



## FARM AND HOME NEWS



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### **Organic Meeting**

April 14 at 7 PM at the Howard County Extension Office will be our regular gathering of organic farmers from the northeast area. If you are an organic farmer or just thinking about transitioning to organic, please join us. This is a great way to meet other organic farmers and to learn from each other. There is no cost, just a good exchange of information. So give us a call at the Extension Office 563-547-3001 so we know how many to expect for this meeting.

### **Health Care Power of Attorney**

A health care power of attorney allows you to name another person to make health care decisions for you if you are unable to make them. An advance directive allows you to plan ahead for life and death decisions. They recognize that accidents and life-threatening illnesses occur at any age. If you want to learn more about advance directives, you can go to the Iowa Bar Association Web site at [www.iowabar.org](http://www.iowabar.org). or talk to your attorney, health care facility, or your doctor. At the Iowa Bar Association web site you will also find the forms that you can fill out and have notarized. Give copies to your family, hospital, doctor, and attorney. It is a good idea to carry a copy with you when you travel. If you have questions, visit with your attorney.

### **Drive Safe**

There will be a driver safety program offered on April 29 and 30 in Cresco at the NICC Cresco Center. This program is for drivers 50 years old and older. This course specifically addresses the physiological changes and the driving problems unique to older drivers. To learn more about this program call 547-2256.

### **4-H Outdoor/Shooting Club**

Howard County Extension is in the process of starting a new 4-H club that will focus on outdoor exploration, shooting sport, and fun. To learn more about this new club, parents and youth grades 4-12 are invited to a meeting April 12 at 7 PM at Prairie's Edge Nature Center. Club leaders will be Steve and Stephanie Kuhn and Ron and Julie Langreck.