



Shelby County 4-H Newsletter

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Shelby County Fair Herdsmanship Winners

Job well done! All of the herdsmanship scores were very close, which tells me that every one of you are doing an excellent job at keeping your animals and their areas well kept! Keep up the good work! Below are the herdsmanship winners for the 2023 county fair.

Rabbit: Center Comers

Sheep: Center Comers

Goat: Center Comers

Bottle/Bucket Calf: Lincoln Bluebirds

Beef: Jackson Jets

Poultry: Shelby TrailBlazers

Swine: Tie between AHSTW FFA and IKM Manning FFA

Horse: Shelby TrailBlazers

County Highlights

What a GREAT Shelby County Fair!

The weather was almost perfect and we got to see all of you accomplish so many things!

Leaders and superintendents, be on the lookout for the date for our after fair meeting and an email with the document we will use to record fair thoughts.

Members, there are so many people that helped make the fair run. Please take some time to write thank you notes to those that helped you along the way. We have 4-H thank you notes available at the Extension Office.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mark your Calendars now with these upcoming events.

- August 3– Iowa State Fair Static Projects due to the Extension Office
- August 10-20– Iowa State Fair
- September 1– 4-H Online open for enrollment
- September 22– Record books due to the extension office.

Thank You Notes

There are many great organizations and businesses that supported our 4-H members throughout the fair. Please remember to write thank you notes to these supporters.

Pie and Muffin bakers

- Shelby County State Bank

Bottle/Bucket Exhibitors

- State Farm Insurance, Clark Ahrenholtz

Beef Exhibitors

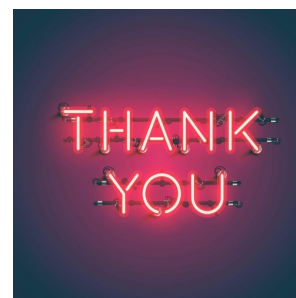
- Shelby County Cattlemen

Livestock Exhibitors

- Iowa Corn Growers (buckets)
- Gawley Tire
- Nelson Farm Supply (exhibitors who went through auction)

All Exhibitors

- Farm Credit Services (Food stand vouchers)
- Dave Schwarte (Fair shirts)



Good Luck State Fair Exhibitors!

Wishing all of our state fair exhibitors the best of luck at the Iowa State Fair! If you are at the fair try to stop in and support our Shelby County members!

Working Exhibits (August 18)

Meredith Mulligan & Emma Zaiger
Lillian Niklasen
Leah Boysen
Lily Bricker & Mara Christensen

Educational Presentations (August 13, 18,19)

Maggie Petersen
Nolan Taylor
Lillian Niklasen
Grant Petersen
Emily Bricker
Aubrey Petsche

Share The Fun (August 13 & 18)

Lauren Wingert
Lane and Leif Larsen
Meredith Mulligan & Charlotte Cronin

Awardrobe Clothing Event

Brooklyn Buck
Carly Torneten
Ella Johnson

Livestock

Bailee Arkfeld	Brylee Schechinger	Addison Obrecht
Coy Obrecht	Cheyenne Obrecht	Ryleigh Obrecht
Landon Nihsen	Brody Nihsen	Carly Christensen

Static Exhibits

Brylee Dotzler
Maggie Petersen
Kyia Ruschenberg
Brody Nihsen
Charlotte Cronin
Cheyenne Obrecht
Brooklyn Buck
Delaney Goshorn
Emma Zaiger
Meredith Mulligan
Trey Buman
Carly Torneten
Jaden Franke
Mara Christensen
Addison Eckles
Lillian Niklasen
Katelyn Plambeck
Leah Boysen
Eric Torneten

****Tickets are in the office for all communication (working exhibits, educational presentations, share the fun), and Awardrobe exhibitors (clothing). Please stop by and pick up your tickets.**

****Attention State Fair Static Exhibitors!** Exhibits are due to the extension office no later than Thursday, August 3 with the exception of prepared foods (those must be delivered by 9 AM Monday, August 7). Entry tags are available in the office.



2023 Clay County Fair

2023 Clay County Fair is September 9-17. Registration is open until August 1st. Late entry will be available August 2-21. We apologize for the late notice on registration. Please register at: <https://fairentury.com/Fair/SignIn/17741>

Clay County 4-H/FFA Fair Book: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/files/documents/2023%20FAIR%20BOOK%20FINAL 0.pdf](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/files/documents/2023%20FAIR%20BOOK%20FINAL%200.pdf)

Clay County Fair Schedule: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/files/documents/2023%20Fair%20Schedule.pdf>

Lost and Found

There are some lost items in the office that were turned in during the Shelby County Fair. Items include: two pairs of sunglasses and set of vehicle keys. Please stop into the office sometime to collect your items.



Remind Text Messages

We are trying something NEW! We have created text message reminder groups using the Remind system to help us better communicate with our leaders, members, and parents/guardians. If you would like to receive text reminders please see the following options.

Shelby County 4-H General (parents/guardians, members): text @4h-shelby to 81010

Shelby County 4-H Leaders: text @shelbylead to 81010



Record Books

The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to teach valuable life skills in how to organize important information that may be needed for things such as taxes or applying for loans. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends. Youth are encouraged to select a format and process that meets their needs and their learning style.

OBJECTIVES FOR 4-H RECORD KEEPING

- To learn how to set goals, make action plans, and determine how well you did.
- To learn the skills of record keeping such as organization, planning, and decision-making.
- To learn to communicate and summarize.
- To learn responsibility by completing a task.
- To evaluate information that will market personal skills through future resumes and applications.

Club leaders will be collecting your record books to review and nominate members for various awards. You may nominate yourself for county project awards. Senior 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply for a state awards so feel free to contact us at the Extension office or visit [State Project Awards](#) for more information.

Information on record keeping can be found on our website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/record-keeping>

Club leaders will communicate with club members when they want record books turned in to them. We do expect every 4-H'er to turn in some form of record keeping to their leader. Leaders must turn record books into the Extension Office no later than Friday, September 22.



4-H Re-enrollment


Enrollment for the new 4-H year will open September 1 in [4honline](#). This is the same process in years past. DO NOT make a new profile. Use the e-mail address that you did last year and hit forgot password if needed. If you do not remember which email you used, please contact the extension office.

Please make sure this is a usable e-mail address that is checked on a regular basis as we do send occasional updates and communication through 4honline. Please double check addresses and phone numbers as well.



Shelby County Cattlemen Pen of 3 Carcass Challenge

The Shelby County Cattlemen's Association is launching a "Carcass Challenge" that will be implemented in conjunction with the Pen of Three Program. Financing for the challenge may be offered by Shelby County Cattlemen. For more information, please stop by the Shelby County Extension Office to pick up a copy of the flyer and application.

Shelby County

Cattlemen

**Guidelines for the Shelby County
Cattlemen Pen of 3 Carcass Challenge**

The Shelby County Cattlemen's Association is launching a "Carcass Challenge" that will be implemented in conjunction with the Pen of Three program at the Shelby County Fair. Individuals who have registered for the Pen of Three through their 4-H Club or FFA program, may apply for participation in this contest.

Eligible applicants include:

- Any student who is registered for the Pen of Three program at the Shelby County Fair and...
- Parents must hold either a Producer or Associate membership with Shelby County Cattlemen

Carcass Challenge Details

- While at the fair, Dr. Brandi Huddle will gather ultrasound images of each animal, this data will be used to create carcass scores related to grade, quality, and yield.
- Winners in each category will receive a cash prize up to \$500.
- Participants will be invited to a reception to recognize award winners.

Meet Your County Youth Coordinator



Jennifer (Jen) Sellner is a 2011 Harlan High School Graduate. Growing up she was an active member of the Lincoln Leaders 4-H Club as well as a member of the Harlan FFA. During her time as a 4-Her she exhibited projects in food and nutrition, clothing, home improvement, and showed breeding and market beef.

After high school, Jennifer attended South Dakota State University and obtained a degree in agriculture education and agriculture leadership with a minor in animal science. She returned to the state of Iowa and began her teaching career at Dallas Center-Grimes High School. In 2016 she returned to Shelby County and began teaching at AHSTW. For many summers, Jennifer spent time as the summer intern in the Shelby County extension office assisting with summer day camps and county fair operations.

In 2017, Jennifer married her husband, Noah. They have two children, Emersyn and Weston. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys fishing, kayaking, quilting, and spending time on the family farm.