March 2015

March 23-27th is Extension & Outreach Week.

Please join us on Friday, March 20th for our Chamber Ambassador visit at 9:30am at the Extension Office.

Extension & Outreach week is our opportunity to say Thank You to the community partners and volunteers that help to provide educational opportunities for our community.
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!

Financial Aid application is due April 25th.

FSQA: What is it and who has to take it?

Upcoming FSQA certification:
Thursday, June 4th 10am
Held at the Shelby County Extension Office

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.
DESMOINES BOUND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Intermediate and Senior 4-H’ers are encouraged to register for the Citizenship/Leadership Des Moines Day trip on Monday, April 6th. The day is packed with educational and FUN activities! See the attached flyer for more information. Details on cost and registration will come soon!

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 in Shelby County. They sponsor the Clover Kid/Jr. Bowling, movie day, trap shooting, Ag Olympics, and mud volleyball. This is a free will donation. Serving from 9-1.Biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, milk, juice, & coffee.

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.

SHARE-A-KID

The IDGA Share-A-Kid Program provides the opportunity for youth, ages 10 to 17 and residents of the state of Iowa, to own a registered dairy goat kid. For details go to: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/dairy-goat

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”. See the attached flyer! 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.
RABBIT WORKSHOP
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 theses workshops. The workshop will begin at 6pm at the Extension office.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
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! This is a FREE workshop!

REGIONAL LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP
Sunday, April 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. See the attachment for details! Please contact the Extension office if transportation is an issue.

BEEF WORKSHOP
Several 4-H’ers attended the first of two Beef workshops offered in Shelby County.

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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