



## SHELBY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2023

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 2	Office Closed
Jan. 7	Beef Weigh-In, Guthrie
Jan. 9	Ignite by 4-H deadline
Jan. 10	Office Closed
Jan. 16	Office Closed
Feb. 1	All Market Beef deadline
Mar 9-12	Ignite Conference, D.C.
Mar 10	Ag Innovator deadline
Mar 17	YQCA, Elk Horn
Mar 21	Pancake Supper
Mar 25-26	Ag Innovator Aerial Ag Challenge

## Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2023-your opportunity to become the very best that you can be! Take advantage of some of the club, county, regional, state and national opportunities listed here in the newsletter. Consider going back into your 4-H Online account to look at your project areas to see if there is something else you would like to learn about! We plan to send out specific e-mails to those signed up for each project area. Consider volunteering to help with one of our club, county or regional events, we can always use more help.

Sewing Workshop December 29<sup>th</sup> had 16 participants we made quilted hearts to share with others and then Addison Obrecht introduced her project to have 4-H members make quilt blocks from 4-H fabric to be made into a quilt to auction off during the pie/muffin auction at the 2023 Shelby County Fair. If you are interested in making a quilt block stop in to the office to get fabric and ideas for quilt blocks. All quilt blocks need to be returned to the extension office by April 10<sup>th</sup> when we will be putting together the quilt top to prepare it for quilting. Sign-up to come in on early out and no school days if you are interested.



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## Register for Ignite by 4-H

This is an inclusive teen event held in Washington, D.C., for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment, and creating amazing connections. The conference is March 9-12. Iowa 4-H will select up to 8 youth representatives to participate in the Agri-Science Track at the conference. Youth selected to participate by Iowa 4-H through this application will have air-fare and registration provided by support from Google. Applications for the Ignite Conference are due January 9. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRIZKHa9Tk06\\_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRIZKHa9Tk06_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform)

Questions? Go to: <https://4-h.org/parents/ignite-by-4-h/>



## Register for National 4-H Council's Ag Innovators Experience

This experience allows teens to lead ag-related programming in their communities. This year's Aerial Ag Challenge looks at the role of drones and data science in improving crop production. Iowa 4-H is looking for teen leaders interested in agriculture to facilitate the challenge with younger youth. This program provides teens with opportunities to attend training, develop leadership skills, increase their knowledge about agriculture, and increase ag literacy in their communities. Applications for AIE Teen Leaders are due March 10. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRIZKHa9Tk06\\_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRIZKHa9Tk06_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform)

## State 4-H Recognition Opportunities Important Dates

- Applications open in 4HOnline on January 1. Interviews may be done in person or by video teleconference.
- **The application deadline every year is 11:59 PM on February 1.**
- There will be workshops available December-March on all aspects of applying. See below on this page.
- Interview selection and schedule are announced in the first week of March.
- On-Campus Interviews in Ames, IA on **March 25, 2023** between 9AM and 3PM.
- Virtual interviews will be offered on **March 18, 2023** between 9AM and 3PM and **March 21, 2023** between 4PM and 7PM.
- No additional dates or times will be offered.

Awards are announced every year in mid-April.

*4-H Recognition Day has given me the opportunity to prepare a resume and be interviewed, both skills that will be valuable in my future. I recommend this experience for all 4-Hers looking to prepare themselves for a job or career after high school.* --Britt Bowersox, Graham Champions 4-H Club, Johnson County

For more information go to: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>



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## Beef Weigh-In



We have a total of 57 market beef animals weighed-in for the 22-23 year. Great job increasing our numbers. Six are Bottle/Bucket Calf Plus One entries-great way to have already halter broken calves spend a second year at the fair.

We're looking forward to increased numbers for the breeding beef and bottle/bucket calf entries!

Special thanks to Don, Jennifer and Addison Obrecht for their support and getting nice halters for all of our participants from Sullivan Supply;; Shelby Vet Clinic for the use of their squeeze chute and the rest of our volunteers: Mike Thraen, Larry Witson, Trent Heimerman, Bryan Andersen, Justine Holloway and Kenny White.

## Regional Retinal Scanning Workshop

Special thanks to Don Obrecht, Jennifer Obrecht, Trent Heimerman and Mike Kelley for providing livestock and chute to practice with.

## Superintendents Wanted

We are looking for adults interested in supporting our youth as beef, bottle/bucket calf, horse or rabbit animal superintendents. We are also looking for table-setting/cake decorating, herdsmanship, and exhibit building. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who would be interested please contact our office at [xshelby@iastate.edu](mailto:xshelby@iastate.edu). We will send them a superintendent application.

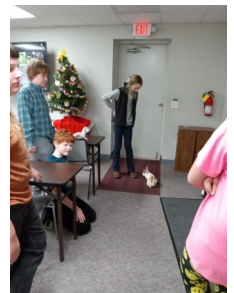
It is a great opportunity to share your love of that species with the youth of Shelby County!

## Junior Master Gardener Club

We have been having such great interest in our horticulture workshops, two of our Shelby County Master Gardeners, Connie Petersen and Paulette Madson are planning a series of meetings for youth interested in being Junior Master Gardeners. There is not cost, there will be some fun trainings and some opportunities to share your love of gardening with others. We will be having our first meeting in February when we will be planting for the indoor greenhouses here in the office. More information will be coming, but start thinking if you might be interested!

## WHEP

We had our first WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) practice on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Bella Bissen brought her rabbit to get us thinking about habitat, she also brought us a great jeopardy PowerPoint she had made. We practiced habitat, bird identification, fish, mammal and bird songs to prepare for the state contest on May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in learning more about WHEP, contact the office. We can always have more than one team compete!



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## Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H high impact program for high school youth (completed grades 9-12 at time of trip). Every summer teens from across the country gather near Washington, D.C., to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and the world.

DUE January 20, 2023

Registration Information [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf)



## YQCA



Who needs to have YQCA? If you intend to show livestock at the county fair or state fair in 2023 you are required to take YQCA. What is considered livestock? Beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits and poultry.

What is NOT livestock? Dogs, cats, horses and small pets. If you have ANY questions, please contact the Extension Office, 755- 3104, or email at [xshelby@iastate.edu](mailto:xshelby@iastate.edu)

For the 2022-2023 4-H year all livestock exhibitors must have their YQCA certification complete by May 15. 1. Members (4-12) are required to take YQCA each year. " You may take it on-line for \$12. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/> . Use your 4-H Online user name and password to log in. DO NOT set up a new account.

You may take a face to face training for \$3. You must register for the class prior to the day of the class by using your 4-H On-line user name and password at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> . DO NOT set up a new account.

**Friday, March 17, 9-10:30, Elk Horn Library** CLOVER KIDS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE YQCA.

Please remember that the purpose of YQCA is to help you be good stewards of the livestock industry. You learn about best practices for feed, care, and welfare. You are encouraged to complete YQCA training before you are heavily into livestock project work so that you are doing your best and making the best better!

YQCA will ask you to complete a pre-test either before or after you have gone through the training. You will need to complete that before you can be approved to get your certificate.

We will need you to send us a copy of your YQCA certificate since they are not working with 4-H Online yet.



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