



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

Lines from Lori

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of August and students are back to school.

We have had an awesome County Fair! I have never seen the 4-H building so alive with activity and many comments were made about how awesome the programs were. Special thanks to everyone who helped make it a huge success.

The new 4-H year is about to begin. New Year packets are being put together and will be ready for pick up soon. Leaders will be notified when they are available.

As many may have heard, the State 4-H Office is implementing a \$20.00 membership fee this coming 4-H Year. Our office has been discussing this with leaders, at meetings, and the Extension Office is working on how this will impact 4-H in our county. We have ideas that may help defray these costs.

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. We are also having an Awards Workshop on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension Office. Applications are due September 16, 2009.

Thanks so much and have a great month!

Lori

4-H Tidbits

4009 4-H Theme - "The Magic of 4-H!"

Fair Follow-Up

Thanks goes out to the clubs who helped man the activity stations at CircEsteem. As I mentioned earlier, we had a great opportunity to showcase 4-H and draw new people into the 4-H Building. Feedback has been positive and everyone is looking forward to next year.

We also had a great turn out for 4-H Night. We estimated approximately 140 4-H family and friends in attendance. We appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules and attending. We also hope everyone had a good time.

Please share your thoughts and ideas for next year's fair with your leader. We will discuss the fair at Leader's Meetings.

Fair Booths

The Club Booths were fabulous this year! Thanks so much to the clubs who created and set-up club booths. The following awards were given by the judges this year:

Best Use of Theme – Rural True Blues

Most Educational – Edgington Go-Getters

Most Creative – Zuma Zippers

Best Representation of 4-H – Rural Go Getters

Best Circus Theme – Club Clovers

Judge's Choice – 4-H In the City

Best Table Display – County Line
Cloverbuds

Ag Olympics Results

Relay Race

Kountry Kids, Edgington Go Getters Team B, Double Dunn Dreamcatchers, Zuma Zippers Team B, Edgington Go Getters, Zuma Zippers

Log Toss

Kountry Kids, Zuma Zippers, Zuma Zippers Team A, Double Dunn Dreamcatchers, Edgington Go Getters Team B, and Edgington Go Getters

Egg Hunt

Edgington Go Getters Team B, Edgington Go Getters, Kountry Kids, Zuma Zippers Team A, Double Dunn DreamCatcher, Zuma Zippers Team B

Tug of War

Kountry Kids, Edgington Go Getters, Double Dunn Dreamcatchers, Zuma Zippers

Feed Bucket

Zuma Zippers, Edgington Go Getters, Kountry Kids, and Double Dunn Dreamcatchers.

Be A Star!

To celebrate National 4-H Week, we will have a day dedicated to Rock Island County 4-H on PSL – Paula Sands Live! This is your time to shine. If you would like to be considered to be one of the 4-H members showcased on the show, please let me know. As a star, you will be required to demonstrate a 4-H project and share your 4-H experience. Please contact Lori at 756-9978, ext. 17 or ltharp@illinois.edu by September 9, 2009.

The Second Annual 4-H Trash to Treasures Rummage Sale!

See the Flyer in this Newsletter for Details.

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. Drop off times are as follows:

Saturday, August 22 – 9 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, August 25 – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26 – 1 p.m. -7 p.m.

Thursday, August 27 – 9 a.m. to noon

We are in need of baked items for the Bake Sale. Last year, we sold out of everything in a matter of minutes and people were asking for more. The proceeds from the sale will benefit 4-H clubs in many ways.

This the perfect time for your club to volunteer! We need help with set up, marking and manning the sale on sale dates. Please call Lori at (309) 756-9978, ext. 17.

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.

Calling All golfers! & 4-H Supporters!

Please join us for the Second Annual Jim Bohnsack FORE-H Golf Classic to benefit Rock Island County 4-H on Saturday, October 3, 2009. You'll have a great day of golf at the beautiful Indian Bluff Golf Course in Milan, IL. Mark your calendars now! Additional information will be forthcoming. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions, (309) 756-9978.

Volunteers Needed for the FORE-H Golf Classic, Saturday, October 3

4-H members ages 13 and older and 4-H

parents are needed to help at our Second Annual Jim Bohnsack FORE-H Golf Classic at Indian Bluff Golf Course, Milan, IL. Volunteer opportunities include loading carts with golf bags, greeting guests, helping with registration, helping with lunch, helping with players' reception dinner, assisting with games at the various holes. Contact Donna Minear at 756-9978, ext. 13 to volunteer. 50 club points for each volunteer who works a 2-hour shift.

Great 4-H Opportunity for Teens

All Rock Island County 4-H teens are invited to join 4-H Teen Federation. This is a county-wide 4-H group just for teens and is a great way to meet other 4-H members from across the county. Teen Federation meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at U of I Extension in Milan. Teen Federation is a great way to:

- Market 4-H to others to help grow 4-H across the county
- Work together on community service projects (like painting murals or visiting Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City)
- Take part in projects that support 4-H
- Meet new people and make new friends!

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. – we hope to see you there!

Additional meeting dates are:

- October 13th
- November 10th
- December 8th
- January 12th
- February 9th
- March 9th
- April 13th
- May 11th

Join us for a Parade of Fun!

We are looking for 4-H members who would like to march in one of the parades Labor Day Weekend. The following are the parade dates and locations: Milan Indian Summer Fest Parade - Saturday, September 5th and Rock Island Parade - Monday, September 7th. Please contact Marcy Harris, at the Extension Office: 756-9978, ext. 16.

Needleart in the QCA

Join the Mississippi River Valley Chapter Embroider's Guild of America. They will be hosting their 29th Biennial Needlework Show, Needleart in the QCA. The event will be at the Moline Public Library – 3210 41st Street, Moline, IL on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 from 9 am to 4 pm. They will have demonstrations, Make and Take projects for kids and adults! Admission is FREE! For additional information contact Kim Parein-Rodriguez at 797-5380 or mrodrig@netexpress.net

This is a great opportunity to learn about projects to show in the Heritage Visual Arts Category.

Thank You Notes

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

Award Application Workshop

An Award Application Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Extension Office, 321 West 2nd Avenue, Milan. We will discuss the application process, work on your applications and I will be available to assist anyone who has questions.

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 AWARDS

All Award Applications are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, **September 16, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact Lori: lharp@illinois.edu or 756-9978, ext. 17.

CLUB AWARDS

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR 4-H CLUBS

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. Club Leader submits this form.

CLUB SUPERIOR PROGRESS AWARD

Calendar patches will be awarded to clubs whose calendars were turned in to the Extension Office for the current 4-H Year.

INDIVIDUAL 4-H MEMBER AWARDS

PROGRESS ACHIEVEMENT

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. Members need to submit a completed Illinois 4-H Project Plan to their leader for consideration for this award.

Certificate of Progress- 4-H'ers who achieved project goals each year.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

To be considered for this award, Club Leaders need to submit a completed checklist for each member.

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.

COUNTY AND STATE 4-H AWARDS

(Applications are available on our website.)

Members who wish to apply for County and State 4-H Awards need to complete the age appropriate application. Members 14-18 years of age should complete the "4-H Award Application" form. Members 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 points

Other 4-H & Extension Accomplishments -25 points

Community/School/Other Accomplishments - 25 points

4-H Story—25 points

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 - Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Pets, Swine, and Veterinary Science.

Plants & Soils - Crops, Horticulture, Floriculture, and Plant & Soil Science

Dairy - Dairy Cows, Dairy Goats, and Dairy Foods

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & GLOBAL AWARENESS

Intercultural, Citizenship, and Community Service

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources, Prairie Plants, Conservation, Camping, Sport Fishing, Entomology, Forestry, Geology, and Wildlife

FOOD, NUTRITION & HEALTH

Food and Nutrition and Health

HOME & FAMILY

Child Development, Intergenerational, Family Relations, Clothing & Textiles, Consumer Education, Fashion Revue, and Interior Design

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Aerospace, Bicycle, Computer, Electricity, GPS/GIS, Safety, Small Engines, Tractor, and Woodworking

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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.

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!**

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 you 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 year's 4-H Theme: The Magic of 4-H.
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.

A Prize will be awarded to the top window. Participating Clubs must submit the following information to Lori by Friday, October 2nd: 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 5th.

100 club points will be awarded to clubs that participate! The winning window will receive an additional 100 club points.

Cookie Jar Contest

Keep 4-H on the minds of local government officials and dignitaries! 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, along with an informational sheet showcasing what events are taking place in 4-H. The jars are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 7th. 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 winning club cookie jar will be awarded a prize and receive a 100 club point bonus. Participating clubs will receive 100 club points.

Project Manual Prices

The cost of project manuals will remain the same for the 2009-2010 4-H year, \$3.00 per manual. 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 16th. Remember, all books must be audited by another member, parent, and leader. Auditors should not be related to each other.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Thirteenth Annual Horse Superior Young Producer Contest Results

On July 30, during the Illinois State Junior Horse Show, the thirteenth annual Superior Young Producer Award (SYPA) contest was held. Scholarships sponsored by Archer-Daniel's-Midland (Decatur), Battery Specialists & Golf Carts (Taylorville), and Cross Creek Farms (Brimfield) were awarded. Participants competed in judging, written test and skill-a-thons.

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

- 1st Jacob Bough from Coles County with 195 points out of a possible 200 points
- 2nd Amanda Croissant from Bureau County with 189 points
- 3rd Cassie Catlett from Rock Island County with 187 points**

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

- 1st Marilyn Brandt from Henry County with 74 points out of a possible 100 points
- 2nd Shawna Peer from Mercer County with 72 points
- 3rd Emily Callahan from Clinton County with 70 points

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

- 1st Marilyn Brandt with 84 points out of a possible 100 points
- 2nd Cassie Catlett from Rock Island County with 83 points**
- 3rd Emily Callahan with 81 points

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

- 1st Marilyn Brandt with 250.50 points out of a possible 300 points
- 2nd Cassie Catlett with 240.50 points**
- 3rd Emily Callahan with 239.5 points
- 4th Shawna Peer with 232 points
- 5th Kelsey Engel from DuPage County with 226.5 points

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients for doing an outstanding job of demonstrating their comprehensive horse knowledge.

BEEF FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

Interested in participating in the Beef for Youth Program for this coming 4-H year? If so, please contact Jim Whisman, at 791-1955 or 537-3210. This program is open to any 4-H member. New and previous participants need to contact Jim by September 15, 2009. Please call with any questions you may have.

CLUB REPORTS

Rural-Go-Getters

Submitted by: Mallory Meyers

The Rural-Go-Getters had their meeting on August, 19 2009. We filled out paperwork for our projects. Cody brought refreshments. Taylor adjourned the meeting. This was Taylor S.'s last meeting. Good-bye Taylor. Pat Edmondson has been elected to be in the hall of fame! Congratulations Pat!

National 4-H Week is

October 4-10!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 28/29 – 4-H Rummage Sale
– Rock Island County Fairgrounds

September 2 – Award Application
Workshop – Extension Office

September 16 – Award Applica-
tions Due to the Extension Office

October 3 – Jim Bohnsack 4-H Golf
Classic - Indian Bluff Golf Course

October 4 – 4-H Awards Banquet

October 5-9 – National 4-H Week –
“The Magic of 4-H!”

CLUB POINTS

Attention clubs, the New 4-H Year has
begun! Attend the 4-H Awards Banquet
to see who won the 2008/2009 Club
Point Award!

County Director, Michael Woods

Unit Educator, *Youth Development*, Diane Baker

Program Coordinator, *Youth & Family*,

4-H YOUiversity & Community Clubs, Lori Tharp

4-H Secretary, Sue Reilly

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