



*Shelby*  
*County*

**4-H**

# December News

Achievement Night 2023



Canvas Painting

Federation Officer Team



# Calendar of events

### 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

*4-H Camp registration opens in January (date TBD)*

- 1.... Office closed
- 8.... Leaders Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m., Senior Center
- 15.... Office closed for holiday
- 24.... Cloverbud Canvas workshop, 9:30-11 a.m. 4-H Center

**4-H Camp registration will open in January, dates TBD.  
Watch for more information!**

### February

- 6.... Fair Book cover due into Extension office
- 10.... Steer Weigh-in, 8-10 a.m.
- 10.... Bank Steer pick-up, 10 a.m.
- 17.... Snow date for Steer Weigh-in
- 24.... Officer Training, 9-11 a.m. 4-H Center

### March 1

- 1.... Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H, enrollment must be entered into ZSuites.
- 16.... 4-H Fire-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center
- 16.... 4-H Skating party, Silver Starts Skating Rink, Mattoon, 6:15-9 p.m.
- 17.... Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Center
- 18.... Window displays in place by 9 a.m.
- 19.... International Night, 6 p.m.
- 22.... Family Fun Night, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 23.... Spring Craft Day, 2 sessions, 9-10:30 a.m. , 10:45-12:15 p.m., 4-H Center

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

## Are you enrolled?

December 13 is the early enrollment deadline!

Time is running out to enroll by the early enrollment incentive deadline! 4-H members who enroll and pay the \$10 program fee by December 13 will receive a free t-shirt. Club leaders also need to be enrolled in order to receive a free t-shirt.

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.

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>

**Thank you to everyone who donated items for our two donation collection events!**

Families donated almost 500 items for the "Fill the Little Food Pantries". The children's collection brought in 262 items that were donated to the pediatric wing at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital. Brady Rivas, Shelby Sparklers member, was in charge of the children's collection. Brady said, "I would like to thank all of the Shelby County 4-H'ers who donated items for the hospital. Being sick isn't fun and I hope the toys and books will help the kids at the hospital feel a little better. All of the nurses and kids were very happy when we delivered the donations."



## Awesome Autumn Photography Contest Results

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for the Awesome Autumn Photography Contest. There were 72 entries, which was 20+ entries more than 2022. The judge was very impressed with all the great photos. Check out the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page to see all the photos.

Thank you to DJ's Custom Framing in Shelbyville for framing the grand prize photo. Shelby County 4-H Federation provided cash prizes to the winners and paid for the frame for the Reserve Grand Prize.

### Results:

#### **Cloverbuds - Fun in the Fall**

1st - Gabe Barnes  
2nd - Ada Black  
3rd - Ellie Downs

#### **Cloverbuds - Autumn Beauty**

1st - Stella Harkins  
2nd - Ava Harkins  
3rd - Ellie Downs

#### **8-13 - Fun in the Fall**

1st - Alicia Rivas  
2nd - Jax Weakly  
3rd - Brady Rivas

#### **8-13 - Autumn Beauty**

1st - Evelyn Cervi  
2nd - Alicia Rivas  
3rd - Emma Beyers

#### **14-18 - Fun in the Fall**

1st - Marjeli Schout (Coles)

#### **14-18 - Autumn Beauty**

1st - Ashlyn Hunter  
2nd - Marjeli Schout (Coles)  
3rd - Saebera Curl

Overall Grand Prize Winner - Alicia Rivas (8-13 Fun in the Fall) Shelby Sparklers

Reserve Grand Prize Winner - Evelyn Cervi (8-13 Autumn Beauty) Oconee Eager Beavers

For year-end records, members may count this as a unit activity for Photography.

## Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night Wrap-up

Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night was held on Saturday, November 11. Pictures from Achievement Night can be found on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page.

The Shelby County 4-H Federation team did a great job leading and presenting awards.

Here is a recap of awards presented.

- 15 - Federation officers and members recognized
- 9 - Junior Leaders recognized
- 29 - Outstanding 1st year members received awards.
- 29 - Outstanding 2nd year member received awards
- 5 - Outstanding 5th year received awards
- 1 - Outstanding 10th year award received an award
- 13 - Bronze Experience awarded
- 21 - Silver Experience awarded
- 7 - Gold Experience awarded
- 3 - Emerald Experience pending State approval
- 63 - members recognized with 163 of project pins awarded
- Outstanding Leader - Leslie Richter
- Outstanding Service - Dianna Furr and Debora Fogleman

Program booklet:  
[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023-11/2023-achievement\\_program\\_booklet\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023-11/2023-achievement_program_booklet_-_final.pdf)

### 4-H Steer and Market heifer weigh-in

Saturday, February 10

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 8-10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. If needed, the snow date is February 17. ALL market steers going to the 2024 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.

**4-H'ers must be enrolled in ZSuites and have paid their program fee in order to weigh steers or market heifers.**

Contact Yolanda if you will be attending by Wednesday, February 7 so appropriate paperwork can be prepared.

### 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. This workshop is full. We do have a wait list and if there is enough interest, we will have a second session for the mug workshop.

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 6 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.

### Shelby County 4-H Fair Book Cover Contest

Due February 16

Shelby County 4-H is looking for fair book cover entries. Shelby County 4-H Federation will award cash prizes to the top four covers. Entries must be submitted to the Shelby County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2024.

***The following rules need to be followed:***

- Drawings should be in **dark ink or markers**.
- Drawings should be on an **8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper**.
- Include the fair dates of **July 21-24, 2024**.
- Include the words **Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair** in the design.

Entries may be made by email if necessary but hard copies work are preferred and work better when copying designs. Contact Yolanda with questions.

### Bank Steer pick-up

4-H members participating in the Bank Steer program, will attend the drawing for steers on Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville.

Letters will be mailed in January to those members with more information. Insurance will need to be purchased the morning of the pick up. A parent must accompany the 4-H'er at pick up.

### Public Speaking

Saturday, March 17

Youth planning to participate in the county Public Speaking Contest need to be registered in ZSuites by Friday, February 23. Entry information will be sent to 4-H'ers the following week.

The contest will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Stay tuned for more information on the contest rules, etc.

### Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page

Stay up to date with all the activities happening in Shelby County 4-H and Shelby County 4-H Clubs by liking the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page.

Upcoming deadlines and reminders are posted to help families. Check out pictures from all the events and see the great things Shelby County 4-H'ers are doing.

## **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.

## **Reminder - 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.

## **Cloverbud Canvas Painting Workshop**

Saturday, January 27

Cloverbud members are invited to attend a Cloverbud Canvas Painting Workshop being planned for Saturday, January 27 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. The cost for the workshop is \$20. The workshop will be led by Kaitlin Villanueva, owner of Creation Station in Moweaqua. The workshop will be a mixed media project including canvas, paint, glue, paper and pen. The workshop will be limited 15 Cloverbuds.

RSVP and pay the workshop fee to Yolanda by Friday, January 19.

## **Shelby County 4-H Officer Training**

Saturday, February 24

An Officer Training is being planned for Shelby County 4-H members on Saturday, February 24. The training will be held from 9 -11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. The training will cover the four main officer positions including: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. We can also discuss the reporter position if there are members interested in learning more about this position. All enrolled 4-H members are invited to attend to learn more about being a 4-H Club officer. Additional details will be sent in the January newsletter.

## **Air Rifle & BB**

Wednesday, January 3

The second session of Air Rifle for the Shelby County Junior Rifle Club will begin on Wednesday, January 3. 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:**

- 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 January 2.**

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: Belgium, China, Colombia, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico

### Shelby County Cloverbuds Year-end Project records 2023-2024

For the 2023-2024 4-H year, Shelby County Cloverbuds will need to complete the “My 4-H Activities” record sheet to be considered for year-end awards. Club leaders will have copies of this form for Cloverbuds to complete throughout the year. This form should be completed throughout the year so in August 2024, Cloverbuds should only have to add their summer activities.

Items that could be included on the form through December:

- #1 - Attended Cloverbud Achievement Night - Sept. 23, 2023
- #3 - Cloverbud Winter Craft Day - Dec. 2
- #4 - List 3 meeting dates attended
- #6 - Pride Package Cards - Nov.
- #6 - Achievement Night Donations - Fill the Little Food Pantries and/or Children’s hospital collection
- #7 - Scarecrow Daze Parade - Oct. 14, 2023

This will be the only record that Cloverbuds will need to complete.

#### Award levels:

- **County Award** - Attended a minimum of 2 county activities (craft days, workshops, Fire-Up)
- **Community Service** - Participate in a minimum of 3 community service activities. One activity may be a donation. These activities can be done at the club or county level.
- **Little Roots Gardening Program** - Families will sign up for this program in February/March. Award - attend 1 garden tour and/or exhibited flowers or vegetables at the fair.

### 4-H Year-end Records

It’s not early to start on records for 2023-2024!

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

#### December:

##### *My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)*

#3 - Winter Craft Day, Dec. 2

##### #6 - Community Service

- Pride Package Cards - November (date completed)
- Community Service Workshop - Dec. 9

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

- Greenery Workshop - Swag Workshop - Dec. 10
- Greenery Workshop - Mug Workshop - Dec. 10

#### IL 4-H Experience

##### Participation - (County)

- Winter Craft Day
- Greenery Workshop - Swag (can include here or project learning)
- Greenery Workshop - Mug (can include here or project learning)

##### Project Learning (County)

- Greenery Workshop - Swag
- Greenery Workshop - Mug

##### Project Learning (Unit)

- Awesome Autumn Photography contest (photography project)

#### Community Service Record

(1 donation activity can be recorded)

- Pride Packages
- Community Service Workshop



## Pride Packages recap

A big thank you to the following clubs for making coloring sheets and cards for the Christmas Pride Packages ran by Pat Garlick! The following clubs provided over 100 cards/coloring sheets to make a soldier's Christmas a little brighter: Coldspring Copperheads, Oconee Eager Beavers, Shelby Sprouts, Shelby Sparklers (Brady & Alicia Rivas), Silver Spurs 4-H Club, and The Clover Kids.

## Ful-O-Pep Community Service Projects

On November 12, Ful-O-Pep Club members went shopping for Angel of Love kids and area



nursing homes. Members also worked at the Festival of Lights.

## Silver Spurs Community Service Projects

On November 15, 17 Silver Spurs 4-H members created and designed hand-made cards for the Christmas Pride Packages being sent to soldiers this holiday season. Four members met on Sunday, November 26 to shop for two Angel of Love kids. Several members will also be working at the Festival of Lights donation booth in Shelbyville.



## Oconee Eager Beavers - November Activities

On Sunday, November 27, Oconee Eager Beavers set up a hot chocolate booth during the Pana Chamber downtown Christmas. They gave a \$100 donation for Christmas lights to a member of the Pana Pride Association at Kitchell Park.



Members also participated in the Pana Christmas parade that evening.

## Shelby Showstoppers Community Service Projects

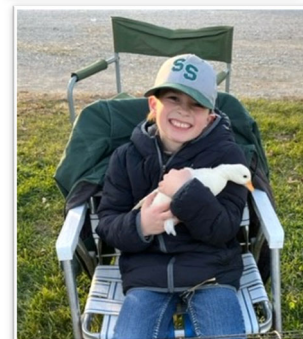
In October, members cleaned out the community garden beds behind HSHS Good Shepherd hospital.

On November 18, members went shopping for Kemmerer Village children.



## Strasburg Tailtwisters Community Service Projects

On Saturday, November 25, members of the Strasburg Tailtwisters 4-H Club donated their time to help with the Christmas in a One Cow Town event held in Stewardson. 4-H members helped kids with ornament decorating and in the snowball arena. Members also hosted a petting zoo for those





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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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