



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

### Lines from Lori:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. A special thanks to all of the clubs for all of your generosity this holiday season. I know clubs did a variety of community service projects, including the Toys for Tots Drive. Seven clubs participated and we collected 109 toys. That is awesome!

4-H Night with the Quad City Flames is February 16<sup>th</sup> at the i wireless Center. Jen has been working with local radio personalities to promote our teddy bear toss. We are hoping to see many of our members there to toss a teddy bear and have some fun. Club attendance is also worth 100 club points.

Some additional changes are coming to the 4-H Newsletter. In our attempt to save the environment, we implemented an electronic version of the newsletter. For various reasons, this has not been the most effective way to get information out to our families. We have decided to mail a condensed, "Highlights of 4-H" version to everyone, with a full version available on-line. A full version will be mailed to the primary leader of each club. We thank everyone for their patience and flexibility, while we try out our new ideas.

Have a great New Year!  
Lori

### 4-H NIGHT WITH THE FLAMES

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m.  
Feel the HEAT as the Flames battle the San Antonio Rampage.

Tickets are just \$10 for Adults & \$5 for Kids (under 17). Upper bowl are just \$9 for Adults, \$5 for Kids. (Prices are for groups of 10 or more.)



Smaller groups can combine to meet the group

requirement. For more information, contact the Extension Office or Olivia Heaton at the Flames (309) 277-1303. We look forward to seeing you there and remember to bring a 10" or larger stuffed animal to toss!



### Changes Made to the 4-H Livestock Auction

The Extension Office has received some valuable information regarding the 4-H Livestock Auction. The following changes have been made:

1. 4-H Members will be allowed to sell Boer Meat Goats of market weight.
2. To provide additional opportunities for members to sell their livestock, they will be allowed to sell commercial heifers.
3. Members will be allowed to sell beef or 2 of/or a combination of swine, sheep, rabbit, chicken, or meat goat.



4. Hogs sold in the auction CANNOT have any Paylean, what-soever. Families will be required to sign a waiver stating that their hog is Paylean Free.



Jim Whisman has volunteered to attend club meetings to address these changes and answer any questions. If you have any questions regarding the changes, please contact me at the Extension Office – (309)796-0512 or email me at: [ltharp@uiuc.edu](mailto:ltharp@uiuc.edu) Questions will be submitted to the Livestock Committee.

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# Extra Fun Programs!



## *Winter Weather and Wildlife at Niabi Zoo*

Spend the day at Niabi Zoo in the Middle of Winter! Explore animal and atmospheric science through zoo tours and hands-on activities. See animals up close and learn how they handle the winter.



Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Niabi Zoo’s Educational Center. The fee for this day of fun and exploration is \$25.00 and includes lunch and activity materials.

Register by January 9<sup>th</sup> online: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/> or call the Extension Office at: (309)796-0512.

## *Science Siesta*

FOOD, FUN & SCIENCE – A Special Overnight Party for girls in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Meet real women scientists, participate in hands-on science workshops, tour the Botanical Center Rainforest, after dark and have fun.



Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m. to Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. at the Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island.

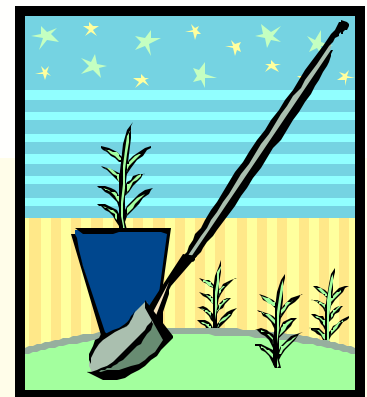
The cost is \$35.00. Fee includes dinner, snack, breakfast and workshop materials. Register by January 18<sup>th</sup> online: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/> or call the Extension Office at: (309)796-0512.

## *Nursery School for Kids*

Reconnect your child to the Earth by giving them a fun day of gardening activities! This program is a new component to The Master Gardner’s Nursery School Program. Activities include making a terrarium, flower arranging, making a gourd birdhouse and many more.

Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the i wireless Center, Moline, IL. Parents may sign their children in between 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and sign them out between 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The program is designed for youth 8 to 18. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch, snacks and supplies. Register by February 16<sup>th</sup> online: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/> or call the Extension Office at: (309)796-0512.





# 4-H Tidbits

## 2008 Fair Theme

The theme for the 2008 Rock Island County 4-H shows will be.....*"4-H... We're in a Town Near You!"*

## Fairbook Cover Contest

We need your Creativity! Put your talents to work and send in your design for the 2008 Rock Island County 4-H fairbook cover. The actual design should not be larger than a piece of 8 ½ X 11 paper with a ½ inch margin all around. Make sure the design is done on white paper using black ink. You should include Summer 2008 somewhere on the cover, and the 2008 fair theme- "4-H...We're in a Town Near You".

The youth whose design is chosen for the fairbook cover will receive a special 4-H prize pack! Entries MUST be received by Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Voting will be done via the Extension website. Ten club points will be awarded for each entry (maximum 100 points per club).

## *SMART Bus Needs Your Help!*

Do you have a pile of slightly used, but in good shape, books lying around the house? Have you considered throwing them out or giving them to Goodwill? Well, I have found a solution. Donate them to the SMART Bus!

In 2007, the SMART Bus provided education and books to over 7,000 pre-kindergarten to high school aged children. WOW! That is a new record. Due to its overwhelming success, the bus is very low on books and is asking for help to fill it back up.

The Bus specifically needs books appropriate for children pre-kindergarten through junior high...even some high school. The books can be used, new, hard-cover, soft-cover, comic books, and some magazines, like Ranger Rick. **No Romance Novels Please!**

Books may be dropped off at the Extension Office. **Clubs that participate will receive a club point for each book donated.** Please call Lori with any questions.

## Northern Illinois 4-H Leadership Conference

Set Sail with 4-H and Discover Your Sea of Opportunities at the Northern Illinois 4-H Leadership Conference. The conference is being held, March 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Rockford, IL. Register by January 25<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is available by calling the Extension Office or online at: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/boone/4hyouth1685.html>

## Green Means Go

The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Conference for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members is February 23-24, at the Holiday Inn, Urbana.

## Green Means



Register by January 28<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is available by calling the Extension Office or online at: <http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/events/annual013jlc.html>

## Peoria Rivermen 4-H Night

Peoria Rivermen vs. Milwaukee Admirals

The Peoria Rivermen are hosting a 4-H Night on January 26, 2008, at Carver Arena. Game Time is 7 p.m., with a pre-game "Hockey 101" Clinic at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for the Lower Bowl and \$16 for the Upper Bowl. For additional information or to order tickets, contact Katie with the Rivermen at: (309) 680-3791. Deadline for ticket orders is January 14.

# Club Reports

## Club Clovers

### Submitted by: Eleanor Stout

We had our first Club Clovers meeting on November 14, at the East Moline Public Library. Our introductions were our names and the most fun thing about 4-H last year. People in attendance were; Ashleigh, Clara, Cody, Eleanor, Jessica, Nicole, and Sarah. We went over re-registration, and our 4-H project book choices. Then Eleanor went over the minutes from our last meeting before fair. It was a get-together party and we did a craft. Then she talked about collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House again. She also went over awards that were earned at the banquet, and ideas for a service project. We also went over collecting scrapbooking materials for soldier's kids. We are also going to collect toys for the Toys for Tots drive. We had snacks that were brought by our leaders. Our next meeting is on December 3rd from 6-7p.m. at the East Moline Public Library.

## Sun Shiners 4-H Club November Meeting Minutes

The Sun Shiners met at the O'Neil's home on November 16, 2007. Roll call revealed four members present, with Mary and Joanna absent. Minutes from the October meeting were read by Nathan Rossi, and amended to correct the November meeting location. It was decided that we will go to the florist in April. Austin O'Neil gave a talk and demo about his LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot. Snacks were provided by Mrs. O'Neil. Our next meeting will be December 14, 2007, at the Sallows' home.

## Zuma Zippers

### Submitted by: Briana Grymonprez

Our December 8 meeting was held at the Port Byron United Methodist Church. Our club received \$50 from the Farm Bureau for Ag Olympics. Everyone made a snowman out of a painted cement block in the shape of a snowman and cute scarf, hat and button decorations were added. We wrapped many Christmas presents for the family that our club adopted in the community. We also had a very successful \$5 gift exchange- full of great snacks and good presents! We had two demonstrations- one given by Grace on snowman bulb ornaments and Santa bulb ornaments. The other given by Brittney on the origins of many of our Christmas traditions such as Christmas trees, stockings, and candy canes. The January meeting will be Sunday the 13th from 2-4: our skating and pizza party. February 9th is at the Hillsdale fire department 3-5 p.m. and each family will be doing a project on a safety topic. After that we have February 16- the QC Flames and April is Handy Buds.

## Double Dunn Dream Catchers

### Submitted by: -Jessica

In the 4-H meeting this week we had everyone bring in a treat to share & a white elephant gift for a gift

exchange. After saying the pledges we had everyone go around say what we wanted for Christmas. Afterwards we talked about the line dance and taco dinner and passed out all of the information on it. When we got everything sorted out for that we made our crafts. This month we got to make Christmas mugs and coasters also we could make candle holders and snowmen. While working on these we got to eat our treats and talk! =]

## Buccaneers

### Submitted by Jessica Tucker

On Sunday, Dec 9th, we met at Trinity Lutheran Church. We signed our re-enrollment papers and wrapped stuffed animals. The presents were to be distributed among quite a few charities. We also discussed a fund raiser for our club. This is still in the works. We decided against a bake sale at this time. Our next club meeting will be in January. Watch your e-mails for date, time, and location.

## Magical Muggles November & December

The Magical Muggles 4-H Club met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on November 14 at Singingbird Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site. Professor Bernoulli Birdbrain taught an electrifying science lesson! He demonstrated how electrical currents travel using a variety of awesome light bulbs – we learned about the basic laws of attraction and repulsion and the club members got to take turns moving the light with their hands to learn the affects firsthand. Using prism glasses, they also got to watch laser lights magically grow in number. Following the science demonstration, the groups divided into their houses to finish projects and play some memory games that let them get to know each other better. They also worked on their house emblem posters, made up a house cheer and played some acting games. They shared their skits in front of the group, and then enjoyed a snack.

The December Magical Muggles Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> was a Holiday YULE ball – taking on the idea from the Goblet of Fire Harry Potter book – our holiday party included a potluck, karaoke and dance. We also made magical snow – transforming white powder into a mixture that resembled snow, and we made our own snowflakes cutting patterns from paper. As our gift to nature, we made bird feeder wreaths by spreading peanut butter and birdseed on bagels and tying a festive red bow. We collected cans of food for the local food bank. The next meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Rural Go Getters

### Reporter, Zach Meyers

The Rural Go Getters meeting was held on December, 19, 2007. We had a Christmas party. We also had pizza and played bingo. Everyone brought a present and we exchanged gifts. At the meeting we made Santa ornaments. Curt Coyne told everyone about the changes that were made about livestock at the fair. Jacob brought pop and Pat brought cookies. Thank you, Pat

# Animal Science

## Beef Weigh-In

The 2008 Beef Weigh-In for steers will be held Saturday, February 2nd from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Gene Hamerlinck farm. This weigh-in is for those 4-H members interested in attending state fair and who will be entering a steer in the 4-H show at the 2007 Rock Island County Fair. Information will be sent after the first of the year, to 4-H'ers who were enrolled in the Beef project last year, and those who are currently enrolled in Beef. If you do not receive a packet, and will be attending, please contact the Extension office.

## Reminder

### *Illinois Department of Agriculture Premises Identification Number*

The Brochure, "Premises Identification and Animal ID: Setting the Record Straight," is included in this newsletter.

**Please note: the identification number is in the person's name who owns the land, not the child's name. Members need to have a Premises ID Number in order to show at the fair. Any questions, please call the office.**

## Livestock Ownership Dates:

### Beef:

Steers-February 3

Heifers-March 1

### Dogs (for Obedience/Showmanship):

May 1

### Horses

May 1 names must be turned in to leaders

### Sheep:

May 1

### Swine:

May 1

## State Fair Info

**Beginning with the 2008 Illinois State Fair, all junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered.**

Fees will be due with class entries – June 9 for Horses; July 1 for all other livestock; August 1 for Dogs. Fees are allocated as follows:

Beef, Dairy, Horses -- \$10.00 per head

Sheep, Swine, Goats -- \$2.50 per head

Dogs -- \$2.00 per dog

Poultry, Rabbits -- \$1.00 per head

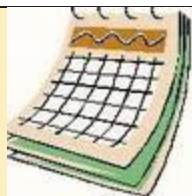
State Fair Dog Show is scheduled for Sunday, August 24.



Leader Lynne Schroeder, Alyssa, Christian, Deanna, Trenten, Jonathan, Kole and leader Joyce Schoening show a sampling of their crafts made during their December meeting that they combined into a Christmas craft day.

## Calendar of Events

January 5 – Horse Bowl Practice, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
 January 12 – Horse Bowl Practice, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
 February 2 – Beef Weigh-In – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
 February 16 – Quad City Flames 4-H Night – 7:00 p.m.  
 April 5 – NW Regional Horsebowl & Hippology Contest - Aledo  
 July 15-20 – Rock Island County Fair



## Club Points:

Zuma Zippers	865
Rural Go Getters	750
Edgington Go Getters	730
Prairie Ramblers	725
Hayburners	690
Buccaneers	490
Rural True Blues	485
Double Dunn Dream Catchers	385
Magical Muggles	350
Club Clovers	305
Sun Shiners	150
Rockridge Royals	140
Country Clovers	120
Kountry Kids	90
Adventurers	50
County Line Cloverbuds	50

## Club Point Opportunities:

Invite Lori to a Meeting – 100 pts.  
 4-H Night with QC Flames – 100 pts.  
 Club Reports – 50 pts.  
 Show & Tell – 20 pts.  
 SMART Bus Book Donation – 1 pt. per book.

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