February 2015

Only 165 days until the Shelby County Fair! I know it seems like a long ways off, but now is the time to start making plans! In this newsletter you will find information about several upcoming workshops and more events are in the planning stages.

4-H isn’t just about the County or State Fair, but that is our “time to shine”. If you have questions or need help deciding on a project area or need ideas for an exhibit, give me a call! We have a LOT of project materials that can help.

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

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. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event!

FSQA: What is it and who has to take it?
Upcoming FSQA certifications:
Monday December 29th 10am
Tuesday February 10th 6:30pm
Thursday June 4th 10am
All certifications will take place at the Extension office meeting room.

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.
PINTEREST WORKSHOP

A fun time for Senior 4-H’ers on Friday Feb. 6th, time to hang out, enjoy some snacks and do a little crafting! Sign up by contacting the Extension office 755-3104 OR email Amanda at Oloff@iastate.edu. Cost is $15.

COUNTY COUNCIL BRUNCH

Sunday, March 1st the County Council will be hosting a brunch at the Therkildsen center. This is a great way to support our county council and the fun activities that they offer to all 4-H’ers. The sponsor the Jr. Bowling, movie day, trap shooting, Ag Olympics, and mud volleyball. They have donated to an adopt-a-family among other activities.

OFFICER TRAINING

If you are a club officer and were unable to attend officer training, please contact Mary at the Extension office for your officer materials. Secretary’s and Treasurer’s will need to spend a few minutes to go over the new requirements for the offices.

Clover Kids/Discovery 4-H’er/Junior BOWLING!!

The county council is sponsoring Clover Kids/Discovery 4-H’er and Junior 4-H’er bowling on Saturday Feb. 7th at Cyclone Lanes in Harlan. Registration begins at 1:15. Shoe rental and one game of bowling will be paid for by the county council. RSVP today and bring a friend!!!! All non-4-H’ers must have a signed permission slip to attend.

COUNTY WIDE MOVIE DAY!!!!!

County Council is sponsoring a County wide movie day on Saturday Feb. 28th at the Harlan Theatre. The movie will either be “The Sponge Bob Movie” or “Paddington Bear”. More information will be coming out soon!!!!!! Please RSVP to the Extension office if you plan to attend. The county council will pay for admission for all 4-H members.

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.
This year the 4-H Youth committee made it mandatory for all rabbit exhibitors to attend ONE rabbit workshop. Thursday, March 19th and Monday June 1st have been set for these workshops. The workshop will begin at 6pm at the Extension office.

Sandy Kristensen, long time 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!

Sunday, March 26th will be our regional livestock workshop. This year it will be held in Audubon at AMVC. There will be professionals from all livestock areas teaching the breakout sessions. More information to come!

Two beef workshops have been scheduled to help 4-H’ers meet the requirement to attend ONE beef workshop to be eligible to exhibit beef at the 2015 Shelby County Fair.

Monday Feb. 16th and Monday April 20th

Both workshops 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 herdsmanhip rules.

RSVP to the Extension office by Friday, Feb. 13th by calling 755-3104 or email Amanda @ Oloff@iastate.edu

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