**Middle School Dance**

**Grades 5th—8th**

**Friday, March 22**

7:00pm - 10:00pm

The **Warren Cultural Center - Theater**

154 Public Square, Greenfield, IA

**ADMISSION**

Please bring a donation for the MICAH HOUSE (Canned Fruits or Vegetables, Diapers (sizes 4-6) or Toilet Paper) Get a FREE COOKIE for your donation!

**DRESS**

This is a formal event - dresses and slacks are recommended

This event is sponsored by the **ADAIR COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL**

For more information about this event, please contact Nina at 641-743-8412 or email ninau@iastate.edu

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**Bowling Party for Junior 4-H Members (4th - 6th Graders)**

The Youth Council is sponsoring a bowling party for the 4-H Juniors on Sunday, February 10th from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Greenfield Bowl (203 E. Iowa Street, Greenfield). The kids will spend time bowling and picking up some bowling tips from Youth Council Members! The cost is $1 per bowler.

Visit the Adair County Extension Office Website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/adair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair)

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**4-H Alumni Speak Out**

**Amanda (Mandy) Miller**

**Education:** B.A. Communications: Public Relations - University of Northern Iowa

**Career:** I wear many hats! My time is divided between a full-time job at a PR agency in Boston as well as freelancing as a broadcast and print journalist, producer and news anchor throughout Boston and Massachusetts.

**4-H Involvement:** While 4-H was a family affair, it was my mom and I that were “blessed” as 4-H-ers. While I first started in the project building and dabbling in showing cats and dogs, my true passion was with my horses. We bought our first horse in 2001, and, from that moment forth, I was inseparable from her. Shortly after, we added a second steed to the family. I spent countless hours at the renowned “horse practice” on Wednesday nights that helped us prepare for County Fair as well as many hours practicing for other shows/simple leisure.

**Volunteering As An Adult:** While the amount of time I’m able to volunteer each week varies, it remains a constant in my life. As a journalist I get to learn about a lot of cool companies, and, even after my story has aired, I often stay in touch with these organizations and volunteer. Since moving to Boston, I’ve volunteered with organizations such as Cradles to Crayons, Rosie’s Place and Honor Flight Network.

**Life Skills Learned in 4-H:** I can confidently say it teaches you about teamwork while also building independence – regardless of what industry you work in, those are two constants that every individual must have. I believe it also helps you build goals. I can remember days where I didn’t understand the value of setting goals, but whether they are personal or professional, goals give you direction and help you succeed in life.

**Advice to 4-H’ers:** Don’t be afraid to try something new – even if it’s something you’re not quite sure how to get started in. There are tons of great people in the 4-H program and Adair County that are happy to help you get a start in something new and help you learn the ropes. Additionally, volunteer as much as you can. There is so much value in volunteering – you’re able to give back to the community, make new connections/friends and learn new things. I still learn new things each time I volunteer.
2013 Conservation Districts of Iowa’s POSTER CONTEST

This year’s theme is “Where Does Your Water Shed?” Poster Contest is open to all K-12th grade Adair County residents. Posters will be displayed at the 2013 Adair County Fair. Entries due to SWCD office in Greenfield by Friday, March 29th. Entry form and guidelines are available at the Extension office or online (http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/adair/Poster-Contest-Promotional-Flyer-Template1.pdf).

Applications are due April 5th.

SW Iowa Junior Camp Counselors Needed
Teen counselors are needed for 2013 Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Jr. Camp (June 9-12). Must be 16 years old by June 9th. Contact the Extension office or click on application form on the home page. Applications are due April 5th.

2013 WASHINGTON DC YOUTH TOUR
Applications due February 22nd. Open to juniors whose parent is customer of Farmer’s Electric. Go to the following website http://farmersrec.com/forms.

2013 SW Iowa 4-H JUNIOR CAMP
for 5th & 6th Graders

The Junior Camp will be June 9-12 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid. Registration materials are available at the Extension office or online http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/4hjuniorcamp.htm.

Registration deadline is May 24th. Cost is $145 for four fun-packed days and three nights. Adair County 4-H’ers are eligible for a $35 rebate.

Need based Financial Assistance
To attend State 4-H camps, SW Iowa Junior Camp, and State 4-H Conference is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. April 25th is the deadline to apply for assistance. This is in addition to Adair County rebates. Contact the Extension office at 641-743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE399 for details.

Student Ambassador to Italy, Sicily & Greece
Adair County 4-H’er Blake Sevier has been accepted to travel as a Student Ambassador to Italy, Sicily and Greece in June. Please go to the following website for the listing of items that can be donated to help Blake with his fundraiser for the trip. www.phoneraiser.com/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=Price-List&category=Price-List.

Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm Program
A minimum of 30 volunteers are needed for each four-hour shift of this state fair ag activity. Volunteers receive one admission ticket, one vehicle permit, and t-shirt. If this is something you would like to do as a family or with club members, contact Emily Brewer at 515-262-3111 ext 244 or email ebrewer@iowastatefair.org as shifts fill up quickly.

CLUB CHECKLIST

As a Club:

Plan a service activity around the second H (heart). It is National Heart Month, so an activity featuring heart healthy snacks or physical activity would be ideal.

Be part of the countywide effort to help Micah House, a homeless shelter for families. Bring canned fruit and vegetables, diapers, and toilet paper to the Extension office. Youth Council will deliver to Micah House on April 7th.

Start looking ahead to county fair. Think about a service project or educational workshop your club has or will complete. Appoint a small committee to document your activity and turn it into a club exhibit for the fair.

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In Donna’s World...

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Encourage members & parents to check out our website www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/ and to become a facebook fan of Adair County 4-H and Youth Programs and SOFA (Speak Out for Ag).

Make a plan for re-enrolling past members who haven’t enrolled this year.

Think about a club field trip.
COLLEGE ALERT

If you need help finding scholarship options or forms, or need a reference letter, contact Donna or Nina at the Extension Office at 641-743-8412 or email wallaced@iastate.edu or ninau@iastate.edu.

A listing of local scholarships can be found on our website www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/info/scholarshiplisting.htm

Rich & Deb Hall LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Rich and Deb Hall are offering a minimum of five scholarships to recognize youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. Scholarships may vary from $200 to $500.

⇒ Applicant must have been an active member of the Adair County 4-H Youth Council for at least two years.
⇒ Must be enrolled in a post-secondary, accredited college Fall term 2013. Scholarships are not limited to 2013 freshmen, but any student working towards an associates, bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree. Applicant does not need to be a full-time student.
⇒ Applications available at the Extension office or online www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/page/scholarship-listing
⇒ Applications due to the Adair County Extension Office, 154 Public Square, Greenfield IA 50849, by Monday, April 1, 2013.

Thank You to 4-H Donors

SOFA XIX 2013
A & M Green Power, Massena Adair County Farm Bureau
Adair County Mutual Insurance Bridgewater Oil
First National Bank of Fontanelle, Greenfield, Massena, Anita, Correctionville Paul & Gini Herr, Fontanelle
KJAN Wireless Communication Ron & Becky Dreher, Adair
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2013 County Fair Trophy Sponsors
Bea Mayes, Greenfield Dan & Pat Westphal, Bridgewater
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Members in Action

Richland Royals members sewed school kits for students in Nigeria during their January club meeting.

Adair County 4-H’ers Tyler Ford, Brad Baudler, and Judd Martin were awarded scholarships from the Adair County Cattlemens Association.

Chisum and Kysa Downing, McKenna Davenport and Brad Baudler applied for state recognition. Good luck at interviews Saturday, March 23rd.

Welcome McKenna Davenport as a youth member of the Youth Action Committee.

Youth Action Committee re-elected Jim Williams (Chairman), Matt Rohrig (Vice-chairman) and McKenzie Wallace (Secretary).

The Summit Super Stars enjoyed their Christmas Party in January by bowling at Stuart Bowl. Following the party they returned to Adair for their gift exchange and pizza.
LEADER INFO

Insurance Coverage
Adair County Extension maintains an insurance policy for all youth enrolled in 4-H. Members must have current completed enrollment forms on file at the Extension office for coverage. It is a high priority that members get their completed enrollment forms to the office immediately. If a member becomes sick or is injured at a club meeting and requires medical treatment, contact the Extension office as soon as possible. To make sure club outings/activities are covered, notify the Extension office by emailing wallaced@iastate.edu in advance. The policy also covers youth at other 4-H activities including county and state fair, day camps, workshops, and State 4-H Conference.

Required Leader Training
Kim Pepin, Terry Brent, H. A. Gross, Karen Downing, Diana Huntington, Daniella Noland, Kris Ford, Karen Schulteis, Polly Holmes, Jack Brown, and Amy Thompson attended Risk Management Training. Leaders who were unable to attend the face-to-face training need to complete the online version www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/training by May 15th.

Amy Thompson, Randy Hensley, Brooke Wilbourne, H. A. Gross, Jack Brown, Kris Ford, Karen Downing, Diana Huntington, Daniella Noland, Karen Schulteis, and Polly Holmes attended Winter 2013 Annual Training for Volunteers (Experiential Learning: Do-Reflect-Apply). Leaders unable to attend the face-to-face version need to complete the online version by May 15th. I will send notice when online version is available.

4-H Exhibit Judges Training
Judges, potential judges, leaders, and parents who are interested in learning more about the 4-H judging process are invited to sign up for a judging workshop on Saturday, March 16th in Osceola. There will be a general session plus the chance to attend up to two break-out sessions. The cost of the training is $20 (includes judges handbook) with an on-line pre-registration required to secure adequate materials and a lunch reservation at the following web location: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/training-registration-judges. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with training from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m at the Clarke County Fairgrounds Events Center. Workshop fees will be collected the day of the training.

FSQA Training
FSQA Training will be held at the Extension office Monday, March 18th and Thursday, March 21st, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. both evenings. All youth exhibiting swine at the 2013 Adair County Fair must be FSQA certified. All youth exhibiting beef, sheep, swine, dairy, poultry, rabbit or goat at the 2013 Iowa State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN must be FSQA certified. Pick the session that works best and put it on your calendar.

Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree
Mark your calendar for now for April 13th & 14th for the Iowa Horse Jamboree in Ames. There are many contests to enter including public speaking, photography, visual arts, and woodworking. Capture a great horse photo for your photography project or draw one for visual arts to enter in competition. Entries due March 15th.
Go to the following for class listing and registration details www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/horse-jamboree

Weigh-in and Tagging Schedule
Swine tagging for all 4-H and FFA pigs to be shown at the Adair County Fair will be Friday, April 5th, 4 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th, 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds in Greenfield.
Lamb & Meat Goat tagging and weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds.

4-H’ers Exhibiting Swine at the State Fair
⇒ No 4-H Derby Swine Show at the State Fair.
⇒ No regional state fair swine weigh-ins
⇒ Contact the Extension office 641-743-8412 for email wallaced@iastate.edu for state fair swine nomination procedures.

Special note – With the new law effective January 1, 2012, isolation and testing for pseudorabies is no longer required by law for swine returning home or going to another location following exhibiting. Therefore, swine shown at our county fair could be exhibited at the state fair or another event immediately following our county fair. Required documentation must be completed at the 4-H office on the fairgrounds for any swine not going to the packer.

Premise ID – All 4-H & FFA swine exhibitors are required to have a Premise ID (covers all family members) in order to sell at the Adair County Fair sale. The number issued from the Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship (IDALS) is permanent so you do not have to re-apply each year. If you do not already have a Premise ID number apply now. You can access the form at www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf or pick one up at the Extension office.

BREEDING BEEF
Breeding Beef must be identified with a tattoo. If you already have your heifer, now is the time to tattoo her. The International year/letter designation for animals born in 2012 is Z. If you start the tattoo sequence with Z you’ll always know the year of birth.

The staff at the Adair County Extension Office would like to thank John Ogburn for his hard work, dedication and volunteering his time to help out in our office.
We appreciate all that he does to assist us!
Start planning some community service into your summer—
**Greenfield/Fontanelle**
**2013 July 4th Celebration**

The planning committee for this year's 4th of July Celebration in Greenfield is seeking volunteers for this special day. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two, or if your group would like to set up your own fundraising stand, please let the planning committee know as soon as possible. Contact Stacie Hull at the Chamber/Main Street office @ 743-8444, Pam Long at Union State Bank @ 343-7310, or Mike Ladd at First National Bank @ 743-2163. This event will take effort by the whole community to be successful, please help with this success! **Any stage acts that would like to perform on this day, please call so we can get you scheduled in.**

**Congrats to Christine & Robert Rubio**

Christine (Schwartz) Rubio, full-time AmeriCorps member for Adair County Extension / Nodaway Valley Middle school, and her husband Robert, along with big sisters Selena and Bella welcomed Carlita and Emilio to the family on January 17, 2013. Babies and family are doing well.

**Micah House Donation Drive**

The 4-H Youth Council will be traveling to the MICAH House in April to volunteer at this great outreach shelter in Council Bluffs. The youth will be helping the organization get ready for their main fundraiser auction. They will also be holding a fun party for all the kids! The Youth Council is asking for the following donations to help out with the shelter's cause. Items can be brought to the Middle School Dance on March 22 or items can be dropped off at the Adair County Extension Office (154 Public Square, Suite C, Greenfield). Donation deadline is March 25th. For more information, contact Nina at 651-743-8412.

**Donations Items Needed:**
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Disposable Diapers (sizes 4-6)
- Toilet paper

**AmeriCorps Positions Available...**

The Adair County Extension Office is seeking 300 hour AmeriCorps members. The member would work primarily with Summer Day Camps through Adair County Extension. Applications are due by Friday, February 22 to the Adair County Extension Office (154 Public Square, Suite C, Greenfield, IA 50849). Applications can also be emailed to Angie at powella@iastate.edu. For more information, contact Nina or Angie at 641-743-8412.

**UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:**

- **February 11** Painting with Chocolate at the Warren Cultural Center $50, Call 641-743-2566 to register. Learn to create a painted chocolate “canvas” and chocolate “lace” items that make wonderful gifts or elegant dessert toppers. Fun for all ages.
- **February 16** TAIKO Project 2—Premier Performance Act at the Warren Cultural Center. Call 641-343-7337 for more info.
- **February 23** West Iowa Theological Convocation at WCC
- **February 25** Community Meal at Cornerstone Fellowship. FREE and open to anyone. Call Nina at 641-743-8412 or more info.
- **March 2** Mary Carrick Cabaret Show at WCC. Call 641-343-7337 for more info.
- **March 16** Kennedy’s Kitchen—Premier Performance Act at WCC. Call 641-343-7337 for more info.

Spread the word about great events in your town. If your Adair County community has upcoming events, please get information to Angie by calling 641-743-8412 or by e-mailing powella@iastate.edu.

We love to support what is happening in Adair County!

**Supper Sitter Class**

March 22nd at the 4-H Building

More information to come in the March Newsletter

**If you have questions as a parent about...**
- Everyday Growing and Learning
- Guidance and Discipline
- Play and Encouragement
- Getting Along
- Building Family Strengths

This program is a series of six workshops for parents of infants, toddlers and preschool age children. It’s a fun and educational opportunity to learn about important stages in a child’s development. A free gift is given at each workshop. A light snack will be provided. For more information about this program, please contact Nina at 641-743-8412 or email her at ninau@iastate.edu.
Crop Insurance Meeting

ProTeam Insurance, Adair County Corn & Soybean Association and Adair County Extension are sponsoring an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at the Greenfield City Hall (Meeting Room) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Featured speakers are Elwynn Taylor, ISU Extension Climatologist, who will be discussing the implications of last year’s drought and the outlook for 2013. A representative of Continental Western Group will share information regarding grain hauling and motor carrier coverage. Crop Insurance options for 2013 will be given by Farmers Mutual Hail.

New Soybean Fact Sheets!

Andy Lenssen and David Wright would like to make you aware of eleven new fact sheets that are now available in the Online Publications Store, [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/) CategoryID=20. These informative fact sheets address a variety of challenges that occur regularly within Iowa’s soybean-corn cropping system. They address topics such as soybean planting date and plant population, topics on which we all receive questions each year. Authors include Andy, David and your Field Agronomist team.

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Kathy’s Remarks...

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING
Friday, February 8
1:30 - 3:30pm
SWCC, Room 180, Creston

MONDAY, MARCH 4
6:30 - 8:30pm
Adair Community Centre, Adair

COMMERCIAL AG, WEED, INSECT & PLANT DISEASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING
Wednesday, February 13
9:00 - 11:00am, $35
Adair County Extension Office

MANURE MANAGEMENT APPLICATOR TRAINING (dry)
Commercial Applicator (dry)
Tuesday, February 19, 1:00 - 4:00pm
4-H Building, Adair County Fairgrounds, Greenfield

COMMERCIAL SEED TREATMENT APPLICATOR TRAINING
Wednesday, February 27
9:00 - 11:30am, $35
Adair County Extension Office

COMMERCIAL ORNAMENTAL & TURFGRASS APPLICATORS TRAINING
Wednesday, March 6
1:30 - 3:30pm, $35
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  All leaders must complete online training by 5/15
- **‘13 Winter Training for Volunteers**
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- Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 4-H Exhibit Judges Training 8:30am, Clarke County Fairgrounds, Osceola