



Adair County Extension 4-H News

4-H Alumni



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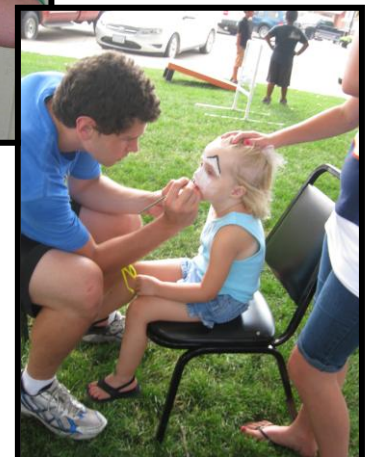
Career: Registered Nurse at Heritage House, Atlantic IA

4-H Involvement: 9-year member Summit Super Stars, 4-H Youth Council, SW IA Area Council, SOFA, State 4-H Conference

Favorite Part of 4-H: County and State Fair. Time of year when all of your hard work pays off and you get to hang out with friends you've made and have fun! (watch the demo derby or go to a concert at the grandstand!)

Life Skills Gained: I communicate with patients, doctors, family members, and other health care workers on a daily basis. 4-H really helped me gain communication skills that will be beneficial to me the rest of my life. Advice to 4-H'ers: Seize every opportunity that comes your way. You never know what you might gain from an experience and how it could make you a better person. Cherish the memories and enjoy your time in 4-H. It goes by fast!

Scenes from A Great Summer



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Have You Heard?

Chisum and Heath Downing, Leah Gilman, Joe Herr, Anna Horn, Bailee Huddleson, Cody and Tyler Long, Maggie Maas, Shelby Soper, and Beau Weinheimer will be exhibiting livestock at the state fair. Good luck!

Hands to Larger Service

We have noticed so many acts of generosity we don't have room to list them all, but here are just a few –

- ☆ Jackson Mikkelsen of the Orient Bulldogs donating the purple ribbon feed bunk he constructed to the Silent Auction. The silent auction had many great items from individuals, businesses and clubs. It raised over \$5200 for the 4-H program!!!
- ☆ Riley Lonsdale of the Adair County Wing Walkers donating over \$50 from the sale of the totes she made to the Kelly Laughery Memorial 4-H Community Service Scholarship fund;
- ☆ Chisum and Kysa Downing of the Richland Royals volunteering their time and talents to lead a pre-fair workshop on grooming and showing cattle;
- ☆ The Summit Super Stars donating the new banner for the photo board;
- ☆ Landon Schulteis of the Summerset Citizens designing and constructing the brand new dividers for the 4-H and FFA Center. Landon donated one of the dividers and made the other 15 dividers with funds from Reach Out Iowa;
- ☆ Merritt Caviness of the Adair County Hot Shots taking photos of each of the swine exhibitors and making a power point show for the sale;
- ☆ All the 4-H clubs and FFA chapters for their excellent work on the fairgrounds project. Wow...did the fairgrounds ever look terrific!!

Adair County is blessed with a great group of young people. Thanks so much for putting your hands to larger service!!!

2011 County Fair Wrap-Up

Club Booths – Club booths in the 4-H/FFA Center were very attractive – as each club displayed the Aiming for Adventure theme. Winning special prize money for club booth awards were: Summit Super Stars, Harrison Hummers, Adair County Wing Walkers, and Richland Royals. Thank you to everyone who served as building hosts during the fair. Special thanks to the Summerset

Citizens for setting up and taking down the 4-H and FFA Center. Thank you also to Landon Schulteis for designing and constructing our new display boards.

Herdsmanship – Summit Super Stars, Adair County Wing Walkers, and Adair County Hot Shots were herds-manship award winners. We appreciate the work of each 4-H'er to keep the grounds clean.

Ribbon Premium Checks – Fair ribbon premium checks will be mailed to club leaders by early September. One check is written for the entire club or chapter. Each club treasurer will then issue checks to individual members, so be sure to attend your club meeting to get your check. Your leader will have a breakdown of all premiums. If you find an error, contact Donna at the Extension office immediately so a correction can be made.

Sale Checks – If you sold livestock at the county fair, you will be receiving one check which includes both your premium bid and payment for the actual animal.

A listing of premium bidders at the county fair auction will be enclosed with your checks. The name/s of the premium bidder for your animal/s is highlighted. Remember the premium bid is a gift from the buyer. Be sure to take time to write a note thanking them for supporting your efforts in livestock production. If you have a question about the check you received, contact Donna immediately.

Your ideas needed – It's time to make that list of ideas for the 2012 Adair County Fair. Each year fair changes are based on the ideas that are submitted. A special worksheet is included that you can do as an individual or family to reflect on the county fair. Compliments and Considerations form is also posted on our website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/kidsteens.htm>

Fair Thank-You's

Host a club thank you writing party. Have each member write one thank you and have all members sign it. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Adair County Corn Growers for paying a portion of each 4-H t-shirt. Send notes of appreciation to Julie Shepherd, 1308 Quebec Avenue, Stuart IA 50250.

Adair County Fair Board for hosting a great fair in great facilities. A special thanks for providing premium money. Adair County Fair Board, Brenda Meisenheimer, PO Box 174, Greenfield IA 50849.

Agriland FS (Canby, Orient, and Winterset teams) for hosting another great breakfast. Send thank you notes to Agriland FS, 108 Jackson Road, Orient IA 50858.

Adair County Cattlemen for providing hamburgers for the Farmer's Market 4-H Fund Raiser, helping with the beef show, donating to Pride of Iowa, & sponsoring the beef performance contest. Send thank you notes to Chris Nelson, Adair County Cattlemen, 2260 – 150th Street, Menlo IA 50164.

Lamb and Wool Growers for their work with the sheep show and sponsoring the lamb performance contest at the Adair County Fair. Send notes of thanks to Mike Cass, Adair County Lamb & Wool Growers, 230 Old Mill Road, Fontanelle IA 50846.

Adair County Pork Producers for providing pork burgers for the Farmer's Market 4-H Fund Raiser, helping with the swine show, donating to the Pride of Iowa contest, and sponsoring the swine performance contest. Write a note to Grace Evans, Adair County Pork Producers, PO Box 101, Cumberland IA 50843.

Who Else Needs A Thank You

Everyone wants to know their contribution is valued. Trophy donors, Pride of Iowa donors, livestock buyers, scale master, auctioneers and clerks, superintendents and assistants, county fair board, 4-H leaders, media outlets, t-shirt donor, your parents, and anyone else who helped make your county fair experience a great one needs to know their contribution was appreciated.

How to Write a Thank You

Four to seven sentences can make a huge difference. Here are a few tips to follow when writing a thank you whether it's for a trophy, help or encouragement or your county fair premium bid. Most notes include 6 parts.

Greeting – Most people use Dear as their greeting. If you know the person well, you can use their first name; otherwise, Mr., Mrs., or Ms works. If it is a business/organization you can use the owner/ president or manager's name; otherwise, use the business/organization name.

Express your gratitude – Thank them. Be very specific.

Discuss use/personal benefit –If you received money, talk about saving for college, back to school shopping, paying bills from your project, or re-investing in next year's project. If you received a trophy, tell why it is important to you.

Mention the Past, Allude to the Future –

Repeat your appreciation – Closing and Signature

Example....

Dear Dick and Linda,

Thank you so much for donating the trophy for the Champion Market Barrow at the Adair County Fair. I have the trophy on top of my dresser to remind me of the time I spent during the past year getting my pigs ready for county fair.

Your support of the 4-H & FFA program is special. I hope I'll see you at next year's fair.

Thanks again for donating the trophy.

Sincerely,

Sally Jones,

Adair County 4-H'er

Record Books Due October 3rd

Record Books – Now is the time to reflect on what you've accomplished during the past year. Your record book provides a place to record what you did and learned. Every 4-H'er in Adair County is strongly encouraged to complete a record book. Instructions for completing a record book are enclosed with this newsletter and are also posted on our website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/records.htm> All record books are due to the Extension office by **October 3rd**.

Changes have been made in the 4-H participation summary (4-H92) for first time record keepers.

Members who have completed a record book before should just add to their old form.

If you're missing the inserts listed on the instructions, please stop by our office or give us a call. We'd be glad to mail out forms. Forms marked with an * on the instructions are also available on our website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/records.htm>

4-H record book covers are available for purchase at the Extension office for \$2.50. Many members choose to buy a three-ring binder to hold their records. This is a great option. Binders that allow for a slip-in cover sheet work best. This allows you to create your own cover design that includes name, club, and county or you can slip the official 4-H record book cover in the front.

Ribbons, stall cards, and other memories should not be placed in your record book. Consider starting a scrapbook for these items.

Community Service Opportunities

Volunteer Hours – Many of you have carried through with your pledge to use your hands for larger service. It's time to document all your volunteer time for the year. Don't forget the time you volunteered with the Reach Out Iowa fairgrounds improvement project, cleaning the grandstand at the fairgrounds, helping with day camps, and working at community celebrations.

Volunteer logs are due October 3rd to the Extension office. The log needs to include the dates of service, type of service, and time spent. The volunteer report forms can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/communityservice.htm> along with a definition of service and examples of what counts and what doesn't count.

Swim Party to Benefit Food Pantries – Join 4-H member Riley Lonsdale and her sisters Reba and Rose for a pool party on Saturday, August 13th from 8 – 9:30 p.m. at the Greenfield Pool. The party is open to everyone and is to benefit local food pantries. Please bring one or more non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantries. A special prize will be awarded to the person who collects the most items. All are invited!

Reach Out Iowa Project Fairgrounds- Thanks to all of you that helped with the Reach Out Iowa: Project Fairgrounds. Youth participating in the planning process will be getting a special survey in the mail soon. Make sure to complete and return. This is required before we can actually receive our money.

You don't need to let the project end. There is a flower bed that needs adopted. There is painting and improvements to do each year. If you would like to commit to continuing in your efforts as a club, please let the Extension office know.

Leadership Opportunities

Teens Needed for County 4-H Youth Council

All 4-H'ers who will be in high school this fall are eligible to be part of this leadership group. Members must be willing to attend monthly meetings, provide leadership for at least one community service project, assist with fundraising activities, and work as a team to improve the Adair County 4-H program.

Anyone interested must complete an application form and return it to the Extension office by **September 9th**. Application forms are available at the Extension office or on our website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/kidsteens.htm>

Youth Action Committee

Both high school teens and adults are needed to serve on the Youth Action Committee. This group is in charge of setting county policy including developing rules for the 4-H and FFA divisions at the county fair and assisting with fund raising. If you are interested contact the Extension office for an application or go online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/kidsteens.htm> Applications are due **September 9th**.

Clover Kids Leader/s

We are in need of an adult or adult/teen team who are willing to take responsibility for the Clover Kids program. The program meets once a month for 1 ½ hours. If you are interested, please call the Extension office.

Club Checklist

As a Club:

- ✓ Apply for a club award. Put together a club story or scrapbook highlighting your educational program service efforts, Food & Fitness endeavors, and other important projects/events. Submit to the Extension office by **October 3rd**.
- ✓ Collect information about your Reach Out Iowa Project (leader will have a form). Complete the requested form and return to the Extension office. Talk about how you might continue your efforts.
- ✓ Write thank-you notes for county fair. Your notes of thanks are the only payment volunteers and donors receive.
- ✓ Review the fair and complete a county fair compliment and consideration form.
- ✓ Nominate adults/businesses/groups for a 4-H Alumni or Friend of 4-H award. Submit to Extension office by **September 9th**.
- ✓ Encourage high school members to apply to be a member of the Adair County 4-H Youth Council. Ask an adult or teen to apply to be part of the Youth Action Committee.
- ✓ Start a list of potential new members. Plan a special event and invite them and their parents.
- ✓ Work on record books as a group. List all local activities you were involved in as a club so individual members can record those they helped with in their record book. Record books are due to the Extension office by October 3rd.

August 2011

*FG – Fairgrounds
 *EO – Extension Office

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Animal Tales, K-5 th grades 9:-11:30 am Shapes, Sizes and Sums 1-3:30 pm 4-H/FFA Center AK-SAR-BEN entries due	2 Volunteer Recognition Supper 7 pm, 4-H/FFA Center	3	4 Performance Results Meeting, 7 pm 4-H/FFA Center	5	6 Saturday Break 10:00-11:30 a.m. NV Elementary School
7	8 SOFA Planning Meeting 12 Noon *EO State Fair Exhibits must be at Extension office by 2:00 p.m. with the exception of baked items	9	10	11 Iowa State Fair August 11-21	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Extension Council 7:30 pm *EO	23 Ag Leasing Meeting 1 – 2:30 p.m. *EO	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Notes:		

September 2011						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 LABOR DAY Extension Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 AK-SAR-BEN September 22-25	23	24
25	26 Extension Council 7:30 pm *EO	27	28	29	30	Notes:

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction generated \$5331 for the 4-H Booster Fund. A special thanks to Ron, Becky, and Emily Dreher, Angie Engles, and members of the Youth Action Committee for making the auction a success.

Be sure to let all Silent Auction donors know you appreciate their support of Adair County 4-H.

5 x 80 Golf Club
 A & M Green Power
 21st Century Cooperative
 Adair County Corn and Soybean Association
 Adair County Fitness Center
 Adair County Hot Shots 4-H Club
 Adair County Wing Walkers 4-H Club
 Adair Lumber Yard
 Amy Thompson, Bridgewater
 Alan Farnsworth DVM, Adair
 All-Digital Wear, Greenfield
 Anita Meat Processing
 Baier Quarter Horses, Orient
 Beth and McKenna Davenport, Adair
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 Bridgewater Oil
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 Ernie Dunn Family, Bridgewater
 4-H Dog Superintendents
 (Savannah Ruby, Brittany Firch,
 Bobbi Williams, Nicole Moser)
 Fabric Creations, Greenfield
 Fareway, Greenfield
 Farmer's Electric Cooperative
 Farmer's Lumber, Greenfield
 Fontanelle Drug
 Greenfield Bowling Alley
 Greenfield Lumber
 Grove Champions 4-H Club
 Gus Automotive, Stuart
 Harrison Hummers 4-H Club
 Hair Designs by Becky, Fontanelle
 Helena Chemical, Adair
 Hilton Garden Inn, Des Moines
 Horizon Equipment, Adair
 Kyle and Lisa Carstens Family, Fontanelle

Leisa Breheny – Scentsy Products, Greenfield
 Lynn Bohling Family, Greenfield
 Mittag Show Cattle, Prescott
 NAPA, Stuart
 Nodaway Valley Clover Kids 4-H Club
 Office Machines Company, Creston
 Orient Bulldogs 4-H Club
 Jackson Mikkelsen, Orient
 Pamida, Greenfield
 Pioneer Seed
 Adair County Pork Producers
 Redfield Feed & Supply
 Richland Royals 4-H Club
 Ron and Becky Dreher, Adair
 Schildberg Inc., Greenfield
 Schildberg's Construction, Greenfield
 Shelia (Evans) Palubicki, Combined Locks WI
 Sondra and Clifton Baudler, Fontanelle
 Sorensen Studios, Greenfield
 Stalker Chevrolet-Cadillac, Creston
 Stuart Fremont Theatre
 Subway, Greenfield
 Summerset Citizens 4-H Club
 Summit Super Stars 4-H Club
 Sunds Custom Fencing, Casey
 Sylvia Carr, Greenfield
 The Jewel Box, Greenfield
 Titan Machinery, Greenfield
 Tom Doud Family, Stuart
 Trinity Salon & Day Spa, Greenfield
 True Value Hardware & Rental, Greenfield
 Turf and Timber, Fontanelle
 Trust Transport, Casey
 Twin Oaks, Fontanelle
 Wallace Auto Supply, Greenfield
 Washington Stars 4-H Club
 Wyffels Hybrids, Jason Fagan, Adair

Gifts Always Accepted for 4-H Booster Fund

All proceeds from the Silent Auction go to the 4-H Booster Fund. The Booster Fund helps pay for the many costs associated with 4-H including scholarships for camps and conferences, member and leader recognition, and educational workshops. We currently are in need of donations for the Friends of 4-H Recordkeepers. A \$10 donation helps to recognize one 4-H'er who turns in a completed recordbook. If you would like to make a donation of \$10 to \$1000, simply drop off a check written to Adair County Extension 4-H Booster Fund by October 14th

Final Fair Results

Swine Performance Contest Winners:

- 1st – Bailee Huddleson
- 2nd – Matthew Noland
- 3rd – Bailee Huddleson

Lamb Performance Contest Winners:

- 1st – Logan Dinkla
- 2nd – Zoey Dinkla
- 3rd – Joe Herr

Beef Performance Results: (individual)

- 1st – Rebecca Gross
- 2nd – Christine Gross
- 3rd – Rebecca Gross

Beef Performance Results: (pen)

- 1st – Rebecca Gross
- 2nd – Christine Gross
- 3rd – Matt Jensen

Opportunities for Your Family

Preschool Scholarships Available

Children living in Adair County who will be between 3 and 5 years old on September 15, 2011, may be eligible for preschool scholarships through the 4RKids ECI Area for the 2010-2011 school year. Scholarships are need-based, awarded on adjusted gross household income. (i.e., family of four with a gross income of \$44,702 per year could be eligible for a partial scholarship.)

In order to be eligible for the preschool scholarship program all 4-year-olds must first be enrolled in Voluntary preschool provided slots are available in the school district in which they reside. Children attending Voluntary preschool offered free of charge through their school district may apply for a scholarship to enroll in additional preschool programming.

For more information about the scholarship program and to download the application form, stop by Adair County preschools, the Adair County Extension Office or visit

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/preschoolscholarships.htm>

Farm Leasing Meeting August 23

According to the Cash Rental Rates for Iowa 2011 Survey, the average cash rental rate in Adair County has increased 68 percent from 2006 to 2011, or \$114 per acre to \$192 per acre. Iowa State University (ISU) Extension conducts the survey and supplies the results annually. Cash rental rates have risen as profitability has increased for corn and soybean farmers. Both landlords and tenants are asking questions about the changes in rental rates.

Adair County Extension will be sponsoring a Farm Leasing Arrangements meeting on **Tuesday, August 23 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** at the ISU Extension office, 202 South 1st Street, in Greenfield. Tim Eggers, ISU Extension Field Agricultural Economist, will be the presenter. Eggers will be explaining land value trends, cash rental rate trends, how to calculate a fair cash rental rate, and how property taxes on ag land are determined.

The Farm Leasing Arrangements meeting costs \$5 per person, which includes the 100-page Farm Leasing Arrangement booklet. Pre-registration is requested by August 22. To pre-register, email powella@iastate.edu or call the Adair County Extension office at 641-743-8412 or toll free at 800-ISUE-399.

Meeting sponsors are: Adair County Extension; Iowa State University Extension; Adair County Corn & Soybean Association; Exchange State Bank; Farmers & Merchants State Bank; First State Bank; Iowa Corn Growers Association; Rolling Hills State Bank and Union State Bank.

Be a Fan of Adair County 4-H

If you have a Facebook account, be sure to become a fan of *Adair County 4-H and Youth Programs*. Check out the many action photos.

Extension Office will be closed Monday, September 5 – Labor Day

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