modeling skills!

Black Hawk College is offering a two-night modeling class at their Outreach Center in Moline through their Community Education catalog: "Polish your social graces as well as learn the latest hairstyle and make-up trends for runway shows and photo shoots. Experience the fashion world in a fun and interactive class setting. You will receive a referral to a local modeling agency to showcase your talents if you can walk the walk."

Details: for students ages 11-17;

Instructor: S. Adamson; 2 Mondays: Nov. 11 and Nov. 17 at 5:00-8:00pm; Class Code: CRN 81876; Fee: \$45; Register by calling (309)796-4800 Extension-8223 with your credit card number.

Reminders

Treasurer's Books Are Due October 17th.



I have received one club treasury book. 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 17th. Remember, all books must be audited by another member, parent, and leader. Auditors should not be related to each other.

New Helmet Option for State Jr. Horse Show!

Ride in Style with this new ASTM/SEI approved cowboy hat looking riding helmet by Troxel. The State office shared this information with us, as it meets the helmet requirements at the State Jr. Show. For more information log onto: <http://www.troxelhelmets.com/products/features.php?ProductID=36>



Chicagoland Equestrian Lifestyle Expo & Holiday Market November 22-23 at Arlington Racecourse

Dr. Randall Raub, PhD, head of equine research at Purina Mills' will join equine industry leaders in presenting programs at the Horsemen's Council of Illinois' new Chicagoland Equestrian Lifestyle Expo & Holiday Market November 22-23 at Arlington Park Racecourse.

This equestrian expo has something for everyone. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with experts, shop and learn about anything equestrian. There also will be contests testing horse knowledge – sort of Hippology for all ages – with prizes for adults and youngsters. All tickets are \$6 per day, available on the web site or at the door. For program details on topics, presenters and times log on to the Expo website: www.HorsemenCouncil.org or call toll free 1-866-384-9161.

Livestock Judging Clinic

Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension, Boone County Office, 915 Alexandra Drive, Belvidere. Come learn how to judge beef, sheep & swine from Joliet Junior College Livestock Judging Coach, Brad Angus. Even if you're not interested in judging, these skills will help you in selecting your next project. Preregister by contacting the Boone County Extension office at: (815) 544-3710 or email akrass@illinois.edu by October 16th!

Cub Reports

Equine Health Check-Up Workshop Offered

Horse owners are encouraged to attend the Equine Health Check-Up Workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2008. This daylong program will offer a variety of health care and first aid information about horses, including hands-on small group sessions.

The workshop will be held at Sunflower Farms, LLC in Bristol Wisconsin. Early registration fees are \$35/adults and \$15 for youth, ages 18 and under. Early registration must be postmarked by October 13th. Late registration for adults is \$45/person or \$25 for youth, ages 18 and under. Lunch will be included with the registration fee.

Registration can be done on-line through University of Illinois Lake County's website: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/lake>. Information on the workshop is also available on the website (look at the Upcoming Events section). If you wish to request a brochure or would like further information, contact Kenosha County UW Cooperative Extension at 262-857-1945.

adjourned by Dayton and seconded by Mick. Pat brought treats and drinks. Thanks they were great! Til next month, Mallory Meyers.

Rural Go-Getters

Submitted by: Zach Meyers

The Rural Go-Getters meeting was held on August 19, 2008. We worked on records. Today's meeting was the last meeting of this 4-H year. Cody brought refreshments and treats.

Edgington Go-Getters

Shelby Ryckaert

On September 14th, the Edgington Go-Getters met once again for their monthly meeting. It was the start of Sarah Stropes and Jolee Preston as our new leaders. For our new business, we discussed the possibility of club dues. The club decided \$10 for one kid and \$15 for family two or more. Dan Deporter asked our club to run a concession stand for him on September 27th. The members that raised their hands for the auction committee were Jenna, Taelor, Holly, Erin and Callie. We were going to do the Golf Outing, but as a club we couldn't do it. Our next meeting is on October 12th, at the Preston farm. Blake and Cody adjourned the meeting.

Edgington Go-Getters

Submitted by: Shelby Ryckaert

On August 24th, we met at the Edgington fire station at 6:00. This was our first meeting since the Rock Island County Fair. Overall as a club we did really well. Some of our members went to the Illinois State Fair. Our fair booth committee made a wonderful booth that won the Best Use of Theme. All of the other clubs did a really good job! We discussed an award meeting that is happening on August 27th, at the Rock Island County Extension Office. On September 27th, many of our members are going to Orion to a gourd/pumpkin festival. The window display was brought up and Taelor is

Club Reports

Since we weren't able to put club reports in last month's newsletter, those that were submitted in time for last month, are published here.



Rural Go Getters

Submitted By: Mallory Meyers

We had our first meeting of the New Year on Sept. 24, 2008. The club elected our new officers. Kelsey C. is President, Cody B. is Vice President, Taylor S. is secretary, Jacob C. is treasurer and I, Mallory Meyers, am the reporter. We talked about doing the cookie jar. Mick and Bradon stepped up and said they would do it. We also talked about 4-H Week and making a display at a business and Kelsey and Taylor are doing that for us. The club decided to go on a field trip on Oct 8th. We are going to decorate our own pottery plus go to a park. The meeting was



the chairwoman for the event. What the window display committee does is decorate windows to encourage kids to join 4-H for National 4-H Week, which is October 5th-11th. We elected new officers for our upcoming new 4-H year and they are: President: Lucas C. Vice President: Taelor S. Secretary: Jenna P. Treasurer: Cody B. Reporter: Shelby R. Sentinels: Heather H. & Logan C. Photographer: Alayna M. Meeting was adjourned by Josh B. and Jenna P. After our meeting was adjourned, we found out that Kevin Dean was no longer going to be our 4-H leader. Sarah Stropes and Jolee Preston are taking over the Edgington Go-Getters 4-H Club. We will greatly miss Kevin's dedication and enthusiasm towards our 4-H experience. All of the 4-H members would like to thank Kevin and his family for donating the past five years of their lives to our club.

Adventurers

Submitted by: Lauren & Emily Colbrese

The Adventurers held their first 4-H meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, at the Colbrese house. The topic discussed was being prepared in case of a long term power outage. All members were accounted for and all of the parents stayed for the discussion and fun.

After the meeting we played games, visited, and enjoyed snacks. Our annual hayrack ride will be Sunday, September 28.

Zuma Zippers

Submitted by: Caroline Simmons

The September meeting of the Zuma Zippers was held on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 3-5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Port Byron. Enrollment forms were filled out, dues were paid, projects picked for the Rock Island County Fair and then officers were elected and are as follows: **Co-Presidents:** Ryan Mercer and Austin Johnson; **Vice President:** Kailey Johnson; **Treasurer:** Grace Mercer; **Secretary:** Kayleen Mercer; **Reporter to the Extension Office & The Review:** will be done monthly by a club member; **Photographer:** Caroline Simmons, CJ Richardson, Katelyn Oleson, and Sarah Sadoris. Members signed up to serve on several committees.

Discussions held: Caroline and Dawn Simmons volunteered to decorate the cookie jar. Mercer and Oleson families will decorate the window for 4-H Week. 4-H Banquet is Oct. 5th at Rock Island Teamsters Union Hall. Our next meeting will be

October 19th at Sunset Lakes Campground with hot dogs being cooked over a fire and a potluck dinner. Members should bring a decorated pumpkin and dads will be judging; categories are as follows: K-2 grade, 3-5 grade & 6th grade and older.

Things to remember: November 15th meeting will be 2-4 p.m., with the place to be determined but we will get a family from Ann to adopt and members will be assigned presents to buy and bring to the December meeting. At the December meeting, we will be wrapping presents for Ann – hopefully at First United Methodist Church – date and time to be determined. February 15th meeting will be a banquet for grandparents, parents and other VIP guests. Dinner will be planned, prepared and served by 4-H members, demonstrations will be given and we will display some 4-H items. March 7th will be with the Handy Buds at the Extension Office. June 11th is the luncheon with HCE ladies at the Country Side Christian Church. More info to follow on the other months. Please mark your calendars for these dates that are already decided. Remember as a club rule: you must attend 2/3 of the meetings, show a demonstration and attend at least one community service events – we would like you at all – but you must attend at least one. If you haven't returned your enrollment forms, contact Karla and get them to her ASAP.

Prairie Ramblers

Submitted By: Derek Reed

The Prairie Ramblers held their September meeting on Tuesday September 23, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the County Line Feed Store. Derek led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mont lead the 4-H Pledge. We discussed what we took to the fair. We then voted for new officers. They are as followed: President – Ashley Reed, Vice President – Amanda Reed, Secretary – Jordan Hall, Reporter – Derek Reed, Treasurer – Jake Olson, Recreation Chairman – Mont Anders, Photographer – Brittany Olson. Sue Reed brought drinks and Michelle Hall brought snacks. On October 25 we agreed to have a horse drawn hayrack ride and a bonfire at the Reed's. We also discussed a bake sale in the first part of November at the Buffalo Prairie State Bank as a fundraiser for our club. Roxane Anders is checking into an IMAX movie in November. We are going to decorate a cookie jar as a club and do a window display for 4-H week. Jordan adjourned the meeting and Jake seconded it.

Calendar of Events

October 5 -11 – National 4-H Week

Be sure to turn your club's program information in to Lori by November 15th!!!!!!

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:

Congratulations to the Zuma Zippers who won the club points contest for 2007-2008.

They are the recipient of a certificate and \$50.

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
The 4-H Name and Emblem are protected under 18 USC 707.

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