



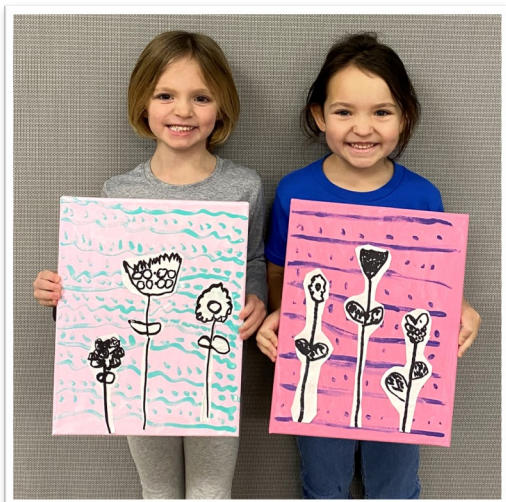
Shelby
County

4-H

March *News*



Officer Training



Cloverbud Canvas Workshop



Calendar of events

March 1

- 1.... Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H, enrollment must be entered into ZSuites.
- 9.... Lawnmower/Tractor Workshop, 9-10:30 a.m., Sloan Implement, Shelbyville
- 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
- 17.... Thank a 4-H Volunteer
- 18.... Window displays in place by 9 a.m.
- 18.... International Night, 6 p.m. Best Bet Event Center, Shelbyville
- 19.... 4-H Member Showcase
- 20.... Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school
- 21.... Community Service Recognition
- 22.... Family Fun Night, 6:30-8 p.m. , Nazarene Church Gym
- 23.... Spring Craft Day, 1 sessions, 9-10:30 a.m. 4-H Members, 10:45-12:15 p.m., Cloverbuds - 4-H Center
- 25.... YQCA training, 7 p.m., 4-H Center

April

- 1.... Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- 8.... Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 9.... Dog Obedience, 6 p.m. registration, 6:30 class begins, Show Arena
- 13.... Cloverbud Fire-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center
- 13.... Poultry Workshop, 1 p.m., 4-H Center
- 20.... YQCA training, 9 a.m., 4-H Center
- 27.... Small Engines Workshop, 1 p.m., Full Throttle, Shelbyville

May

- 18.... 4-H Day with the Cardinals, 6:215 p.m.
- 23.... YQCA Training, 7 p.m., 4-H Center

June

- 1.... Fiber- Felting Workshop, 9-11:30 a.m., 4-H Center
- 3.... 4-H Entries submitted in Fair Entry (online program)
- 3.... Junior Fair exhibitor and entries due into Extension office
- 3.... Scholarship applications (college & camp), due into Extension office
- 29.... Shelby County 4-H BBQ

May 1 - Deadline to add or drop projects in ZSuites

This is a reminder to 4-H members that May 1 is the deadline to add or drop projects in ZSuites. No projects will be added after this time. If you think there is a chance that you will want to bring a project to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair, the project should be added to ZSuites. Just because you add a project doesn't mean that you have to exhibit it as a project at the fair.

Log-in and confirm your enrolled projects in ZSuites by May 1!

IL State Experience Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following on their IL State Experience Awards: Delaney Nation, Lilah Bonny and Resmiranda Small.

Emerald Awards in the area of Project Learning were awarded to Delaney Nation and Lilah Bonny.

Emerald Award in the area of Leadership was awarded to Resmiranda Small.

Winners will receive a recognition award and certificate in the mail.

2023 Illinois 4-H Club Award Recipients

Congratulations to the Silver Spurs 4-H Club and Shelby County 4-H Federation on being awarded an Illinois 4-H Club Award. Both clubs were recognized for their community service work during the 2022-2023 4-H year.

Each club will receive a \$75 cash prize sponsored by Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Fair Dates: July 20-24, 2024

Rabbit Workshop

Monday, April 8

Shelby County 4-H will be sponsoring a Rabbit Workshop on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Rabbit judge, JC Morgan will be the speaker. 4-H members may bring a rabbit.

Items being discussed will include:

- Picking a rabbit for show
- Caring for your rabbit
- Types of feed
- Preparing for the rabbit show
- Showmanship tips

RSVP by Friday, April 5 by email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Small Engines Workshop

Saturday, April 27

Youth interested in learning more about small engines should plan to attend the Small Engines Workshop being planned for Saturday, April 27 at Full Throttle Small Engine Repair in Shelbyville. The workshop will start at 1 p.m.

In this workshop, youth will learn to read a model #, tools needed, filter maintenance and how to create a small engine display.

RSVP by April 24 by email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Youth who participate in this workshop will be eligible to participate in the Lawnmower, Tractor Driving Contest being planned for July 20.

Fiber Workshop

Saturday, June 1

Trish Purcell, will be leading a Fiber Workshop. The workshop is being planned for Saturday, June 1 from 9-11:30 at the 4-H Center.

Youth will be making a variety of felting projects. More details will be shared on an upcoming flyer. **The cost of the workshop is \$5 and it limited to 20 members.**

Take home felting kits will be available for purchase at a cost of \$5. RSVP to Yolanda by Tuesday, May 28.

Poultry Workshop

Saturday, April 13

Shelby County 4-H will be sponsoring a Poultry Workshop on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m., at the 4-H Center. Poultry judge, Mandi Donaldson, will be the speaker.

Items being discussed will include:

- Hatching process
- Choosing bird types
- Where to purchase your birds
- Care of birds
- Fair prep
- Showmanship techniques

RSVP by Wednesday, April 10 by email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Lawnmower/Tractor Workshop

Saturday, March 9

The first workshop in the Lawnmower/Tractor Driving Contest is being planned for Saturday, March 9 at Sloan Implement in Shelbyville. The workshop will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Youth will learn about tractor and lawnmower safety, basic components, basic operation and operating a machine.

RSVP by Thursday, March 7 via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Youth who participate in this workshop will be eligible to participate in the Lawnmower, Tractor Driving Contest being planned for July 20.

Shelby County 4-H Week

March 16-23, 2024

"Shelby County 4-H is Picture Perfect".

4-H Fire-Up

Saturday, March 16, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.

This workshop is open to 1st and 2nd year 4-H members. 4-H members will receive hands-on learning opportunities. This is a great meeting for families to ask questions about 4-H, fair entries, project requirements, etc. There is no cost to attend this workshop.

This workshop is for 4-H members ages 8 and up. Cloverbud members will have their 4-H Fire-Up on April 13.

RSVP to Yolanda (nation2@illinois.edu or 217-774-9546) by Friday, March 8. When submitting your RSVP, please provide a t-shirt size for the 4-H'er attending.

4-H Skating Party

Saturday, March 16 (Note the change in date this year!)

The 4-H Skating party is being planned for Saturday, March 16 from 6:15 - 9:00 p.m. The rink rental is being paid by Shelby County 4-H Federation. There will be a \$1 charge for those needing skates. Families may bring in their own food and drink as there is no longer a concession stand.

Bring your friends and family and let's pack the rink!

Window Display Judging

Monday, March 18

Shelby County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to create and put up a Window Display as part of Shelby County 4-H Week. Displays should focus on the 4-H Week theme "Shelby County 4-H is Picture Perfect". Items that should be included in the display are club name, leader and members names. Additional information such as club meeting dates and times and how to join 4-H would be beneficial. Federation is sponsoring prize money. Please contact Yolanda with your display location so it can be included in the judging.

International Night

Monday, March 18 6 p.m. Best Bet Event Center, Shelbyville

Shelby County 4-H Clubs need to prepare 2-3 food dishes to give as samples to approximately 200. Clubs may decorate their table, create poster displays, wear clothes from their country, etc. Clubs should be ready to serve at 6 p.m. We will not be doing a recipe book this year. Clubs can provide recipes and display on their tables for families to pick up, if they wish.

Public Speaking

Sunday, March 17

Youth planning to participate in the county Public Speaking Contest need to be enrolled in the Public Speaking Project in ZSuites by Friday, February 23.

The contest will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

Rules and guidelines have been emailed and also mailed to families.

Thank your 4-H Leader

Sunday, March 17

4-H Leaders and supporters are the heart of the 4-H program. Send a thank you card, text or give your leader a call and let them know you appreciate all they do for you in the 4-H program. (Not a county activity but counted on year-end records.)

4-H Member Showcase

Tuesday, March 19

Let's showcase our 4-H members! 4-H'ers need to send Yolanda a photo of the 4-H member with their favorite 4-H project along with a few sentences about their project, a favorite 4-H event, etc. Information needs to be sent to Yolanda by March 11. It will be shared on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page on March 19.

Family Fun Night

Friday, March 22

Shelby County 4-H is holding Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church Gym in Shelbyville. Fun, games and prizes will be awaiting our Cloverbuds and 4-H members, so we hope you can attend.

4-H Clubs are asked to provide 1-2 carnival style games. This is a great way to get older 4-H members involved and meet their county activity requirement. Be creative! At each game, kids will earn tokens and Federation will offer prizes.

Clubs need to notify Yolanda with the type of game(s) they are planning so that we have a variety of games. We will also have a bounce house, sand art and Paddi's Air Filled Fun. Federation will provide refreshments.

Spring Craft Day

Saturday, March 23

Spring Craft Day will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the 4-H Center.

There will be 2 craft sessions.

- Session 1 - 9 -10:30 a.m. 4-H members ages 8 and up. (limited space available)
- Session 2 - 10:45-12:15 p.m. Cloverbud members ages 5-7.

Cost is \$5 for 4-H members and \$8 for non 4-H members. Space is limited! RSVP and payment is due to the Extension office by Friday, March 15. RSVP to Yolanda via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546. Help is needed! Older 4-H members who help can count this as their county activity requirement.

Cloverbud Fire-Up

Saturday, April 13

The Cloverbud 4-H Fire-Up Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center.

Members will need to be accompanied by an adult. Members will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of hands on 4-H projects. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Cloverbuds must RSVP by April 5.

Project Manuals

4-H families must send Yolanda an email (nation2@illinois.edu) or call the Shelby County Extension Office (217-774-9546) to order project manuals. Here are a few project areas needing books—Collectibles, Cooking, Photography, Woodworking. Read the fair book requirements to determine if your project needs a project manual.

Wear your 4-H t-shirt to School

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday, March 20 is Wear your 4-H T-shirt to School and promote 4-H. **EMAIL** a photo of your 4-H'er wearing their 4-H shirt to school to Yolanda on this day and 4-H'ers will receive a free candy bar from Shelby County 4-H Federation. Email - nation2@illinois.edu

Community Service Day

Thursday, March 21

Clubs that participate in a Community Service Project and submit pictures and a short write-up to Yolanda in March, will receive a cash prize from Shelby County 4-H Federation. If the project is completed before March 21, send pictures ASAP so they can be displayed on Facebook.

Lawn mower/Tractor Driving Contest

We are excited to bring back the lawn mower/tractor driving contest as part of the Shelby County 4-H fair. The contest will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Youth must attend 1 lawn mower/tractor driving workshop in order to participate in the fair contest.

An informational session will be planned in early June so 4-H'ers know what to expect as part of the driving contest.

Dog Obedience

Tuesday, April 9

Dog Obedience Classes will start on Tuesday, April 9 and run for 8 weeks with graduation at the end of the series. Practice will continue until the fair. Classes will run from 6:30-7:00 each Tuesday night.

Registration on April 9:

- Registration is open from 6-6:30 p.m. in the Fair Office.
- Parent/Adult needs to attend registration.
- Dogs should be at least 6 months old.
- Bring proof of rabies and distemper-parvo vaccinations.
- Training collar and lead \$15

Who is eligible to attend:

- Youth must be 8 and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before 9/1/23.
- Shelby 4-H Club members enrolled in other clubs do not pay the program fee twice.
- Tailwaggers only members must pay the \$10 program fee.

Questions – Sandy Brix 217-774-4229

Classes are sponsored by Shelby County Tailwaggers 4-H Club

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy cattle, goats, swine and sheep are required to take the YQCA training. This training is required to be taken each year. In-person training is \$3 and the On-line training is \$12.

Shelby County 4-H is offering 3 in-person training sessions. The training is set up to be completed in approximately one hour. All training sessions will be held at the 4-H Center in Shelbyville. Don't wait to get signed up, class size is limited!

Families will need to register at the YQCA website, sign up for which training they would like to attend and pay the registration fee. Youth will need to complete the Pre-Test before attending the training. Youth will need to complete the Post-Test before printing the certificate. ***DO NOT SEND YOLANDA AN EMAIL TO SIGN YOUR 4-H MEMBER UP.***

- Monday, March 25 7-8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 20 9-10 a.m.
- Thursday, May 23 7-8 p.m.

The deadline to complete the training to be able to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair is Monday, June 3! No exceptions to this rule.

If completing the training online, email Yolanda a copy of the certificate.

If you need assistance, please contact Yolanda for help.

Link: yqcaprogram.org

Online ethics certification required for cats, dogs, horses, rabbits and poultry

Deadline - Monday, June 3

First time animal exhibitors enrolled in cats, dogs, horses, rabbits and poultry- take note!

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification is a one time training for youth exhibiting projects in the following: cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test.

Members who don't complete the certification by June 3 will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show.

Training link - go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits. June 3 is the deadline!**

4-H SENIORS!

As you embark on a new chapter upon graduating high school, the Illinois 4-H program is PROUD of your accomplishments. You have excelled in your 4-H work and beyond.

Emails were sent with the 4-H Survey link. This survey is designed for graduating seniors to share your experiences in 4-H, tell us about your career path, and if 4-H influenced your school or career decisions. **Deadline March 15, 2024.**

Seniors participating in the 4-H Senior Survey **will receive a 4-H graduation tassel as a memorabilia item** to remember your time in the Illinois 4-H.

Scholarships Available

Due June 3, 2024

Shelby County scholarship applications are due in the Extension office by June 1.

- Shelby County Pork Producers
- Chris Barker Memorial
- 4-H Scholarships
- 4-H Federation
- Keegan Virden Memorial

Scholarship information and applications are available on the Shelby County website:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ccdmsfoundationscholarshipinstructionschecklist.pdf>

Spring Clean-up

Monday, April 1

Spring Clean-up day at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds is being planned for 6 p.m. on Monday, April 1. We will be picking up sticks, raking leaves, doing repairs, painting, etc. Bring rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, etc.

This will count as a county activity for 4-H members and will also count on year-end records.

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Wednesday, May 1

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Wednesday, May 1. Two pictures (each side) of horse to be shown or as a back-up horse must accompany lease/ownership papers.

If you are planning to show at the State Fair as well as the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair, TWO sets of pictures must be turned in. The correct lease and ownership papers are available at the Extension office or via email.

2024 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Books

Fair books and entry forms will be ready in mid March. Check out project requirements and get busy on your projects!

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Southern Region 4-H Showcase Du Quoin State Fair

General Projects Show, Saturday, August 17

Check in 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Show starts at 9:30 a.m.
(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)

- 4-H Exhibitors will be able to keep their project up through the duration of the Fair.

Livestock Shows, August 23-24

(Maximum of 1 livestock animal per class)

- The Department of Ag has waived the 72-hour rule for this event. There will be a \$5 stalling fee per animal.
- Friday will be the Goat and Sheep Shows as well as the swine weigh-in. Parking is free the first night. 6 p.m. start for goat and sheep shows. 6 p.m. start for Swine weigh in.
- Saturday will be the Beef, Dairy and Swine shows. \$10 parking. Swine Show starts at 8 a.m. with the Beef Show following the Swine Show. Dairy Show following the Beef Show.

Registration opens March 1 <https://go.illinois.edu/regionalshowcase>

Deadline to register: Aug. 1, 2024

“The Regional Showcase” is in partnership with the Du Quoin State Fair. While this additional exhibit opportunity will not pay out premiums, there will be awards (Rosettes for General Projects and Banners for Livestock) sponsored by a local donor. Watch for more details!

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

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