The Shelby County Fair is coming up quickly! The theme this year is: Friends, Family and Fun! This theme will be used for any fair float entries. The 4-H theme, which will be used for fair booth entries is: Your Passport to Adventure.

Mary Taggs
ANIMAL ID: MAY 15TH

Remember isn’t never too early to identify your animals! If you intend to show animals at the Shelby County Fair you must ID the animal on 4-H online (paper forms also available at the Extension office) by May 15th. An email will be sent out to each 4-H’er that has animals ID’d on May 10th. If you do not receive the email, please contact the office. If you have ANY questions about this process, PLEASE contact Paulette. pmadson@iastate.edu or call 755-3104. Animals that do NOT need to be ID’d: Poultry, cats/small pets and rabbits; ALL other animals MUST be ID’d. No Exceptions.

Please remember this identification process is NOT fair entry. You will still be asked to enter your animal on Fair Entry between May 16th and June 15th.

HORSE AND DOG WORKOUTS:

2018 Shelby County Fair dog exhibitors are required to attend two dog workouts and horse exhibitors are required to attend three horse workouts. Dog workouts begin May 2nd. See the attached dog exhibitor letter for details. Horse workouts will begin on May 10th.

RABBIT WORKSHOPS:

4-H’ers planning to show rabbits at the 2018 Shelby County Fair are required to attend one of two rabbit workshops.

On April 10th we will hold the second workshop to view the video of Dr. Slavik’s presentation from March 13th. Please do not bring your rabbits. RSVP for the April 10th workshop.

Rabbit exhibitors are encouraged to attend rabbit workouts through out the spring. April/May dates are: Tues. April 24th at the Extension office, Wed. May 9th & Wed. May 23rd at Obrecht’s farm, 916 Redbud Road from 7-8PM. Please bring your rabbits to these workshops. June and July workout dates will be determined at a later date.
**FSQA/YQCA**

YQCA is here! Some things you need to know **(UPDATED)**

1. Your current FSQA testing will remain effective until the expiration date.
2. 4-H’ers grades 7-12 are eligible to test out of FSQA for the 2018 year. Those wishing to test out via FSQA, please contact Paulette to set up a time to test.
3. There will be no face-to-face trainings offered in Shelby County for YQCA or FSQA.
4. All YQCA trainings are available on line, for a cost of $12 per 4-H’er.
5. We have received a grant to help offset the $12 fee. Coupons are available from the Extension office. The grant will cover 40 4-H’ers, the first 40 to make a request will receive a coupon. Contact Paulette to receive your coupon code.
6. Clover Kids do NOT need to take YQCA/FSQA, all other 4-H’ers grades 4-12 that intend to exhibit: swine, beef, goats, sheep, poultry and rabbits at the 2018 Shelby County Fair, Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben and/or 4-County Fair are required to take YQCA or FSQA.
7. 4-H’ers will have until June 15, 2018 to take YQCA/FSQA to be eligible to show at the Shelby County Fair. Training must be complete before fair entries will be accepted.
8. YQCA help sheet is available on this website: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf

Please keep in mind that this is a new process for all of us; we will learn together! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office.

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**PANCAKE SUPPER**

Thank you all for your support for the pancake supper. We served 516 plates! A special thank you to the Pancake Supper Committee Members: Abigail Jacobsen, Alana Monson, Kayla Pauley, Jon Franke and Michele Monson. And a big thank you to Harlan Hy-Vee and State Farm; Clark Ahrenholtz for their support.

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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Extension and Outreach
LEADER MEETING
We will be holding our pre-fair entry meeting on Monday, April 16th beginning with dinner at 5:30PM at the Extension office. Leaders will receive fair books and materials to assist club members with the fair entry process. Please RSVP to Mary by Friday, April 13th.

BOTTLE/BUCKET CALF WORKSHOP
All bottle/bucket calf exhibitors are encouraged to attend the bottle/bucket workshop on April 28th at the fairgrounds from 10-11AM. We will be sharing information on bottle calf care and each participant will be given a packet of information to help them prepare for the project. Donated calves will be distributed at 11:00. Please RSVP to Paulette by April 25th.

MOVIE DAY!
The County Council is sponsoring a FREE movie day for all 4-H’ers and their friends. Saturday, April 7th at 1PM at the Harlan movie theatre. We will be watching “Sherlock Gnomes”. Please bring money for refreshments. You must RSVP to Mary by Friday, April 6th. If you’d like to bring a non-4-H friend, they MUST complete a medical release and be pre-registered by Friday, March 6th, no exceptions.

SWINE WORKSHOP
Eric Potter and Amanda Chipman, ISU Extension & Outreach Swine Specialists, will conduct a swine workshop on Saturday, April 21st from 9-11AM at the Extension office. Eric and Amanda will cover nutrition, welfare and biosecurity. Please RSVP to Paulette to reserve your spot.
There will be a second workshop in May/June on grooming and showmanship.

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