



*Shelby*  
*County*

**4-H**

**June**

*News*



## Calendar of events

### June

- 12 ....Cloverbud Rocket Workshop, 9-12 p.m., 4-H Center
- 12 ....Watercolor Workshop, 6-7 p.m., 4-H Center
- 14 ....4-H BBQ, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 17 ....Rocket Workshop, 9-12 p.m., 4-H Center
- 19 ....Holiday, office closed
- 24 ....Photography Workshop, 9:30-11 a.m., Senior Center
- 25 ....Card Workshop, 1-3 p.m., 4-H Center
- 26 ....Legobotics Workshop, 9-12 p.m. 4-H Center
- 30 ....Clay Workshop - Glaze 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center

### July

- 4 ....Holiday, office closed
- 8 ....Cooking 301 & 401 Workshops - see details in newsletter
- 12 ....Fair Clean-up, 8 a.m. Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds
- 18 ....Lawn Mower Driving Contest, check-in at 5 p.m., contest starts at 5:30 p.m., west of Swine Barn
- 18 ....Tractor Driving Contest, check-in at 5:45. contest at 6:15 p.m., Horse Arena
- 19 ....4-H Foods & Photography, check-in 8-8:45, judging at 9
- 19 ....Misc. 4-H Visual Arts judging at 1 p.m.
- 19 ....Horse Show, 4 p.m.
- 20-23 ....4-H & Junior Fair - See your Fair Book
- 24 ....Fair Clean-up
- 27 ....Pool Party, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

### Aug

- 9 ....Shelby County General Projects Judging Day at the IL State Fair
- 16 ....Regional Showcase for General Projects
- 22-23 ....Regional Showcase - Livestock

### Sept

- 1 ....Labor Day, office closed
- 8 ....Year-end records, secretary, treasurers book due

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## 2024 4-H Fair Exhibitors

2024 4-H premium checks have been mailed or distributed to club leaders to be given to club members. Please cash the checks. Checks are voided after 60 days. You earned the money, so cash the check!

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## Cloverbuds at the fair

Be on the lookout for an email for Chit Chat with a Cloverbud in the next week. Cloverbud families need to **RSVP** to Yolanda by June 26 if they plan to participate in Chit Chat with a Cloverbud. ***Only those who sign-up will receive a special award at the fair.***

Chit Chat is being planned for Wed, July 23 at 1 p.m. at the Gregg Pavilion. See page 74 of the fair book for more details.

When dropping off your Cloverbud projects in the 4-H Center, don't forget to pick up your Cloverbud Exhibitor button. We love to see our Cloverbuds showing their 4-H pride!

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## 1st year Exhibitor buttons

If this is your first year exhibiting at the fair, stop by the Fair Office or 4-H Center and pick up your exhibitor button. We want to recognize and welcome you to the 2025 4-H Fair! We hope you have a great time at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior fair!

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## Shelby County 4-H Pool Party

Sunday, July 27

Shelby County 4-H Federation will be sponsoring the annual swim party at the Shelbyville Aquatic Center. The party will be held from 6:15-8:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 27. This is a private party for 4-H families so bring your friends and family and let's pack the pool!

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**Please save this  
newsletter because  
there will not be a July  
newsletter.**



## **Poultry Suspension has been lifted**

The Poultry Suspension has been lifted and we will have a regular poultry show as scheduled in the fair book. If the IL Department of Ag puts the suspension back in place, an alternative virtual plan will be put in place and families contacted with details.

Let Yolanda know if you have any questions.

## **Goat Barn Decorating Contest**

The Goat Barn Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are excited to offer a Goat Barn Decorating Contest during the 2025 fair.

Theme: Red, White, & Blue “How I get my goats ready for the fair”

Rules:

- Must be standard size poster board
- Include name and 4-H Club
- Posters must be hung above the goat stalls (out of reach of goats)
- Posters must be in place by 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 20

Prizes awarded to the top three posters!

Questions - contact Ashley Baumgarten or Michelle Tabbert

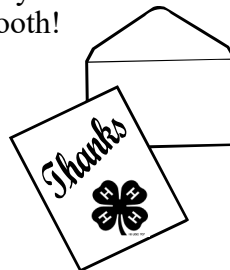
## **4-H Club Auction Donation**

The Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Board is asking clubs to donate up to 8 pies/cakes (ready to eat) for the Youth Livestock Auction on July 23. If you are willing to donate, please let Yolanda know. Baskets have been discontinued this year .

## **Thank You Booth**

There will be a Thank You Booth with supplies to make thank you cards to send to trophy/banner sponsors. 4-H'ers may also write thank you cards to general sponsors to show appreciation of their donation.

The booth will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 1- 4 p.m. and is located by the rabbit/poultry show pavilion. A big thank you to Marie Gillett for providing the postage and materials to sponsor the booth!



# **Have fun at the fair!**

## **Handmade Card Workshop**

The Handmade Card Workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 25** from 1-3 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

The date in the May newsletter had the correct day, but not the date.

## **Trophy/Banner and Special Award Winners**

All 4-H members receiving a trophy, banner, or special award **MUST** write a thank you to the donor. Addresses of the donors are on the bottom of trophies, back of banners or attached to the awards. If there is no name, please send a thank you to the Extension office.

More than ever, we need 4-H'ers to thank their sponsors so the sponsors will continue to support the 4-H program in future years.

Please do this in a timely manner! We want to show our sponsors their donation is greatly appreciated.

## **Daily Winner Photos**

Banner, Trophy, Champion/ Reserve Champions, State Fair and Reserve, Top Project Winners - We want to take your photo!

Pictures will be taken daily on the east end of the Show Arena at 3 p.m.

### Master Showmanship Contest

Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

The Shelby County Master Showmanship winner will qualify to participate at the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship contest to be held on August 8 at 7 p.m. The overall winner will need to notify Yolanda if they plan to attend the State Contest. If participating in the state contest, the winner will need to find their own animals to exhibit at the State Fair.

To be eligible to participate:

1. Exhibitors who are enrolled in the 4-H beef, sheep or swine projects are eligible to participate in the Master Showmanship contest. (This is a state rule.) *Exhibitors do not need to qualify in order to participate.*
2. **Exhibitors will need to pre-register with the Extension office by July 14.** There will be a maximum of 10 exhibitors.

Rules:

1. Exhibitor must exhibit at least one of the following species: beef, sheep, or swine at the Shelby County 4-H Fair.
2. Must be at least 14 years of age as of 9/1/24. (This is a state rule.)
3. It's your responsibility to find your own animals to compete in the county contest if you are not enrolled in that species. For example: You are a beef exhibitor but do not have sheep or swine, you must use your own beef and find a sheep and swine to borrow for the contest.

Awards:

- Prizes will be awarded to the Grand Champion Master Showmanship winner.

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### Junior Showmanship Contest

Tuesday, July 22 6:30 p.m.

To be eligible to participate:

1. Exhibitors who are enrolled in the 4-H beef, sheep or swine projects are eligible to participate in the Junior Master Showmanship contest. ***Exhibitors do not need to qualify in order to participate.***
2. **Exhibitors will need to pre-register with the Extension office by July 14.** There will be a maximum of 18 exhibitors, split into three classes broken out by age.

Rules:

1. Must be at least 8-13 years of age as of 9/1/24.
2. Junior exhibitors will exhibit **only swine**.
3. Junior exhibitors will be responsible for finding animals to compete in the contest.

Awards:

- The top two exhibitors will be recognized with a special award in each class.

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### Health Papers

Sunday, July 20 4-5 p.m.

Health papers will be checked by the vet on Sunday, July 20 from 4-5 p.m. at the fair office. Check your fair book on pages 11-15 to determine if you need health papers for your project.

**Note:** Sheep exhibitors will be first for their Health Papers to be checked from 4-4:15 p.m. so they can get ready for their show.

**New in 2025:**

- All Swine and cattle need to have 840 tags to exhibit at the fair. 840 tags should be listed on your animals health papers. Calves under 6 months are exempt from the 840 tag rule.

### State Fair General Projects

4-H general projects must qualify at the Shelby County 4-H Fair in order to exhibit at the IL State Fair. Those who qualify will need to complete paperwork at the fair and turn in by Wednesday, July 23. 4-H members may only take one project to the State Fair.

If you are a multiple State Fair winner, please note on the form which project you would like to take so that alternate exhibitors may be contacted.

Shelby County 4-H day at the State Fair is Saturday, August 9.

- Exhibitors 12 and under get in free at the State Fair.
- Exhibitors 13-18 years of age will receive a free ticket.
- Adults 18-59 can purchase discounted tickets for \$5. (based off of last years prices)

Tickets can be picked up at the Shelby County Extension Office. Supply is limited.

Livestock competing at the IL State Fair do not have to qualify. Entries and payment are made online via the State Fair website. All livestock entries must be submitted online on or before July 15, 2025.

### 4-H BBQ Winners

Top Club:  
Coldspring Copperheads

Top Salesman:  
Brooke Schumacher

Second Top Salesman:  
Ava & Myia Hoene

Third Top Salesman:  
Lottie Daniel

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and supported to the 4-H BBQ!

### General Projects Auction (Included in the Youth Livestock Auction) Wednesday, July 23 Start time - 6:00 p.m., Show Arena

#### Rules:

- A 4-H'er can auction only one exhibit **or** an animal project in the Youth Livestock Auction.
- ***4-H members must be present for 4-H judging and at the auction to participate.***
- Up to 10 General Projects will be eligible to participate in the Auction. Project areas selected may include but not limited to: Interior Design, Photography, Visual Arts (various), Woodworking, and Welding.
- Members with eligible projects need to mark their projects at check-in if they would be interested in selling their project in the auction.
- Projects for the auction will be selected by a special committee. Selected projects will be tagged by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22. It is the 4-H members responsibility to register their project and complete necessary paperwork by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23 in the Fair Office.
- Projects will be sold and given to the buyer. If the project is being taken to the State Fair, ownership will take place by Friday, August 15.
- 4-H members will have their photo taken before going through the sale ring. Photographs of seller, buyer and project may be taken after the auction at the request of the buyer. 4-H members are responsible for writing a thank you note and delivering a copy of the picture to the buyer within one month.
- 2% will be taken out of all checks to cover the cost of photo and auction costs. **NO REFUNDS!!**
- Auction checks may be held for up to 6 weeks following the auction.

Questions—contact Yolanda at 217-774-9546 or [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu).

### Building sitter schedules

4-H Clubs need to provide at least one older 4-H member or parent to stay in the designated building and work the time listed below. This is for the protection of 4-H exhibits and make sure projects do not leave early. Please contact Yolanda if you have any questions.

#### 4-H Center

##### Monday—July 21

3:30 to 6:00 - Moweaqua Rustlers  
6:00 to 8:30 - F.A.R

##### Tuesday—July 22

4:00 to 6:00 - Coldspring Copperheads  
6:00 to 8:30 - Strasburg Tailtwisters

##### Wednesday—July 23

3:00 to 5:00 - Silver Spurs  
5:00 to 6:30 - Shelby Sparklers  
6:30 to 8:00 - Chautauqua Clovers

#### Produce Building

##### Monday—July 21

3:00 to 5:00 - Findlay Feeders  
5:00 to 6:30 - F.A.R  
6:30 to 8:30 - Ful-O-Pep

##### Tuesday—July 22

3:00 to 5:00 - Ful-O-Pep  
5:00 to 6:30 - Strasburg Tailtwisters  
6:30 to 8:30 - Moweaqua Rustlers

##### Wednesday—July 23

10:30 to 12:00 - Shelby Sparklers  
12:00 to 2:00 - John Jordan Jaybirds  
2:00 to 4:00 - Oconee Eager Beavers  
4:00 to 6:00 - Shelby Showstoppers  
6:00 to 8:00 - Rural Feeders

#### Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Clean-up

Fairground clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 beginning at 8 a.m.

Please bring necessary working tools (rakes, hammers, gloves, cleaning supplies, etc.).

- 4-H Center clean-up will start at 8 a.m.
- Produce Building clean-up will start at 8:30 a.m. to give the Poultry/Rabbit exhibitors time to move the cages from the building.

**This is everyone's fair and we need everyone there to help!**

This does not count as a county activity.

#### 4-H Pop Stand work schedule

##### Sunday—July 20

3:00 to 5:00 - Coldspring Copperheads  
5:00 to 8:00 - Moweaqua Rustlers

##### Monday—July 21

8:00 to 9:00 - Federation  
9:00 to 11:00 - John Jordan Jaybirds  
11:00 to 1:00 - F.A.R.  
1:00 to 3:00 - Moweaqua Rustlers  
3:00 to 5:30 - Rural Feeders  
5:30 to 8:30 - Strasburg Tailtwisters

##### Tuesday—July 22

8:00 to 9:00 - Federation  
9:00 to 11:00 - Ful-O-Pep  
11:00 to 1:00 - Oconee Eager Beavers  
1:00 to 3:00 - Strasburg Tailtwisters  
3:00 to 5:30 - Coldspring Copperheads  
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#### Youth Livestock Auction

Sign-up for the Youth Livestock Auction can be completed when Livestock Health Papers are checked on Sunday, July 20. This will help speed up the process for the Auction Committee as they prepare the Auction Sale Bill.

All youth must be signed up to participate in the auction by Monday at 5 p.m.

**Dairy**—Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors must sign-up by 5 p.m. Monday.

**Poultry and Rabbits Exhibitors** - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions must be signed up within a half hour after their shows.

## The Cook Shack is back!

This year the Cook Shack will be open daily from 10-5 p.m. and evening specials served from 5-8 p.m. On the menu is hot dogs, burgers, taco boats, pulled pork, chips, baked beans, and homemade pies, cookies and brownies.

*Evening specials will be served from 5-8 p.m.*

**Monday Night** - Possum Lodge will be serving Tenderloins and Rope Sausage.

**Tuesday night** - Shelby County State Bank will be serving pulled pork, chips, applesauce and a drink

**Wednesday** - The day special will be chicken and noodles. Starting at 5 p.m., Farm Credit will be serving a pork burger, chips, and drink.

If anyone would like to donate a fruit pie, cookies or cake or volunteer to work please let Sherry Beals (217-460-2083) know.  
All profit will go to the Shelby County Fair.

## Breakfast is served

A big thank you to generous sponsors, Shelby Vet Service, 1st National Bank of Assumption, and Rural King for providing Casey's donuts and breakfast pizza for 4-H members each morning of the fair. Breakfast and milk will be available at 7 a.m. until gone.

Be sure to tell the sponsors "Thank you"!

## Changes for the 2025 fair

Here are highlights of some of the **bigger changes** happening at the fair this year. Read the project requirements in order to set yourself up for success.

***READ YOUR FAIR BOOK FOR CHECK-IN TIMES AND JUDGING DATES AND TIMES!***

### Friday, July 18

- Lawn Mower & Tractor Driving

### Saturday, July 19

- Specified visual arts judging will begin at 1 p.m.
- Horse & Pony Show begins at 4 p.m.

### Sunday, July 20

- All livestock, rabbits, poultry must be on the fairgrounds by 4 p.m.
- Health papers checked in the fair office from 4-5 p.m.
- Sheep Show begins at 5 p.m.
- Market Animal Weigh-in (steers, x-bred heifers, market heifers, dairy steers) at 5:30

### Monday, July 21

- Goat Show begins at 8 a.m.
- Poultry Show begins at 1 p.m.
- Dairy Show begins at 2 p.m.
- Goat & Sheep Pageant begins at 4:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 22

- Specified visual arts judging will begin at 1 p.m.
- Master Showmanship begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 23

- Rabbit Show begins at 8 a.m.

## Shelby County Junior Fair Goat & Sheep Costume Pageant

Monday, July 21, 4:30 or following the Dairy Show

### Rules:

- Exhibitors and goats/sheep dress up in a costume of their design.
- 3 age divisions: 8 & under, 9-13 and 14-18.
- Exhibitors do not have to be in 4-H.
- Exhibitors can borrow animals.
- Animals must be broke to lead and be shown with a lead.

The top two placings from each division will compete for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion award. Prize money offered per age division.

Questions, contact Christy Pruemmer - 217-663-6511

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## Daily Fair Activities . . .

### Monday - July 21

- *Farm Credit* will be serving ice cream from 4:30-6 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall.
- *Shelby County State Bank* - Kids Inflatables 5-8:30 p.m., Cost is \$5 per night, per bracelet.
- *Shelby County Farm Bureau Young Leaders* - Registration opens at 5:30 p.m. at the Show Arena. Participation is FREE with a donation of a non-perishable food item or canned good. 6:30 p.m. Cutest Little Farmer Contest, (1-3 years of age) 7 p.m. Candy in the Straw (1-3 years of age), Following above events - Pedal Pull (ages 4 to 7).

### Tuesday - July 22

- *Shelby County State Bank* - Kids Inflatables 5-8:30 p.m., Cost is \$5 per night, per bracelet.
- *Face Painting at the Horse Arena*, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- *Paddi's Air Filled Fun* will be in the Exhibit Hall at the 4-H Wagon from 6:30-8 p.m. making balloon shapes and critters.

### Wednesday - July 23

- *Farm Credit* will be giving away watermelon starting at 3:30 in the Exhibit Hall

Farm Bureau Ice Cream Trailer will be open daily at 10 a.m.

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### Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday**  
8 -12, 1-4:30

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Penny Hood, Community Worker, SNAP-ED  
Diana Litteral, Office Support Assistant  
Krista Houk, 4-H Youth Educator

**If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office.**

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