



Shelby County 4-H Newsletter

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County Highlights

Congratulations to all award winners who were recognized at the awards event! We had a great turn out for the awards event and we enjoyed celebrating all of your accomplishments.

The Shelby County Extension Office would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mark your Calendars now with these upcoming events.

- December 2– Beef Weigh-in
- December 3– Table Setting Workshop
- December 25-27 Extension Office Closed
- January 1– Extension Office Closed

Market Beef Weigh-In

Beef Weigh-In will be December 2 from 8-10:30 AM. This is required for all beef animals that will be exhibiting as market animals at the Shelby County Fair including market steers/heifers, carcass beef, pens of three (weigh in four animals) and Plus one calves that could be shown as market animals (second year of exhibiting).

Retinal imaging for Iowa State Fair nominations will be available for \$5/animal. All animals will receive an EID Ear Tag.

Table Setting Workshop

Shelby and Crawford County are hosting a table setting workshop in Harlan on December 3 at 3 PM. The workshop will be hosted at United Methodist Church in Harlan. This is a two hour workshop led by table setting judge Gina Battey. There is still room for participants. If you did not register please call the extension office and let us know that you would like to attend.





For the 2023-2024 4-H year, all livestock exhibitors must have their YQCA certification completed by May 15, 2024. Once you have completed the YQCA training, please print a copy or email a screenshot or download and email the certificate to xshelby@iastate.edu

Who needs to have YQCA?

If you intend to show livestock including beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry at the county or state fair in 2024, you are required to take YQCA. Members in grades 4-12 are required to take YQCA ***EACH*** year. Clover Kids are NOT required to take YQCA.

YQCA may be taken online for \$12. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Once the training is complete, please send a copy of your certificate to xshelby@iastate.edu.

There is also a face-to-face option. The cost for this option is \$3. The extension office will be offering a face-to-face class on Friday, March 8 6:00 PM-7:30 PM; Shelby County Extension Office.

To register, visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php>.

Scholarships

Attention seniors! College scholarship applications through the Iowa 4-H foundation are now open, through March 1, 2024. Apply today! Find out more information about the available 4-H scholarships here: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/scholarships>

Club Officers

If you are a club officer and were unable to attend club officer training, there is a resource folder waiting for you at the extension office. Stop by and pick up your club officer folder at your earliest convenience to support you in your leadership role.

Valuable resources may also be found online here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/club-officer-resources>

Resources for vibrant club activities like the ones used at club officer training, can be found here: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ProductList.aspx?Keyword=Vibrant+club&S=0&A=0&F=0>

Please let the extension office know if you need supplies for your club.

Home Improvement Workshops

Do you plan to have a home improvement exhibit at the fair? Do you want to expand your knowledge in the home improvement project area? Are you in grades 4-12? Register to attend the virtual statewide 4-H home improvement workshops!

This trio of workshop opportunities will empower 4-H members to explore the home improvement project area and practice technical skills related to developing their home improvement project work. Registration space for workshops is limited. Register on 4-H online events. For more information: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/programcatalog/4-h-home-improvement-workshop>

State 4-H Recognition

4-H members grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide awards and trips through the state 4-H recognition event. Use your county awards as a starting place for applying.

Some opportunities include state project awards, National 4-H conference, National 4-H congress, and more!

Applications open January 1 in 4-H online. Applications are due February 1 at 11:59 PM. Jen would love to help you through the application process and would happy to help prepare you for the interview. Give our office a call!



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth (completed grades 9-12 at the time of the trip). Each summer teens gather in Washington DC to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world.

CWF will be held June 13-23, 2024. Trip cost is estimated at \$3,000. This includes lodging, travel, and many meals. The group will travel by charter bus to Washington D.C.

If you are interested, please call our office for help with registration. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/programcatalog/citizenship-washington-focus>

