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4-H honors volunteers for 'Proud past'

The theme for this year's Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association's Annual Recognition Banquet was "A Proud Past, A Bright Future." The banquet was Oct. 12 at Ed and Sharon's Restaurant, Merrill.

More than 80 Lincoln County 4-H volunteers, members, friends and community supporters attended this year's banquet, and it was hosted by members of the Hamburg Hawks 4-H Club.

4-H is a community of young people across Lincoln County who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Youths in kindergarten through one year after high school graduation can join 4-H regardless of where they live. Contact Debbie or Amanda at the University of Wisconsin-Extension office at 715-539-1072, visit the website at <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/> or subscribe to the Lincoln County 4-H Blog <http://fyi.uwex.edu/lincolncounty4h/> for up-to-the-minute 4-H news and membership information. Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development is a program of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension in partnership with local, state and federal government in each Wisconsin county.

There are 172 4-H volunteer leaders in Lincoln County who have given 1,815 years of service to the 4-H program. During the banquet, all of the 4-H volunteers, project leaders, general leaders and board members were honored for their commitment to the program.

Years of Service Awards

First-year leaders: Barnes Creek Buccaneers, Jesse Dengel; Hamburg Hawks, Lori Benaszkeski, Theresa Peterson, and Brandon Thurs; Hi-Lo's, Erica Busche; Merrill Busy Bees, Jennifer Plisch and Matt Thistle; Resource Leader, Shelly Burnett, Kathleen Ermer and Myria Kludy.

Fifth-year leaders: Barnes Creek Buccaneers, Juri Paulus and Alicia Weix; Hi-Lo's, Allen Barkholz, Dawn Barkholz, Julia Pankow and Laura Reiter; Merrill Busy Bees, Dustin Vandrey; Pine River Pioneer/Sunrise, Holly Hartwig, Brittany Wendorf and Jessica Woller; Resource Leader, Rebecca Kludy and Fern Langhoff.

Ten-year leaders: Hi-Lo's, Candi Busche; Merrill Busy Bees, Cheryl Buck, Linda Hudzinski, Jay Tlusty and Maxine Tlusty; Resource Leader, Lori Podgorski.



Memory Book award winners are Keely McGinn, from left, Molly McGinn, Shelby Fehlberg, Ricky Fehlberg and Steven Fehlberg. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Caroline Lemke, left, nominated and presented Evan Koshak with Friend of 4-H award. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Present at the banquet to accept their volunteer years of service awards were Holly Hartwig, front, from left, Cheryl Buck, Stephanie Schepp, Cheryl Roets and Cindi Christiansen; and back, Rebecca Kludy, Fern Langhoff, Brandon Thurs, Rita Koepke and Dale Christiansen. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Heidi Duley, left, receives her Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Leader award presented by Cindi Christiansen. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Reindl Printing receives a Friend of 4-H Award. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Rita Koepke, left, receives her Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Leader award from Rebecca Kludy. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Kassie Schepp received an engraved medallion as part of the James W. Crowley award and a Key award. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Mike and Margaret Sense, from left, accept their Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award from Sue Kunkel. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Margaret Sense, from left, co-chairperson for the Open Antiques Department and an employee of Wal-Mart, presents Mark Duley, president of the Lincoln County Fair Association with a check for \$250. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Fifteen-year leaders: Barnes Creek Buccaneers, Jessica Kildahl; Merrill Busy Bees, Connie Duerkop; Pine River Pioneer/Sunrise, Stephanie Schepp and Laurie Woller.

Twenty-year leaders: Corning Yankees, Rita Koepke; Prairie River Eagles, Mary Sosnovske.

Twenty-five year leaders: Hamburg Hawks, Cheryl Roets; Hi-Lo's, Lori Lemke and Marty Lemke; Corning All Stars, Cindi Christiansen

Thirty-five year leader: Corning All Stars, Dale Christiansen.

Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Leader awards

Heidi Duley from the Pine River Pioneer Sunrise 4-H Club and Rita Koepke from the Corning Yankees 4-H Club were named outstanding leaders this year.

Heidi Duley has been a 4-H volunteer leader for

27 years. She served as the department chairperson for the Junior Beef Department at the Lincoln County Fair for several years and continues to help each year. She has been instrumental in planning and conducting the annual Lincoln County Safety Day Camp for nearly 20 years.

Rita Koepke has been a 4-H volunteer leader for 20 years. She serves as a co-organizational club leader for the Corning Yankees 4-H Club and has

worked with her club to coordinate numerous county level activities including bowling; drama, lip sync and music festival; and the annual 4-H raffle at the Lincoln County Fair. She serves as the co-chairperson for the junior animal and veterinary science, electricity, mechanical sciences, and youth leadership/self-determined departments at the Lincoln County Fair and on the committee for the Open Cultural Arts Department.

Friend of 4-H awards

This year's Friend of 4-H awards went to Evan Koshak and Reindl Printing, Inc.

Evan Koshak was nominated for his support to 4-H clubs who are taking on community service projects involving woodworking. Koshak was a former 4-H member who carried the woodworking project and today owns and operates Tomahawk Builder Supply.

Reindl Printing, Inc. has provided support to Lincoln County 4-H through such things as printing raffle tickets and other printing needs and purchasing an ad in the Lincoln County Plat Book sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association.

Key Awards

Steven M. Roets, a member of the Hamburg

4-H

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Hawks 4-H Club and Kassie Schepp, a member of the Pine River Pioneer Sunrise 4-H Club were the recipients of the 4-H Key Award, one of the highest honors a member can receive. The youths receiving this award have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their club and their community.

Club Dairy award

The Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club was recognized for its efforts in promoting Wisconsin's Dairy Industry. The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board awards 4-H clubs around the state for their efforts in promoting and celebrating June Dairy Month.

James W. Crowley Dairy award

James W Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youths who have excelled in their dairy pro-

ject. Joseph Barkley, a member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club and Kassie Schepp, a member of the Pine River Pioneer Sunrise 4-H Club received this award. Each received a commemorative engraved medallion and the chance to compete for state-level awards, including a chance to compete for two \$500 scholarships that will be awarded for continuing dairy education. The state competition will consist of interviews conducted during the Wisconsin State Fair.

Memory Book awards

Six youths who did an outstanding job on their 4-H Memory Books were recognized at this year's banquet. Memory Books are a learning record of a youth's year in the 4-H program and take a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the 4-H member.

Recipients were Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club: Keely McGinn, participation Seal/Merit, and Molly McGinn, Seal and Merit and incentive. Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club: Ricky Fehlberg, Seal/Merit and incentive, Shelby Fehlberg, Seal/

Merit and incentive, Joseph Barkley, Seal/Merit and incentive, Steven Fehlberg, Seal/Merit and incentive.

Graduating 4-H member awards

4-H board of directors president Cindi Christiansen recognized graduating 4-H members during the annual recognition banquet. They are:

Corning All Stars 4-H Club: Michaela Albert, Noah Lassa, Megan Spreeman.

Bits N Bridles 4-H Club: Hannah Arnott, Shane Dennis.

Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club: Jordan Baumann, Emily Schmidt, Jared Wardall.

Pine River Pioneer/Sunrise 4-H Club: Tasha Bonke.

Hi-Lo's 4-H Club: Raeann Brixius, Amanda Koshak.

Hamburg Hawks 4-H Club: Sarah Lawrence.

Pine River Pioneer/Sunrise 4-H Club: Jared Prahl.

Pesobic Pathfinders 4-H Club: Kelsey Schoepfer.

Rockfalls Rascals 4-H Club: Eric Williams.

Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club: Austin Willis.

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would go next. Six individuals during the three month period were given temporary hotel shelter through St. Vincent de Paul. Several of these folks were traditional homeless, meaning if they were not sheltered they likely would have had to stay out in the elements! For both HAVEN and St. Vincent de Paul, the monthly averages, about three people for the latter organization, changed little through the summer.

At the end of July and the end of June each year, many communities throughout the nation conduct what are called point-in-time studies. The Task Force did so this past July, for the first time using volun-

teers rather than just police to canvass the area for traditional homeless. In rural areas this is often a problematic undertaking with so many out of the way places to sleep. People fall through the cracks. However, in July the Tomahawk team did find one person who was deemed homeless.

There is never a straightforward answer as to why people become homeless. Usually, there is some underlying issue such as a recent job loss or an addiction that has taken control of the person's life. The underlying cause must be treated as well as the homelessness itself. If you know of someone or a family who is or who you think is about to become homeless, contact one or more of the Task Force agencies. If they can't help directly, they will refer you to someone who can.

In addition to the ongoing goals mentioned above, the Task Force will soon be deciding upon new objectives to pursue. One of those will likely be to support an effort by Tomahawk faith-based organizations and residents to develop a homeless shelter. If you wish to engage in such an effort or join the Task

Force, please contact one of its agencies. The more people and organizations join the cause, the more likely that someday the Task Force's vision can be realized.

Contributed by Art Lersch, University of Wisconsin-Extension, Lincoln County, and Dee Olsen, Merrill Area United Way.

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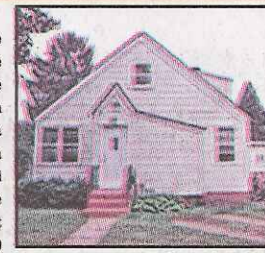
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2012-13 4-H Ambassador Awards

The 4-H program in Lincoln County continues to grow and change each year. Many of these changes are made possible with the help of the Lincoln County 4-H Ambassadors. They contribute an incredible amount of time and energy to the program, fundraising, emceeing, promoting and planning activities and events.

The 2012-2013 Ambassadors and Ambassador Advisers were recognized for their considerable contributions. A big 4-H thank you goes out to last year's Ambassadors and Junior Ambassadors Lily Cordova, Bailey Iwen, Morgan Norton, Steven Roets and Jared Sparks. 4-H Ambassadors Kim Brixius and Rebecca Kludy were also recognized for their leadership provided to this program.

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Outstanding Fair Volunteer awards

This year the Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award was presented to Brittany Wendorf and Margaret and Mike Sense.

Wendorf was nominated for volunteering with the Junior and Open Poultry Department during the Lincoln County Fair. From setting up cages and hanging decorations to helping make sure judging went smoothly, she was happy to help.

Margaret and Mike

Sense have been volunteering at the Lincoln County Fair for more than 20 years. Both work in the Open Antiques Department. The Senses' do a wonderful job setting up the area, keeping everything organized, and displaying the entries.

Wal-Mart donation presentation

Wal-Mart provides an annual donation to organizations in which their employees volunteer as a way of supporting the community. Since 2002, Wal-Mart has donated \$2,450 to the Lincoln County Fair in recognition of Margaret Senses' volunteer service.

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