

'4-H Volunteers Make Tracks After the Fair'



(left to right) – Mark Duley, presents this year's Key Awards on behalf of Lincoln County Farm Bureau to Suzanne Simon and Mathew Thistle.

That was the theme for this year's Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Inc. Annual Recognition Banquet held on Saturday, October 23rd at Pagels. Over 115 Lincoln County 4-H volunteers, members, friends and community supporters attended this year's banquet. Members of the Hamburg Hawks 4-H Club hosted this year's banquet. Duane Zamzow was the guest speaker sharing memories from his 4-H experience.

Suzanne Simon, a member of the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club and Mathew Thistle, a member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club were the recipients of the 4-H Key Award. The award was presented by Mark Duley, representing Lincoln County Farm Bureau. For the 35th consecutive year the Key awards are being sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation and Rural Insurance Companies. The Key Award, the highest award given to 4-H members, recognizes those who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H program, who have developed their citizenship and leadership abilities, and who have been helpful members in their club and community.

Mathew Thistle has been in the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H club for 12 years including Cloverbuds. He has done projects in Woods, Foods, Arts & Crafts, Drawing, Photography, Houseplants, Fish, Hunting, Small Pets, and others. He has won Merit Awards in several such as Woods, Drawing and Foods. This year his lizard, Lizzy, won "Best of Show" in small pets. Other 4-H activities Mathew is involved in are June Dairy Breakfast where he helps with pony rides, Dairyland stand at the fair, gathering articles for Easter baskets, Humane Society and 4-H Auction. He has gone to 4-H Camp and made a lot of friends. Other trips and experiences include American Spirit Trip and the Washington D.C. trip. These trips were excellent opportunities for Matt to grow socially and become more responsible and independent. Matt is very active in his club by being treasurer and currently vice president. He also received the "I Dare You" Award. 4-H is a positive influence in building Matt's character and has helped him

develop into the person he is today. Mathew is the son of Michael and Tammy Thistle.

Suzanne Simon has been in the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club for six years. She has been a club president, historian, 4-H ambassador, and youth director at 4-H camp. Some of her projects include sewing, photography, and art. Suzanne plans on attending UW-Oshkosh next fall to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Suzanne is the daughter of Warren and Virginia Simon.

Brenda Krueger, Steven Roets and Kassie Schepp, received the American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award, in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and potential leadership. The National Leadership Award is presented each year by the American Youth Foundation (AYF) in cooperation with principals, counselors, county 4-H programs, and other organizations across the country. The award was first offered in 1941 by the late William H. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, who challenged young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service. The award takes its name from the book, *I Dare You*, written by Danforth, in which he commends the balanced life of mental, physical, social and spiritual development as the backbone of leadership. In addition to a certificate of recognition each recipient received a copy of Danforth's inspirational book, *I Dare You*, and an opportunity to apply for the "I Dare You" scholarship, which can be applied to the cost of the AYF's Leadership Conference located in Michigan.

Brenda Krueger has been a member of the Merrill Busy Bees for 4 years. She enjoys horses, rodeos, rabbits, dogs and cats. Her projects include: Rabbits, Foods & Food Preservation, Arts & Crafts, Woodworking, Birds & Nature, Flowers,



(left to right) Kelsey Schoeppler, one of last year's award recipients presents Brenda Krueger with her award

Health and Clothing. This past year she received a blue ribbon in Rabbit Showmanship, received Best of Show for fudge and corn muffins. Brenda has also participate in the Music Festival, Drama Festival and Communications contest. She was selected to go to the State Fair for 2 years now for these events. During the summer of 2010, she was able to go the Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference in Madison with her mom and Kelsey Schoeppler. During conference, she made bluebird houses for a service project, learned how to make different types of pizza in a cooking seminar and then learned a song with the Showcase Singers and got to sing with them for the closing ceremony. Outside 4-H, Brenda is also involved with Special Olympics and with dance. Brenda is the daughter of Kevin and Beth Krueger.

Kassie Schepp has been involved in 4-H for 11 years. She has served as Club Secretary and President for the Pine River Pioneer-Sunrise 4-H Club. Kassie has also been in 4-H Camp, Cleaning the Highway, Window Display for 4-H Week, Bingo at Bell Tower, club trips and many other club activities. She has served on the Dairy Committee, helped with Dairy Camp, been a member of MASS, was awarded to go to State 4-H Conference and American Spirit Trip. Outside of 4-H she is active in dance. Her interests include dairy, swine, baking, crocheting and photography. She is the daughter of Stephanie Schepp.

Steven Roets has been in 4-H ever since he can remember. As a cloverbud he brought enthusiasm to meetings and always looked forward to going to 4-H activities. As he grew older he joined the Horse Bowl team, being captain for two years. He also won the state hippology contest, which was a big surprise for him. As Steven grew older, his attention shifted from horses to chickens. He started showing chickens at the fair, and joined the Avian Bowl team. Steven loved to participate in the 4-H club plays and Lip Syncs, and gave demonstrations on multiple occasions. He also enjoyed hosting students from Norway and Japan. Steven is now an ambassador, a youth director on the Board



Kassie Schepp



(left to right) Caroline Lemke, President of the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Inc. presents Steven Roets with his award



Caroline Lemke, President of the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Inc. presents Eric Williams with the James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy award.

of Directors, president of his club, and a member of the fair poultry committee. He enjoys these things and always strives to do his best. He brings a lot of positive energy to everything he does. Outside of 4-H Steven plays the tuba in Marching Band, Pep Band, and Wind Ensemble. He is in Student Senate, Band Council, Accelerated Art, Art Club, school plays and musicals, as well as other activities. Steve is the son of Steven and Cheryl Roets.

Eric Williams of the Rock Falls Rascals 4-H Club was presented with the Lincoln County 4-H Crowley Leadership Award for 2010. This awards program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award which is named in honor and memory of Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. As a county winner, Eric 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.

In addition to this individual dairy award, the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H club was recognized for their efforts in promoting Wisconsin's Dairy Industry. The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board awards 4-H clubs around the state for their ef-

forts in promoting and celebrating June Dairy Month. A Certificate of Achievement was presented to the club for outstanding accomplishments in promoting Wisconsin Dairy Industry in Lincoln County.

There are 193 4-H Volunteer Leaders in Lincoln County who have given 1,740 years of service to the 4-H program. During the banquet we honored all of our 4-H Volunteers; project leaders, general leaders and board members for their commitment to the program. Those leaders, who have been involved for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years, received recognition, pin and/or certificate at the banquet. This year's recipients are as follows:

FIRST YEAR LEADERS – Myria Barnes Creek Buccaneers-Tina Dengel Barnyard Friends-Jennifer Porath Coming All Stars-Kelly Sondelski, Steven Sondelski, Ann Walker Jeff Walker
Coming Yankees—Lisa Annis, Brian Genrich, Chris Hanson, Helen Hanson, John Hanson, Marvin Hanson, Pam Hanson, Carol Zoellner
Pine River Peppers—Timothy Moat, Douglas Iwen, Pam Iwen, William Jaeger, Chad Sabatke, Julie Stevenson
Rockfalls Rascals—Kathleen Oberg, Stephen Rauchle
Non-Club Leader—Jack Burkam, Ester Dittmar, Norman Haskins, Susan Pfaff, Holly Rauen, Shellee Sabatke, Arlene Schield, Margaret Sense

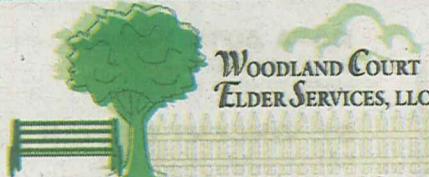
FIFTH YEAR LEADERS – RaeAnn Bits 'N Bridles-Brittany Daigle, Loyetta Dennis

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Front Row (left to right) – Margaret Sense, Helen Hanson, Pam Hanson and Jack Burkam Back Row (left to right) – Arlene Schield, Holly Rauhen, Lisa Annis, John Hanson and Chris Hanson)



(Left to right) Sandy Thurs, Kathrine Taylor and Ann Stoeckmann

Coming All Stars–Judith Ryan, John Zimmer
Hamburg Hawks–Sandy Thurs
Hi – Lo’s–Lisa Elliott
Merrill Busy Bees–Lea Kultgen, Bobbie Monson, Andrew Vandergeest, Arlene Wilhams
Pesobic Pathfinders–Tim Schoeppler
Pine River Pioneer/Sunrise–Kathrine Taylor
Prairie River Eagles–Marlys Hoy
Rockfalls Rascals–Dale Williams, Renee Williams
Non-Club Leader–Amy Ollhoff

TEN YEAR LEADERS – Megan Barnyard Friends–Denise Yarie
Coming All Stars–Russell Block
Hi – Lo’s–Margaret Welke
Merrill Busy Bees–Tricia Lazare, Catherine Ordemann, Bobbi Jo Schulz, Jason Schulz
Non-Club Leader–Kelly Natzke

FIFTEEN YEAR LEADERS
Merrill Busy Bees–Sandra Gipple
Pine River Pioneer Sunrise–Mark Wallace

TWENTY YEAR LEADERS
Barnyard Friends–Jill Reinhardt
Merrill Busy Bees–Jane Schulz
Non-Club Leader–Ann Stoeckmann

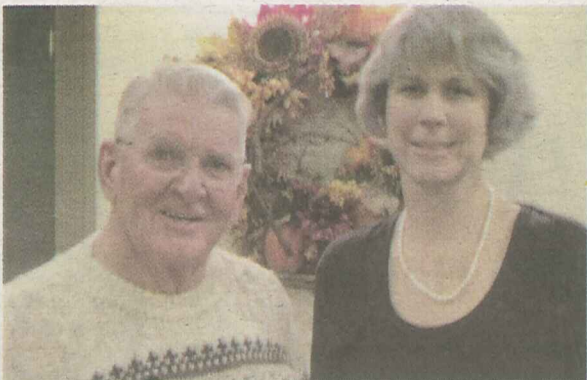
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR LEADER – Myria
Non-Club Leader–Kathleen Walters

In 1988, the 4-H Leaders’ Association initiated the annual recognition of two outstanding 4-H leaders. Beginning in 2001, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Leaders’ Association jointly partnered to recognize two outstanding leaders in Lincoln County. This year’s recipients were Pat and Yvette Chieves from the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club and Jack Burkam,

a county Resource Leader. Pat and Yvette were nominated as a team for helping their club in numerous ways including making displays for the club’s annual June Dairy Breakfast activities; organizing the club’s drama and puppetry entries; and wherever else they can help out. It was noted that they began volunteering as soon as their family became involved in 4-H. Jack Burkam was nominated for the leadership he has provided on a county wide basis in the aerospace project. This has included teaching workshops at the annual Project Discovery Days for over 10 years and more recently working with individual project members to construct their own model airplanes.

In 1990, the Fair Board initiated the annual recognition of two Outstanding Fair volunteers. This year the Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award was presented to Chris Hanson and Annie Wood. Chris was nominated for his many years serving on the Open Cultural Arts Department committee as well as his willingness to help wherever he is needed for the Lincoln County 4-H Fair. Annie Wood was nominated for her many years of volunteering with the county dog project group, including leading activities during weekly practice sessions and for her role in helping at the dog show during the fair to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Since 1963, the 4-H Leaders’ Association, Inc. has been recognizing two people, committees or organizations as “Friends of 4-H.” This year’s awards went to Schult



(left to right) Jack Burkam accepts his award from Holly Schoeppler, Club Leader for the Pesobic Pathfinders 4-H Club who nominated him



Dennis and Cyndi Timm nominated and present Annie Wood (center) with her award.)



Beth Krueger (center) nominated and presented Lee and Diane Pfaff, owners of Schult Country Inn with their award.)

Country Inn and Bone and Joint Center. Both of this year’s Friend of 4-H award recipients were nominated for the tremendous support they provide to individual 4-H’ers, the overall 4-H program and to the Lincoln County 4-H Fair each year.

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 2009-2010 Ambassadors and Ambassador Advisors were recognized for their considerable contributions. A big 4-H thank you goes out to last year’s Ambassadors, RaeAnn Brixius, Brittany Garrett, Myria Kludy, Alex Kreie, Erin Riddle, Steven Rots, Kelsey Schoeppler and Megan Spreeman. 4-H Ambassador Advisors, Kim Brixius, Rebecca Kludy, and Lori Lemke were also recognized for their leadership provided to this program.



Chris Hanson (second from the right) accepts his award from (left to right) Rita Koepke, Helen Hanson and Gloria Lukes who nominated him for this award along with Alex Kreie (not pictured)



Bob Cooper, CEO, Bone and Joint Center, accepts the award from Cindi Christiansen who nominated the Center for this award.



Sue Kunkel (far left) and Gloria Lukes (far right) present Yvette and Pat Chieves with their award. Sue and Gloria were the individuals that nominated them for this award.


Twelve youth who did an outstanding job on their 4-H Memory Books were recognized at this year’s banquet. The Memory Book is a fantastic way for youth to make a learning record of their year in the 4-H program and takes a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the 4-H member. Congratulations to all those youth who put this effort into the program: Hi-Lo’s - Natalie Reiter, Brandon Pankow, Tom Reiter, Katie Reiter, Heidi Massa, Stephanie Welke; Merrill Busy Bees - Amanda Barkley, Joseph Barkley, Shelby Fehlberg, Steven Fehlberg, Ricky Fehlberg; Pine River Pioneer/Sunrise - Daniel Tiffany.

The Lincoln County 4-H program has been very active in the 2010 International programs. Each year Wisconsin hosts a delegation of 12-18 year old youth and chaperones from Japan and Korea. This year, 56 families participated in the program. Wisconsin 4-H and the National 4-H Japanese/Korean Exchange Committee would like to express their appreciation. The following Lincoln County youth and

their families took part in the Japanese/Korean Exchange programs -- Gronna Family, Schoeppler Family, Sondelski Family, and Walker Family. Hayley Schoeppler, a Lincoln County 4-H member, also traveled to Korea where she participated in the 2010 4-H/Korea Exchange Program.

Wisconsin 4-H also participates in the LEX Mexico Exchange. Twelve families’ hosted Mexican youth or chaperones for four weeks in 2010. This included the Schmidt family from Lincoln County.

4-H is a community of young people across Lincoln County who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Youth in grades Kindergarten through 13 (one year after high school graduation) can join 4-H, regardless of where you live. More information about Lincoln County 4-H is available at the Lincoln County 4-H blog at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/lincolncounty4h/> or by calling the UW-Extension office at 539-1072. Now is the perfect time to enroll your children and/or to become a volunteer.



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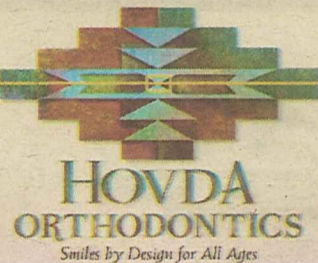
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