



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

### November Newsletter

#### Lines from Lori

I am back at work this week and am walking on my own two feet. Best of all, I can drive again!!! Independence is a great feeling!

I appreciate the hard work that went into the cookie jars and window displays. I did not personally get to see them all, but I can only imagine the creativity and efforts that everyone put into them. From what I have heard, they were amazing.

A special thanks to everyone who attended the 4-H Awards banquet. I hope everyone had a great time. Congratulations to all of the 4-H Leaders and Members who received awards.

Have a great Fall Season and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lori

### National 4-H Week Follow-up

#### Window Display Contest

We had seven clubs participate in the Window Display Contest and 100 club points will be awarded to all seven clubs for participating. Judges viewed all of the windows and the winners are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Country Clovers – 100 Club Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rural True Blues – 75 Club Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rural Go Getters – 50 Club Points

In addition to the bonus Club points, Country Clovers will receive a prize pack that includes dinner and 4-H activities for displaying the winning window. Congratulations!

#### Cookie Jar Contest

We had eight clubs that participated in the Cookie Jar Contest. Jars were dropped off at the Extension Office and immediately distributed to local government representatives in an effort to show appreciation for the support they provide 4-H. The following clubs participated in the contest:

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| 1. Edgington Go Getters       | 5. Club Clovers     |
| 2. Zuma Zippers               | 6. Prairie Ramblers |
| 3. Rural True Blues           | 7. Rural Go Getters |
| 4. Double Dunn Dream Catchers | 8. Hayburners       |

Each participating club will receive 100 Club Points for participating and 100 bonus points for winning. Jars were distributed before pictures were taken for the contest; therefore, it was decided each club would receive the bonus Club Points. Congratulations!

#### Congratulations 100% Exhibition Award Winners

It was brought to our attention that this award was not mentioned at the awards banquet. The following 4-H members exhibited 100 percent of the projects they enrolled in to show at the 2008 Rock Island County Fair. They will receive certificates.

**Adventurers:** Kailea Marlow, Samuel Marlow, and Torri Marlow

**Cloverleaf:** Edmund Hamilton, Kaily Lucas, and Matthew Lucas

**Club Clovers:** Cody Johnson

**Country Clovers:** Carrie Strachan

**Edgington Go Getters:** Cody Bingman, Molly Bingman, Kayla Casey, Robbie Hofer, Blake Reddick, Dustin Reddick, Shelby Ryckaert, Kirstin Schmidt and Sarah Schmidt

**Hayburners:** Dylan Allison

**Kountry Kids:** Tyler Freyermuth

**Magical Muggles:** Melinda Buckrop, Sarah Callahan, and Alexander Jackson,

**Prairie Ramblers:** Ashley Reed

**Rockridge Royals:** Cody Blaser, Jacob Bohnsack, Taylor Curry, Erin Litterst, and Leah Weber

**Rural Go Getters:** Mallory Meyers and Zach Meyers

**Rural True Blues:** Jon Schroeder, and Kole Shuda

**Sun Shiners:** Nathan Rossi

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# 4-H Tidbits

**Zuma Zippers:** Austin Johnson, Brittney Kessler, Cody Kessler, Emily Kessler, Morgan Searl, and Caroline Simmons

## Mark Your Calendars

### Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> is 4-H Night.

Spend a fun filled evening with the Quad City Flames. We will have our annual Teddy Toss. Plan on attending and watch for more information.

### Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – All About the Fair Meeting.

Join me for this After/Before the fair discussion. We will be discussing issues from last year's fair and planning the 2009 fair. The meeting is open to all 4-H show superintendents and volunteers, leaders, families and 4-H members. We will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. at our new location in Milan (321 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave). Club points will be given as follows: Leaders – 25 points and Members - 15 points. Please register for the meeting by contacting the Extension Office – (309) 796-0512 or email me at: ltharp@illinois.edu.

### Shake, Rattle and Slide

Why the earth shakes, why volcanoes erupt, and why a tsunami happens are just a few of the questions addressed in the new U of I Extension website - **Shake, Rattle and Slide**.

The site features cut away drawings of the earth to demonstrate continental shifts and the effect of the earth's hot core on geographic features. The site includes many animations so you can see the various forces that change the world. This website has particular relevance for students in the Midwest as the New Madrid fault impacts much of the region. It includes a visual that displays where earthquakes occurred in the last hour, within the last day or week, and their severity.

Visit the site at <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/earth/>

### Geography and GIS Information Available

Are you interested in learning more about being a Geographer? Have you been thinking about enrolling in the GIS projects? These websites have information that may be of interest to you. Geographical magazine from the Royal Geographical Society's geographical magazine web page: <http://www.geographical.co.uk> or the RGS page is <http://www.rgs.org>.

AAG Careers Guide and Database: <http://www.aag.org/careers/>  
GIWIS: <http://www.giwis.org>

Matt Rosenberg's careers information at about.com:  
[http://geography.about.com/od/careersingeography/Careers\\_in\\_Geography.htm](http://geography.about.com/od/careersingeography/Careers_in_Geography.htm)

GIS Career pathways from ESRI with links to other organizations:  
[http://www.gis.com/careers/career\\_pathways.html#videoprofile](http://www.gis.com/careers/career_pathways.html#videoprofile)

## Wanted: Your Favorite Cookbook Recipes

Do you have a special or favorite recipe? One that uses the freshest of ingredients, straight from your garden? We would love for you to share it.

**Simple, Delicious and Planned to fit the season** is the approach the Rock Island County Extension unit will follow as staff comprises a cookbook of recipes from local cooks to feature in the Home Grown Challenge Garden-Fresh Cookbook.

The vegetables recipes will be organized by crop and crop-readiness, with attention paid to combining vegetables that ripen together. Recipes featuring popular techniques such as roasting and grilling that accentuate the flavor in recipes are desired. Vegetarian options will also be included. *The Home Grown Challenge Garden-Fresh Cookbook* will feature dishes destined to please every palate.

The deadline to submit recipes is Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Recipes may be submitted either via the web at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland) or hard copy – to Michael Woods, County Director, 4550 Kennedy Drive, East Moline, IL 61244. For more information contact Michael Woods ([mdwoods@illinois.edu](mailto:mdwoods@illinois.edu)) or Becky Buckrop ([bbuckrop@illinois.edu](mailto:bbuckrop@illinois.edu)) or call 309.796.0512.

Thanks for your continued support in stirring up some great recipes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Rock Island County *Home Grown Challenge Garden-Fresh Cookbook*.

### Lost Items

Jen is looking for the some items that were found to be missing following the games at the Awards Banquet; if you took them by mistake (thinking they were one of the prizes) can you please send them back to the Extension office: Magnetic Dartboard-12 inches round with six darts that are three inches long; Velcro Tennis Ball Board-18 inches round with an inflatable insert in a blue bag to help it stand up, has 3 tennis balls.

If you have any questions, please call Jen at the Extension Office.

### Teen Federation

The 4-H Teen Federation Club is looking for new members. If you are interested please contact Jen at the Extension Office. The next meeting is, Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### 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.

# Club Reports

## **Zuma Zippers; Reported by: C.J. Richardson**

The Zuma Zippers 4-H club met on October 19, 2008, at Sunset Lakes Resort. The meeting was called to order by Ryan Mercer. There was a great turn out with 15 members present. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were given.

The club members and their families roasted hot dogs and enjoyed a pot-luck. Refreshments were brought by the Holgren family. The children brought decorated pumpkins, for a pumpkin contest. They all did a great job. The members also participated in a scavenger hunt.

The club held a bake sale at Riverdale Elementary School on October 22, 2008, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The club raised \$258.00 that was donated to the Elementary School for the new playground fund.

The next Zuma Zippers' meeting will be on November 15, 2008, from 2:00-4:00 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Port Byron.

## **Magical Muggles, Submitted by Sarah Callahan**

On October 21, 2008, the Magical Muggles 4-H club met in the Singing Bird Nature Center in Blackhawk State Park, Rock Island, IL. Members started out by volunteering to do a skit for Magical Muggles' Law Day. Then, members elected officers. Candidates for office had to give a short speech about why they wanted to be an officer. The officers for 2008-2009 are President, Mariel Buckrop; VP: Logan Crawford; Treasurer, Lucas Crawford; Secretary, Melinda Buckrop; Photographer, Kayla Jackson; Reporter, Sarah Callahan; and Recreation Director, Ben Martinez. Officers will attend training on November 17. After elections, the members had a snack and played a game called "Alohamora", a complicated, but fun game based on the spell from the Harry Potter series. The next meeting for the Magical Muggles 4-H will be Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m., Singing Bird Nature Center, Rock Island.

## **Rural Go Getters; Submitted by: Mallory Meyers**

Rural Go Getters had their October meeting at Pat Edmondson's house. It was a Halloween party. Denise Coyne did a talk about the Rock Island Beef Promotion Program. Taylor talked about selling dog and cat treats. Zach got an award for winning the cover of the fair book. Pat passed out award certificates and pins. We voted on a Thanksgiving box for a needy family. We said yes, so everyone is to bring a can of goods to the next meeting. We all had a good time. Vance (Pat's husband) took us on a hayrack ride. Thanks, Pat and Vance, for a fun evening!

## **Edgington Go-Getters; Submitted by: Shelby Ryckaert**

The Edgington Go-Getters had their October meeting at the Preston's farm on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Before we started the meeting, Jenna showed us around the dairy farm for her talk and demonstration. To start off the meeting we discussed new business. Instead of the second Sunday of every month, the club decided to meet on the third Sunday of every month. After that we talked about how the enrollment forms are due by November 15<sup>th</sup> to the Extension Office. As a fundraiser for 4-H, each club will be selling dog, cat, and horse treats. If you have any questions, call the Extension Office. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Next, Sarah and Jolee passed out awards to

several members. Heather and Lucas adjourned the meeting, and then we painted pumpkins.

## **Double Dunn Dreamcatchers; Submitted by: Tori McCaw**

Our meeting was held at Double Dunn Ranch on September 5<sup>th</sup> with 17 members in attendance. We nominated and voted in officers. Mary DeWild is president, Taryn Persinger is vice-president, Mary Hemm is secretary, and Tori McCaw is recorder.

We adopted a family to give fundraising money to. Their child has leukemia, and they have a lot of medical bills. We started planning our big annual club fundraiser, the line dance. We reviewed club rules and expectations including attendance, attitude, and demonstration requirements.

October 3, 2008

We held our October meeting at Double Dunn Ranch with 6 members in attendance. We discussed the parade on October 19, and planned our float and building dates. We were given membership forms.

## **Rural True Blues; Submitted by: Jon Schroeder**

The Rural True Blues held their first meeting on September 28, 2008. There were seven members present; Rachael Sandhass-Hoke is our newest member. Pledges were cited and then the election of officers. The 2008-2009 officers are: Christian Schroeder-President, Alyssa Zwicker-Vice-President, Trent Zwicker-Secretary, Jon Schroeder-Reporter, and Kole Shuda and Julia Sandhass-Hoke-Recreation. The next order of business was the discussion of the newsletter. Everyone needed to call in for the award banquet. The cookie jar was discussed and the Schroeder's were decorating the jar this year. Each family was bringing 2 dozen cookies for the jar. Enrollment packets were passed out. The forms were to be filled out, check made out, and brought to the award banquet. We next discussed the Halloween party. The date will be Sunday, October 26 at the Zwicker's farm.

All food will be provided. We also discussed the craft day and Christmas party. This year we are decorating a window for 4-H week. The window will be decorated on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9:00. The meeting ended with the next meeting in October, Halloween party.

Next, we created a mummy. The mummy was made from clay pots and wrapped with cheesecloth. They turned out good and will be great for Halloween. We look forward to the Halloween party in October.

## **Adventurers; Submitted by: Emily and Lauren Colbrese**

The Adventurers met at the Colbrese house on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Two of our families were excused but the rest of us had a good time. After the talks and demonstrations, we had a good variety of snacks brought by each of the families. After the meeting, some of the members went canoeing on the lake, while others jumped on the trampoline and played football. Everyone had a good time.

On September 28 The Adventurers had our annual hayrack ride at the Colbrese house. We had a great turn-out with all of the members and their families showing up. We had a wiener roast/potluck with s'mores for dessert. After the hayrack ride, the kids jumped on the trampoline and the adults visited. Some of us went on the boats to the lake to enjoy the sun shine.

## **Hayburners; Submitted by Kayla Weikert**

Cassie Spivey called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Amber Mosley and the 4-H Pledge was led by Amanda Weikert. Roll Call was taken by Cassie Spivey. We had election of officers. The results were as follows: President –

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Cassie Spivey; Vice President – Cassie Catlett; Secretary – Amber Mosley; and Treasurer – Thomas Richardson. We discussed and wrote down the dates that we would be performing our talks and demos. We also handed out awards, sign-up packets, and fundraiser sheets. We discussed about taking a trip to Chicago to Medieval Times on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Another trip we talked about was going to the Horse Fair on March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned and then seconded by Kayla Weikert.

## Calendar of Events

January 22 – All About the Fair Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
February 7 – 4-H Night with the Flames – 7:00 p.m.  
July 21-26 – 2009 Rock Island County Fair  
July 28-August 2 – Jr. Horse Show at the State Fair  
August 14-23 – Illinois State Fair

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## Club Points:

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| Zuma Zippers          | 1020 |
| Rural True Blues      | 915  |
| Rural Go Getters      | 740  |
| Country Clovers       | 685  |
| Edgington Go Getters  | 570  |
| Hayburners            | 530  |
| Double Dunn DC        | 520  |
| Prairie Ramblers      | 520  |
| Adventurers           | 260  |
| Club Clovers          | 250  |
| Magical Muggles       | 205  |
| Buccaneers            | 140  |
| Kountry Kids          | 70   |
| Rockridge Royals      | 70   |
| Cloverleaf            | 0    |
| CountyLine Cloverbuds | 0    |
| Sun Shiners           | 0    |

**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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