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GIVING TO HELP YOUTH GROW
Since its inception, 4-H has placed emphasis on the importance of young people being engaged, well-informed citizens. By connecting to their communities and leaders, 4-H youth understand their role in civic affairs and are able to expand their role in decision-making processes. It’s clear that civic engagement provides the foundation that helps youth understand the big picture of life and learn the skill sets that will allow them to become wise leaders for the 21st Century.

Young people today are faced with many challenges. Youth with a background in 4-H meet those challenges and go beyond them to create a better world for themselves and everyone. 4-Hers “learn by doing,” beginning with that first 4-H project, giving that first demonstration, or displaying their project at a county fair. Their steady growth and involvement in varied activities and projects over the years help them become responsible and confident citizens and leaders of the future. Past and present 4-Hers continue to strive “to make the best better” in their everyday lives. The positive attitude and approach they take to daily activities and concerns often stems from the many positive learning and growing opportunities they have experienced in 4-H club work.

Past and present 4-Hers should be PROUD of their involvement and heritage in this great youth organization. Without 4-H as a part of my life as a young man, I am sure I would not have enjoyed the many successful opportunities I have had in employment, community involvement, family relationships, and more. I am PROUD to have been a 10-year 4-H member; leader, and volunteer; parent of a 4-Her; board member and now chairman of the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

I hope you take PRIDE in your past and current involvement and support of the 4-H program. If you have given financial support in the past, we thank you for your investment in the development of our 4-H youth. At this time, I encourage you to support our 4-H License Plate effort. Be one of the 1,500 Illinois drivers who make a $25 contribution to the 4-H Foundation to help us begin the production of the 4-H License Plate. Your contribution today will truly be a long-term investment in 4-H and will ensure an ongoing source of income once established. What a great success story this will be when there are thousands of license plates traveling down our highways promoting this great program for our young people. (See page 28 for more information on how you can join in.)

With your continued help and support—whether it be monetary or by volunteering—we can meet the challenges in attaining our goals of a 4-H program for the future that we all take PRIDE in.

I am PROUD to have been a 4-H member.

Jim Schmidt
Chairman, Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

From the Director

THANK YOU for your generosity! Each year I am amazed by what we, as a collective group of people, can do to improve the 4-H experience for our Illinois youth! As a result of your gifts, the 4-H Foundation has made a huge impact on 4-Hers in 2011. Here are just a few ways:

- $200,000 was given back to the county 4-H programs via statewide programming
- 16 Special Interest Clubs (SPIN) have received funds to start their club as a result of a grant from the Illinois 4-H Foundation; grants totaled $15,000
- 4-Hers from across the state were able to represent Illinois at National 4-H Congress, national judging competitions, National 4-H Conference, and various other leadership events
- Each multi-county Extension Unit (27) was eligible to receive a 4-H Program Grant encouraging 4-H club/group expansion or to support projects targeted to address one of the five educational youth initiatives; grants totaled $32,400

The 17 members of the Board of Directors and I are extremely honored to serve as your representatives for the Illinois 4-H Foundation, and we are very proud of our Illinois 4-H Youth Development programs throughout the state.

As you continue to read this edition of the CloverSeed, we hope you are energized by the impact your gifts have allowed the Foundation to make. It is those gifts that allow us to provide young people with a variety of opportunities to grow in knowledge and skills.

If you have not made a gift to the Illinois 4-H Foundation, I hope you will consider supporting our effort in 2012! Every gift does make a difference!

Angie Barnard
Director, Illinois 4-H Foundation

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MEET YOUR ILLINOIS 4-H FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Interested in learning about serving as a board member? E-mail Illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or call 217-333-9295.
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I work with you to support our Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program. Among youth organizations, we are unique. We focus on out-of-school, non-formal learning led by youth and supported by volunteers. This formula—empowering youth to lead their own club activities—yields powerful results. Research shows that 4-H members are two times more likely to contribute to their communities, three times more likely to pursue science careers, two times more likely to go to college, and less likely to be involved in risky behaviors. Don’t we all want these powerful outcomes for an increasing number of youth?

Increasing numbers of 4-H members is exactly what we have achieved in our Illinois 4-H program this past year. After a five-year decline in 4-H club membership, we have achieved a five percent increase in enrollment, resulting in 23,543 4-H members in 1,420 4-H clubs. An additional 168,556 youth experienced 4-H through group and short-term experiences, resulting in nearly 200,000 youth being touched by your Illinois 4-H program. This is exciting!

This capacity as a youth organization is powerful and can effect change. Extension in the North Central Region of the U.S. is harnessing its resources to help drive economic growth and job creation in agriculture and agbioscience. According to a 2011 report by the Battelle Institute, the land-grant universities in the 12 North Central states are uniquely positioned to be home to intensive innovation, to be early adopters of new technologies, and to become the “go to” location for economic activity in a bio-based economy. 4-H is uniquely positioned to expose youth at an early age to science, and—more specifically—agbioscience.

On behalf of the Illinois 4-H youth organization, I want to thank you for investing in us. With your assistance, we are educating youth who are uniquely prepared to step up to the challenges of a complex and changing world.

Many thanks,

Denise Legvold
State Program Leader,
Illinois 4-H Youth Development

What are those blotchy-looking squares?

Maybe you’ve noticed them in the pages of this issue of the CloverSeed: Those funny-looking squares filled with tiny blotches of ink.

They’re called QR (Quick Response) Codes—and they’re popping up everywhere, from newspapers to garden plant labels to billboards. They work sort of like the barcodes we see on packages of various consumer products. But instead of representing a particular product, a QR Code usually stores information about a Web URL, an E-mail address or a Google Maps location.

Users with smartphones or other Web-enabled mobile devices can scan any QR code using a free QR scanning app; and when they do, the website or other information will automatically open on their screen. No more having to remember long, cumbersome Web addresses—or typing them on impossibly small smartphone keyboards! If you and your smartphone don’t happen to be in a wireless hotspot when you scan a QR Code, no worries; the QR scanner will store the information until your device does have access to the Web.

So now you have two ways to get further information on some of the topics featured in the CloverSeed: you can type in the URL on any computer or use a QR scanner that will deliver the information directly to your smartphone or tablet.
The Remember CAMPaigned brought attention to wonderful experiences many people have had at 4-H Memorial Camp over the years and increased awareness of the various needs at the camp. Donations have been used to provide a new kitchen and a new small dining room/meeting room that campers have been putting to use.

Great, passionate people make use of the camping facilities—including the many youth and volunteers involved in the 4-H Shooting Sports program. There is a continuing need to help Memorial Camp meet its long-term programmatic goals. The camp currently needs funding to:

• Build a new pavilion to serve as home for the Creation Station Activity Center and double as the Shooting Sports Activity Center for archery/air rifle use
• Construct new bathhouse facilities to serve cabin units
• Develop a shotgun range for regional/statewide 4-H Shooting Sports events
• Provide a swimming pool
• Supply 12 new rowboats

As we look forward, we anticipate potential new audiences will use these facilities allowing others to make memories and experience the wonder of Memorial Camp.

Making Summer Fun at 4-H Memorial Camp

More than 8,500 campers enjoyed time at camp in 2011.

4-H Memorial Camp, adjacent to Allerton Park, holds a world of outdoor activities, adventures, and creative projects for 4-H youth in Illinois. Summer 2011 was another fun season for campers—learning new skills, building friendships, and making memories.

To learn more, visit http://web.extension.illinois.edu/4hmemorialcamp
Nellie McCannon Leaves a Legacy of Caring and Communication

Born in 1917, Nellie McCannon grew up in Sugar Grove, Illinois at “the exact end of the East-West Toll Road.” A 4-Her for 10 years, she identifies those years as a time of great learning—particularly in canning. She and her mother started a 4-H canning club and earned many canning honors, including cherry jam and “balanced meal” prizes in the International Canning Contest.

Miss McCannon earned her undergraduate degree in home economics at Iowa State University and earned her master’s degree in agricultural journalism from the University of Wisconsin. Over the course of her career, she worked as a business home economist, home agent, adviser, communicator, educator, and professor.

Also an avid traveler, gardener, and woodworker, Miss McCannon had a thirst to learn and to communicate newfound knowledge to help others. During her travels to Asia, Africa, Europe, and Australia she visited media outlets, Extension and community development projects, and—true to her caring nature—her former students as well.

In McCannon’s own words, “When television came to Milwaukee in the 40s, with it came an invitation to bring extension programs to the air. My response was positive.” She had a passion for helping home economists disseminate important information for families through all possible communication channels.

She initiated the first Communications Section of the American Home Economics Association. She began an annual seminar at the University of Wisconsin for Women’s Page editors. Miss McCannon even set up scholarships for her department, and each year the department hosted a banquet where the recipients could meet their donors.

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Miss McCannon’s contributions to her profession and her community leave a legacy that highlights the caring and communication that defined her interpersonal, large group, and media interactions.

Her contributions will continue with her $25,000 gift that has been used to form an endowment and also fund scholarships. The Nellie McCannon Endowment ($15,000) will support 4-H special interest (SPIN) clubs (see page 10). The remaining balance will fund Legacy of Leadership scholarships (see page 12).

Giving Back to Their Community A Gift from the Brummers

Charles Brummer was born and raised on the family farm in the Island Grove community in Jasper County, Illinois. During his youth, he was active in 4-H and was selected to attend the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Charles and his wife, Frances, raised nine children on a small dairy farm. Mr. Brummer was dedicated to community service, including over 25 years as a 4-H leader in Effingham and Jasper Counties.

The Brummer family continues to support local 4-H programming in Jasper County. On October 10, 2011, the Charles and Frances Brummer 4-H Endowment helped provide a field trip for 12 4-H members, one volunteer chaperone, and one Extension staff member to tour the Dow AgroSciences facility in Indianapolis. The experience exposed 4-H members to the multiple...
Dick McFarland—Defining Civic Responsibility

In 1948, National Honor Society member and president of both the student senate and his 4-H Club, H. Richard “Dick” McFarland graduated from Hoopeston High School and headed for the University of Illinois to pursue his bachelor’s degree from the College of Agriculture.

Dick participated in many activities while a student at the university: serving in the Student Senate, as class president his senior year, and as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Wing, to name just a few. He was elected life president of the Class of 1952.

Following graduation, he went on to become a successful entrepreneur and leader in the food service industry, including a career with Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC). In 1975, he became president and owner of McFarland Foods Corporation of Indianapolis.

The 185-foot-tall carillon on University of Illinois’ south quad honors McFarland’s late wife, Sarah “Sally” McFarland. In 1988, McFarland’s contributions were recognized with the Award of Merit from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Alumni Association. He is the recipient of many awards, which also include a 1996 U of I Alumni Association Achievement Award and a 1993 4-H Alumni Award.

Dick does not rest on past laurels, but continues to define his civic responsibility by serving as a Life Director for the University of Illinois Foundation, a Life Member of the Alumni Association, a member of the Board of Trustees at Hanover College in Indiana, a trustee of the H. Richard McFarland Early American Museum in Hoopeston, and as a gracious donor assisting in the development of future leaders through longtime college scholarship support in ACES and now the Illinois 4-H program.

Believing passionately about helping to build character and provide leadership opportunities for young people, Dick has recently created the H. Richard and Sarah F. McFarland Endowed 4-H Youth Leadership and Character Development Support Fund.
Investing in the Future: Project Partners

Project Partner companies are truly making a difference in the lives of young people in Illinois. The Illinois 4-H Project Partner Program provides businesses, corporations, and trade associations an opportunity to support the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program along with a focus on one of National 4-H’s Mission Mandates—science, engineering, and technology—within our numerous Illinois 4-H project areas.

This past year, each Project Partner gift of $2,000 provided:

- **An Annual Organizer**—Each of the approximately 23,500 club members in the state received a folder featuring all the Partners’ logos, so that club meeting and project information could be kept in one convenient place.

- **State Fair Online**—This new opportunity does not replace the actual State Fair experience. Instead, it provides 4-Hers an additional opportunity to use technology to share what they have learned by creating online videos or map exhibits of their projects.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation recognizes that public visibility of Project Partner support of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program is important. Companies participating in the Project Partner Program are publicly acknowledged in the following ways:

- Recognition on the Annual Organizer (club folder)
- Recognition in the Illinois Clover project guide
- Recognition in the Illinois 4-H Foundation CloverSeed newsletter
- Recognition on the Illinois 4-H Foundation website
- Recognition at the Illinois State Fair 4-H Family event
- Company logo displayed at the College of ACES Salute to Agriculture tailgate
- “Proud Supporter of Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program” sign for placement at Farm Progress Show

Find out how your company can get involved as a Project Partner. Contact us by E-mail at illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or by phone at 217-333-9295.
The first annual State Fair Online was made possible with support from Illinois 4-H Foundation Project Partners. This program prepares 4-H youth with communication skills to successfully participate in a technology-infused society through:

- An additional state-level judging opportunity conducted through an interactive website
- Video and online map exhibits that teach something about a 4-H project area
- Exhibits showcased on a public website as well as at the 1st Annual Film Festival and Map Gallery held at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield

The premier of State Fair Online drew 67 entries. All entries were judged online by content experts in the different project areas, including: robotics, forestry, health, geospatial, animal science, floriculture, interior design, filmmaking, aerospace, electricity, bicycle safety, and more.

State Fair Online Winners Honored at Luncheon

Four exhibitors were identified as “power communicators” and recognized at an awards ceremony on the State Fairgrounds on August 20, 2011. First prize winners Kristen McKellar, Kane County, and David Zimmerman, Fayette County, were each awarded a new iPod Touch. Second prize winners Hunter Dyer, Douglas County, and Lana Fitzgerald, Champaign County, received ION Twin Video cameras. Honorable mentions were given to Adam Namboodiri, McLean County, and Matthew McKellar, Kane County. State Fair delegates in 4-H filmmaking were also recognized at the award luncheon.

More than 100 people attended the luncheon. Dr. Donna Cox, the Michael Aiken Endowed Chair, director of the Illinois eDream Institute, and director of Advanced Scientific Visualization Laboratory at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Cox, from the University of Illinois, spoke to the 4-H audience about new directions in technology and the possibilities for leveraging these tools to tell powerful stories in order to communicate with others.

Celebrating 4-H Members and Volunteers at Illinois State Fair

On August 13, 2011, more than 400 leaders, volunteers, Project Partners, and friends from around the state celebrated the outstanding 4-H members and volunteers who help keep 4-H thriving! The Illinois 4-H Foundation hosted the 10th annual 4-H Family Event, complete with ice cream, on the Director’s Lawn of the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Mark Sturgell, Illinois 4-H Foundation board member from Macon County, served as the Master of Ceremonies and Illinois’ State 4-H Program Leader Denise Legvold introduced the 2011 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholars (see page 12). Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation director, inducted 52 outstanding volunteers and 4-H supporters into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame (see page 16). Also recognized at the 4-H Family Event was the James and Louise Deters family of Cumberland County as recipients of the 2011 4-H Family Spirit Award (see page 14).

Save the date and join us for our 2012 celebration: Saturday, August 11.
Picking Up the Pace—SPIN Clubs

What Are Special Interest (SPIN) Clubs?
SPecial INterest (SPIN) clubs allow youth ages 8 to 18, with common interests or hobbies, to meet as a club and share their special interest. Whether their passion is sailing, robotics, community theater, or just about any other topic, kids can gain knowledge and enhance their skills through a positive group experience. A SPIN club can be started with as few as one adult volunteer leader and five young people who share a specific interest.

Traditionally, 4-H programs have been community-based. SPIN clubs reach out beyond local communities to bring children and adults with common interests together—wherever they may be located. SPIN clubs are a great way to introduce young people to a specific hobby or interest they might not otherwise have a chance to develop.

What Makes 4-H SPIN Clubs Appealing to New Youth and Volunteers?
The SPIN club recognizes that both youth and adults often have a limited amount of “free time” for outside interests in today’s fast-paced world. SPIN clubs provide many of the Positive Youth Development elements of community clubs—but in non-traditional environments and timeframes. They offer an excellent opportunity for adult volunteers, since volunteers can serve for a shorter, more defined period of time. For example, a computer club might meet once a week for six weeks, or twice a week for three weeks. This gives youth and leaders more flexibility.

SPIN clubs also allow for greater interaction with adult leaders on a single topic of shared interest. This lets the meeting time focus on gaining the skills necessary to master a subject.

The SPIN club is an excellent way to attract new members and volunteers who may never have considered being part of the 4-H program. In fact, SPIN clubs have been so successful that 4-H enrollment is on the upswing in Illinois. For the 2010-2011 year, there were 71 new SPIN clubs with a total of 773 members and 132 adult volunteers.

What Types of Topics do SPIN Clubs Cover?
From smartphones to welding, cooking to robotics, and landscape design to the dulcimer... 4-H SPIN club topics are not limited to project books, so the possibilities are endless! The following are just a few examples of current SPIN clubs in Illinois:

- **Sailing**—The Sailing SPIN Club has been teaching youth how to sail on Clinton Lake. Beyond the physics of sailing, members are learning teamwork as well as self-reliance, gaining respect for water quality and the weather, and building their confidence levels. One family has even purchased a sailboat to pursue sailing as a family sport.

- **Ohhh Snap Photography Group**—This photography SPIN club began with a workshop over the summer. Then an invitation-only Facebook page was set up for continuing education opportunities, tips, and photo challenges (i.e., taking a picture using a natural frame, such as a chain link fence or the “v” of a tree trunk). Youth then vote on the pictures submitted for each photo challenge. The winner gets to select the next challenge!

Encouraging Innovation with 4-H SPIN Club Grants

The Illinois 4-H Foundation’s 4-H SPecial INterest Club (SPIN) equipment grants encourage local SPIN clubs to be innovative in promoting the 4-H mission and supporting positive youth development experiences for youth. While some SPIN clubs have few start-up costs, others may require an infusion of “seed money” to procure needed equipment that otherwise would be out-of-reach.

The 4-H Foundation expects to award $20,000 in equipment grants per year. A key objective of this initiative is to reach new 4-H audiences and to support existing SPIN clubs interested in expanding their clubs.

A SPIN club can be formed around any variety of topics. Youth and club leaders are encouraged to apply.

Grant requirements:

- All SPIN club members must be enrolled as 4-H members
- The SPIN club must have a minimum of five members
- The SPIN club must meet a minimum of six times
- The SPIN club must include a final project or event appropriate to the club topic
- Submission of the project or a report of the event is to be submitted to the State 4-H Office within 30 days after the final activity

Contact the Illinois State 4-H Office at 217-333-0910 for more information.
Representing Illinois at National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference was held April 2, 2011, at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Six 4-Hers—Brooke Crawford (White County), Jaylene Jennings (DeKalb County), Chett Pease (Pike County), Larisa Sica (Kane County), Michael Smith (Edwards County), and Hannah Teske (Iroquois County)—represented Illinois at this prestigious event.

National 4-H Conference is a working conference with a goal of improving future programming for 4-H on a national, state, and local basis. This year, delegates discussed five national issues—including social media, bullying, and environmental responsibility. For the first time, they prepared briefing papers on how they believed 4-H could provide an influence on these issues. To prepare their papers and presentations, the youth attended special workshops and discussed 4-H programming efforts with their U.S. Representatives.

The 2012 Conference is planned for March 24–30. The Illinois 4-H Foundation is committed to helping defray the costs of delegates who have earned the opportunity to participate in national events such as this. We are pleased to be able to offer $750 to each Illinois delegate. If you would like to assist by making a gift, please contact us at Illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or 217-333-9295.

Legacy of Leadership Scholars Honored

Six college-bound Illinois 4-H members were recognized as 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholars on Saturday, August 13, during the annual 4-H Family Event at the 2011 Illinois State Fair. Each honoree received a $1,000 college scholarship. The 2011 Legacy of Leadership Scholars are:

**Stephanie Bechard**—a 10-year member of the Turkey Hill Busy Bees 4-H Club from St. Clair County. Stephanie attends Southeast Missouri State, majoring in accounting with a minor in finance.

**Wil Bingman**—a White County Mad Hatter 4-H member for 11 years. Wil is in his sophomore year at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and is studying criminal justice.

**Lindsay Brightwell**—a 10-year Gold Star Clovers 4-H Club member in McLean County. She is attending Illinois State University and majoring in business administration with a minor in political science.

**Landen Crews**—from Clark County, has been a 10-year 4-H member of the Triple T 4-H Club. He attends the University of Illinois, majoring in marketing with a minor in international business.

**Ryan Huffer**—has been involved with the Wide Awake 4-H Club of Logan County for 10 years. He is majoring in communications at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville.

**Allison Parks**—is a 10-year member of the Homespun and Stylists 4-H Clubs in McLean County. Allison is attending Heartland College to receive her associate’s degree, after which she will study to become a registered nurse.

Since the Legacy of Leadership’s inception in 2003, 49 4-H members have been named Legacy of Leadership Scholars. This statewide scholarship program is coordinated by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and University of Illinois Extension’s State 4-H Office.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes other individuals, corporations, and organizations as partners in providing additional funds for future scholarships. The Legacy of Leadership Scholarship is merit-based and available to 4-H members who are high school seniors or in their last year of 4-H membership. For more information, E-mail us at illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or call us at 217-333-9295.
Making the Grade: National 4-H Congress

4-H delegates from across the nation gathered in Atlanta, Georgia, for the 89th National 4-H Congress from November 26–30, 2010. National 4-H Congress offers states an opportunity to provide outstanding 4-H youth with an expanded educational experience through seminars, community service projects, and tours sponsored by local and national 4-H program donors.

Highlighting this year’s event were presentations by music duo Isaac Joseph, actress Terey Summers, motivational speaker Dan Clark, and Miss America 2010, Caressa Cameron. All Congress delegates participated in special cultural programs during the International Dinner and at the Atlanta History Center.

Other educational experiences included delegate participation in workshops focused on cultural differences, team leadership development, and the power of youth. Several delegates had the opportunity to tour locations around Atlanta, such as CNN, the Georgia World Congress Center, Georgia Aquarium, Turner Field (home of the Atlanta Braves), and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Illinois was represented by 30 4-H members in various project areas:

- **Mandy Bronkema**, Stephenson County—Achievement
- **Doris Brown**, Morgan County—Achievement
- **Brian Buss**, Hancock County—Achievement
- **Tanner Cessna**, Effingham County—Achievement

The 2010 Illinois delegation to National 4-H Congress was composed of the state’s top 4-H members in various award categories:

- **Ann Clary**, McLean County—Achievement
- **Keegan Gaines**, Madison County—Achievement
- **Haley Hahn**, Effingham County—Achievement
- **Evan Hall**, Macon County—Achievement
- **Nora Kaeding**, Winnebago County—Achievement
- **Peter Prindiville**, McHenry County—Achievement
- **Casey Schumacher**, Effingham County—Achievement
- **Ellen Schumacher**, Effingham County—Achievement
- **Ranae Brackney**, Effingham County—Animal Sciences
- **Haley Craig**, McLean County—Animal Sciences
- **Danielle Reece**, McLean County—Animal Sciences
- **Katie Sandage**, McLean County—Animal Sciences
- **Eric Hansen**, Tazewell County—Community Involvement and Global Awareness
- **Addison Phillips**, McLean County—Engineering and Technology
- **Zachary Roberts**, Lake County—Engineering and Technology
- **Travis Smith**, Will County—Environment and Natural Resources
- **Evan Swiech**, McLean County—Environment and Natural Resources
- **Morgan McMurtry**, Will County—Food, Nutrition, and Health
- **Blair Phillips**, McLean County—Food, Nutrition, and Health
- **Rachel Skelton**, Wayne County—Food, Nutrition, and Health
- **Megan Schwenk**, McLean County—Food, Nutrition, and Health
- **Hannah Weinzierl**, McLean County—Food, Nutrition, and Health
- **Aleska Barkoviak**, McLean County—Home and Family
- **Larisa Sica**, Kane County—Home and Family
- **Alexander Dennis**, DeKalb County—Personal Development
- **Shannon Breen**, Douglas County—Plants and Soils

Throughout the year, more than 260,000 Illinois 4-H participants may receive recognition for their work at the local, county, and state level. County nominations for program area winners are sent to the state in January to begin an intense selection process that includes application judging, 4-H story judging, and interviews. The process helps judges select the top 4-H members in various award categories. Many of these winners are selected for a trip to 4-H Congress and other national and regional events.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation is proud to award $750 to each delegate to assist with their travel expenses and registration fees. If you were a past Congress delegate, or would simply like to help support our youth, please contact us at illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or 217-333-9295.
4-H first became a part of the James and Louise Deters family of Cumberland County in 1966 when the two eldest daughters, Kathy and Patty, joined a girls’ club called the Roslyn Robins. The eldest son, Kenny, joined the boys’ club where James became the club’s leader. In 1968, the two clubs combined to form the Roslyn Rangers 4-H Club. After the merger, Louise joined her husband as a club leader. The remaining children—Joyce, Connie, Chuck, and Tim—also joined 4-H as they reached age nine.

It was only natural that life on a dairy farm led to projects that involved dairy cattle. Summer days may have been busy developing a wide variety of projects involving other interests, but evenings were spent leading cows around a ring in their yard with James serving as judge! Over the years, their family received many state dairy project honor awards, including the Illinois Holstein-Friesian Association Award. Five of the seven children advanced from the dairy judging competition in Champaign to the State Fair competition.

The family considered the fairs to be their family vacation time and enjoyed participating in county and state “Share the Fun” skits and helping in the 4-H Shake-Up stand at the Cumberland County Fair. They also hosted an IFYE exchange student from France for three weeks.

Members of the Deters family have continued the 4-H tradition as they married, had children, and began fostering the love and passion for 4-H gained during their youth. The three generations of the James and Louise Deters family have 40 members, 35 of whom have participated in 4-H. In total, the Deters family has 256 years of membership, 112 years as leaders, and 398 years as volunteers. Connie Deters states, “4-H has increased the leadership of our many family members and has created cherished family memories. 4-H has been—and continues to be—our great family tradition.”

The Deters family was presented the 2011 Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award on Saturday, August 13, during the 4-H Family Event at the Illinois State Fair. This family possesses a deep love for 4-H, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation was proud to honor their commitment to 4-H.
2011 Illinois State 4-H Award Winners Named

Five individuals were recognized this year in three Illinois State 4-H Award categories on Friday, November 18, during the ACES College Connection reception.

**Illinois 4-H Alumni Award**

**Carol M. Craig**

of Merritt Island, Florida, was a 10-year 4-H member from Knox County. Working with computers in 4-H had a great influence on Carol choosing a career in technology. She continued to apply her technological skills by serving as a P-3C Orion Naval Flight Officer. Most recently, Carol started Craig Technologies—a company specializing in information technology and engineering solutions for commercial and government entities.

**Illinois 4-H Alumni Award**

**Ray and Ellen Hankes**

have always been “doers together.” They were eight year 4-H members in Kane and Livingston Counties, respectively. For over 50 years of combined involvement, the Hankes have mentored 4-H youth in many ways. Ray recently retired from a career in the fresh meat industry with Tyson Foods and now serves as an agricultural consultant. Ellen’s career as a home economics teacher eventually evolved to where she has become a professional organizer and consultant.

**Friend of 4-H Award**

**John C. Slayton**

of Springfield was a McDonough County 4-H member. For the past 21 years, John has vigorously, and without fanfare, combined his love of livestock and his passion for 4-H to the promotion of the Illinois State Fair Governor’s Sale of Champions. Serving as chairman, his innovative ideas have been instrumental in the huge success of the Sale, resulting in 4-H exhibitors receiving over $1.5 million, with 4-H and FFA Foundations garnering $300,000.

**Larry Fischer Leadership & Spirit Award**

**Brad Cash**

immersed himself in the 4-H program as a youth member and has continued ever since. He has served 32 years as the 4-H leader of the Bell Ridge Ag Club and has played a vital role in Edgar County’s 4-H program and fundraising efforts. His own career was inspired by his participation as a youth in the flower design contest held during the 4-H fair. Brad now owns Brad’s Florist in Paris, Illinois.

Online applications are always being accepted for these awards. Nominate someone today at http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/awards.
Largest Class Inducted into Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

The seventh—and largest—class of Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame inductees was recognized on Saturday, August 13, during the 4-H Family Event at the 2011 Illinois State Fair. Together, the 52 members of the Hall of Fame’s Class of 2011 have been involved with 4-H as members and club leaders for more than 1,118 years!

Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame Class of 2011:

- **Steve Austin** of Mount Vernon (Marion County), 10-year member, 10-year leader
- **Charlene Bandy** of Moro (Madison County), 11-year member, 24-year leader
- **Janice Blanchette** of Bourbonnais (Kankakee County), 12-year member, 33-year leader
- **Esther Buitt** of Murphysboro (Jackson County), 10-year member, 28-year leader
- **Hazel Clark** of McLeansboro (Hamilton County), 5-year member, 6-year leader
- **Kathy Colbrese** of Viola (Rock Island County), 28-year leader, long-time volunteer
- **Bob Duzan** of Flat Rock (Crawford County), 10-year member, 5-year leader
- **Stanley Eden** of Oregon (Ogle County), long-time volunteer
- **Jennifer Elledge** of Paris (Edgar County), 11-year member, 12-year leader
- **Ron Gibbs** of Ewing (Franklin County), 13-year leader, long-time volunteer
- **Linda Glick** of Shelbyville (Shelby County), 10-year member, 31-year leader
- **Richard Hahn** of Minonk (Marshall County), 8-year member, 27-year leader
- **Janet Hall** of Monmouth (Warren County), 10-year member, 10-year leader
- **Tamara Halterman** of Dwight (Grundy County), 8-year member, 12-year leader
- **Beverly Haselhorst** of Freeport (Stephenson County), 9-year member, long-time volunteer
- **Joyce Huelsmann** of Trenton (Clinton County), 40-year leader, long-time volunteer
- **Karen Hutchens** of Marshall (Clark County), 10-year member, 21-year leader
- **Carol Kaiping** of Waterloo (Monroe County), 28-year leader, long-time volunteer
- **Donna McBride** of Coulterville (Randolph County), 30-year leader, long-time volunteer
- **Geraldine McGuire** of Winchester (Scott County), 9-year member, 66-year leader
- **Jo Menacher** of Champaign (Champaign County), 10-year member, long-time volunteer
- **James Miller** of Onarga (Iroquois County), long-time volunteer
- **Jimmy Moore** of Melvin (Ford County), 8-year member, long-time volunteer
- **Ken & Betty Moser** of Decatur (Macon County), long-time volunteers
- **Ellis Mundy** of Belvidere (Boone County), 9-year member, 28-year leader
- **Sandy Murray** of West Chicago (DuPage County), long-time volunteer
- **Charles Nolte** of Brussels (Calhoun County), 10-year leader, long-time volunteer
- **Don Pellikan** of Grafton (Jersey County), 6 year member, 35 year leader
- **Janet Pollock** of Rockford (Winnebago County), 10-year member, 31-year leader
- **John & Carol Protz** of Lerna (Coles County), 20-year leaders, long-time volunteers
- **Dan Reedy** of Yorkville (Kendall County) 10-year member, 2-year leader, long-time volunteer
Get Your 4-H Cookbook Before They Are Gone!

Remember some of those recipes you tried on your family as you learned to cook through a series of 4-H project manuals and cookbooks? A compilation cookbook, Favorite Recipes of Illinois 4-H Through the Years, includes all of the most requested recipes—like snickerdoodles and funny cake—from the past 60 years. More than 150 recipes are included in this 8 ½" x 11" spiral-bound cookbook. Recipes are listed by book, alphabetically, and by food category for easy reference.

These cookbooks are available from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. There are only about 1,000 4-H Cookbooks left, so don’t wait. Get yours today by visiting www.4hfoundation.illinois.edu or your local Extension office. The cookbook costs $15 plus shipping. It would make quite the “tasteful” holiday gift! It is a great way to share the love of cooking with grandchildren, children, nieces, or nephews.

Proceeds from the cookbook will be used to support current 4-H foods project resources and training for 4-H volunteers.

Members of the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame’s Class of 2011 have together amassed a total of 1,118 years of 4-H involvement in addition to countless years of volunteering.

Jim Reimann of Lebanon (St. Clair County), 10-year member, 12-year leader
Ann Rund of Champaign (Champaign County), long-time volunteer
Jack Schilling of West Salem (Edwards County), 40-year leader, long-time volunteer
Lorie Schwerer of Blandinsville (McDonough County), 21-year leader, long-time volunteer
Donald Seitz of Carmi (White County), 5-year member, 16-year leader
Marc Short of Lincoln (Logan County), long-time volunteer
Lillabelle Steck of Wataga (Knox County), 10-year member, 11-year leader
Greg Steele of Princeton (Bureau County), 8-year member, 8-year leader
Peggy Steinhorst of Kingston (DeKalb County), 10-year member, 30-year leader
Tere Tedrick of Clinton (DeWitt County), 7-year member, 6-year leader
Sheryl VonHolten of Lyndon (Whiteside County), 10-year member, 20-year leader
Paula Wagenbach of Tremont (Tazewell County), 7-year leader, long-time volunteer
Deborah Werner of Manhattan (Will County), 12-year leader, long-time volunteer
Joseph White of Elburn (Kane County), 10-year member, 14-year volunteer
Wanda Williams of Canton (Fulton County), 52-year leader, long-time volunteer
Mildred Wills of Saybrook (McLean County), long-time volunteer
Paul Zimmerman of Saybrook (McLean County), long-time volunteer

Each inductee received a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion and will be added to the virtual 4-H Hall of Fame listing at 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/hall_of_fame

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“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” — Winston Churchill

The Illinois 4-H Foundation would like to thank the many individuals, businesses, trade associations, and organizations that provide financial support for our 4-H programs. Your financial support is the reason we can continue to fund outstanding 4-H programs in Illinois that give our youth opportunities to grow, learn, and succeed. The following contributions—each one important and appreciated—were made between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

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