



Shelby
County

4-H

October News



Cloverbud Achievement



Recycling Event



Federation Officer Team

Calendar of events

October

- 14-H Club State Award applications need to be submitted
- 2Federation meeting, 7 p.m. Shelby County Extension Office
- 7Archery, 6:30-8 p.m. 4-H Center
- 10Scarecrows in place for Scarecrow Decorating Contest
- 12Scarecrow Daze Parade, 10 a.m. Forest Park
- 15Air Rifle, 7-8 p.m. 4-H Center
- 17Food Distribution, 3:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds
- 19Fall Round-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center

November

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

December

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

Save the dates!

- March 1 - Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H to be eligible to exhibit at the 2025 Shelby County 4-H Fair
- May 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

4-H Zsuites Enrollment is open

As of 10-2-24, ZSuites (4-H enrollment program) is open for 4-H families to enroll for the 2024-2025 4-H year. Families will be responsible for paying \$10 of the \$20 program fee for 2024-2025. Shelby Extension Foundation will be paying the other \$10. Families will be able to pay the program fee online via a credit card or with cash or check to their club leader or the Shelby County Extension office. Please note - there are a few clubs that are paying their member's program fees so please check with your club leader regarding payment status.

If your family is enrolling more than 3 children, you may submit your enrollment but do not pay online. The 4th child discount will need to be applied before payment can be made. Once the discount has been applied, Yolanda will notify you for payment. Refunds can not be issued if you pay for more than three children.

Members must be enrolled and approved in ZSuites before participating in any county event including Shooting Sports, parades, workshops, etc.

Enrolling in projects in ZSuites

Multiple project areas are NOT Allowed!

Per IL State 4-H Office Guidelines, 4-H members may only enroll in one level of a project area. If multiple project area's are selected during the enrollment process, either your enrollment may be returned to the family to fix or an email will be sent to the family from Yolanda, asking which level of project you wish to be enrolled in. Duplicate project area's will not be allowed. Enrollments WILL NOT be approved if multiple project area's are selected. Examples: Woodworking 1 and Woodworking 2, Cooking 101 and Cooking 201, Floriculture A and Floriculture D.

Families may change the project areas until May 1. ***After May 1, no changes will be allowed to enrolled projects and 4-H members will only be allowed to exhibit in the projects they are signed up in Zsuites.***

Awesome Autumn Photography Contest

September 23 – November 18

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 23 - November 18. Cash prizes will be awarded by Shelby County 4-H Federation.

Entries will need to be submitted via email to Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu. **Include your name, county and age.**

Rules:

Photos should be centered around the theme “Awesome Autumn Photos”.

- Only 1 photo may be submitted by a 4-H member.
- There are 3 age divisions 5-7, 8-13 and 14-18. 4-H age is based off of 9/1/24.
- If submitting a picture with someone other than in your family/relative, a photo release must be completed and submitted with the entry.
- Pictures must be taken by the 4-H member submitting the picture.

This will count as a multi county activity on the Illinois Experience Award.

Scarecrow Daze Parade

Saturday, October 12

Join Shelby County 4-H at the Scarecrow Daze Parade on October 12 in Shelbyville! Members will be passing out candy along with 4-H informational pamphlets.

If you would like to participate, send Yolanda an email at nation2@illinois.edu or call the Extension office by October 10 so we have an idea of how many kids will be participating. If you forget to call but can make it, please come join us!

The truck and trailer are typically on the west side of the Chautauqua Building in the line-up. Parents need to drop off their 4-H members at the Lions Club parking lot in front of Forest Park and 4-H'ers will need to walk to the float. The parade ends on the north side of Main Street School and parents can pick their kids up at this location.

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! Don't forget to enroll in Zsutes to attend!

Shelbyville Food Distribution

Thursday, October 17

Shelby County 4-H is looking for members to help with the Shelbyville Food Distribution. Members will load food into cars as they drive through the Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds.

When: Thursday, October 17

Time: 3:15 (arrive by or 3:30 at the latest), Distribution starts at 3:30 p.m.

Where: Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.

RSVP to Yolanda by Wednesday, October 16 so we have a headcount on helpers. This would qualify as a community service activity and also meet the county requirement.

4-H Calendar

Several dates have been set for the year. Project workshops will be scheduled throughout the year and updated on the calendar as dates have been set. To view the calendar, click the link: [/https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/2024-2025_4-h_year_calendar_9-18-24.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/2024-2025_4-h_year_calendar_9-18-24.pdf)

Project Manuals

4-H members must send Yolanda an email or call the Shelby County Extension Office to order project manuals. ZSuites isn't set up to order project books. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO ORDER BOOKS!** Some projects do require the book to be completed as part of their 4-H exhibit.

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.

Shelby County 4-H Archery

Monday, October 7

It's not too late to join! If you missed the first session, but are interested in learning more about archery, the second class will be held on October 14. 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.

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Workshop ideas

Shelby County 4-H is always looking for new project workshop ideas. If you have suggestions on workshop speakers, ideas, etc. please reach out to Yolanda. We plan to offer workshops throughout the 4-H year. It's always nice to walk through the 4-H Center and Produce Building during the fair and see projects made at workshops. If you have attended a specific workshop and would like to see it return again this year, let Yolanda know.

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 members.

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 or by calling 217-774-9546.

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 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 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”!

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.

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.

Invites to award winners will be sent to families via email in late October.

Shelby County 4-H Hospital Collection for Kids

Saturday, November 9

Brady & Alicia Rivas, Shelby Sparklers members, are asking for your help!

They would like to brighten the hospital rooms of kids in the pediatric unit in Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital and they need your help!

They are looking for donations 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.

Club Challenges for 2024-2025

Shelby County 4-H Federation is sponsoring monthly Club Challenges. Clubs who participate may win refreshments for their club meetings. Clubs who meet 8 out of 11 challenges will receive a cash prize of \$50.

How to participate?

Each quarter, there are designated challenges. Clubs who meet 2 of the available quarterly activities will need to submit a picture and send a completed quarterly challenge form to Yolanda by the designated due date. Clubs who meet each quarterly challenge will have their name put in a drawing. The winning club will have refreshments provided by Federation.

Fall Challenge - October thru December

1. Submit a Club scarecrow
2. Complete 1 Community Service activity
3. Complete 1 project learning or club activity

Reporting deadline for the Fall Challenge is January 3.

Winter Challenge - January - March

1. Complete 1 Community Service project
2. Complete 1 project learning/club activity
3. Participate in 4-H Week - International Night or Family Fun Night

Reporting deadline for the Winter Challenge is April 3.

Spring Challenge - April - May

1. Complete 1 Community Service Project
2. Complete 1 project learning/club activity

Reporting deadline for the Spring Challenge is June 4.

Summer Challenge - June - August

1. Participate in the county Scavenger Hunt
2. Take a photo with your favorite 4-H project and submit by July 31 to Yolanda via email. (At least 10 members must submit a photo. Clubs with less than 10 members must submit at least 1/2 of their enrollment.)
3. School donation - minimum of 25 items donated to a school of your choice.

Reporting deadline for the Summer Challenge is August 31.

This is a great way to utilize committees in your clubs and let the 4-H members be apart of the planning and executing of activities, which in turn lets them learn leadership within the club.

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.

Community Service Project Ideas

Here is a list of ideas to give back in your communities. Feel free to use your own ideas.

- 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
- Recognizing Veterans in the area with Veteran Day cards
- Making cards or coloring sheets for Honor Flights
- Christmas caroling
- Visiting retirement centers and playing games with residents
- Painting at the fairgrounds (spring/summer)

Shelby County 4-H Federation Officers share what they look forward to this 4-H year . . .

President Lilah Bonny “This year, I am especially looking forward to getting to know everyone on the team a little better, especially since we have some newer faces. I love Federation, and I wanted to be an officer because it gives me more opportunities to grow as a leader. I hope to set a good example for other 4-H members. “

Vice President Audrey Durbin “Hi! My name is Audrey Durbin, and this year I am serving as Federation vice president for the second year. This is my eighth year in 4-H and my third in Federation. The fair is my favorite part of the year! I also love being able to help everyone at all of the workshops, with Winter and Spring craft day being my favorites! I love being an officer because I get to help every body out, and I get to meet new people and make more friends while doing it!”

Secretary Saebra Curl “This year I am looking forward to making new memories with friends I've met through the 4-H program. I wanted to return as an officer this year because I have made some amazing friends through Federation and I love having the opportunity to work on a leadership team with them. I feel like Federation has given me a chance to really express myself and grow my skills in various aspects including leadership and community service.”

Treasurer Madison Beitz “I’m looking forward to many things this year such as winter craft day and the fair. Being in Federation lets me help and be more hands on during the 4-H year. I wanted to be an officer because it helps me be more understanding of what Yolanda has to do to make the year run smoothly.”



Shelby County 4-H Federation

Shelby County 4-H Federation kicked off their first meeting of the year on September 11.

A big Congratulations to the newly elected officers:

President - Lilah Bonny
Vice-President - Audrey Durbin
Secretary - Saebra Curl
Treasurer - Madison Beitz

Team members for the 2024-2025 4-H year include:

- ◆ **Coldspring Copperheads** - Isabelle Morrow
- ◆ **FAR** - Sarina Voegel
- ◆ **Shelby Showstoppers** - Amelia Bonny, Blair Elliott, Amberlee Hudson, Matthew Horsman
- ◆ **Silver Spurs** - Esmi Small
- ◆ **Strasburg Taitwisters** - Gracie Slifer

Junior Members:

- ◆ **Coldspring Copperheads** - Boone Collins, Kaycee Thatcher, Barrett Thatcher
- ◆ **Oconee Eager Beavers** - Tymberlee Glick, Ella Schafer

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 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 15 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.

National Pizza Month with Casey’s

All Casey’s stores are participating in the National Pizza Month 4-H promotion. From now through November 5, \$1 from every large Casey’s pizza purchased will support 4-H, up to \$100,000. Customers also have the option to donate to 4-H when they order a pizza online. Eat pizza and support 4-H!

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Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

Nov. 29-Dec. 15 (rescheduled)

To embrace the holiday spirit, the Paper Clover Campaign was moved to Nov. 29 - Dec. 15.

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

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