



Shelby County 4-H News

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4-H Pancake Supper is March 21

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 21 for the 4-H Pancake Supper! The Pancake Man will be serving from 5-7:30 pm at the Rosman Parish Center at St. Michael's in Harlan. Each 4-H Club has been asked to provide a silent auction items and photos of your club in action. Members will soon receive an email with a link to the Google sheet to sign up for times to work at the event. Proceeds from the event help to offset the cost of 4-H programs throughout the county and to support the financial awards for graduating Senior 4-H'ers. Buy tickets at the door or scan this QR code:



Shelby County 4-H Enrollment and 4-H Online Fees Due

4-H membership (\$15/member) and 4-H Online (\$5/4-H member or Clover Kid) fees are now due. Office Assistant Diane Lascot will send each club's leader(s) and treasurer an invoice. Once your club has voted to disburse funds from your account, please submit a voucher request to the office. Payment will then be transferred from your club's account for payment of the invoice to Iowa 4-H.

Graduating Seniors

Please remember to submit a photo of one of your first 4-H experiences AND a senior photo along with future plans, how 4-H has impacted my life/future plans and a fun/favorite 4-H memory by March 3 to dlascot@iastate.edu or drop off at the office.

2023 Shelby County Fair Themes

The 2022-2023 State 4-H Council is pleased to announce “**Spy Your Potential**” as the 2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Theme. This will also be the theme for 4-H at the Shelby County Fair.

From the Shelby County Fair Board, the 2023 Shelby County Fair Theme is “**Best Days of Summer**”.

Junior (Youth) Master Gardeners

Junior Master Gardeners project work is underway! Junior Master Gardeners is available to all Clover Kids and 4-H members K-12.

There are two greenhouses in the atrium of the Chamber of Commerce in the Iowa Western Community College Shelby County Center, 1901 Hawkeye Ave, Harlan. Stop by to see some of the seeds we planted at our first workshop. Microgreen growing kits are new this year. If you want to make a kit, stop in to the Extension office to get your own microgreen growing kit started.

Our next workshop will be March 22 from 1-3 pm at the atrium of the IWCC Shelby County Center, Harlan. Participants will be transplanting some plants that have started from our first planting and starting some new seeds. You will also have an opportunity to work with Master Gardener Connie Petersen and some of our new Master Gardeners as you plan your own gardens and landscaping projects.



Safe Frosting for Iowa 4-H Fairs

Along with the [Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide \(2023\)](#), ISU Extension and Outreach AnswerLine recently shared the blog post “[Safe Frosting for Iowa 4-H Fairs](#)”. Exhibitors are encouraged to use this information to guide when selecting recipes for the fair. Food safety should always be considered when preparing food any time. Our office has printed copies available.

4-H Publication 202

Learn more about animal exhibits by reading 4-H 202. This publication summarizes requirements relating to exhibiting animals at 4-H shows.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/iowa-4-h-animal-identification-weighing-and-exhibiting-requirements-for-county-state-and-interstate-shows>



**Where many see challenge,
kids see **OPPORTUNITY.****





Livestock exhibitors (4-H and FFA) are required to participate in a YQCA Training in

2023. This training is for exhibitors of beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep & swine at the county and state fair.

- Interactive, web-based modules are available for all age divisions now. A \$12 training fee will be collected when registering.
- Instructor-Led Training—a \$3 training fee will be collected when registering. (All trainings need at least 5 youth pre-registered or the training will be canceled).

March 17, 9:00 am @ Elk Horn Public Library

April 22, 12:30 pm @ Livestock Workshop, SHELBY County Fairgrounds, Harlan

TRAINING DEADLINE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IS MAY 15, 2023

Once training is complete, please submit a PDF or screenshot of your completion certificate to the office.

Butter Braids Pick Up

Orders for Butter Braids are due March 13, 2023. The Butter Braid order pick-up will be March 27 at the Extension office.

LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP

Sat. April 22nd 9:00 - 3:00

Held at the Shelby County Fairgrounds, Harlan

- Explore Grooming, Fitting, Showmanship, Nutrition, and Care of your livestock.
- Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, Swine, Sheep, and Goats
- Open to Audubon, Crawford, Harrison, and Shelby County 4-H'ers in 4th - 12th Grade
- YQCA available - - additional cost
- Registration will open March 10th
\$20 per youth - includes lunch



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**4-H
EQUINE
EXTRAVAGANZA**



April 14-16, 2023

Ellsworth Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls, IA



Open to all youth in grades 4th-12th



Share your knowledge of the equine industry through a variety of competitions and participatory events.

For more information, visit
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza

4-H Club Financial Management Resources Available

Iowa 4-H clubs operate in compliance the Iowa State Auditor's office and follow sound fiduciary practices. Extension district financial policies are implemented because 4-H club and learning communities' funds are public funds according to Iowa Code and Extension districts have fiduciary responsibilities to manage them. Public Funds, as defined in Iowa Code Chapter 12C.1, are those funds owned by a public entity such as a county extension district. This includes both tax and non-tax monies. All monies generated by users of the district entity are owned by the district, not the user, and are under the control of the local extension council.

All public funds are the legal responsibility of the extension council. All public funds have the same legal requirements for accounting, reporting, auditing, proper signatures, segregation of duties, publishing, bonding, investing and uniform financial accounting procedures.

Club Treasurers and others can learn more about 4-H club financial management here:

[4-H Club Officer Resources | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza)

Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon

This event will be held on April 1, 2023 in Ames, IA. Registration is open in 4HOnline through March 27. More information about this opportunity can be found on the [Livestock QuizBowl website](#). Registration starts at 10 am so we would need to leave from Harlan by 7:00 am. Senior division is ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2023. Mixed division is ages 9 – 18. Teams are three or four members for Skillathon and three to five members for Quiz Bowl. A first practice for Shelby County is February 28 at 4:00 pm. A zoom invitation will be sent out that morning.

Practices will continue on Zoom at 3:30 pm on March 9 (E-EHK), March 10 (Harlan and Tri-Center) and March 24 (AHSTW).

Senior 4-H Leadership Retreat

Do you want to learn how to start a movement, advocate for your ideas, and create an action plan? Make plans to join us April 29 in Red Oak or May 6 in Audubon for a FREE day-long leadership retreat.

The Southwest 4-H Field Team is looking for positive high school students who are energetic and want to become a stronger 4-H member. During the retreat, 4-H members will increase their knowledge of leadership styles and effective communication. Hands-on work will focus on starting a movement, advocating for your ideas, and creating action plans. Facilitators will share several ways to become more involved in 4-H such as state and national opportunities. Most importantly, this is a great way to meet and interact with other 4-H youth in Southwest Iowa!

Apply online through 4hOnline beginning March 1, 2023. **Registration deadline is Saturday, April 15, 2023.**

Questions about this opportunity? Contact the Extension Office.



INSPIRES LEADERSHIP

4-H Livestock Websites

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock>

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/livestock-id>

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/program-list>

4-H Livestock Workshops

If you plan to exhibit breeding beef, bottle/bucket calf, market beef, goats, sheep or swine and you are a fourth, seventh, or ninth grader or new to exhibiting one of these species you should participate in a livestock workshop for that species. You can participate in the YQCA training on March 17 or attend the workshops at the Regional Livestock Workshop on April 22.

4-H Judges Training

Current Iowa 4-H fair judges, as well as those considering becoming a 4-H judge, are invited to attend training on Saturday, March 18, at the Oakland Community Center, Oakland. It will be held from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

This training is geared toward adults who are interested in working with young people and evaluating exhibits at county fairs.

Topics covered include positive youth development, how to evaluate, educate and encourage during conference judging, and 4-H exhibit expectations and guidelines.

The training will be delivered by Iowa State University Extension & Outreach Youth

Program Specialists. Information will be presented regarding numerous exhibit areas, including clothing events, communication events, ag and natural resources, photography, family and consumer science, and more.

"We would like to encourage those who are new to 4-H judging to come to the training and check it out. We are always in need of more adults who can support youth in this way," said Rhesa R. Leiding, ISU Extension and Outreach Youth Program Specialist. In addition to current and new judges, 4-H club leaders and others interested in learning more about judging at fairs are welcome to attend. The cost of the training is \$25, which covers snacks, lunch, and all materials. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Rhesa Leiding rleiding@iastate.edu OR Mary Taggs mtaggs@iastate.edu.

Registration forms and payment are due by March 13 to Fremont County Extension and Outreach, 610 Clay Street PO Box 420 Sidney, Iowa 51562.

4-H JUDGES TRAINING



Sat. March 18th 9:00 - 2:00

Oakland Community Center, Oakland IA

-> Open to anyone interested in becoming a 4-H judge, those looking for a refresher or to expand their areas of judging.
-> Participants will be equipped with information and resources to be utilized in evaluating, educating, and encouraging 4-H'ers in 4-H exhibit and event judging.
-> Register using the QR code OR Jotform link. Fee of \$25 due March 13th to:
Fremont Co. Extension, 610 Clay St. Sidney, IA 51562





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Club Volunteer Lunch & Learns

Join State 4-H Staff on the first Friday of the next three months at **noon** for a very brief virtual Zoom session on a topic relevant for new and veteran club volunteers:

*** Friday, March 3: Youth Mental Health & Wellbeing Resources**

* Friday, April 7: Resources & Support to help prepare youth for fair.

These are held at noon and are recorded. Contact the office for the link (or the video afterward).



Dates to Remember

March

- 1 - Snowman Competition pics posted
- 6 - Office closed 12-5 pm
- 7 - Office closed all day
- 13 - Butter braid sales end
- 17 - YQCA Elk Horn
- 18 - 4-H Judge's training
- 21 - Pancake Supper 5 – 7:30 pm
- 22 - Horticulture wkshp 1-3 pm
- 27 - Butter Braid pick up

April

- 1 - Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, Ames
- 7 - Horticulture wkshop 9-11 am
- 10 - WHEP practice 9 – 11 am
- 10 - Sewing wkshp
- 22 - Regional Livestock wkshp
- 15 - Sr. 4-H Leadership registration due

May

- 15 - Animal Identification Day
- 20 - State WHEP Contest

July

- 9-17 - Shelby County Fair