4-H Alumni Speak Out

Carl Ford

**Education** – 1980 Graduate of Bridgewater-Fontanelle Community School

**Career** – farming (row crops, alfalfa, cow-calf operation); works with area sale barns

**4-H Involvement** – Member of Jackson Gems 4-H Club; served as club treasurer and historian; always willing and available to help younger club members. Market beef and junior feeder pens were major project areas.

**4-H Volunteer** – Carl has been a member of the county fair Beef Committee since 1987 and also helps with the county fair livestock auction as he views the crowd for premium bids. He became club leader for the Jackson Gems in 1991; served on the Adair County Youth Action Committee for four years; and volunteered with the Washington Workers 4-H Club as his boys, Greg and Tyler, were members.

**Community Volunteer** – Bridgewater volunteer fireman; Washington Township trustee; member of Farmers Lumber Company Board of Directors; currently Vice President on the Adair County Farm Bureau Board of Directors; active Adair County Fair Board member for 17 years.

**Advice to 4-H’ers** – Always try new challenges in 4-H and be involved. Opportunities available to you in 4-H will help you with life skills in your future. Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet new friends and also become a leader.

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### DATES to REMEMBER

Meeting dates, along with forms and applications are due to the Extension office:

- **August 23**th  
  Youth Council Applications
- **August 25**th  
  Youth Council Meeting
- **August 26**th  
  Extension Council Meeting (7:30 pm)
- **September 2**nd  
  Extension office closed for Labor Day
- **September 6**th – 8**th**  
  Youth Council members help with Swap Meet
- **September 10**th  
  Record book Workshop
- **September 10**th  
  Nominations for 4-H Alumni and Friend of 4-H Awards
- **September 11**th  
  Youth Action Committee meeting (6:00 pm)
- **September 16**th  
  SOFA Planning Comm Member applications due
- **September 23**rd  
  Extension Council Meeting (7:30 pm)
- **October 1**st  
  Completed 4-H record books and Community Service Logs
- **October 1**st  
  Clover Kid Enrollment Forms
- **October 1**st  
  Compliments and Considerations (2013 Adair County Fair)
- **October 6**th  
  Youth Council Mtg, (Greenfield City Park, 3pm)
- **October 8**th  
  New 4-H Member/parent Mtg (watch for details)
- **November 3**rd  
  4-H Awards Day

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In Donna’s World...

Have You Heard?

Congratulations and good luck to Adair County 4-H’ers who have exhibited or will be exhibiting in Out-of-County events –

⇒ Paige Caltrider, Chisum, Kysa, and Heath Downing, Joe and Annie Herr, Anna Horn, Bailee Huddleson, Cody and Samantha Long, Maggie Maas, Morgan Smith, Cade Suhr, and Beau and Reagan Weinheimer who exhibited livestock at the State Fair.

⇒ Selena Rubio showed rabbits at the State Fair.

⇒ Blake and William Sevier will be competing in the dog show at the State Fair.

⇒ Kysa, Chisum, and Heath Downing, Cody and Samantha Long, Joe and Annie Herr, Maggie Maas and Cade Suhr will be showing livestock at the 2013 Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show September 26th – 29th.

Final Fair Results

Congratulations!

Swine Performance Contest Winners:
1st – Bailee Huddleson
2nd – Beau Weinheimer
3rd – Bailee Huddleson

Lamb Performance Contest Winners:
1st – Zoey Dinkla
2nd – Branden Sammons
3rd – Gunnar Dinkla

Beef Performance Results: (individual)
1st – Matt Jensen
2nd – Brad Baudler
3rd – Grant Dudley

Beef Performance Results: (pen)
1st – Christine Gross
2nd – Brad Baudler – 4-H
3rd – Brad Baudler - FFA

Your Ideas Are Needed

It’s time to make that ‘list of ideas’ for the 2014 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 www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/adair/Co%20Fair%20Survey%20Sht.pdf

Please have your Compliments & Considerations Form to the Extension office by October 1st.
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 & Soybean 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 wonderful facilities. A special thanks for providing ribbon 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 Justin Stiens, 1664 190th Street, Fontanelle IA 50846.

- **First National Bank, Fontanelle & Greenfield** for sponsoring the lamb performance contest at the Adair County Fair. Send notes of thanks to First National Bank, Mark Amdor, PO Box 367, 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, 426 N. Main Street, Bridgewater IA 50837.

- **AmeriCorps Workers and Extension Staff** – Christine Rubio, Brad Baudler, Gina Wallace, Kelsie Cass, and Jennie Stamper for all their help in planning and leading summer camps. They were a great group of helping hands during the fair. Send thank you notes to Adair County Extension, 154 Public Square, Suite C, Greenfield IA 50849.

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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.

If you received a trophy or special prize, sold your animal as part of the fair sale, or advanced to state in the clothing event or communication, a thank you note is a must. Don’t delay, get one out today. If you need help with names and addresses, contact Donna at the Extension office. Donors or buyers who don’t get thanked frequently make a decision to invest their dollars elsewhere.

A written thank you note to papers, radio stations, the fair board, department superintendents and assistants, and sale help is also a nice gesture.

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 1st

Riley Abbott, Jefferson Pioneer member, turned in his completed record book on August 8th. Congratulations, Riley for your promptness and being the 1st to turn in a completed 4-H record book for 2013!

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/adair-county-4-h-records. All record books are due to the Extension office by October 1st.

4-H Record Book Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Green Room at the Warren Cultural Center (154 Public Square, Greenfield). Bring your questions and information you have collected over the 2012-2013 4-H program year. Inserts for your record book will be available at the meeting. Record keeping is a skill that will last a lifetime. Your 4-H record book is an excellent way to get started keeping records and is a valuable source of information when completing state award and scholarship applications. Please RSVP to Donna at wallaced@iastate.edu

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.

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 1st.

✓ 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 10th.

✓ 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 1st.

Leadership Opportunities

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/4h.

Applications are due September 10th.

4-H Awards Day Set

The annual 4-H Awards Day has been set for Sunday, November 3rd, 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Warren Cultural Center. All members who complete record books will be recognized. Project award winners will also be announced. You must complete a record book to be eligible for a project award.

Nominations for Friends of 4-H and 4-H Alumni are due to the Extension office by September 11th. Call the Extension office (641-743-8412) with your nomination.

Re-enroll in 4-H for 2013-14

4-H re-enrollment will be available online after September 3rd. Members are encouraged to re-enroll online. Go to the following website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/EnrollmentDocs/MemberReEnrollment.pdf for help in re-enrolling online. Print the help sheet and follow the steps carefully as you go through the process. Contact Donna at the Extension office if you have questions or need a hard copy of your re-enrollment forms mailed to you.
Silent Auction

The Silent Auction generated $9823 for the 4-H Booster Fund.

A special thanks to Ron and Becky Dreher, Emily Hanson, Tiffany Johnson, Kelsie Cass, Deena Wells, 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.

Ernie Dunn Family, Bridgewater
Family Center, Winterset
Family Video, Greenfield
Fareway, Greenfield
Farmer’s Lumber, Fontanelle
Farmers Electric Cooperative, Greenfield
Fontanelle Drug
Grand Theater, Greenfield
Greenfield Bowling Alley
Greenfield Lumber
Gus Automotive, Stuart
Harrison Hummers 4-H Club
Helena Chemical, Adair
Hilton Garden Inn, Des Moines
Horizon Equipment, Adair
IRON Works
J’s Variety, Greenfield
Jefferson Pioneers 4-H Club
Kum & Go, West Des Moines
Leisa Brehey – Scentsy Products, Greenfield
Los Altos Mexican Restaurant, Greenfield
Lundy Farms, Dennis Lundy, Fontanelle
Lynn Bohling Family, Greenfield
Menlo Café
NV Champions 4-H Club
Nodaway Ag, Greenfield
Office Machines Company, Creston
Orient Bulldogs 4-H Club
Pioneer Seed, Ryan Rasmussen, Winterset
Quality Car Care, Winterset
Redfield Feed & Supply
Richland Royals 4-H Club
Robert and Christine Rubio Family, Orient
Ron and Becky Dreher Family, Adair
Schildberg Inc., Greenfield
Schildberg’s Construction, Greenfield
Sprayer Specialties, Inc., Grimes
Stalker Chevrolet, Creston
Stuart Fremont Theatre
Subway, Greenfield
Summerset Citizens 4-H Club
Summit Super Stars 4-H Club
Syngenta, Dan Dreher
The Jewel Box, Greenfield
Titan Machinery, Greenfield
Tom Doud Family, Stuart
Trinity Salon & Day Spa, Greenfield
True Value Hardware & Rental, Greenfield
True Value, Winterset
Twin Oaks, Fontanelle
Wallace Auto Supply, Greenfield
Washington Stars 4-H Club
West Central Cooperative
Wyffels Hybrids, Jason Fagan, Earlham

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 Record-keepers. A $10 donation helps to recognize one 4-H’er who turns in a completed record book. 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 18th.
FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE FAIR

The rain could not squelch the fun during the Youth Council sponsored activities on the last Sunday of the fair. Kids of all ages participated in kid friendly activities that the 4-H youth council planned and ran that morning. Some of the activities included water baseball, sack races, watermelon seed spitting contest, basketball shoot off, and Clel Herr’s train ride. Kysa Downing the Event Chair shared “We wanted kid friendly activities that all kids could enjoy and be able to have the activities at a special time to support and encourage families to come and enjoy the fun.”

A Sweet Thank-You

Youth council members passed out cookies during the last day of the Adair County Fair. Cookies were given to board members and volunteers at the fair on Sunday! This was a way for them to show their appreciation for all their hard work and support of the 4-H Program through-out the year!!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 and committed to attend monthly meetings, provide leadership for at least one community service project, assist with fundraising activities, and help at summer camps! Anyone interested must complete an application form and return it to the Extension office by August 23rd. Application forms are available at the Extension office or on our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/4h.

4-H Youth Council Helping with Greenfield Swap Meet

Youth Council Members will be cleaning the restrooms during the Greenfield Swap Meet September 6th-8th. After the vendors leave on Sunday, members will do a complete clean-up of the fairgrounds. Three people are needed for each 30 minute shift...

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Sunday, Sept 8
8:00-8:30 am
3:00 pm
Clean fairgrounds and enjoy pizza

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Hours – Many of you have completed service projects this year. It’s time to document all your volunteer time for the year. Don’t forget the time you volunteered by cleaning the grandstand at the fairgrounds, helping with day camps, and working at community celebrations.

Volunteer logs are due October 1st 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/community-service-descriptions-and-log-record-your-hours along with a definition of service and examples of what counts and what doesn’t count.

NINA’S UPDATES...

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Clover Kids Program Accepting Enrollment

The Clover Kids program (K-3rd graders) is meeting the first Saturday of each month 10-11:30 am at the Greenfield City Hall meeting room. The first meeting will be Saturday, September 7th. There is a one-time $15 fee to enroll in the program. This money is used to pay for supplies. If you qualify for free lunches, the charge is $5. If you qualify for reduced lunches, you pay $10 for the year. Registration forms are available at the Extension office or on our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/page/adair-county-4-h-enrollment-forms

YOUTH COUNCIL Provides Assistance

The Youth Council traveled to Ronald McDonald house in June and delivered the collected pop tabs! The youth council prepared a meal of Sloppy Joes and worm dirt (a fun dessert for kids) for the families staying at the house. Youth council members also cleaned and took a tour of the facility. We finished the day off with a couple of games of laser bowing!

Thanks to everyone who collected tabs! The tabs collected for the Ronald McDonald House are sold for scrap metal and can earn them anywhere from $5,000-$6,000 a year! Keep collecting those tabs for next year!

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When they were little you covered outlets and locked cabinets. As they become teenagers they also need a helping hand now, more than ever. This offering will provide you with a checklist to ‘teen proof’ your home today. Remember, it’s about keeping kids safe!"

Heartland Family Service is offering “Teen Proof Your Home” event on September 3, 2013 at 6:30pm. It will be held at Adair County Health & Fitness Center in Greenfield. For questions or further information, contact Tiffany Johnson at 641-743-7264.

Dr. Kathleen Delate is hosting a field day at the Neely-Kinyon Research Farm on Tuesday, August 20 from 4:00—7:00 pm. The event begins with a wagon tour of the farm. Wagon stops will include the LTAR plots, LTAR – Long Term Agro-economic Research, Dr. Delate has conducted this organic corn/soybean/oat/alfalfa/alfalfa rotation study for over 13 years. Dr. Cynthia Cambardella, USDA soil scientist, will be discussing soil and water quality.

There will be displays and activities in the machine shed. The Adair County Corn & Soybean Association will have a skill-a-thon and NRCS will have information on soil health and cover crops. A complimentary supper will be served, featuring locally grown products including vegetables and brat patties from Bridgewater Farms. Picket Fence ice cream and apple crisp from the Wallace Centers of Iowa will top off the meal.

Other speakers are Dale Raasch, Bridgewater Farms, will share about growing and marketing organic meats and vegetables. After supper Barb Stewart, NRCS agronomist, will discuss using cover crops to preserve your soil.

The Neely-Kinyon Farm is located 2 miles South of Greenfield on Highway 25, ½ mile East on 260th Street, ⅜ mile North on Norfolk Ave. The field day is open to the public. Please call the Extension office (641-743-8412) if you plan to attend.

The Farm Leasing Arrangements meeting will give landowners, tenants, and agri-business professionals information and materials they need to make decisions regarding farmland ownership, management, and leasing practices. The Farm Leasing Arrangements meeting costs $15 per person, which includes the 100-page Farm Leasing Arrangements booklet and a copy of the presentation.

We appreciate the sponsorship of the following banks and organizations – Adair County Corn & Soybean Association, Adair County Farm Bureau, Farmers & Merchants State Bank; First National Bank; First State Bank; Union State Bank.

Would you like to be a part of the SOFA planning committee? Next year marks the 20TH ANNIVERSARY of ‘Speak Out For Agriculture’ and we are seeking interested high school students to help plan events and seek donations for the trip. This is an excellent opportunity to build your leadership and communication skills. Applications are due September 16 to the Adair County Extension office. Applications are available on the extension website or at the office.
2013 ADAIR COUNTY FAIR
4-H and FFA Divisions
Making the Best Better!

Reflect back on your experience at the Adair County Fair. In the first column jot down things you liked about the fair. It could be about something that went well or about someone that went above and beyond the call of duty to help you. In the second column write down suggestions for next year, the more specific the better. Think about activities, rules, and scheduling as you make your suggestions.

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I’d like to volunteer to help with ___________________________ at the 2014 Adair County Fair.

Name ___________________________________________ (Phone) __________________________

Return to Adair County Extension (154 Public Square, Greenfield) or e-mail to wallaced@iastate.edu by October 1, 2013.
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**IOWA STATE FAIR (Aug. 8 - 18)**

- **Neely-Kinyon Field Day**
  - 4-8pm
  - N-K Research Farm (2 mi south on Hwy 25, 1 mi east, 1/2 mi north)

- **Farm Leasing Arrangements**
  - 1-2:30pm WCC

- **Ed & Eva’s Trunk Show: Lynsi Pasutti**
  - Pottery, 3-6pm

- **Youth Council Applications due EO**

- **WCC Show: Bright Giant Acoustic Rock & Blues, 7pm**

- **Youth Council Meeting**
  - Finalize End of Year 3:00pm, EO

- **Extension Council Meeting**
  - 7:30pm, EO

- **WCC host Farmers Market Lasagna Dinner & Talent Show: 5pm**
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**WCC** = Warren Cultural Center  

**REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
- 10/1 Clover Kids Enrollment Forms due  
- 10/1 Compliments & Considerations Forms due  
- 10/8 New 4-H Member & Parent Mtg (watch for details)  
- 11/3 4-H Awards Day Event, WCC  
- 4-H Record Books due