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Volunteers make 4-H go 'round

“4-H Volunteers Make Tracks After the Fair” was the theme for this year’s Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association

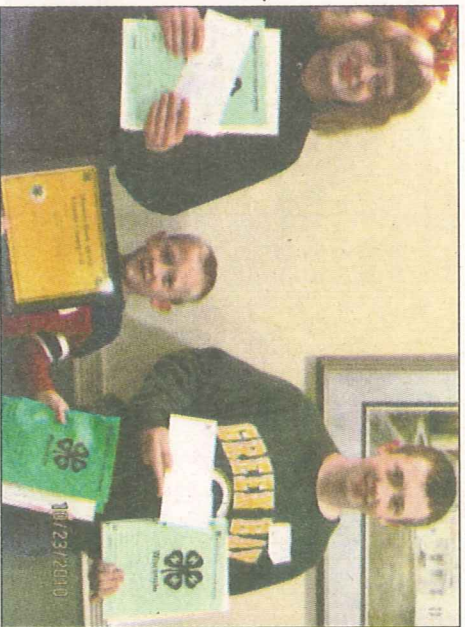


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Annual Recognition Banquet on Oct. 23 at Pageels. More than 115 Lincoln County 4-H volunteers, members, friends and community supporters attended this year’s banquet. Members of the Hamburg Hawks 4-H Club hosted this year’s banquet. Duane Zamzow was the guest speaker, sharing memories from his 4-H experience.

4-H is a community of young people across Lincoln County who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Youths in grades kindergarten through 13 (one year after high school graduation) can join 4-H, regardless of where they live.

Suzanne Simon, a member of the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club, and Matthew Thistle, a member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club, received the 4-H Key Award. The highest award given to 4-H members. It 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.



Shelby Fehlberg, from left, Ricky Fehlberg and Steven Fehlberg were among 4-H members who received awards for outstanding work on their memory books in which they record what they learned through the year’s projects.

Brenda Krueger, Steven Roets and Kassie Schopp received the American Youth Foundation’s National Leadership Award, in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and potential leadership.

Eric Williams of the Rock Falls Rascals 4-H Club received the Lincoln County 4-H Crowley Leadership Award for 2010, which recognizes youths who have excelled in their dairy project. He qualifies to compete for state-level awards.

The Merrill Busy Bees 4-H club was recognized for its efforts in promoting Wisconsin’s Dairy Industry.

All 193 4-H Volunteer Leaders in Lincoln County — who have given 1,740 years of service — were honored for their commitment to the program. Those who have been involved for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years received recognition, pins and/or certificates at the banquet. Outstanding 4-H leader



Members of the Hamburg Hawks 4-H Club present guest speaker Duane Zamzow, center, with a thank you gift.

many years on the Open Cultural Arts Department committee and has helped wherever needed for the Lincoln County 4-H Fair. Wood for many years has volunteered with the county dog project group, including leading activities during weekly practice sessions, and helps at the dog show during the fair to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

The Friends of 4-H award went to Schult Country Inn and Bone and Joint Center for its support to individuals, the overall 4-H program and to the Lincoln County 4-H Fair each year.

For more information about Lincoln County 4-H, check the Lincoln County 4-H blog at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/lincolncounty4h/> or call the UW-Extension office at 715-539-1072.

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Mark Duley, from left, presents this year’s Key Awards on behalf of Lincoln County Farm Bureau to Suzanne Simon and Matthew Thistle.



Caroline Lemke, left, president of the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders’ Association, presents Eric Williams with the James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy award.