



*Shelby*  
*County*

**4-H**

# November News



Fall Round-Up



Dried Flower Workshop



Scarecrow Daze Parade

# Calendar of events

### November

- 4.... Canvas painting 9:30-11, Shelby County Senior Center
- 4-5.... Junior Leadership Conference, Decatur
- 8.... Federation meeting, 7 p.m. Shelby County Extension Office
- 11.... Achievement Night, 6:30, Nazarene Church Gym, Shelbyville
- 15.... Awesome Autumn Photography Contest ends
- 16.... Scrap O'Maniacs Club, 6-7:30, Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 17.... Deadline to sign up for the Bank Steer Program
- 23-24.... Office closed for the holidays
- 29.... Federation meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Center

### December

- 2.... Winter Craft Day, 9-12:30, 4-H Center
- 2.... Cloverbud Winter Craft Day, 1-2:30, 4-H Center
- 9.... Community Service Workshop, 9-11 a.m. 4-H Center
- 10.... Greenery Workshop, 2 sessions at The Greenworks
- 13.... Early enrollment incentive deadline (enrolled in ZSuites and program fee paid)
- 21-29.... Office closed for the holidays

### January

- 1.... Office closed
- 8.... Leaders Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m., Senior Center
- 15.... Office closed for holiday

### February

- 10.... Steer Weigh-in, 8-10 a.m.
- 10.... Bank Steer pick-up, 10 a.m.
- 17.... Snow date for Steer Weigh-in

### March 1

**Fair Dates:**  
**July 21-24, 2024**

## 4-H Enrollment System - ZSuites

ZSuites, the 4-H Enrollment System, is open for families to enroll their members in 4-H. You must be enrolled to attend club meetings, Shooting Sports events or county workshops! If your club isn't paying the \$10 program fee, families can pay online via credit card or families can pay their club leaders. Everyone must be enrolled before they participate in any type of 4-H activity so that they are covered by insurance.

Families need to select a club and at least 1 project when completing the enrollment process. May 1, 2024 is the deadline to add or delete projects for exhibiting at the Shelby County 4-H Fair. Below is the link to Illinois 4-H which has instructions for enrolling. New families will need to follow the New Member Enrollment. Families who are re-enrolling have their own instructions. If you have a 4-H member that you are re-enrolling but also a new member, re-enroll your 4-H member, then you can add a new member to your family. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or call 217-774-9546.

Link for information -

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

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## Scarecrow Decorating Contest Update

Thank you to the following clubs for participating in the Scarecrow Decorating Contest: Coldspring Copperheads, Ful-O-Pep, Moweaqua Rustlers, Oconee Eager Beavers, Rural Feeders, Shelby Showstoppers, and Strasburg Tailtwisters.

The Facebook Fan Favorite Contest winner was the Rural Feeders 4-H Club.

Everyone submitted very unique ideas! Great job to all of the 4-H members who were involved in creating their club masterpieces.

## **Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night**

Saturday, November 11

We are planning our annual 4-H Achievement Night on Saturday, November 11 at the Shelbyville Nazarene Church Gym at 7 p.m. We will have dessert at 6:30, with the program starting at 7 p.m. RSVP's are needed by November 9 for those who will be enjoying dessert with the number attending.

All 4-H families and friends are welcome to attend as we highlight the accomplishments of our 4-H members for the 2022-2023 4-H year.

## **Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night Community Service Project**

“Fill the Little Food Pantries”

Shelby County 4-H Federation is challenging families to help “Fill the Little Food Pantries in Shelby County.” Shelby County has two Little Food Pantries located at HSHS Good Shepherd and the Shelby County Senior Center. As we enter the winter months, we want to help families in need.

A 4-H member will receive a ticket for every five items donated at the Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night on Saturday, November 11. We will draw tickets at the conclusion of Achievement Night. We will be awarding gift cards and 4-H swag. Not able to attend Achievement Night? Donations can be dropped off at the Shelby County Extension Office by Friday, November 10.

Donations needed:

- Boxed Mac N Cheese
- Canned vegetables
- Fruit cups
- Dry soup mix
- Granola bars
- Canned chicken or tuna
- Snack size cookies, chips
- Soup
- Toothpaste/brushes
- Bar of soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Hand Lotion

## **Shelby County 4-H Hospital Collection for Kids**

Saturday, November 11

Brady Rivas, Shelby Sparklers member, is asking for your help!

Can you imagine being a kid in the hospital with no toys or activities to keep your mind off of being sick? Unfortunately, this happens to kids in our community. We can help by donating items such as coloring books, crayons, play-doh, word search books, new small plastic toys (no stuffed animals), drawing pads, colored pencils, or bubbles.

Please bring your donations to 4-H Achievement Night . For every 5 items, donated, you will receive a ticket for a chance to win prizes. Items collected will be donated to the pediatric unit at Sarah Bush Lincoln. If you don't have time to shop, you can bring a monetary donation and we will purchase items. Thanks in advance! Brady

## **Bank Steer Program**

Deadline Friday, November 17

Are you interested in raising, showing and selling a steer as a 4-H project? The Shelby County State Bank is offering interest-free loans to Shelby County 4-H members to assist them in purchasing a steer to exhibit at the fair. In order to be eligible to participate in this program, the 4-H member must have been enrolled in 4-H at least one previous year. Members must complete enrollment in ZSuites. The \$10 program fee must also be submitted to the Extension office by November 17. Note - new families will have an on-farm visit from the Bank Steer Committee prior to steer weigh-in. All participants will have an on-farm visit in the Spring by the Bank Steer Committee. Shelby County State Bank reserves the right to deny any individual participation in the Bank Steer Program.

**The deadline to sign up for a bank steer is November 17.** Pick-up for steers will be in February at the county steer weigh-in.



### Awesome Autumn Photography Contest

September 15 – November 15

Shelby County 4-H Federation is sponsoring a photography contest for 4-H'ers in Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Douglas and Shelby Counties. The contest will run from September 15 - November 15. We need entries in the Fun in the Fall Category! Get out and create some fun memories!

#### Rules:

- 3 age divisions 5-7, 8-13 and 14-18. 4-H age is based off of 9/1/23.
- There are two categories: Fun in the Fall and Autumn Beauty.
- 4-H'ers may submit one entry in each category.
- The entries will be reviewed and critiqued by a photography judge.
- If submitting a picture with a non 4-H member, a photo release must be completed and submitted with the entry.
- Pictures must be taken by the 4-H member submitting the picture.
- Cash prizes will be awarded in each division.

Email entries to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu).

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### Shelby County 4-H Community Service Workshop

Saturday, December 9

Shelby County 4-H is holding a Community Service Workshop on December 9 from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. We will have cookies and hot chocolate for all the “elves” who help at this workshop.

4-H'ers will make holiday crafts which will be delivered to area assisted living and nursing homes. This is a great way to give back to others during the holiday season. This is also a great workshop for older members to help with and meet their county activity requirement. RSVP by December 4 if you can help.

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### Greenery Workshop

Sunday, December 10

The Green Works in Cowden will be hosting a Greenery Workshop for Shelby County 4-H members on Sunday, December 10.

Session 1 - Youth will make a swag. The workshop is from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$5

Session 2 - Youth will make a Mug Bouquet. The workshop is from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$5. Youth will need to bring their own mug.

Youth can participate in one or both sessions. Please specify which session you plan to attend when you submit your RSVP. RSVP and pay the workshop fee by December to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546. Workshops are considered a county activity and youth attending will meet the county activity requirement.

### Cloverbud Winter Craft Day

Saturday, December 2

Cloverbud Winter Craft Day will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. A parent or guardian is asked to attend to provide assistance.

The cost is \$5 and \$8 for non 4-H members. Families need to RSVP and pay the \$5 fee by November 22. Space is limited!

Families can RSVP by sending an email to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546.

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### Winter Craft Day

Saturday, December 2

Shelby County 4-H Winter Craft day will be held on Saturday, December 2 at the 4-H Center. 4-H'ers will make winter craft projects and the famous gingerbread houses.

There will be two sessions:  
Session 1 - 9-10:30 a.m.  
(FULL)  
Session 2 - 10:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

The cost is \$5 and \$8 for non-4-H members. 4-H'ers need to RSVP and pay their \$5 fee by November 22. RSVP via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546 with the preferred session. Space is limited, so RSVP soon.

We need help! If you are interested in helping, let Yolanda know.

Help is needed for Winter Craft Day! Older 4-H members can count helping as a county activity. Contact Yolanda if you can help via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or 217-774-9546

### Leaders Appreciation Dinner

Monday, January 8

Shelby County 4-H Federation will be serving the annual Leaders Appreciation Dinner on Monday, January 8. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Shelby County Senior Center.

We will be serving Monicals pizza, salad, and dessert. Additional information will be sent out in December. RSVP's will be needed by January 5.

Leaders - Please let Yolanda know if there is anything specific you would like to cover at the meeting.

### Recruiting a new 4-H member

Recruiting new members is always a goal for the 4-H Program. We want to recognize members promoting and recruiting for Shelby County 4-H. Prizes will be given to those members who recruit a new 4-H member to the Shelby County 4-H program.

Leaders have recruitment forms or let Yolanda know and she can send the form via email. After the new recruit has completed their enrollment and paid their program fee, prizes will be awarded. Spread the word about 4-H, recruit a new member and receive a prize!

### Project Manuals

Members enrolled in a 4-H project for the first time should contact Yolanda via email to receive project manuals. Please include your 4-H'ers name and the project name that you would like a book for. Some projects books stay the same year after year but as you move up levels such as Natural Resources 1 and then enroll in Natural Resources 2, members should request a new book. After books have been received, they will be given to club leaders for distribution.

### 4-H Workshops

4-H members need to pre-register and send payment for workshops by the due date. Families are responsible for sending payment to the Extension office. If your payment is not received by the due date, you should contact Yolanda and discuss with her. When we have workshop speakers leading the workshops and your family has RSVP'd, materials were purchased for your 4-H'er. Please mark your calendars as we aren't able to send reminders for upcoming workshops.

### Air Rifle & BB

Wednesday, November 8

The Shelby County Junior Rifle Club will be holding Air Rifle sessions starting November 8. Youth should plan to be in attendance by 6:15 p.m. and ready to shoot at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sessions will be as follows:

- Nov. 8, 14, 22 and 28
- Dec. 6, 12, 20
- Sessions will be held on each Wednesday in January and February. In March, sessions will be offered on March 6 and 13.

Open to youth ages 8-18 as of 9/1/23. All equipment is provided.

#### Cost:

- \$10 program fee if not enrolled in another 4-H Club
- \$10 Junior Rifle Club membership
- \$50 Air rifle fee

Waivers are available through the Rifle Club if there is a financial hardship.

BB Gun sessions are available through the Jr. Rifle Club and will be held at the same time as air rifle. However, BB sessions are not affiliated with the 4-H program.

**RSVP to Yolanda via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) by November 8.**

Questions: contact Kelly Barringer at 217-369-6860.

### Shelby County 4-H Week

March 16-23, 2024

The theme for the Shelby County 4-H Week is “Shelby County 4-H is Picture Perfect”.

- March 16 – 4-H Fire-up, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.
- March 16 – 4-H Skating Party, Silver Stars Skating Party
- March 17 – Thank a 4-H Volunteer (text, mail, Facebook)
- March 17 - County Public Speaking Contest 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- March 18 – Window Displays in place by 9 a.m.
- March 19 – International Night, (location TBD) - 6 p.m.
- March 20 – Wear your 4-H shirt to school (send photo to Yolanda)
- March 21 – Community Service Day
- March 22 – Family Fun Night, 6:30 p.m. (location TBD)
- March 23 – Spring Craft Day, Shelby County 4-H Center, 9 a.m.

Countries taken as of 10/25/23: Germany, Colombia, Japan

### Pride Package Collection

Shelby County 4-H is collecting thank you cards, Christmas cards and coloring sheets for Pat Garlick to send in her Pride Packages. Pat moved to Georgia to be closer to her son in October 2022. She is packing and sending boxes to the troops stationed overseas. She will be sending out Christmas boxes later in November. If you or your club would like to make Christmas cards or include coloring sheets, please have those items to the Extension office by November 20 and Yolanda will mail the items to Pat. Pat is also accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies for the Pride Packages.

This is a great community service project as we know the soldiers appreciate getting items from home.

Pat's address: Pat Garlick, 257 Vinland Circle, Moultrie, GA 31768.

### Findlay Christmas Parade

The Findlay Fire and Ambulance Association is putting together their 1st annual Christmas Light Parade on Sunday, December 3 at 5 p.m. in Findlay. Line up will start at the Okaw Valley Middle School. They are looking for participants and have asked Shelby County 4-H to join in on the fun.

4-H'ers would be asked to wear Christmas light necklaces, head gear, etc. We want to light up the parade! If you would be interested in participating in the parade, let Yolanda know by November 27. If there are 4-H'ers who would like to attend, we will try and put together a trailer.

### 4-H Year-end Records

It's not early to start on records for 2023!

Here are activities to record on your 4-H activity sheet .

#### October/November: *My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)*

#1 - Achievement Night, Nov. 11

#### #6 - Community Service

- Shelbyville Food Distribution, Oct. 18

#### #7 - Other 4-H Activities (County)

- Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Oct 6
- Scarecrow Daze Parade, Oct. 8
- Fall Round-Up, Oct 21
- Dried Flower Workshop, Oct. 22
- Canvas Painting, Nov 4

#### IL 4-H Experience Participation - (County)

- Fall Round-Up
- Scarecrow Decorating Contest
- Scarecrow Daze Parade

#### Project Learning (County)

- Canvas Painting
- Dried Flower Wreath

#### Community Service Record (1 donation activity can be recorded)

- Fill the Little Food Pantries, Nov. 11
- Children's Hospital donation
- Pride Package (cards, coloring sheets), Nov. 11
- Shelbyville Food Distribution, Oct. 18

## **Shelby County 4-H Community Service Ideas**

Here is a list for community service ideas that clubs or individual 4-H members can consider participating in and collecting donations to help those in need. If you decide to donate items to any of the assisted living or nursing homes, please check with the facility to see how many residents they have.

### ***Misc. Activities:***

- Working at local food pantries
- Donating food to local food pantries
- Blessings in a Backpack programs
- Cleaning up parks, elderly neighbor's yards who need assistance
- Collecting donations for an organization in need
- Making crafts and delivering to area assisted living/nursing homes

### ***Assisted living & nursing homes***

#### **Hawthorne Inn – 217-774-1020**

- Craft kits that the residents can put together
- Paintings/wreaths to hang on their doors or in their rooms
- Artificial flowers so they can make their own flower arrangements
- Handmade cards – Thinking of You cards
- CD's with big band music
- Bingo gifts - Kleenex, sugar free candy, candy, hand lotions, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, puzzles

#### **Villas of Holly Brook – 217-619-8266**

- Seasonal wreaths for their doors
- Paintings/pictures
- Picture frames
- Bingo gifts - scented lotions, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, small flashlights, candy, nuts, card games

#### **Shelbyville Manor – 217-774-2111**

- No glass decorations, no food
- Flower arrangements
- Seasonal wreaths for doors, rooms
- Blankets (They love getting new blankets.)
- Picture frames/crafty frames

#### **Angel of Love Program - (217) 246-5885**

- Shopping for kids in need

#### **Kemmerer Village - Shop for a Kid Program - (217) 226-4451**

- Shopping for kids in need

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## Shelby County 4-H Member Policy

If a 4-H member wishes to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair and be eligible to receive premiums, the following items must be completed by the 4-H'er:

- 4-H'er must attend **three** of their own club meetings. College students must attend two of their own 4-H Club meetings.
- 4-H'er must present a talk or demonstration at their own club meeting. The talk or demonstration must pertain **to a 4-H project**. It doesn't have to be a project the 4-H'er is enrolled in.
- 4-H'er must participate in a county activity. Examples of a county activity include: 4-H Round-up, Winter Craft Day, 4-H Fire-Up, 4-H Week activities, Spring Cleanup at the fairgrounds, Spring Craft Day, 4-H project workshops, etc.

### Project Manuals

- 4-H members may order up to 5 project books at no charge. Over 5 project books will be charged to members at cost. Members need to order books by contacting Yolanda.

4-H members need to be enrolled and paid their \$10 program fee by December 13 to qualify for the early enrollment incentive!  
Enrollment deadline to exhibit at the fair is March 1.



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

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Diana Litteral, Office Support Assistant

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

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