May 2014

Please help me to welcome our new Associate Extension Educator, Amanda Oloff. Amanda is a native of East Pottawattamie County and currently lives in Persia. She is a recent Graduate of UNO; majoring in General Administration. Amanda also has an associated degree in Culinary Arts. Amanda comes to Shelby County Extension & Outreach as a 12 year 4-H'er and a Summer Aid at East Pott. For 5 summers.

Welcome, Amanda!

Something new and fun!!! Check out this newsletter and find the small clover, like this one. 🍀 The first 4-H'er to email Amanda @ Oloff@iastate.edu and tell her where it is located will win a 4-H t-shirt.
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

Animal Identification sheets are due to the Extension office or entered in 4-H online, **NO later than Thurs. May 15th!**

Horses, sheep, swine, beef, dogs and goats MUST be identified.
If you need forms, please give us a call or stop in.

RABBIT WORKSHOP

A rabbit workshop will be held on Thurs. June 5th at 6pm at the Extension Office in Harlan.

Rachel Ferry, rabbit superintendent will present information on:
- How to care for your rabbits
- How to correctly sign up your rabbit for the fair/enter in correct classes
- How to show your rabbit/showmanship
- And MORE! See attachment for more details.

SHEEP/GOAT WEIGH-INS

Sheep/Goat weigh-ins will be held Saturday April 26th from 8:30 to 10:30 at the Shelby County Fair grounds.

4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE– REGISTER ONLINE

**IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**June 24-26 2014**

**TICKET TO SUCCESS**

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
FAIR DATES and THEMES

Shelby County Fair  July 6—14, 2014
Fair booth theme is : Ticket to Success
Fair float theme is: Fun for the Whole Herd

POULTRY PROJECT : BROILER ORDERS/TESTING

Broiler orders will be due April 25th to the Extension Office.  Chicks will be ready for pick up at Nelson Farm Supply in Harlan on May 29th.  Poultry testing will be Saturday June 7th at 1:00pm at the fairgrounds.

CLOTHING EVENT CHANGE

There is a change for the 2014 Iowa State Fair clothing event.  4-H State Fair Awardrobe Clothing Event participants will be able to participate as many times as they are selected at the county level in Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and $15 Challenge categories.  But all still participate in only one area each year at the state level.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Red Cross babysitting course will be on Thursday June 12th The class is FREE for Shelby County residents.  Participants do not need to be 4-H members.

4-H’ERS for 4-H

The 2014 4-H’ers for 4-H campaign is underway!  4-H clubs across the state are encouraged to donate $2.50 per 4-H member.  Contributions raised goes to support the State 4-H Youth conference, facility and improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations. Club leaders have more information on how to donate. For more information go to www.iowa4hfoundation.org/

4-H PLEDGE

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FSQA

Join us for FSQA! All 4-H’ers showing swine, beef, dairy, goats, sheep, poultry and rabbits are required to be certified to show at the Shelby County Fair, Iowa State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben.

- 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.

FSQA Training Dates:
- Mon. Dec. 30th 10am
- Tues. Feb. 18th 6:30pm
- Thurs. June 5th 10am

All training will take place at the Extension office.

For FSQA testing, please call the Extension office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Liz Blum, Emily Blum, Connor Clayton, Gabe Ferry, Marea Ferry, Lindsey Kaufmann, Nic Klein, Carley McConnell, Courtney Monson, Chandler Mores, James Olson, Emily Pattee, Weston Peters, Bryce Schechinger, Chantel Schmidt and Zach Wingert

FAIR CHANGE

The 4-H Youth Committee has made a change for the 2014 Shelby County Fair. You do not have to be enrolled in a project area to exhibit in that project area. It is, however, strongly recommended that you enroll in project areas that you wish to received information on. The Extension office only sends information regarding project areas to those enrolled in that project area. Example: only poultry project enrollees will receive the information about poultry. The exception is the clothing event: Fashion Revue, clothing selection and $15 challenge; Iowa State Fair rules state that you must be enrolled in the clothing project to participate.

BOB SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Bob Smith Memorial Scholarship are available at the Extension office or at the high school guidance office. Applications are due May 23rd to the Extension office.

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BEGINNING RABBIT PROJECT

I have had several requests for more information on how to start in the rabbit project area. I asked rabbit superintendent, Rachel Ferry, to give some tips:

Rabbits are a great 4-H project for kids, as they are easy to take care of and handle. Also, rabbits are a project area you can participate in even if you do not live on a farm. But it’s important to remember that rabbits do require daily chores all year round.

Basic things needed for rabbits are:

1) a rabbit hutch or cage
2) rabbit food, water, bedding
3) clippers to clip their toenails.

Things to consider before getting your rabbit:

What is your need for the rabbit?
1) Meat & fur production
2) To have as a pet

Most people are more interested in just having rabbits as a pet and showing them at fair – but there are a lot of different breeds of rabbits and some are considered a “meat” rabbit and will be judged on that criteria.

Large breed rabbits are going to require a larger cage than a smaller breed, so be aware of how much space you have available for your rabbit hutches/cages. All wire hutches are more sanitary and durable than a wood & wire hutch. The all wire hutches can be hung in an existing building and are easier to keep clean for your rabbit.

If you are a young 4-Her just getting started in the rabbit project a small breed rabbit might be a good way to start, as they are smaller and usually more docile than a large breed rabbit.

Rachel is holding a rabbit workshop on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 6pm in at the Shelby County Extension office. Information regarding the workshop and what will be covered is attached to the newsletter.

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