



Shelby County 4-H Newsletter

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County Highlights

Wishing all of Shelby County a happy New Year! We hope that members will take advantage of the many opportunities that 4-H has to offer in 2024.

We are in the process of setting up many workshops in the next few months so stay tuned for topics and dates.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mark your Calendars now with these upcoming events.

- January 1– Extension Office Closed, State Recognition Applications Open
- January 10– Extension Office Closed
- January 15– Extension Office Closed
- January 23– Calving Clinic
- February 1– Market Beef ID deadline, State Recognition applications due
- March 1– Iowa 4-H Scholarships due
- March 8– YQCA Face-to-Face

Market Beef Identification Due Feb. 1

Beef Weigh-In was held on December 2. Please ID your market beef animals on 4-H online (Fairentry for FFA animals) by February 1. Instructions were included in the packet that exhibitors were given at weigh-ins. If you need a new copy of the instructions please contact our office.

If you attended a weigh-in at another county please check that Jen has received your animal's weight(s).

Workshop Survey

As we work to plan many workshops for 2024, we want to assure the workshops are topics that our members find interest in and want to learn about. Please take a moment to complete this workshop interest survey and help our office plan workshops that are beneficial to you:

<https://forms.gle/cRTTnW9huC9QBqct5>

Please complete the survey by January 15, 2024

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>

Livestock Interest Survey

Interested in livestock judging, quizbowl, or skillathon? Please take a moment to complete this interest survey to help us plan practices and clinics:





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>.

Calving Clinic

Attention 4-H members interested in the animal science project area! Shelby County Extension along with Crawford County Extension, Shelby County Cattlemen, and Crawford County Cattlemen are hosting a calving clinic. Come learn more about the basics of the birthing process, newborn calf care, and cow nutritional impacts. Utilize the cow and calf model from the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine to practice delivering calves and correcting difficult delivery positions. Register by January 19, 2024 by calling our office or emailing sellner1@iastate.edu



Tuesday, January 23, 2024

St. Peters Catholic Church Parish Hall, Defiance, IA

6:00 - 9:00 pm; Light supper served courtesy of Crawford County and Shelby County Cattlemen, no cost to attend.



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 be 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. Contact our office with interest as there may be financial assistance available.

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>

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to serve as project leaders and as superintendents. It takes many great volunteers to provide various opportunities for our youth. If you know someone who may be willing to fill these positions, please let us know or have them reach out to Jen. At this time we are looking for volunteers for the following:

Superintendents for:

- Cake Decorating
- Table Setting
- Static Judging
- Market/Breeding Beef

