



Shelby County 4-H News

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Clover Kid and Junior Bowling Day February 25

The County Youth Council invites all Clover Kids and Junior 4-H'ers to bowling day! Meet us at Cyclone Lanes in Harlan Saturday, February 25 for an afternoon of bowling, games, and fun! Scan the code to register by February 23!!



Shelby County 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment for the 2022-23 4-H year is open. Please go to: <https://v2.4honline.com> to enroll. If you have questions about enrollment or which club to join, please contact the Shelby County Extension office.



Junior Master Gardener Program Offered

Shelby County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the Junior Master Gardener Program. This will be a chance to work on 4-H horticulture projects as well as have some fun! We will be having our first meeting in February. More information is available [Summer Programs | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Shelby County \(iastate.edu\)](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/SummerPrograms).

Snowman Building Competition

County Council is sponsoring a Snowman Building Competition. The competition is open to all Clover Kids and 4-H'ers. Build a snowman, take a picture (4-H'er must be in the photo), submit via JotForm prior to March 1. Photos will be posted on the Shelby County 4-H Facebook page and open for voting.



State 4-H Awards

State 4-H Awards Deadline Feb. 1
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities> County project Area winners encouraged to apply. A 2023 Recognition Preparation Statewide Workshop is happening soon. Interview skills are important to develop and practice, like any other lifeskill!

4-H Fair Superintendents Needed

There are many ways to support the 4-H program at the county level. Volunteers are needed to give guidance to policy and priority setting and to conduct county and regional programs and activities. We are needing 4-H Fair Superintendents for this year's Shelby County Fair. The departments needing adult 4-H superintendents are:

Beef

Breeding beef

Bottle/bucket calf

Horse

Rabbit

Table-setting/cake decorating

Herdsmanship

Please contact our office today! A job description and application is available on our website: [County Fair | Iowa State](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/countyfair)

[University Extension and Outreach Shelby County \(iastate.edu\)](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/shelbycounty) Applications due by Feb. 28. Thanks to everyone who helps during the fair to make positive youth development happen!

Fruit and Butter Braids

The County Council is once again doing their butter braid fundraiser. They are opening it up to all 4-H clubs to sell as well. Club proceeds go to the clubs, county council proceeds go to county council for the events that they sponsor: bowling, movie, county fair activities, etc. Fundraiser timeline:

-Feb. 20 sales begin

-March 13 sales end

-March 27 delivery

Contact the Extension office for a "4-H Fundraising Request" form. if your club is interested in participating in this fundraiser **by February 13**. All clubs are welcome, however, it is the club's choice if they want to participate or not.



Shelby County 4-H Or Clover Kid Club Leader Training

Leaders should make plans to attend Shelby County's next 4-H volunteer leader training, "Helping 4-H Youth Thrive". It will be held:

Date: February 13th

**Time: 5:30 Supper
6-7:30 Meeting**

Location: 906 6th St, Harlan; RSVP: xshelby@iastate.edu or 712-755-3104



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

2023. This training is for exhibitors of beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, 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.

2023 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know where to start? Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program. This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a

member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Previous winners are ineligible.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2023**.

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

2023 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic

Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 6 from 9am-3pm at Ma's Acres in Bondurant, IA the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a **FREE** dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic. Ring procedures and goat care will be covered. So...if you have a goat or desire to own a goat one day this is an excellent opportunity to see what it's all

about. Please RSVP by texting Judi McIvor at 515-250-4836 for this **FREE** event by April 30. Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA's Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600. Hope to see you there!

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

Shelby County 4-H Pancake Supper and Basket Silent Auction Tuesday, March 21, 2023; 5- 7:30 pm



Dates to Remember

February

- 1 - Market Beef IDs due
- 13 - Leader's Training
- 20 - Butter braid sales start submitted
- 25 - Junior Bowling

March

- 1 - Snowman Competition pics posted
- 13 - Butter braid sales end
- 17 - YQCA Elk Horn
- 18 - 4-H Judge's training
- 21 - Pancake Supper

April

- 22 - Livestock Workshop
- 15 - Sr. 4-H Leadership registration due

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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Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

College scholarship applications through the Iowa 4-H Foundation are now open, through March 1, 2023.



Apply today! Find more information about the available 4-H scholarships here

www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarship

Iowa 4-H is excited to begin recruiting for *host families* for **States' 4-H International Exchange Programs!** 

We are seeking 13 Iowa families to host 1 of 12 Japanese youth and 1 Japanese adult chaperone for 3.5 weeks this summer. Based on a complete cultural immersion model, youth are matched




with a volunteer Iowan family who wants to share their life with an international visitor. This program is designed to focus on daily life in Iowa households. Host families do not need to plan special activities or sightseeing for their foreign delegate. Many delegates report that their favorite memories are those that cost nothing or very little.

Host families who would like to host a youth for the 3.5-week summer program should have a child in the home between the ages of 11-17. They are paired with a Japanese child of the same gender and of an age within 3+ years of your child.

Check out the website for arrival and departure dates as well as FAQ's and application details for potential host families

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/become-host-family>

Hosting Application can be found here <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

 Deadline to apply to be a host family is April 15, 2023, and Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1, 2023.

