



# Shelby County

# 4-H

# September News



Amberlee Hudson, Inspire Award



Dianna Furr & Debora Fogleman



Braxton Montgomery, Champion

Claire VonBehrens, Supreme Ewe

# Calendar of events

### September

- 1.... New 4-H year begins
- 2.... Office closed for Holiday
- 9.... Year-end records due including Secretary and Treasurer books
- 13.... Federation meeting, 7 p.m. Shelby County Extension Office
- 19.... Scrap O'Maniacs Club meeting 6-7:30 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 28.... Shelby County Cloverbud Achievement Night 7 p.m. 4-H Center

### October

- 1.... 4-H Club State Award applications need to be submitted
- 2.... Federation meeting, 7 p.m. Shelby County Extension Office
- 7.... Archery, 6:30-8 p.m. 4-H Center
- 10.... Scarecrows in place for Scarecrow Decorating Contest
- 12.... Scarecrow Daze Parade, 10 a.m. Forest Park
- 25.... Air Rifle, 7-8 p.m. 4-H Center
- 19.... Fall Round-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center

### November

- 6.... Federation meeting, 7 p.m. Shelby County Extension Office
- 9.... Achievement Night, 6:30, Best Bet Event Center, Shelbyville
- 15.... Deadline to sign up for the Bank Steer Program
- 15.... Community Service Workshop, 6-8:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 28-29.... Office closed for the holidays

### December

- 4.... Federation meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 7.... Winter Craft Day, 9-12:30, 4-H Center
- 7.... Cloverbud Winter Craft Day, 1:15-2:45, 4-H Center
- 13.... Early Enrollment Incentive - enrollments must be entered and the program fee paid by this date
- 24-31.... Office closed for the holidays

## Shelby County 4-H Federation

Wednesday, September 11

Federation is the youth leadership team in the county. They plan county workshops, coordinate 4-H week events, and are very involved with community service projects.

Federation is open to youth in 8th grade and up. Junior federation members are those youth who are in 6th and 7th grades. Federation will be meeting on Wednesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Shelby County Extension Office.

If interested in attending, please **RSVP by September 10** so we have an idea on how many to expect.

If you can't make the first meeting but are interested, we hope you will join us at one of our upcoming fall meetings.

### Meeting dates for the fall:

- October 2, 7 p.m. Extension Office
- November 6, 7 p.m. Extension Office
- December 4, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Center

Any questions can be directed to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546.

## Shelby County 4-H Cloverbud Achievement Night

Saturday, September 28

Shelby County 4-H is excited to welcome our Cloverbuds to the annual Shelby County 4-H Cloverbud Achievement Night program. The program will take place on Saturday, September 28 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Invites will be sent to families in the next few weeks.

We will be recognizing Cloverbuds who attended at least three club meetings and gave a talk along with a special county award for those who participated in at least two county activities. Cloverbuds who participated in two community service projects will receive special recognition. Last year members will also be honored. Please RSVP to Yolanda by September 20 so we can plan for refreshments.

## Checklist for Year-End Records

Due September 9, 2024

For 2023-2024, the Year-end Records were updated and several past forms were eliminated.

### Records include:

- Outstanding 1st year form (for first year members only)
- Outstanding 2nd year form (for second year members only)
- My 4-H Records - must be completed in its entirety by the 4-H member and signed by the club member, 4-H parent, 4-H Club leader
- Livestock records - all species may be included on one record but expenses should be noted by species
- Shelby County 4-H Experience (optional - this award is for an Experience medal)

**All record forms are to be completed by the 4-H member, not your parent, grandparent, etc.**

For assistance with year-end records, you may call the Extension office and schedule an appointment for help.

Link to the website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>  
Look under the Shelby County Awards heading.

## Scarecrow Daze Parade

Saturday, October 12

Federation members are planning on participating in the Scarecrow Daze Parade on October 12 in Shelbyville. Members will be passing out candy along with 4-H informational pamphlets.

Federation would love to have Shelby County 4-H members in the parade. If you would like to participate, call the office by **October 10** so we have an idea on how many kids will be participating. If you forget to call but can make it, please come join us!

Parents need to drop off their 4-H members at the Lions Club parking lot in front of Forest Park. Kids will need to walk to the float.

If you participate, please wear a 4-H t-shirt to show your 4-H pride. We hope to see lots of members come and support Shelby County 4-H and have fun at the parade!

**Auction pictures need to be picked up at the Extension office and delivered to your buyer.**

## Jr. Fair Premium Checks

Premium and Livestock auction checks were mailed in mid August. You earned the money so please cash your checks ASAP.

## 4-H Enrollment System - ZSuites

Illinois 4-H has set October 1 as the target date to open ZSuites for enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H year. Watch for updates in the upcoming month. Club leaders will have instructions on ZSuite enrollment. **Members must be enrolled before participating in any county event.**

Families will be responsible for paying \$10 of the \$20 program fee for 2024-2025 with Shelby Extension Foundation paying the other \$10. Families will be able to pay program fees online via a credit card or with cash or check to their club leader.

## Scarecrow Decorating Contest

October 10

It's time to start decorating for Fall. Each club may decorate and submit one scarecrow. Clubs can designate a committee or complete as a club project. Scarecrows must be in place at the Shelby County Extension Office by Thursday, October 10. The contest will qualify as an activity for the 4-H Club Challenge. More details will be sent to club leaders later in September.

Shelby County 4-H Federation is sponsoring a Facebook Voting Contest. Watch the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook Page for pictures and details of the contest. The winning club will receive a cash prize.

This activity will count as a county activity for those who participate.



### Shelby County 4-H Air Rifle

Tuesday, October 15

Shelby Shooters will kick off their first Air Rifle season starting on Tuesday, October 15. 4-H members need to be on the line and ready to shoot at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Shelbyville. Air Rifle sessions will run from October 15 - December 10 and start again on January 7 and run through February 25.

There will be a \$10 admin fee and \$30 air rifle fee. If youth are not a current 4-H member, they must be enrolled in ZSuites and pay their \$10 program fee by October 15. Youth will not be allowed to shoot if they are not enrolled and have not paid their fees.

Fee waivers are available through the Shelby County Junior Rifle Club Association if there is a hardship paying fees. Kelly Barringer, Shelby Shooters SPIN Club leader, should be contacted with any questions by calling 217-369-6860.

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### Shelby County 4-H Archery

Monday, October 7

Shelby Shooters will kick off their first Archery session starting on Monday, October 7. Archery will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the 4-H Center. At this session, instructors will create times for future sessions. Archery will run from October 7-November 11, and November 25.

There will be a \$10 admin fee and \$20 archery fee. If youth are not a current 4-H member, they must be enrolled in ZSuites and pay their \$10 program fee by October 7. Youth will not be allowed to shoot if they are not enrolled and have not paid their fees. There are a select number of bows available and members may bring their own bow but will be subject to a safety check by instructors.

Fee waivers are available through the Shelby County Junior Rifle Club Association if there is a hardship paying fees. Kelly Barringer, Shelby Shooters SPIN Club leader, should be contacted with any questions by calling 217-369-6860.

Archery instructors will be Tony Glick and Rob Snyder.

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### Thank you's

This is a final reminder to those who received a trophy, banner or other award at the fair. Please send your sponsor a thank you card! We want to thank and acknowledge our sponsors for their continued support to the Shelby County 4-H program. Not sure who sponsored your award? Contact Yolanda for your donor's information.

### Cloverbud Winter Craft Day

Saturday, December 7

Cloverbud Winter Craft Day will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 1:15-2:45 p.m. at the 4-H Center. The cost is \$8 and \$10 for non 4-H member.

Families need to RSVP and pay the workshop fee by November 26. Space is limited to 25 Cloverbuds. After this, kits can be purchased to make at home.

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 7

Shelby County 4-H Winter Craft day will be held on Saturday, December 7 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.  
Session 2 - 10:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. The cost is \$8 and \$10 for non-4-H members. 4-H'ers need to RSVP and pay the workshop fee by November 26. RSVP via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546 with the preferred session. Space is limited!

Helpers are always needed and appreciated for Winter Craft Day! It's a fun morning hanging out with some very cool kids.

## **Shelby County 4-H Fall Round-Up**

Saturday, October 19

Shelby County 4-H is offering the 4-H Fall Round-Up workshop on Saturday, October 19 from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. This workshop is open to members who are at least eight years of age and are new or a second year member. Parents may attend.

We will be doing hands on activities teaching 4-H members about a variety of projects. We will answer questions about enrollments, 4-H projects and fair requirements.

There is no charge to attend this workshop. RSVP by October 11 via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546. Youth must be enrolled in ZSuites and paid their program fee in order to participate.

Join us for a fun morning of “learning by doing”!

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## **Bank Steer Program**

Deadline Friday, November 15

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 and pay the \$10 program fee by November 15.

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 15. Pick-up for steers will be on February 8 at the county steer weigh-in.

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

Friday, November 15

Shelby County 4-H will be hosting a Community Service Workshop on Friday, November 15 at the 4-H Center. Federation will provide pizza and snacks from 6-6:30 p.m. From 6:30-8:30, 4-H members will make a variety of crafts that will be delivered to area nursing homes in early December. This has become a favorite workshop for 4-H’ers because they know they are spreading Christmas joy with their handmade projects. RSVP by Wednesday, November 13 so we can plan for pizza and snacks.

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

Saturday, November 9

We are planning our annual 4-H Achievement Night on Saturday, November 9 at the Best Bet Event Center in Shelbyville at 7 p.m. We will have dessert at 6:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7 p.m. RSVP’s are needed by November 4 for those who will be enjoying dessert.

All 4-H families and friends are welcome to attend as we highlight the accomplishments of our 4-H member for the 2023-2024 4-H year.

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## **Paper Crafting SPIN Club**

The Scrap O’Maniacs paper crafting SPIN Club will hold their first meeting on September 19. The club will be led by Dianna Furr and Debora Fogleman.

When: September 19

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1201 N. Chestnut Street, Shelbyville

Cost: \$5

At the first meeting, leaders and members will discuss the meeting schedule for the year.

RSVP and pay the fee by Monday, September 16 to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546.

### Shelby County 4-H Club Changes for 2024-2025

Shelby County 4-H would like to thank the following club leaders for their service as they step away being club leaders in the upcoming 4-H year: Chautauqua Clovers - James & Liz Depew, Findlay Feeders - Craig Macklin, Ful-O-Pep - Becky Sloan, Strasburg Tailtwisters - Tiffany Durbin and Ashley Baumgarten.

We would like to welcome new club leaders for the 2024-2025 4-H Year.

- Chautauqua Clovers - Willian Ade & Stephanie Carrell  
Club meetings will be held at the Village Hall in Tower Hill.
- Findlay Feeders - Rusty Yantis Club meeting are still being planned to be held at Okaw Valley Middle School.
- Strasburg Tailtwisters - Kevin & Jackie Beitz, Caralea Smith, same location as last year.

As a reminder for the upcoming year, community clubs are for youth ages 8-18 as of 9/1/24. Cloverbud members, are ages 5-7 years of age as of 9/1/24, must be enrolled in a Cloverbud Club. Cloverbud Clubs must have their own club leader and must hold their own meetings. At this time, FAR, Ful-O-Pep and Rural Feeders are the only community clubs that offer a Cloverbud Club.

Shelby County 4-H offers three Cloverbud Clubs - Clover Kids (Shelbyville), Shelby Sprouts (Trinity Lutheran school), Stew Stras Cloverbuds (Stew Stras Grade School). If you need help finding a 4-H club, contact Yolanda for more information.

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### Electronics Recycling September 28 - help is needed!

The City of Shelbyville is hosting an Electronic Recycling Day on Saturday, September 28 from 9-12 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fairgrounds. Shelby County 4-H has been asked to provide help directing traffic and assisting with unloading smaller items during the event. We will have two shifts: 8:30-10:15 a.m., 10:15 -12 p.m.

This is an excellent way to participate in a county community service project as well as meeting your county activity in order to participate at the 2025 Shelby County 4-H Fair. 5th grade and up are the ages we are targeting to help with this event.

When signing up, please let Yolanda know what shift you would like to work. Parents are welcome to help as well. We hope you will consider helping your community during this clean-up event! Please let Yolanda know if you could help by sending an email to [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling the Extension office at 217-774-9546.

### 4-H Club State Award

October 1

Illinois 4-H sponsors 4-H Club Awards in the following areas: Community Service, Leadership and Project Learning. The application has three sections that should be completed: cover page, club information, and award category information.

Applications must be submitted online by October 1. Applications receiving at least 90 points, will receive a \$75 cash prize.

We have clubs doing great work and they are encouraged to apply. Contact Yolanda for the link to the application.

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### Save the dates!

- December 13 - Early Enrollment Incentive deadline (enrolled and program fee paid)
- February 8 - Steer Weigh-in at 8 a.m.
- March 1 - Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H to be eligible to exhibit at the 2025 Shelby County 4-H Fair
- March 15-22 Shelby County 4-H Week  
Theme: Shelby County 4-H . . . A World of Opportunity
- April 1 - Deadline to add/drop projects in ZSuites
- June 2 - 4-H & Junior Fair Entry deadline (4-H entries are submitted through Fair Entry)
- July 12 - Fair Clean-up 8 a.m.
- July 19 - 4-H Foods & 4-H Photography judging, Tractor Driving in the p.m.
- July 20 - Move in day at the fair
- July 21-23 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair

## "Tell Us Tuesday" Member Spotlight

With the start of the new 4-H year, recruitment efforts are under way to share what Shelby County 4-H has to offer to youth in our county. A new Facebook spotlight series "Tell Us Tuesday's" will be shared on Tuesday's throughout the month of September on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. Yolanda is looking for youth to share a photo with their 4-H project and a quote by Monday, September 16.

The quote can be 2-3 sentences about why you are a 4-H member in Shelby County. The quote can include information about your favorite project, a fun experience you have had or skills you have learned through 4-H.

Share your favorite photo and quote as part of "Tell Us Tuesday's" by Monday, September 16.

## Shelby County 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees

Shelby County 4-H is honored to have two Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame inductees at this year's Illinois State Fair. The ceremony took place on Friday, August 9 in the Orr Building. Congrats Dianna and Debora!

At the Shelby County 4-H Fair, if you hear the words "4-H Center" you think about one of the great building superintendents, Dianna Furr. Dianna has been the building superintendent for 20 years. This is no small task as this building houses over 400+ fair exhibits each year. Dianna is a key person in helping family's check-in 4-H projects, oversees and answers judges' questions, makes sure all the ribbons are distributed and judges' books are completed. When needed, she has also been a judge at the 4-H fair. She loves talking to kids about how they have designed and made their 4-H projects. Dianna has led summer scrapbooking and paper crafting workshops. She has also assisted members when it comes to questions about quilting or sewing. She is one of our "go to" volunteers when it comes to general projects questions.

Debora Fogleman is part of the dynamic team that makes up the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair 4-H Center building superintendents. Debora has been the building superintendent for 20 years and assists overseeing 400+ exhibits. Debora is the point person for 4-H families when it comes to the Visual Arts project areas. She has a big task to make sure all projects are judged, awards distributed, and results recorded. Debora is also a valued supporter assisting with 4-H questions, helping with fair awards and anything that is asked of her. Her support is greatly appreciated by the 400+ 4-H members in Shelby County.

Dianna and Debora helps youth "make the best better" in Shelby County!

## Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

October 2-13

Dates for the Fall Paper Clover Campaign, held in conjunction with Tractor Supply Stores and National 4-H Council will run October 2-13. During that time, patrons may make contributions to their local 4-H programs at any Illinois TSC store. The campaign runs twice a year.

Our local TSC in Shelbyville would love to have 4-H members in their store promoting Shelby County 4-H during this time. Yolanda is looking for any 4-H members and/or clubs who would like to set up 4-H project displays, hold a bake sale, bring small animals for a mini petting zoo or just set up a table to talk with patrons about 4-H during the Paper Clover Campaign.

It's recommended that clubs set up Friday evenings and anytime on Saturday and Sunday's for the most store traffic. If your club is interested in setting up a booth/table, contact Yolanda with the date and time you would like to set up at TSC and she will let TSC know the club schedule. For members who work at least an hour, they can count this as a county activity.

Please support TSC and the 4-H program by participating in the Paper Clover Campaign.



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