Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 28  Swine weigh-in
April 6    Des Moines Day Trip
April 11   Photography workshop
April 13   4-H Youth Committee
April 20   Beef workshop
April 24   Broiler orders due
April 26   Regional livestock workshop
April 26   Int./Sr. trap shoot
May 2      Sheep weigh in
June 1     Rabbit workshop
June 2     Art & Design Camp
June 3     Fair 101 workshop
July 1     State Fair entry for horticulture and livestock

April 2015

I was recently sent this quote for parents and leaders:

Counsel your child in the selection of 4-H projects that are interesting and can be conveniently financed. Continue to show interest and enthusiasm after the projects have been selected. Help your child understand how to carry out the various phases of the project, but don't do the project for them.

Your job is to teach, not govern; to guide, not control. Learn to give increased freedom as your child develops.

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Be sure to follow the Shelby County 4-H Youth Council on Twitter at: Shelby County 4-H.
IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE 2015:
The dates for this year’s event are June 30-July 2, 2015. The conference will be held on the ISU campus and is open to all Iowa youth who have completed 8th grade. To register go to: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
Sandy Kristensen, long time Iowa State Fair and Shelby County Fair photography judge, will be conducting a photography workshop on Saturday, April 11th. Mark your calendar!!! This will be a GREAT opportunity to get hands on help with your photography project. Plan to bring your camera! This is a FREE workshop and we’ll provide lunch! See the attached flyer for more details.

Please RSVP by April 8th! E-mail mtaggs@iastate.edu or call 755-3104.

DES MOINES BOUND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
We do have a few more spots for Shelby County 4-H’ers to take advantage of a citizenship/leadership trip to Des Moines on April 6th. The cost is $35. We will leave Harlan at 8am and return approx. 9pm. It will be a fun day at the Botanical Gardens, State Capital, Iowa Historical Museum, Jordan Creek mall and Sky Zone. Must have registrations and payment by April 1st.

REGIONAL LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP
A livestock workshop will be held in Audubon on Sunday, April 26th. Professionals from around the area will present information on nutrition, care and showmanship for beef, horse, rabbits, sheep, goats and swine. See the attached flyer for more details.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
**PROJECT ENROLLMENT**

Just a reminder: January of 2014 the 4-H Youth Committee voted to eliminate the “rule” that a 4-H’er must be enrolled in a project area to be eligible to show an exhibit in that project area at the Shelby County Fair. Please keep in mind that there are is ONE exception to the rule: the Iowa State Fair rules state that to be eligible to participate in the Awardrobe event, the 4-H’er must be enrolled in the clothing project area.

**SWINE EXHIBITORS**

With the PED Virus continuing to affect the swine industry, we will be following the recommendation from the ISU Swine field specialist which is the same protocol as last year. Swine protocol will be emailed to all 4-H’ers enrolled in the swine project area. If you have questions about this protocol, please call Amanda Oloff or Kent Ganzer, swine superintendent, a call.

**BROILER ORDERS DUE**

Any poultry exhibitors that want to order broilers for the 2015 Shelby County Fair MUST return their order form by Friday, April 24th by 5pm. Broilers will arrive at Nelson Farm Supply on Tuesday, June 2nd. Order forms will be sent out to all poultry project enrollees on Friday April 3rd. If you have not already enrolled in the poultry project area on 4-H online, please do so.

**INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR TRAP SHOOT**

Shelby County 4-H Youth Council is sponsoring a trap shoot for all Intermediate & Senior Shelby County 4-H’ers. The shoot will take place at 1:30pm on Sunday, April 26th at the Shelby County Trap and Skeet (1307 Ironwood Rd). First round will be paid for by the County Council. Other rounds will be at a cost of $11.75/round. RSVP by Wednesday, April 22nd. The flyer and waiver are attached to the newsletter.

**4-H PLEDGE**

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
One last class in Shelby County: Thursday June 4th 10am.

**Please call ahead for testing times.**

**Who needs to certify?** ALL 4-H’ and FFA members exhibiting beef, swine, sheep and dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Shelby County Fair, Iowa State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN must be certified. All other food animal exhibitors are encouraged to attend to learn more about their responsibility to produce safe food.

- Youth in grades 4-6 must attend a 2-hour certification program every year to be FSQA certified.
- Youth in grades 7-9 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they reach the 10th grade.
- Youth in grades 10-12 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 20.

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**BEEF WORKSHOP**

Monday April 20th is your last chance to fulfill the requirement of attending one workshop to be eligible to show at the 2015 Shelby County Fair.

The workshop will begin at 6:30pm and will be held at the Shelby County Extension office.

Chris Clarke, Extension Beef Specialist, will present the program, topics will include: nutrition, animal husbandry, dark cutter prevention, new grooming and herdsman ship rules.

RSVP to the Extension office by Fri. April 17th by calling 755-3104 or email Amanda @ Oloff@iastate.edu

Reminder: All beef exhibitors should begin recording individual and pen animal treatment records beginning Feb. 1st. If you have not done so, please begin recording immediately. Beef Affidavit will be emailed to those enrolled in the beef project area.
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