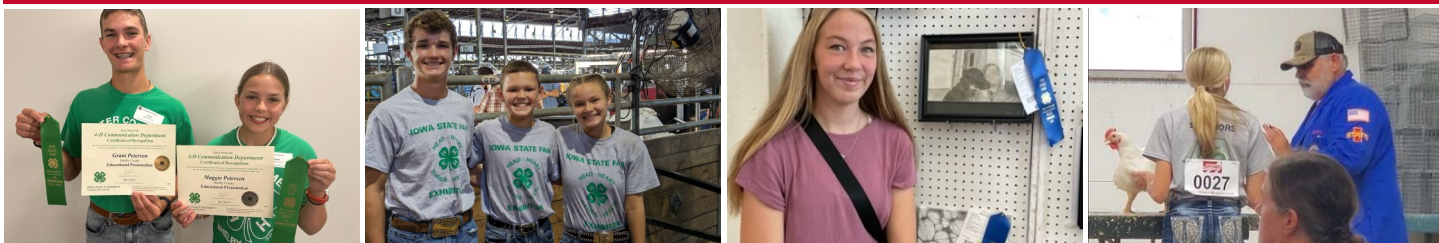


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County Highlights

Congratulations to all of our Iowa State Fair participants! Each of you did an outstanding job representing Shelby County and we are very proud!

As we get ready to begin the new 4-H year, I am so excited to get to know our county 4-H members and see all of the amazing things that you can do!

We will be planning and trying new things this year. Please be patient as we discover what works and what does not.

This newsletter is broken into sections. The first pages are important information for everyone followed by information for leaders/volunteers, then lastly is other extension updates.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mark your Calendars now with these upcoming events.

- September 1– 4-HOnline open for enrollment
- September 8– County Council Applications due
- September 10– Clover Kid enrollment due (to ensure a spot in current club)
- September 22– Record books and personal development award applications due to the extension office.

Shelby County 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the new 4-H year is now open 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.

****Note:** Program Development fee has increased this year from \$30 to \$40 per member. Clubs will be invoiced from our office after November 1.

Clover Kid Families

Clover Kid groups are limited to the number of members who can enroll to each club based on the number of adult leaders for each. Because of the limitation on the number of members in each club, I want to give priority to current members who wish to stay in the clover kid club that they have been enrolled in. To be guaranteed a spot in your current club, please complete your enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year by September 10. After Sept. 10, enrollment will be opened up to new clover kid members and members wishing to switch clubs.



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



Important Items for ALL 4-H Club Members and Leaders!

Record books and County Project Awards Due!

It is that time of year when your record books are due to your club leader for evaluation. Please complete and turn in your record book by the date set by your club leaders. All 4-H recordkeeping forms, guidelines, and tips are located on our website.

County Project Award information was mailed out to all intermediate and senior 4-Her's. County Project Award nominations can be made by club leaders OR from the member. If the members are self nominating, please complete the nomination form and return it to your club leader with your record book. If you have already turned your record book into your leader, please reach out to them.

APPLY NOW

Senior Members: Personal Development Award Due

Attention Senior members! Personal development award information was sent to you with the county project award information. Please take time to review the requirements and consider applying for the available awards. Those who apply will interview for the awards on Sunday, October 8th at 2 PM at the Extension Office. Senior 4-H'ers that are off to college or other experiences this fall are eligible to apply and virtual interviews can be set up upon request. Please submit your application materials to the extension office by 5 PM Friday, September 22.

Apply for County Youth Council

Are you interested in developing more leadership skills? Consider joining the Shelby County Youth Council! Applications are due September 8. Applications are available on our website.

Club Officer Books Due Date

Club treasurer, secretary, and historian books are due to the Extension office by 5 PM on Friday, October 13. Please call or email the office with questions. Guidelines for these officer books are posted on our website.

Club Program Plan Due Date

A 4-H Club Program Plan is an important tool to help clubs plan and function. Club Program Plans are critical to ensure that quality opportunities and experiences are being provided to club members. Club Program Plans must be uploaded to 4-HOnline by extension staff each year as a part of the club chartering requirements. Please send a copy of the Club Program Plan to the extension office (either to Diane or to Jen) by November 1.

National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2023

National 4-H week is a time to highlight our outstanding 4-H members and all of the great things that they do! The theme this year is: I ❤️ 4-H. Extension staff is currently working on some exciting 4-H week plans. More information will be sent out at a later date so stay tuned!

Please make some plans to celebrate this special week and share your plans with us. Let the office know if you are needing any supplies.



Important Items For Leaders and Volunteers!

Mark your Calendars For Annual Volunteer Training

Annual volunteer training will take place on Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 PM at the extension office. A meal will be provided. Please let Jen or Diane know if you plan to attend so we can get a meal count.

Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to serve as leaders and as superintendents for the next 4-H year. 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. These positions will require a background screen and for the individual to attend annual volunteer training in October. Superintendent positions will require a completed application. At this time we are looking for volunteers for the following:

Club Leaders for:

- Clover Kids #2 (2 preferably)
- Shooting Stars
- Spartan Clover Kids

Superintendents for:

- Best of Iowa
- Cake Decorating
- Table Setting



Leaders Only Facebook Page

Did you know that Shelby County 4-H Club Leaders have a Facebook page that is just for them? Join the Shelby County 4-H Leaders page for important announcements and leader information. We are trying multiple avenues for communication with leaders so you will still receive emails and Remind text messages from the office.

Club T-shirts

As you are beginning the new 4-H year, if you are planning a new club t-shirt, keep in mind that there are guidelines to using the 4-H clover. Jen will be providing you with branding guidance.

Please email a picture of your t-shirt designs to Jen for design approval before having shirts made.



Other Extension Updates

Iowa State Fair Results

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers who represented Shelby County at the Iowa State Fair. We are so proud of you!

Static Exhibits

Brylee Dotzler- Food & Nutrition, Blue
Maggie Petersen- Clothing & Fashion, Blue
Kyia Ruschenberg- Personal Development, Red
Brody Nihsen- Home Improvement, Red
Charlotte Cronin- Food & Nutrition, Blue
Cheyenne Obrecht- Food & Nutrition, white
Brooklyn Buck & Delaney Goshorn- Animal Science, Blue
Emma Zaiger- Home Grounds Improvement, Blue
Meredith Mulligan- Photography, Blue
Trey Buman- Woodworking, Blue
Carly Torneten- Visual Arts, Blue
Jaden Franke- Visual Arts, Blue
Mara Christensen- Creative Arts, Blue
Addison Eckles- Citizenship & Civic Engagement, Blue
Lillian Niklasen- Citizenship & Civic Engagement, Blue
Katelyn Plambeck- Photography, PPI Gallery Award
Leah Boysen- Thrifty Meal Challenge, Red
Eric Torneten- Communication Poster, Seal of Merit
Meredith Mulligan- Outdoor Adventures, Blue
Brylee Dotzler- Photography, Red
Lillian Niklasen- Photography, Blue
Kyia Rueschenberg- Clothing & Fashion, Blue
Brylee Dotzler- Woodworking, Blue

Educational Presentations

Aubrey Petsche- Seal of Merit
Maggie Petersen- Seal of Merit
Nolan Taylor- Seal of Excellence
Lillian Niklasen- Certificate of Recognition
Grant Petersen- Seal of Excellence
Emily Bricker- Seal of Excellence

Share the Fun

Lauren Wingert- Participation
Lane Larsen/Leif Larsen- Participation
Meredith M./Charlotte C.- Participation

Working Exhibits

Lillian Niklasen- Seal of Excellence
Leah Boysen- Seal of Excellence
Lily B./Mara C.- Seal of Excellence
Meredith M./Emma Z.- Seal of Excellence

Livestock- Lots of Purples and Blues!

****Note:** We do not have a complete list of livestock results from the state fair.

Bailee Arkfeld
Kendra Robinson
Landon Nihsen
Addison Obrecht- Senior Doe Honorable Mention
Carly Christensen

Brylee Schechinger- Champion Senior Showman
Cheyenne Obrecht
Brody Nihsen
Ryleigh Obrecht
Cooper Robinson

Congratulations Shirley McConnell!

Shirley McConnell was inducted into the 2023 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, August 20. Ninety-one Iowa counties participated this year and selected 127 inductees for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Inductees were presented a certificate by the Iowa 4-H Foundation President, David Bolte, and interim State 4-H Program Leader, Mitchell Hoyer, as they were introduced on stage.



Discounted ISU Football Tickets

Iowa 4-H and Iowa State Athletics are partnering to offer 4-H members and families discounted ISU football tickets to the ISU games on September 23 and/or November 18. Use this link to purchase tickets: <https://offer.fevo.com/4-h-football-ticket-offer-e1299d6?fevoUri=4-h-football-ticket-offer-e1299d6%2F>

CyDay Friday at the Extension Office

ISU home football Fridays are CyDay Fridays at the Extension office! Help us celebrate on Friday, September 8! Stop by the office in the morning for a cyclone themed doughnut from RISE Doughnuts or in the afternoon for some popcorn. While you are here take your picture with our inflatable Cy! We can't wait to see you!



Buck Begins as Extension Office Assistant



There is a new and friendly face in the Shelby County Extension office. Long-time Shelby resident Rhonda Buck began her work as the part-time Shelby County Office Assistant on August 8, 2023. Besides providing customer service to office callers, Rhonda will support the programs volunteers for the many Shelby County Extension programs.

Rhonda and her husband Chris live in Shelby. They have five children. They are active in their community, enjoy watching sheep shows and are active in their church. "Rhonda is a great addition to our office. She will work closely with Diane Lascot who will continue to be our other part-time Office Assistant and assist with our programs.", said Terry Torneten, Regional Director for ISU Extension and Outreach. Diane and Rhonda will split their time in the office and support programming as needed.

Please stop by the Shelby County office in Harlan and welcome Rhonda to her new position.