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## President's Corner

By Tass Heim, State Leaders Association President

As I was being installed as the 2012 State Leaders' Association President during the 2011 State Leaders Forum in early November, I couldn't help but reflect on the many outstanding 4-H leaders I have met and worked with in Idaho.

You are the backbone of the 4-H program and I am proud to count myself among your ranks. The time, effort, and most importantly, the caring hearts you share with members is what makes 4-H the greatest youth servicing organization in the world.

We have many challenges ahead with the economic, social, and political climates surrounding the young people we serve. I am confident we are up to the task, especially if we depend on one another and make a concerted effort to get our message out in front of the people who hold the purse strings at the county, state, and national level.

I hope you had a blessed Christmas season. Please take time to celebrate our 100 year history of making a difference in the lives of so many kids!

God Bless You.

Respectfully,  
Tass Heim

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

January 16

International Programs Outbound  
Chaperone and Delegate  
applications due to the State Office

February 1

American Beekeeping Federation  
essays due to the State Office

February 15

Friends of 4-H College Scholarship  
Applications due to the State Office

March 15  
Articles for the  
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## Happy New Year



## 2012 State Leaders Association Officers

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## University of Idaho Extension

# National 4-H Hall of Fame Inducts Idaho Resident

Submitted by: Maureen Toomey, Extension Associate and Bobbi Flowers, Clearwater County Volunteer

In October, the National 4-H Hall of Fame inducted retired University of Idaho Extension professor **Frankie Marler** of Boise as one of 15 honorees chosen from across the United States.

Marler began her 4-H involvement as a 10-year-old farm girl in King Hill, Idaho. She went on to be drafted by her sons to become a 4-H Leader then rose through the ranks eventually ending as an extension agent. Beginning her Extension career in 1970 as area home economist in charge of the district Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program in Boise, Marler oversaw hiring, training, and supervising of 20 nutrition aides in five counties. In 1977, she accepted a temporary position as the Extension home economist in Ada County.

She served in Ada County until she moved to Alaska in 1987 and later served in Washington's Snohomish County. In 1993, she returned to Ada County where she continued her career as Extension 4-H agent until her retirement in 1999. All totaled, Marler spent 64 years in the 4-H program.

More information about those honored by the National and Idaho 4-H Halls of Fame is available online at [www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awardsscholarshipscontests/asc/4hhalloffame](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awardsscholarshipscontests/asc/4hhalloffame).



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# County Extension Office Funding Considered for Cuts

Submitted by: Bobbi Flowers, Clearwater County Volunteer

As we all know, the economic times are affecting all of us in one way or another. What may not be known is how the economic times are about to affect our 4-H youth program. 4-H is synonymous with the University of Idaho Extension. Often those who are in the decision making chair do not recognize the full extent of what the county extension office encompasses as they believe it is solely vested in 4-H and 4-H in their minds should be self sustaining.

Although 4-H is a strong component of extension, as taxpayers we need to become educated in what our local county extension offices offer. Then we need to take this information along with our powerful 4-H program and educate not only our elected officials but our community. The lack of knowledge by county commissioners and other elected officials has become clear in Northern Idaho as Bonner and Kootenai County commissioners have looked to cut funding for county extension, thus a potential for office closure. Through a collected effort of the University of Idaho, 4-H volunteers, 4-H families, and other taxpaying citizens, this did not come to pass for the 2012 budget year.

We now have to work together to build awareness of the importance of the extension service in our communities. As each community is unique in its needs, each extension office represents the identified needs of that community. We as volunteers need to learn what our county office encompasses beyond 4-H, such as Nutrition, Forestry, Crops, Livestock, Financial, Economics, and the list goes on. With this knowledge we need to become the voice that is heard at budget meetings, electoral forums, council meetings, and anywhere you can share the message. We also need to have our 4-H Ambassadors and teens well prepared to share what 4-H and extension provides to their communities.

Further, we need to show how 4-H can provide 4-H youth to meet community needs. Here are two examples of how 4-H youth met a community need:

## THE PROBLEM

A south Idaho soil district needed to create maps.

## THE 4-H SOLUTION

4-H'ers with an interest in GPS connected to create the needed maps. Using GPS technology, 4-H'ers learned how to determine locations and plot maps to help meet the needs of the soil district. This was so successful this group of 4-H'ers has been asked to work on a similar project in an adjoining county.

## THE PROBLEM

Hundreds of Maine's lakes and ponds suffer from milfoil contamination, a weed-like substance preventing fishing, swimming and clean drinking water.

## THE 4-H SOLUTION

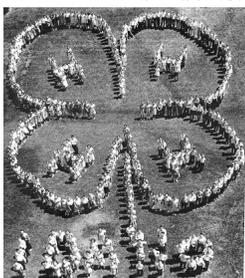
4-H'ers connected with Oxford County Extension Educator Susan Jennings to build submersible robots to find growth areas in the water. Using video cameras and GPS technology, 4-H'ers learned to identify the plants and mark their location so they could go into the water and deal with the problem.

Through proving 4-H can be a solution to a problem, we can influence those who determine where funding will go.

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*" 'Tis not how many seeds you sew.*

*'Tis how many clovers spring forth in your meadow."*

*by: J Clark, Elmore County*

# Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame

## Honors Eight Longtime Volunteers

Submitted by: Maureen Toomey, Extension Associate

The Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame honored eight longtime volunteers from across the state who committed their time and energy to helping young people through the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

Pat Ostrom of Nampa, Myrn Gosse of New Plymouth, LeeAnn Orcutt of Middleton, Maurine Johnson of Greenleaf, Gerald and Grace Ingle of Kendrick, Wolfe Delbridge of Bancroft, Art Butler of Bliss, and Carol Grassl of Caldwell were inducted during the Idaho State 4-H Leaders' Forum in Boise.

More than 33,000 children and teens ages 5 to 18 participated in Idaho 4-H activities in 2010-11. They developed leadership, math, science and technology skills, and learned practical, life-long lessons in activities that benefit themselves and their communities. Through research-based, positive youth development programs, 4-H youths get the hands-on, real world experience they need to become leaders.

The University of Idaho Extension 4-H program Idaho drew on the talents and leadership of 4,200 adult and youth volunteers who helped 4-H members undertake an array of projects.

The Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame was founded in 2002 with 100 honorees. Since then, 29 additional members have been honored.

The 2011 Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame honorees included the following:

**Pat Ostrom of Nampa** served as a leader in the Canyon County 4-H program for over 25 years of the Mustangers and Lone Star 4-H clubs. In that role she helped 130 children and teens on their journeys to becoming caring individuals and productive citizens.

Ostrom lent her considerable talents and experience to the county, district and state horse councils, including serving as president at the county and district level.

She helped train 4-H judges and helped plan and oversee Horse Camp, a rare opportunity for 4-H members to camp with their horses.

Other contributions included serving as Canyon County 4-H Fair Aide for 13 years and as a Teen Conference chaperone on the University of Idaho's Moscow campus.

**Myrn Gosse of New Plymouth** mentored an estimated 2,250 children and teens during her nearly 40 years as a 4-H leader in Payette County. Her Rawhidiers 4-H Club, which mainly focuses on horse, also allows members to pursue swine, scrapbooking, quilting, small animals, beef, sheep, goats, and Lego projects.

Educated as a teacher, Gosse has spent most of her career as a school bus driver, helping students focus on their homework as they ride home from school.

Her help led horse judging teams to district, state, and national judging competitions. As a result of her work to raise funds and promote the judging teams, 4-H members had the chance to travel around the country and take advantage of unique opportunities.



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## 4-H Hall of Fame Induction

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**Art Butler of Bliss**, an eighteen year leader of the Clover Creek 4-H Club, teaches youth throughout the county about beef education from calf feeding to carcass qualities. He has been the county beef superintendent and round robin superintendent for many years. After retiring from the superintendent position, he could be found announcing at various livestock shows.

He takes livestock evaluation very seriously and always encouraged youth to attend livestock judging events. He thought it so important that his family and club hosted the county livestock judging contest for several years. He also advised youth on marketing options for extra animals.

He continues to support the Gooding County Livestock Judging Contest, one of the longest running judging contests in the state.

**Maurine Johnson of Greenleaf** has helped Owyhee County 4-H members gain skills and served in county, district and state leadership roles. Her 31 years of involvement in the University of Idaho Extension 4-H program includes 10 as a member and 21 as an adult volunteer.

In addition to leading sewing clubs in which she donated her time and talents in addition to materials, she advised the Owyhee County Teen Association. Johnson also served as Owyhee County Fair superintendent for 12 years and contributed her time and leadership in county and district roles. She serves as the Treasure Valley American Sewing Guild president.

She provided a positive adult role model for members, one of whom recently became a 4-H volunteer.

The late **LeeAnn Orcutt of Ada County** was a longtime volunteer who believed in the 4-H program, serving as 4-H leader in Ada County for 13 years until she lost her life to cancer.

She made a significant impact to 4-H with her dedication to the program and as fair supervisor, mini forum presenter and fundraising chair. She received a Distinguished Service Award in Ada County in 2005. Orcutt encouraged youth in her 4-H club to seek out their own community service projects and to communicate easily with adults in the club and community. During her last four years in 4-H and during her battle with cancer, she continued as sale committee secretary and in other roles.

The late **Gerald and Grace Ingle of Kendrick** were 4-H leaders in Latah County. They started the Big Bear Ridge Farm Boys and later Big Bear Ridge 4-H Club in 1946. They served as leaders for more than 30 years between them.

The Ingles continued to support 4-H financially in later years. Their Big Bear Ridge 4-H Club included nearly all the youth in the community. The Ingles helped organize the Latah County Leaders' Council and served as officers. After Gerald died in 1982, Grace established an annual cash award in his memory for three 4-H members for outstanding achievement, leadership and citizenship. An estimated 90-100 youths have received the Gerald and Grace Ingle Memorial Award in the last 28 years.

**Wolfe Delbridge** of Bancroft has led the Pony Express 4-H Club in Pocatello for at least 40 years and others in Bannock and Caribou counties. The clubs focus on horse, veterinary science, teen leadership and other projects.



Dr. Arlinda Nauman presenting certificate to Hall of Fame Inductee Maurine Johnson

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## 4-H Hall of Fame Induction

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Pony Express Club members' leadership focus has resulted in three being chosen as Miss Rodeo Idaho, one as Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho, and another as Miss Idaho High School Rodeo. His former club members work for University of Idaho Extension and American National Cattle Women, an agriculture group.

Delbridge ensured 4-H club members took leadership roles by conducting the clubs' meetings, fundraisers, and unique community service ideas. He also taught them to take individual responsibility for themselves and their animals.

**Carol Grassl of Caldwell** began serving as a University of Idaho Extension 4-H volunteer in 1969 when her daughter became old enough to join. She earlier joined 4-H in grade school after volunteering her mother to form a club.

Grassl's first 4-H club catered to girls who wanted to learn to cook and sew, then evolved when a boy joined.

She encouraged club members to pursue 4-H at the county, state and national level.

She also shared her expertise of being a professional photographer with a number of youth for nearly 15 years, stimulating creativity and interest in the profession. She received the Canyon County Distinguished Service Award. She serves on the Canyon County 4-H Endowment Board as treasurer.

## Operation: Military Kids – OMK

Submitted by: Beatrice Purchase, OMK

At the 2011 OMK Picnic in Boise, our project director Sue Philley was recognized for her service as she retired. Sue contributed to the growth of OMK statewide while also solidifying relationships with Idaho's Military sites and personnel. We wish Sue well as she pursues her next life chapter. Present to help us recognize Sue were Charlotte Eberlien, Director U of I Extension and Arlinda Nauman, Director U of I 4-H Youth Development. Barbeque Chicken and ribs were provided by the American Legion. The job search for Sue's replacement is currently underway and we expect to have a new project director in place by the early months of 2012.

Currently, OMK is assisting the Army National Guard in the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events in Boise by overseeing the youth program that is being provided using the OMK Deployment Cycle Activities Curriculum.

OMK is also working with Boise Bike Company to identify military families that would like to be recipients of "like new" refurbished bicycles from a family operated bike shop that wants to give something back to those who are sacrificing for us.



Sue Philley, Dr. Arlinda Nauman, &  
Dr. Charlotte Eberlien



During the Army One Source Thanksgiving Dinner which was held on November 22 at Gowen field, OMK provided crafts for youth.

OMK has also begun a new L/RSN (Local/Regional Support Network) in Lewiston, Idaho to recruit community and youth organizations to help build awareness of military youth in that area. The goal is to also develop a military youth program in the near future for those geographically dispersed youth.

The ride that Sue is on is called a tandem orbiter and they are going upside down.

# Idaho's 2012 Salute to Excellence Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer

Submitted by: Debbie Lowber, Lead Customer Service Specialist – Canyon County

With 21 years as a 4-H volunteer, we congratulate Carma Scheer as the 2012 Idaho Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer and the 2012 Western Regional Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer of the year recipient!

Carma has been an active 4-H volunteer in Gooding County, where she is currently a leader in the Card N' Curry 4-H club (the same club in which she was a 4-H member). She is a project leader for sheep, goats, horse, and leather craft. She encourages the members in her club to be active in service learning projects. Carma and her family have been very involved giving their time and resources to the Central Idaho 4-H Camp, where Carma serves on the Executive Board. She is active in helping to raise funds to make improvements to the camp so it is more accessible to families with special needs.

Carma is a resourceful, creative volunteer who understands the importance of teaching life skills to youth and she encourages them to step out of their comfort zones and try new responsibilities and opportunities. She encourages youth to make positive decisions and take active leadership roles.

Carma has been instrumental in helping with many events in Southern District III. She participates in 4-H Winter Camp, Summer Camp, Wildlife Camp, and District Mini-Forum. She has actively been involved in the District III 4-H Leaders Association where she has held officer positions and is currently President. Carma is a co-chair for the 2012 State 4-H Leader's Forum and President-elect of the Idaho 4-H Leaders Association.

Carma's positive outlook on life, her support and enthusiasm make her a real asset to the 4-H program in Idaho. She is willing to try something new when the current way isn't working. Many youth throughout the state have benefited from her commitment and dedication to the program.

Congratulations Carma...Idaho is proud to call you "one of its own"!



Carma Scheer, Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer

# Idaho's 2012 Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year Award

Submitted by: Debbie Lowber, Lead Customer Service Specialist – Canyon County

Congratulations to Bobbi Flowers of Clearwater County for receiving the 2012 Idaho 4-H "Volunteer of the Year"! In Bobbi's 9 years as a 4-H volunteer she has devoted much time and energy giving to the 4-H program at the county, district, and state levels. I pledge my "head...heart...hands...health..." are words that Bobbi just doesn't say, but lives and breathes. She is an advocate for all youth and leaders in the program and desires that each has the opportunity to experience 4-H to their fullest potential.

Bobbi is the organizational leader of the Clearwater Wranglers 4-H Club, where she has led the horse, vet science, and candy making projects. She has coached horse bowl and horse judging, and has organized workshops on giving oral

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## Idaho's 2012 Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year Award

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presentations and taking oral reasons. Her involvement in Clearwater County has resulted in her serving as secretary and president of the Leaders' Council, and most recently horse show superintendent at the fair.

Getting involved in 4-H at the District and State levels has been very rewarding for Bobbi. She serves on the District I Horse Leaders Council and is a representative to the Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Council, where she was President of the I4-HYHC in 2005.

Bobbi has been active in the Idaho State 4-H Leaders Association since 2005. Her involvement has included serving as president-elect, president, International Exchange Program liaison, Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum planning committee member, Leaders' Corner editor and representative to the State 4-H Advisory Board. She currently is a member on the Idaho Friends of 4-H board and is an adult planning committee member for the Know Your Government Conference.

Attending State 4-H Leaders' Forum, Western Regional Leaders' Forums and presenting workshops are a part of Bobbi's 4-H portfolio. She has a strong desire to increase her 4-H knowledge and readily shares what she has gleaned with others.

There is not a job too small or too large that Bobbi isn't willing to tackle. Most often, she is behind the scenes, making 4-H happen. Bobbi has a big heart for 4-H and has a clear vision of how the 4-H program can change lives. She brings professionalism and detail to the program and has made a significant impact.

Congratulations Bobbi...you deserve this recognition.



Bobbi Flowers, Volunteer of the Year

## Idaho 4-H Youth Development Centennial Celebration Century Family Recognition

Submitted by: Dr. Carrie Stark, Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist

2012 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development program. The national 4-H program first organized in 1902. Ten years later, a Lemhi County school superintendent created an event so school children had projects to display at the county fair. That evolved into today's 4-H program operated by University of Idaho Extension. No longer just clubs, 4-H provides after school programs and fifth day activities for four day schools. 4-Hers raise animals, create budgets, learn first aid, train wild horses, raise money, give speeches, and do projects for county fairs. They focus on science and math, create computer animations, grow gardens, build robots for competitions, and serve their communities. There are birthday parties, service to community projects, and lots of other exciting events planned across the state throughout 2012.

The 2011 State Leaders' Forum in Boise was the beginning of a year of many celebrations that will take place across the state. The Idaho 4-H Centennial celebration will conclude at the 2012 State Leaders' Forum, November 2-4, 2012 in Burley, Idaho.

As we celebrate the University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we would like to recognize those families with sustained involvement in the 4-H program. Idaho 4-H families with a combined 100 years or more of membership and/or volunteer service in 4-H will be recognized.



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4-H years that are applicable:

- You can only consider direct-line family members. Aunts and uncles, cousins, etc. may not be considered. Step-parents, stepchildren, or adopted children may be included.
- Supporting documentation is not necessary.
- Paid staff years (Extension or other positions supporting 4-H) do qualify.
- In some instances, local Extension Homemakers or Farm Bureau members committed significant time and energy to establishing and leading local 4-H clubs. Years of service to 4-H in those capacities are applicable.
- Volunteer years devoted to 4-H club work on the county, regional, and/or state levels are applicable.
- 4-H membership or leadership in Idaho or other states can be included.
- Years as an enrolled Cloverbud may be counted.

Applications must be submitted by July 15, 2012. Submit completed applications to your local county extension office of the University of Idaho or to:

University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development  
Attn: Idaho Century Family  
P.O. Box 443015  
Moscow, ID 83844-3015

For more information or to submit an application via email; contact [cstark@uidaho.edu](mailto:cstark@uidaho.edu) or faxed to 208-885-4637.

## 100 Centennial Service to Community Ideas

Looking for 4-H Centennial **community service activities** for your club or your county 4-H program? The Centennial Committee has put together this terrific list of ideas for the coming year. Use this list or create your own ideas to provide service during 2012 and beyond. part 1 of 2

1. Make Hero Packs for OMK: Operation Military kids to support local military families.
2. 100 letters challenge-write letters to soldiers letting them know you appreciate their service.
3. Give out 100 small American flags at a Memorial Day or July 4 parade. Put a sticker on each stick saying the flags were "given by \_\_\_\_ 4-H Club in honor of our country and the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Idaho 4-H."
4. Trick or Treat for UNICEF
5. Adopt a new immigrant family and help them connect to the community.
6. 100 handshakes "Pay it Forward."
7. Help an elderly neighbor-mow, pull weeds, shovel snow, paint.
8. 100 card challenge-make holiday cards for people in nursing homes, hospitals, meals on wheels trays.
9. Present special talents (music, dance, etc) to nursing homes.
10. Christmas caroling to elderly and shut-ins.
11. Organize a food drive for a local food bank. 100 cans (or 100 pounds) challenge might e appropriate for small club or maybe a larger challenge for bigger clubs or county-wide program.
12. Recycle discarded clothing into useful items for the needy.
13. Clean up and paint over graffiti.
14. Read books to children in a library program.
15. Collect old magazines and take them to day care centers.
16. 100 bag challenge-100 bags of trash collected. Could be done in highway clean up or park clean up.

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17. Install 4-H stenciled trash cans in community parks.
18. Organize a community Arbor Day celebration-plant trees in public areas.
19. Plant wildflowers in public right of ways.
20. Build bird feeders to give to senior citizens or aviary societies.
21. 100 mile challenge-organize active wellness events such as bike rides or hikes, share health tips with participants.
22. 100 Blue Ribbon Recipes-collect 4-H recipes from the past and present.
23. Help cook and serve at center for homeless, soup kitchen, Ronald McDonald House.
24. Volunteer at the food bank/food pantry on a regular basis.
25. Deliver Meals on Wheels.
26. Design a flyer or after-school safety tips and deliver it to daycare centers and grade schools.
27. 100 books or toys collected challenge. Collect children's books, make them available to those in need or donate to Head Start, a shelter, or other non-profit organization.
28. Share your testimony before city, county boards and councils to address problems facing local youth.
29. Write or read letters for senior citizens who can no longer write or read.
30. Give 100 potted plants or flowers to nursing home patients.
31. Plant 100 trees campaign (or flowers or bulbs).
32. Volunteer at an animal shelter.
33. 100 kids explore science challenge-conduct a National 4-H Science Day experiment in your community.
34. Interview older alumni to preserve their 4-H stories in a video you create.
35. Sort robotics kits for your local 4-H Extension office.
36. Donate 100 cans of food to local food bank with 4-H stickers on them.
37. Donate 100 lbs of food to local food bank with 4-H stickers on them.
38. Plant 100 plants or flowers outside of Extension office.
39. Make 100 pillowcase dresses to donate to Africa ([www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org)).
40. Donate 100 stuffed animals to police station.
41. Donate 100 text books to third world countries.
42. Make a wooden sign or banner for display at the town's entrance or other highly visible area to let people know Idaho 4-H is 100 years old and still young.
43. Decorate trash barrels at the county fair with the centennial logo and theme.
44. Make 100 baby quilts and donate to hospitals with newborns with serious health or economic challenges (NOTE: Check with health care providers on the appropriateness of quilts for infants to prevent risk of SIDS or other infant health risks).
45. Plan and plant a 4-H garden at the local county Extension office, local school, or church.
46. Hold a massive community service project/event with all 4-H'ers in county or district.
47. Collect 100 pairs of mittens, gloves, or hats and donate to a homeless shelter
48. Collect 100 pairs of socks and donate to shelters.
49. Make 100 table favors or small gifts for residents of the local nursing home.
50. Make 100 party favors for a local daycare or nursery school to celebrate a holiday or the Idaho 4-H Centennial.



# 2011 National 4-H Congress

Submitted by: Laura Wilder, 4-H parent and alumnus

“Become a Catalyst of Change” was the theme of the 2011 National 4-H Congress held November 25-29 in Atlanta, Georgia, and Idaho 4-Her Brett Wilder helped plan and implement the 90<sup>th</sup> annual event as a member of the 2011 National 4-H Congress Design Team.

Wilder, a Meridian High School junior, was an Idaho delegate to the 2010 National 4-H Congress who was selected as one of eight 4-H youth from across the nation to serve on the 21-member 2011 Design Team along with adult 4-H staff and volunteer leaders. He is a 10-year 4-H member who is currently President of the Crafty Critters 4-H Club, President of the Ada County 4-H Ambassadors, District II Representative for the Idaho 4-H Teen Association, and an Idaho State 4-H Senior Ambassador.

More than 1,000 delegates from throughout the United States and its territories gathered at the 2011 National 4-H Congress to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of 4-H, as well as meet other 4-Hers from across the county, hear motivational speakers and participate in educational, cultural, leadership, service and recreation experiences.

As a Design Team member, Wilder participated in a planning meeting in Atlanta last February and several conference calls over the course of the year to help plan the National Congress. During the event he helped facilitate activities and served in a leadership role.

Also attending the 2011 National 4-H Congress from Idaho were 4-H volunteer Andy Smyth of Wilder who served as an adult member of the 2011 National 4-H Congress Design Team. Idaho 4-H delegates were Maddie Breen of Middleton, Kendra Fair of Post Falls, Katie Gregory of Caldwell, Karena Gutierrez of Nampa, David Haylett of Nampa, Wayne Heath of Kendrick, Laura Playfair of Lemhi, Mary Scott of Nampa, and Kinsie Ward of Kuna. Adult chaperones were Samantha Anderson of Twin Falls and Stacey Gregory of Caldwell.

For more information about National 4-H Congress please visit:  
[www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/nationalevents/4-hnationalcongress](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/nationalevents/4-hnationalcongress)  
and [www.national4-hcongress.com](http://www.national4-hcongress.com)



Brett Wilder, Ada County, speaking during opening assembly at National Congress.

## Idaho Youth Coached to Successful National Horse Competition Placings

submitted by: Carrie Stark, Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist

Idaho has been very well represented at various National 4-H Horse Contests this year! The following are results from several contests that have been held this fall:

American Quarter Horse Congress (October, 2011)

**Public Speaking:**

Jessika Price, Canyon County - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall

Tori Chase, Kootenai County - 4<sup>th</sup> Place Overall

**Individual Presentation:**

Melissa Goetz, Ada County - 5<sup>th</sup> Place Overall

**Team Presentation:**

Sydney Butler and Bonnie Crisci, Ada County - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall

**Horse Judging:**

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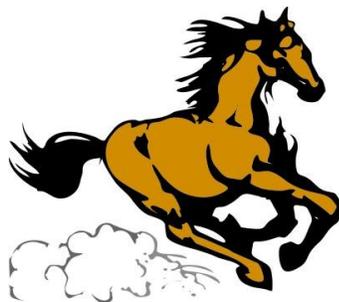
Hailey Alexander, Payette County – Top 20 Individuals in Oral Reasons  
Payette County Team – Top 20 Team in Halter, Performance, and Overall Team  
Payette County Team – Top 15 Team in Oral Reasons  
Payette County Team: Hailey Alexander, McCall Alexander, Cosi Goade

Eastern National 4-H Roundup (November, 2011)

Team Presentation:

Megan Carrier and Nicole Jordan, Ada County – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall

For more information contact your local county extension office or go to:  
[www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awardsscholarshipscontests/asc/statecontests](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awardsscholarshipscontests/asc/statecontests).



## 4-H Participation Fee Funding Update

Submitted by: Dr. Arlinda Nauman, Extension State 4-H Director

For 100 years, the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development has been providing programs that teach practical life skills – from raising animals to developing websites. 4-H programming teaches responsibility, respect, self-confidence, and much more. However, due to economy driven state budget reductions, the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development Program found it necessary to implement a \$5.00 annual state participation fee for 4-H members beginning in October 2010. This fee helps the program remain up-to-date and vital for youth and their community.

The 4-H Advisory Board, then chaired by Donna Gillespie, 4-H Youth Development Educator from Minidoka County, appointed a 4-H Participation Fee Budget Committee to create a blueprint for how the statewide 4-H Participation Fee funds could best be spent to benefit the program statewide. The committee, chaired by Scott Nash, 4-H Youth Development Educator from Bingham County, and composed of county 4-H personnel and 4-H volunteers, recommended 4-H Participation Fees to be spent in the following ways: Curriculum/Educational Support (30%), 4-H Website Update (25%), 4-H Marketing Materials (17.5%), Technology Support (17.5%), and Professional Development (10%). The 4-H Participation Fee Budget Committee determined the best way to allocate funds for Curriculum/Educational support and Professional Development would be by a proposal process. When 4-H Participation Fees had been received from all counties, a total of \$52,930.22 was available for statewide program support. After proposals had been received and evaluated by the 4-H Participation Fee Budget Committee, funds were allocated as follows:

	Funds Approved	Funds Expensed	Available Funds
<b>Professional Development (10%)</b>			<b>\$ 5,293.02</b>
4-H Roundup Horse Classic	\$ 900.00	\$ (900.00)	
KYG Chaperone (Bingham)	\$ 110.00	\$ (110.00)	
So. ID Judging Camp (Gooding)	\$ 1,780.00	\$ (1,780.00)	
National Dairy Conference Chaperone	\$ 750.00	\$ (750.00)	
National 4-H Conference	\$ 850.00	\$ (750.00)	
	\$ 4,390.00	\$ (4,290.00)	

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	Funds Approved	Funds Expensed	Available Funds
<b>Curriculum/Educational Support (30%)</b>			<b>\$ 15,879.07</b>
Goat Learning Lab Kit (Boundary)	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	
Swine Learning Lab Kit (Idaho/Lewis)	\$ 430.00	\$ (429.99)	
Lego WeDo Software & Activity Pack (Cassia)	\$ 1,130.00	\$ (1,130.00)	
Lego WeDo, Lego Minstorms & Robotics (Gooding)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	
Robotics Kit (Payette)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	
NXT Lego Robot Kits (Kootenai)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (1,300.00)	
Etrex Venture HC GPS units (Ada)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (1,400.00)	
GPS Navigators (Caribou)	\$ 650.00	\$ (650.00)	
Beef Showmanship DVD's (Statewide/Franklin)	\$ 750.00		
Pfaff Serger Sewing Machine (Franklin)	\$ 530.00	\$ (530.00)	
Science Discovery Supplies (Bannock)	\$ 170.00	\$ (155.29)	
Archery Equipment (Bingham)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,200.00)	
Scrapbook/Card Making Kit (Butte)	\$ 775.00	\$ (775.00)	
Sewing Machines (Bear Lake)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	
Archery Equipment (Canyon)	\$ 475.00	\$ (475.00)	
Lego Blocks (Bingham)	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Handwashing Education System (Payette)	\$ 570.00	\$ (570.00)	
Sewing Curriculum Artwork (Statewide/Bear Lake)	\$ 1,000.00		
	\$ 14,180.00	\$ (12,415.28)	

	Funds Approved	Funds Expensed	Available Funds
<b>4-H Website (25%)</b>			<b>\$ 13,232.56</b>
Cost of Hourly Personnel to update Website	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (17,702.80)	
Cost of Fringe for Hourly Personnel	\$ 2,932.56	\$ (5,118.82)	
Photographic Service	\$ 300.00	\$ (303.49)	
	\$ 13,232.56	\$ (23,125.11)	

\*\*Personnel costs for the 4-H Website project exceeded estimated costs due to loss of extension paid personnel, resulting in hiring more hourly help to complete the project. On November 4, 2011 the Advisory Board voted to authorize up to \$9000.00 additional funds to complete the update of the State 4-H website.\*\*

	Funds Approved	Funds Expensed	Available Funds
<b>Marketing (17.5%)</b>			<b>\$ 9,262.79</b>
Recommendations from 4-H Marketing Committee			
Development & printing of statewide marketing piece	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,080.00)	
Spanish translation (\$25/hour X 25 hours)	\$ 625.00	\$ (2,128.92)	
Printing of marketing materials in Spanish, Idaho 4-H Today	\$ 375.00	\$ (674.00)	
Centennial logo/materials support statewide	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (80.00)	
Production costs & printing for Idaho 4-H Today, Annual Report, Policies & Procedures in English	\$ 2,050.00	\$ (1,099.00)	
	\$6,050.00	\$ (5,061.92)	

	Funds Approved	Funds Expensed	Available Funds
<b>Technology Support (17.5%)</b>			<b>\$ 9,262.79</b>
Curriculum Software - Cyber Wolf (Curriculum Inventory Management)	\$ 1,770.00	\$ (1,770.00)	
Compressed Video for meetings/trainings	\$ 750.00	\$ (881.73)	
County camera/microphone purchases if needed	\$ 500.00	\$ (762.40)	
Survey Monkey Subscription	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Website revision if needed	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	
	\$ 5,320.00	\$ (5,714.13)	

this detailed report will help you understand how the 4-H Participation Fee funds are being used to help To date, \$2323.78 of the \$52930.22 available funds are unspent. However, the budget year for use of these funds is February 2011 – February 2012, additional expenses will clear prior to the end of this budget. It is my hope that the statewide program stays more up-to-date and expands programs that build life skills in communications, citizenship, leadership, and decision-making to help Idaho's youth be prepared for successful futures.

# 2011 State Leaders Association Distinguished Service Award

Submitted by: Beth Carter, DSA Chair/Gem-Boise County Volunteer

The 2011 Distinguished Service Award winner hails from Idaho County in Northern District I. She started a club 8 years ago and continues to be the organizational leader because she wanted her children to be involved in the 4-H Program, but there was no club in her rural area. Because of this dedication the State Leaders Association would like to recognize Leigh Davis as the 2011 State DSA winner.

The club began with only a few members and Leigh as the adult volunteer. This year the club enrolled 37 members and 9 adult volunteers. The club exhibited 92 projects at the 2011 Idaho County Fair. Leigh is always willing to be involved with any 4-H activity or event. She is currently serving her second three-year term as the Leader Council representative from the Kooskia/Kamiah area. She travels to Grangeville to attend monthly meetings, driving over 100 miles, with no reimbursement for travel expenses.

Leigh has also served as an Idaho County 4-H Camp volunteer, chaperoning children and teaching workshops.

Leigh's horse project members have qualified on several occasions to attend district and state horse contests. She always makes sure her club members have the means to attend these contests by helping with fundraising and travel.

Leigh has been the chaperone for the Idaho County Teen Conference delegation for the past two years. She will be attending National Conference in June 2012 as the volunteer advisor for three years and chaperone of the Idaho County delegation.

Congratulations Leigh!



Kevin Davidson, Twin Falls County, presenting  
DSA award to Leigh Davis, Idaho County

## Friends of 4-H College Scholarships

For those 4-H members who are about to graduate and plan to go on to college, it is time to begin dusting off your 4-H portfolio and gathering the required documents to include with your completed application. Completed applications are due in the State 4-H Office no later than **February 15, 2012**. Visit the state 4-H website at [www.uidaho.edu/4h](http://www.uidaho.edu/4h) to get scholarship eligibility descriptions and applications.

Here are some helpful hints in completing your application:

- Be detailed
- Be specific
- Follow application directions
- Know which scholarships you meet the eligibility
- Have several reliable individuals review completed application
- Do not add embellishments beyond application directions



## 100 Centennial Celebration Ideas for the County or Club Level

Looking for 4-H **Centennial Celebration ideas** for your club or your county 4-H program? The Centennial Committee has put together a terrific list of ideas for the coming year. Use this list or create your own ideas to honor 100 years of 4-H in Idaho. part 1 of 2

1. Have a club scrapbook contest at county fair.
2. Have a display or contest for "old" record books submitted from 4-H Alumni (can't have been entered in 4-H competition within the last 5 years).
3. Have a showing of the movie "Green Promise." This is a 1949 movie about a family and how 4-H helped them, starring Walter Brennan and Natalie Wood.
4. Hold an "Oldest Living 4-H Alumni" contest in county.
5. Honor the current 4-H leader who has the most continuous years of service
6. Recognize the oldest 4-H club in the county
7. Put together a time capsule that will be buried and reopened on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 4-H in Idaho (2062). Each club should bring 1 item to put into the capsule with items being labeled with date and club name. Example: pictures of 4-H events, items that represent county (crops or industry), etc).
8. Plant a tree in honor of the Idaho 4-H Centennial in your county.
9. Make arts and crafts during 4-H club meetings that represent the past, present, and future of 4-H. Display them at local centennial celebrations and at the county fair.
10. Make the 4-H club meeting activity warm up or icebreaker an old-fashioned game they may have played 100 years ago. See [www.oldfashionedliving.com/holidays/main.html](http://www.oldfashionedliving.com/holidays/main.html) or [www.seedsofknowledge.com/treehouse.htm](http://www.seedsofknowledge.com/treehouse.htm) for ideas.
11. Make a wooden sign or banner to display at your town's entrance or other highly visible area to let people know Idaho 4-H is 100 years old and still young.
12. Decorate business windows in town with the 4-H centennial theme and/or murals on buildings that reflect your county's or the state's 4-H history.
13. Have an ice cream social at the local courthouse and invite the town/county to celebrate 4-H's birthday.
14. Work with your county 4-H leaders and the county fair board to create a 4-H centennial theme.
15. Create a float for a local parade and pass out 4-H centennial tattoos or balloons.
16. Decorate trash barrels at the county fair with the 4-H centennial theme and logo.
17. Have a 4-H birthday party at a local long-term care facility. Create games, decorate, and provide refreshments using a 4-H theme. Have the seniors share what life was like when they were ages 8 to 18 and then match those dates to significant 4-H events and share them with your senior partners.
18. Make, document, and track a club pledge of 100 things each member will do to be healthy in 2012. This could be exploring substance abuse prevention issues, eating healthier snacks at 4-H club meetings, exercising 100 times both individually and as a club.
19. Place Idaho 4-H Centennial logo on all 4-H printed materials in 2012 (newsletters, recognition certificates, banners, etc).
20. Collect and display past county 4-H photographs.
21. Have a plane carry a 4-H banner at air shows and other outdoor events.
22. Have a display at local libraries, public buildings, etc.
23. Have displays of "old" projects, project books/materials.

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24. Have a "Remember When" radio spot featuring 4-H memories from our oldest 4-H alumni.
25. Create a digital slide show to illustrate the history of 4-H in your county.
26. Have 4-H alumni speak at county recognition dinners.
27. Do a compilation of 4-H generations (pictures/stories of multiple generation families) for press and local magazines.
28. Have all school students in your county do something to honor 4-H on the same day.
29. Hold a 4-H Alumni day at the county fair.
30. Have a celebrity day in which "famous" 4-H alumni hold a meeting/brown box session with current 4-H members.
31. Hold roadside coffee breaks sponsored by 4-H clubs.
32. Hold a "Wear Green" day to promote 4-H.
33. Do club activities that involve 100 of something. Have each member bring in 100 pennies to donate to a local cause or to the Idaho Friends of 4-H.
34. Host an old fashioned 4-H Field Day at the fairgrounds.
35. Organize a 100 year 4-H Fashion Show. Present it at a nursing home or senior center.
36. Publicize 4-H activities in the local newspapers.
37. Challenge other 4-H groups to get at least one article or 4-H picture in the newspaper each month in 2012.
38. Host a 4-H Alumni dinner.
39. Ask local restaurants to publicize the 4-H Centennial on their placemats.
40. Ask your city mayor or county commissioners to read an Idaho 4-H Centennial proclamation during one of their meetings.
41. Write letters to the editors of newspapers describing the difference 4-H has made in your life.
42. Ask your town to fly a 4-H flag sometime during the year.
43. Have members research and write a history of your 4-H Club. Interview former and current leaders and members. Find out why the club name was chosen and where the club charter is.
44. Display a timeline at the fair of the history of 4-H in your county or the state. Have clubs add information to it.
45. Write an article about the history of 4-H for the local newspaper.
46. Compare 4-H projects today with those that members did over the past 100 years. Check out the following website [www.4hcentennial.org](http://www.4hcentennial.org) for 4-H history.
47. Involve your local historical society in learning about the history of 4-H and work on a county 4-H Centennial display together.
48. Do a genealogy of the oldest 4-H family you can find in your club or county.
49. Make a quilt that celebrates your county or club's history.
50. Host a 4-H History Quiz Bowl.



# 2011 State Leaders Forum was a Success!

Submitted by: Bobbi Flowers, Clearwater County Volunteer

The 2011 State Leaders Forum provided a wonderful opportunity for leaders from across the state to participate in an array of workshops which offered new ideas and refreshers. There were 181 registered volunteers and extension staff representing all four 4-H districts participating at this year's State Leaders Forum.

Stephanie Butterfield-Cheney, first time forum attendee, had this to say about forum:



The Heart of Idaho 4-H – Volunteers

“I am new to extension, so attending the State Leaders Forum so soon after starting to work with 4-H afterschool was really useful for me. I just came for Saturday, but even so, I was able to attend several workshops in which I learned things that I could put to work right away. It was especially useful for me to visit with people who are involved in successful afterschool programs all over the state and hear their perspectives. I really enjoyed listening to the keynote speaker as well. He was funny and yet very articulate about the issues that we in 4-H and the state of Idaho are facing. I also enjoyed visiting with 4-H club leaders and learning about the challenges in their particular counties. Our state varies so much from border to border and it is really interesting to hear how 4-H is reaching so many different people. I am sure that all of these experiences will enrich my ability to serve the needs in my community.”

Saturday evening found attendees and guests recognizing the dedication of volunteers from across the state during the annual Distinguished Service Awards (DSA). Each county submits a county individual recognized for their distinguished service to the district DSA coordinator. The district then recognizes a district winner whose name is submitted to the state DSA chairperson, nominations are reviewed and a state recipient is selected. This year the district winners were Leigh Davis, Northern District I - Idaho County, Steve Jackson, Southern District II - Canyon County, and Carma Scheer, Southern District III - Gooding County.

This year's forum offered special events during the Saturday evening program with the Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame inductions, recognition of Idaho's National 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee Frankie Marler, and Western Regional 2011 Salute to Excellence Leader of the Year recipient the late Steve Johnson. There was also the official kick off for the 100th Anniversary of Idaho 4-H.

On Sunday during closing ceremonies, the installation of the 2012 State Leaders Association officers was conducted. The 2012 officers are President Tass Heim - Canyon County, President-Elect Carma Scheer - Gooding County, Secretary Roxanne Berheim - Twin Falls County, Treasurer - JoAnne Fortier - Kootenai County, and Past-President Debbie Lowber - Canyon County. The closing events included a recognition of State 4-H Youth Development Director Arlinda Nauman.

We would like to thank Monsanto for their continued support of the Idaho State 4-H Volunteers.



Maureen Toomey, Extension Associate

# International Programs: 4-H Delegates and Chaperones On the Move

Submitted by: Claudine Zender, Extension Associate, 4-H International Programs Coordinator

Summer 2011 was a banner year for 4-H outbound international travel, with Idaho delegates and chaperones traveling to four countries.

Pioneers Anne Marie Schulthies delegate, and chaperone Judith McShane, Owyhee County Program Coordinator, were members of the inaugural outbound trip to Argentina, where they lived with host families in an agricultural region close to Buenos Aires.



Also electing to improve their Spanish were Kootenai County 4-Hers David Yake and Carson May, who flew to Costa Rica with chaperone Bea Purchase of Operation: Military Kids. David and Carson helped cut feed for a farm raising exotic pacas, which David describes as “a cross between a giant guinea pig mixed with baby deer.” David’s take on the farm work? “It was a BLAST!”

The group also took advantage of sightseeing opportunities to visit temperate rainforests, learning about the forest canopy as they rode in a SkyTram in one of Costa Rica’s national parks.

Heading west was Kootenai County member Michaela Woempner-Carr, who struck out for Australia’s Victoria State to learn about cattle ranching at the home of the Thiele family.

Three Idaho delegates also joined a month-long 4-H travel program to Mongolia. Enhancing Global Perspectives Youth Leadership, sponsored by the U.S. State Department and Wyoming 4-H. The full scholarship program has been extended for summer 2012. Both adult and youth applications are due January 15, 2012. Information is available on the Wyoming 4-H website.

All 2011 delegates and chaperones received outbound travel scholarships from the Friends of 4-H for trips sponsored by States’ 4-H International Programs, which this year celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year of programming. Idaho was one of the first states to participate in youth exchanges modeled on the successful IFYE program (International 4-H Youth Exchange), which began in 1948. The Peace Corps is also based on the IFYE program model.

During 4-H outbound trips delegates and chaperones live for one month with host families, and have opportunities to participate in service projects and do a little sightseeing in each country. In Summer 2012 States’ 4-H outbound trips are planned to Australia, Japan, and Norway. Countries sending delegates to the U.S. through States’ 4-H in 2012 include Japan, Finland, and Argentina. Applications for outbound travel (both delegates and chaperones) are due January 15, while families who wish to host delegates or chaperones from other countries should apply by February 28, 2012.



Delegate outbound applications are available for download on the 4-H website. Chaperone applicants should contact the Idaho 4-H International Programs coordinator, Claudine Zender, at [czender@uidaho.edu](mailto:czender@uidaho.edu).

For more information on outbound travel or inbound hosting, visit the 4-H Youth Development website, [www.uidaho.edu/4h](http://www.uidaho.edu/4h).