

Adair County 4-H & Extension News

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Come Celebrate Kathy's 23 Years With Extension!

Rohrig to Retire at the End of February



Be sure to stop by and wish Kathy well on her retirement at an open house on February 28th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Adair County Office.

Kathy started working for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in 1999 as the Coordinator for the Neely-Kinyon Farm. Since then, Kathy's responsibilities with

Extension have grown to include all agricultural outreach as the Agricultural Program Coordinator, starting in 2006. Part of her responsibilities included overseeing the Speak Out For Agriculture (SOFA) committee as they planned educational and career-wise overnight trips and workshops for area youth.

One of Kathy's fond memories occurred during the planning of the 20th anniversary trip for SOFA when Shelby Soper said, "Hey -we can go to Chicago! There's an exit for it in Des Moines!"

Please join us in thanking Kathy for all she has done to make Extension programming run smoothly!



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Upcoming YQCA Dates

Several opportunities for in-person YQCA trainings will be offered in the coming months. Registration for all dates is available now at yqca.learnrow.io. The December one filled up fast as the date approached, so reserve your seat early! All YQCA meetings will be held in the Green Room of the Warren Cultural Center in Greenfield and last for one hour.

- Monday, February 21st at 5:30pm
- Thursday, March 24th at 5:30pm
- Saturday, April 16th at 1:00pm
- Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30pm

YQCA certification is required for all exhibitors showing beef, bottle calves, dairy animals, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. YQCA is not needed to show cats, dogs, horses, or llamas.

Youth Council

The next Youth Council meeting will be on Sunday, February 6th at 3pm in the Extension Office conference room.

Agenda items will include t-shirts, helping at the re-scheduled Fair Board Soup Luncheon, and helping with Clover Kids.

Club Leaders...

- ✓ Don't forget – we have an array of workshops we can bring to your club! Contact us to set up a date!
- ✓ NEW Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series! The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15-20 minutes sessions that dive into topics that 4-H volunteers can apply to their role. The sessions will be held on the first Friday of the month at Noon on Zoom. This month's Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series will be on February 4th at Noon and will focus on **incorporating club themes and projects**. All of the sessions can be accessed with this Zoom link: <http://go.iastate.edu/R0BG6A>.
- ✓ This month's "Vibrant Clubs" publication is [Service Calendar Challenge](#).

Sewing Workshops

4-Hers interested in developing sewing skills can sign up to attend a sewing workshop based on their skill level. Both will be held at the Nodaway Valley High School in the FCS room.

- February 12th at 9am – Pillowcases, for 4-Hers grades 4-8
- February 26th at 9am – Hoodies, for 4-Hers grades 9-12. Participants will be asked to cover the cost of the fabric.

RSVP by calling or emailing Valerie.



Record Books, Bit by Bit...

Fill out your goals for each project area. A goal has three parts: action, result, and timetable. Action words include make, train, learn, photograph, build. The result is what you plan to end up with. The timetable is when you plan to have it done. Here are some example goals:

- *I want to make a poster about smoothies by the March club meeting.*
- *I want to train my heifer to lead before the county fair.*
- *I want to photograph the flags at the cemetery on Memorial Day.*

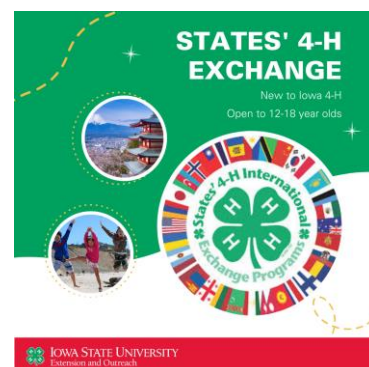
What happens if you do not achieve your goals? Be realistic – that happens! In that case, you can thoughtfully reflect on what caused you to not achieve every goal. This is also a valuable skill!



Host Families for International Youth Sought

The States' 4-H Exchange International program is now seeking Iowa families (do NOT have to be a 4-H family) to host 1 Japanese youth and 1 Japanese adult chaperone for 3.5 weeks this summer. This program is designed to focus on daily life in Iowa households. Host families do not need to plan special activities or sightseeing for their foreign delegates and will have the opportunity to participate in welcome orientations and departure events.

Families who would like to host a youth should have a child in the home between the ages of 11-17. They are paired with a Japanese child of the same gender and of an age within 3+ years. For more information, please visit the [States' 4-H Exchange webpage](#). Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2022**. Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1, 2022. Contact Haley Jones (hjones@iastate.edu) with questions.



**Save the Date for SOFA!
This year's Speak Out
For Agriculture bus trip
will be travelling to
South Dakota on June
14 – 16. 8th – 12th
graders, mark your
calendars!**

Save the Date

June 5 - 7, 2022

Summer Camp for Grades 5, 6 & 7
At Guthrie Grove Retreat Center –
Guthrie Center, Iowa

Registration Opens Soon! Watch your
4-H Newsletter for More Information.



Next Clover Kids Meeting:

Remember to join us on Saturday, February 5th from 10 to 11:30am as we learn about sharing and make paper moon Valentines!

Gardening Workshop Series

Adair County 4-Hers interested in expanding their gardening know-how are encouraged to join us for a series of gardening workshops, funded by a grant from the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation. Every month through October will have a gardening workshop and will feature timely gardening topics. Participants are not required to attend every workshop. During the growing season, we will have a practice plot at the home of Adair County Master Gardener, Kelly Brown-Stull. 4-Hers will be able to apply what they have learned in their own home gardens.

Our first workshop is on Sunday, February 20th at 2:00pm in the Extension Office conference room. Come learn about different types of gardens (raised bed, tilled earth, container, etc.) and which one(s) would work at your home. We will also make seed tape for 4-Hers to take home. **Please RSVP.**



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Opportunities for 4-H Seniors...

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships Open

Over **90** scholarships are offered! Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$10,000. Read about the scholarships available [here](#). Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. To be eligible for any of the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships **2 letters of**

recommendation are required - one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher. College undergraduates may submit **both** letters from academic advisors.

All 4-H scholarship applications are due **March 1, 2022**, 11:59 p.m. More information about the individual scholarships and tips can be found at the [Iowa 4-H Foundation website](#).

Area Scholarships for High School Seniors

High school seniors – be sure to check out available area scholarships listed at the ISU Extension and Outreach, Adair County's Scholarship Listing page

(<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/page/scholarship-listing>).

Upcoming scholarship deadlines:

- Farm Bureau, Feb. 10th
- Keep Iowa Beautiful, Feb. 11th
- Adair Soil & Water Conservation, Feb. 18th
- Landus, Feb. 25th
- Adair County Corn Growers, Mar. 1st

Watch for more as information is updated!

Teen Leaders Needed for Ag Innovators Experience

The AIE Unlock Ag Innovation Challenge is a fun escape-room-type challenge where youth look for clues to discover advances in agriculture when solving a challenge and moving to the next challenge. Iowa 4-H is looking for youth in grades 9-12 who have an interest in agriculture to facilitate the challenge with youth. This program provides teens with opportunities to develop leadership skills, increase their knowledge about agriculture, and increase ag literacy engagement in their communities. For more information contact [Maya Hayslett](#). [To apply, complete this form](#) by March 4.

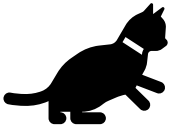
WANTED: Camp Counselors for CAMP WILD

Adair County is seeking camp counselors for Camp Wild 2022. Camp will be held at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa June 5-7, 2022. Counselors will arrive on June 4 to prepare for campers' arrival.

Applicants must be age 16 by June 5, 2022. [Applications](#) are due to Adair County Extension Office by Friday, February 25, 2022. Applicants selected to serve will be notified by Friday, March 4. There is no cost for counselors to attend camp.

Counselors are required to attend two camp orientation and training meetings. The dates will be Wednesday, April 6 from 8-9 pm (web-based training) and Wednesday, May 4 from 5:30-8 pm (face-to-face, location TBD). Counselors will need to be available for CAMP WILD Saturday, June 4 until Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa. Questions about this opportunity? Contact the Extension Office.

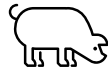




Cat Project Workshop

Calling all kitties! Adair County Cat Superintendent, Kim Pepin, is hosting a cat workshop on Saturday, March 12th at the 4-H/FFA Building on the fairgrounds at 10am. 4-Hers are encouraged to bring their cat (or a stuffed animal if said cat is not yet ready to make a public debut). Contact Valerie to RSVP.

Swine Spectacular



The Iowa Pork Producers are hosting the Swine Spectacular, an annual pork education event for youth ages 8-18 in Ames. There are three age divisions for the event. Each participant will compete in a skillathon and other contests to win various prizes. Registration opens Feb. 5th. Contest is Sat., Feb. 26th. Go to www.iowapork.org/iowa-pork-youth-team/cyclone-swine-spectacular/ For more information, contact Hannah Spurr at (800) 372-7675.



Think: Chickens!

If you are considering Poultry as a project, start planning for chicks! March is a good time to get pullets. This will let them grow to a suitable size for county fair.

Greenfield Garden Club

The Greenfield Garden Club will meet at the home of one of its members on Tuesday, February 8th at 1:00pm. New members welcome! Contact Grace Evans, (641) 745-5318 for more information.

March Mammal Madness!

Do you love March Madness, but wish the brackets had more mammals? Join us for March Mammal Madness! The contest is created every year by a team of biologists headquartered at Arizona State University. Brackets will be available on Feb. 23rd. Research the animals, make your bets – who would be the last animal standing? Fill out your bracket and share it with us in the office before the first match on Mar. 14th. Follow the battles on Twitter (@2022MMMletsgo), [YouTube](#), or the [March Mammal Madness blog](#), score your bracket, and maybe even win a fabulous prize! Join Val AdairCounty on Facebook to engage in a little friendly trash talk (Team Harpy Eagle forever!).

If you would like to join in the fun of speculating on what would happen in a battle between two animals, please let Val know and we will be sure to get a bracket to you!

Iowa 4-H Livestock/Animal Project Guide

Exhibitors with **market beef, feeder calves, dairy cattle, breeding beef, dairy goats, dogs, horses, meat goats, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and/or swine:** please [read Iowa 4-H Publication 202](#) for rules and deadlines.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		DUE: Mkt. Beef on 4hOnline -Legislative Insider registration -4-H Recognition Day applications 1	2	3	4 12pm Volunteer Lunch & Learn	5 10am Clover Kids Meeting
6 3pm Youth Council	7	8 1:00pm Greenfield Garden Club meeting	9 9:00am Commercial Ag Mgmt. CPAT Iowa Legislative Insider Day	10 National 4-H Healthy Living Summit begins	11	12 9am Sewing Workshop: Pillowcases
13 National 4-H Healthy Living Summit ends	14	15	16 9:00am Seed Treatment CPAT	17	18	19
20 2pm Gardening Workshop	21 5:30pm YQCA	22	23 1:00pm – 4:00pm Dry Manure Applicator Training	24 March Mammal Madness brackets available!	25 Camp Wild Camp Counselor applications due	26 9am Sewing Workshop: Hoodie Swine Spectacular
27 5pm SOFA Planning Meeting	28 11am-1pm Open House for Kathy 7pm Ext. Council Mtg.					



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		1 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications due	2 9am Ornamental/Turf-grass Training 7pm Fair Board Meeting	3	4 12pm Volunteer Lunch & Learn	5 10am Clover Kids Meeting
6	7	8 1:00pm Greenfield Garden Club meeting	9	10 National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit begins	11	12 10am Cat Workshop
13 National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit ends	14 March Mammal Madness begins!	15	16	17	18	19
20 4:00pm Dog Project Meeting	21	22	23	24 5:30pm YQCA	25 Youth Equine Extravaganza in Iowa Falls	26
27 Youth Equine Extravaganza in Iowa Falls	28 7pm Extension Council Meeting	29	30	31		