CALANDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 1   State 4-H Award applications due
Feb. 1   4-H Foundation scholarships due
Feb. 5   Young Leaders 5:30-6:30PM
Feb. 5   Rabbit Workshop 7-8PM
Feb. 24  Child Development workshop 9AM-3PM
Mar. 17  Sewing Saturday 9AM-3PM
Mar. 13  Rabbit Workshop 7-8PM
Mar. 15  Beef Workshop 6:30-8PM
March 20 Pancake Supper
March 24 Swine weigh-in
May 5    Sheep/goat weigh-in

2018 is the 100th year of Shelby County Extension. As I work with our 100 year committee, it’s fun to reflect back to see the changes that have come about in Shelby County with the partnership of ISU Extension & Outreach. We will be celebrating with out partners through out the year. If you or someone you know is a Shelby County 4-H alumni, please join our Facebook page: Shelby County 4-H Alumni.

Mary Taggs
CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

4-H’ers (grades 4-12) are invited to join Mary on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 9-3 for a Child Development workshop. The day will be filled with developmentally appropriate activities for young children and hands-on fun! Participants will be able to choose to make one or more child friendly project: quiet books, sensory bottles, felt boards and more. Come ready to have fun! Space is limited, RSVP to Mary. Bring $5 to offset the cost of lunch and supplies.

YOUNG LEADERS

Shelby County 4-H’ers grades 7-9 interested in learning leadership skills are invited to be a part of Shelby County’s first “Young Leaders” club. This is a short term (10 meetings) club, we’ll meet Feb. 5th –May 11th. Dates and times will be determined by the group. The club will be limited to 10 4-H’ers, please contact Mary at mtaggs@iastate.edu or 755-3104 to reserve your spot.

The first meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5th from 5:30-6:30. We’ll have pizza and talk about what we’d like to do in this club. If you have any friends that are not currently Shelby County 4-H’ers that would like to join us, please have them contact Mary for more information.

RABBIT WORKSHOPS

4-H’ers planning to show rabbits at the 2018 Shelby County Fair are required to attend one of two rabbit workshops. The dates are: Monday, Feb. 5th and Tues. Feb. 13th. Both workshops will be held at the Extension office from 7-8PM.

On Feb. 5th, Dr. Doyle Slavik will be our guest speaker. He will be answering questions on rabbit health as well as working on showmanship. We ask that you NOT bring your rabbits to this workshop due to time restraints. Dr. Slavik will bring some of his own rabbits for demonstrations. The March 13th workshop we will watch the video of the Feb. 5th workshop. If you are unable to attend either of these workshops, please contact Paulette at the Extension office pmadson@iastate.edu prior to the March 13th workshop.

If you have any health related rabbit questions for Dr. Slavik, please email them to Jennifer Obrecht at jlynnobrecht@gmail.com.
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.
BOWLING DAY!

Shelby County 4-H County Council hosted 32 Clover Kid and Junior 4-H’ers for a bowling day. Thank you to the County Council for planning a fun event and thanks to all of the 4-H’ers to come out and enjoy a fun day together!

COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

The county council is selling BUTTER BRAIDS! All proceeds go to help support county council activities, like bowling, movie night, bonfire, Ag Olympics and other fun activities at the fair. If you would like to purchase a butter braid, please contact a county council member or Mary.

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