Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that has sent me well wishes on my new adventure. I appreciate your kind words! Friday, Jan. 7th is my last day as Shelby County Director Youth and Human Science Program Coordinator. However, I’m excited to continue to be housed in the Shelby County Extension office as Region 13 (Audubon, Crawford, Harrison, and Shelby County) 4-H Positive Youth Development Specialist (YPS).

I have enjoyed getting to know you all and look forward to continuing to support the positive youth development programs in our county.

Mary Taggs
Club officer training videos are now posted on the Extension website https://www.extension.iastate.edu/shelby/4h. Scroll down to find the Shelby County 4-H Club Officer Information. The links to the videos are under each officer position. Thanks to our County Council for putting together these videos, we hope you find them helpful.

Club officer information packets are being handed out when Extension staff present awards at club meetings. If you have questions about the information, please don’t hesitate to contact the Extension office.

Did you know it’s NEVER too early to identify your animals on 4-H Online 2.0? The deadline is May 15th, it will be here before you know it. If you have questions about how to identify OR “What do you mean by ‘identify’?” Please contact Paulette at pmadson@iastate.edu or give her a call at the Extension office 755-3104.

Sheep/goat workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th at 2PM at the Fair grounds with weigh-in scheduled for April 30th. Keep in mind that according to the membership agreement, all sheep/goat exhibitors will attend one county project area workshop per age category the first year you exhibit as a junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H’er for each species.

Beef exhibitors that weighed in animals, don’t forget to log into 4-H online 2.0 to enter your animals by February 1st. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Paulette at pmadson@iastate.edu or call the Extension office 755-3104.

Market beef animals that are not entered by the Feb. 1st deadline will not be eligible for the Shelby County fair OR the Iowa State Fair.
POULTRY WORKSHOP

Paulette has a recording of the December Poultry Workshop with Pam Borkowski. She shared a lot of great information about selection, care, and showmanship. If you are interested in viewing the video, please contact Paulette.

Pam is putting together a poultry order to be delivered in January. Catalogs available at the Extension office. Poultry available: chickens, ducks, pheasants, geese, turkeys, etc.

BOTTLE CALVES

Stay tuned as details are being worked out with the Kirkman Dairy for bottle calf purchases in March with delivery in May. This is a great opportunity for all of our 4-H’ers to get involved in the beef project area.

RABBITS AVAILABLE

The Animal Rescue League of Harlan has several pure bred Rex babies and a couple of adults available for adoption. These rabbits will be made available for 4-H’ers at no cost. Just mention that you are a 4-H’er!

All livestock exhibitors must have their YQCA certification complete by May 15th.

1. Members (4-12) are required to take YQCA each year.
   ♦ You may take it on-line for $12 or face to face for $3. Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io. Use your 4-H On-line user name and password to log in. DO NOT set up a new account.
   Paulette will be offering one more face to face classes here in Shelby County.
   ♦ Friday, March 18th 10-11:30 Elk Horn Town Hall

2. You will need to have training if you are planning on exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit and/or poultry. CLOVER KIDS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE YQCA.