

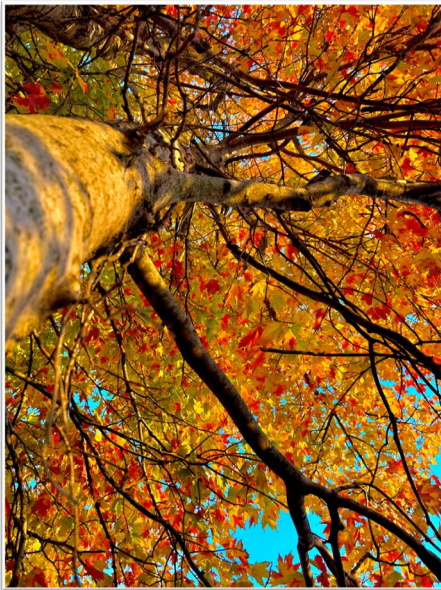


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Shelby County

4-H

January News



Harrison Law - Grand Champion Awesome Autumn Photography Contest

Phiona at Winter Craft Day



Colton at the Mug Workshop at The Green Works



Brayden at Cloverbud Winter Craft Day

Swag Workshop at The Green Works



Calendar of events

January

- 1Office closed—holiday
- 13Leaders Appreciation Dinner, 6 pm. 4-H Center
- 18Officer Training, 9-11:30 a.m., 4-H Center
- 20Office closed - holiday
- 25-26Junior Livestock Conference, Springfield

February

- 5Federation meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Center
- 8Steer Weigh-in, 8 a.m. United Producers Sale Barn
- 15Unit Leader Training, 8:30 a.m. Sarah Bush Lincoln Education Center
- 17YQCA training, 6:30, 4-H Center
- 22Cloverbud Canvas Workshop, 9:30 a.m. 4-H Center

March

- 1Enrollment deadline to exhibit at the fair!
- 5Federation meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Center
- 154-H Fire-Up, 9 a.m., 4-H Center
- 15Skating Party, 6 p.m. Silver Stars Skating Rink
- 16Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 17Window Displays must be in place by 9 a.m.
- 17International Night, 6 p.m., Nazarene Church Gym
- 184-H Member Showcase on Facebook
- 19Designated Community Service Day
- 20Wear your 4-H T-shirt to School Day
- 21Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. Nazarene Church Gym
- 22Spring Craft Day, 4-H member 9-10:30 a.m. 4-H Center, Cloverbuds 10:45-12:15
- 24YQCA training, 6:30, 4-H Center
- 31Spring Clean-up, 6 p.m. Fairgrounds

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
- 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 open until March 1

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. Contact Yolanda with any questions at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Out of the office

I will be taking vacation beginning on Wednesday, December 18 and will return on Monday, January 6. Emails will be answered as soon as I return.

Important reminders - project manual requests should be emailed by January 6, and books will be ordered by January 9. Sign-up via email to Yolanda is open for the Cloverbud Canvas Workshop.

Happy Holidays to all our Shelby County 4-H families! Looking forward to working with you all in 2025.

Yolanda

Holiday Office Closures

The Shelby County Extension Office will be closed December 20 and will re-open on January 2.

Awesome Autumn Photography Contest Results

Shelby County 4-H was excited to have 37 entries submitted for the Awesome Autumn Photography Contest. There were entries from Coles, Moultrie-Douglas and Shelby Counties.

Cloverbud Division (9 entries):

1st place - Mela Miller
2nd place - Ada Black
3rd place - Silas Lankow

8-13 year olds (21 entries)

1st place - Harrison Law
2nd place - Boone Collins
3rd place - Will Banfield

14-18 year olds (7 entries):

1st place - Emery Miller
2nd place - Marjeli Schout (Coles County)
3rd place - Kyndall Bennett

The grand prize winner was Harrison Law. Harrison will receive a framed photo courtesy of D's Designs in downtown Shelbyville.

Shelby County 4-H Hospital Collection Recap

Shelby County 4-H would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital children's collection. 11 clubs were represented with 57 4-H'ers donating at least five items each. Brady and Alicia Rivas reported that over 650 items plus hundreds of stickers were donated. Shelby County 4-H families always step up to the challenge! Thank you for your generosity!

Cloverbud Canvas Workshop

Saturday, February 22

Kaitlin Jacobs will be sharing her artistic talent with Shelby County Cloverbuds on Saturday, February 22. Kaitlin will lead Cloverbuds through the painting process as they draw, and paint a pig and add their own creative flair.

The workshop will run from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the 4-H Center. Cost is \$20. **RSVP's and payment is due to Yolanda by Wednesday, February 19.**

Join us for a fun morning of learning! Kaitlin has led past workshops and she bring lots of energy and excitement to her workshops!



Officer Training

Saturday, January 18

Hey, Shelby County 4-H members, mark your calendars for Officer Training on Saturday, January 18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the 4-H Center!

Whether you're a current officer or just itching to learn how to rock those club meetings, this is the place to be. We're cooking up some icebreakers that you can take back to your clubs, plus we'll break down what each officer position is all about.

Don't miss out on the fun! Make sure to RSVP by January 15 by calling 217-774-9546 or shooting an email to nation2@illinois.edu, so we can stockpile enough goodies for everyone!

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. 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 project areas until May 1.

After May 1, no changes will be allowed in Zsuites.

Shelby County 4-H — January 2025

Leaders Appreciation Dinner

Monday, January 13

Shelby County 4-H Federation will be serving the annual Leaders Appreciation Dinner on Monday, January 13. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

We will be serving Monicals pizza, salad, and dessert. An invitation was sent via email on December 12. When making your RSVP, please note if you would like cheese, sausage, pepperoni or supreme pizza. Also let me know if you would like a salad. **RSVP's to Yolanda are due by January 9.**

Lilah Bonny will lead leaders through a Brain Builders Workshop.

We will discuss the new treasurers book as part of the evening.

Multi County Leaders Training

Saturday, February 15

Shelby County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers, please join us for a free volunteer training event. There will be three informative sessions tailored to enhance your youth development and community engagement skills and knowledge. Attendees will enjoy a complimentary lunch and have the chance to win exciting giveaways. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow volunteers and empower the next generation.

This training is open to 4-H volunteers in Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties.

Registration is online at go.illinois.edu/mentortomotivate

Cloverbud Clubs in Shelby County

What is a Cloverbud? Cloverbuds are youth who are ages 5-7 years of age as of 9/1/2024. Shelby County 4-H has three stand alone Cloverbud Clubs; Shelby Sprouts, Stew Stras Cloverbuds and The Clover Kids.

- Shelby Sprouts meets at once a month after school at Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson.
- Stew Stras Cloverbuds meets once a month after school at the Stewardson Strasburg Grade School.
- The Clover Kids meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9-10:15 a.m. at the 4-H Center. This is the only club that meets on its own and isn't apart of a school or regular 4-H Club.
- Cloverbud Clubs that are apart of a regular club include: FAR Cloverbuds, Ful-O-Pep Cloverbuds, Rural Feeders Cloverbuds and Moweaqua Rustlers.

We would love to see our Cloverbud numbers grow and hope you check out these opportunities!

Recruiting a new 4-H member

Did you recruit a friend to join 4-H? If you said yes, then contact your club leader or Yolanda for a Recruitment Form. Complete the form ASAP.

Completed forms should be given to Yolanda. Once she has received your Recruitment Form, she will confirm your friend has enrolled and paid their program fee and you will receive a prize! Members will be contacted when their prize is ready to be picked up.

There is still time to get Recruitment Forms turned in!

Club Challenges for 2024-2025

Did your club complete two out of the three challenges in the months of October, November and December?

Fall Challenges:

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

If so, don't forget to submit your Club Challenge Form to Yolanda by 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

4-H Year-end Records

The Shelby County 4-H Year-End Packet has been updated since records were submitted in September. The Shelby County 4-H Experience Award, Outstanding 1st and 2nd Year Forms remain the same. If anyone would like to start working on their 2024-2025 records, stop by and pick up a new packet. Club leaders need to request copies and Yolanda will get those ready for pick-up.

Updates for November & December:

Community Service:

- ⇒ Children's Hospital Donation, November 9
- ⇒ Community Service Workshop, November 15
- ⇒ Shelbyville Food Distribution, December 5

4-H Participation:

- ⇒ Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night, November 9
- ⇒ Awesome Autumn Photography Contest, November 18
- ⇒ Winter Craft Day, December 7
- ⇒ Greenery Workshop, December 15 (This will count on records as two individual workshops.)

2025 Poultry Show Changes

Poultry Exhibitors - here are 2025 Poultry Show updates that Poultry Superintendents Luke Jesgarz and Royce Thompson wanted to share with 4-H members.

Changes for Next Year

- Starting this year, 4-H members may own their birds starting September 1st. 4-H members will need to list hatch dates on their Jr. Fair Entries as this will determine class breaks.
- Exhibitors will be limited to 2 Males and 4 Females for breeding classes. We will adjust classes as needed at the show based on entry numbers.
- Blood testing will once again be required for exhibition even if purchased from a hatchery. Testing days will be set before the fair if you wish to get testing done in advance. We will also be providing testing at the fair as we have in previous years.
- Please add crossbred birds to ASOB classes and class separation will be determined on the number of entries.

Additional updates will be shared in the 2025 Fair Book that will be ready for families in March 2025.

If you have specific questions, contact Yolanda and she will put you in touch with Luke or Royce.

4-H Steer and Market heifer weigh-in

Saturday, February 8

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 8-10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville.

If needed, the snow date is February 15. If the weather is questionable, watch for an email. Information will also be shared on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. ALL market steers going to the 2025 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 Tuesday, February 4 so appropriate paperwork can be prepared.

Junior Livestock Conference Registration

Hands on learning fun!

Dates: January 25-26, 2025

Location: Crown Plaza, Springfield

Who: 7th-9th grade 4-H members

Cost: \$170 (includes lodging, t-shirt, meals and activities). Partial scholarships available. Contact Yolanda for more info.

Register by: January 2, 2025

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/junior-livestock-conference>

New Projects for 2024-2025

Here is list of new and updated projects for 4-H'ers to consider for the 2024-2025 4-H year.

- Babysitting has replaced Child Care.
- Sewing has replaced the title Clothing.
- Bicycle has been discontinued.
- ***New projects in Clothing:***
 - * Costume Design
 - * Costume Embellishment Applied
 - * Costume Embellishment Stitched
- ***Food & Nutrition:***
 - * Global Gourmet
 - * Kitchen Boss
 - * Science Fun with Dairy Foods
 - * Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry
 - *What's on Your Plate
- ***Health:***
 - * Sports Nutrition
- Service Learning
- Computer-Generated Art – Graphic Design
- Three-Dimensional Design/Mixed Media: Diorama

The overall Food Science Winner will receive a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. Consider enrolling in one of the Food Science projects!

2025 "Moments That Matter" 4-H Virtual Photography Contest

Illinois 4-H is excited to offer a virtual photo contest to youth 8 – 19 years of age as of 9/1/24.

Select one or two photo(s), with no or minimal editing, that is meaningful to you and submit it with up to two sentences explaining why. More information and rules for the challenge can be found at go.illinois.edu/momentsthatmatter.

Submit one (1) or two (2) jpg or jpeg images and statements at the link provided at the start of the entry period on January 6th and accepted until 11:59 p.m. (CST) on February 3, 2025.

A panel of judges will provide feedback, and photos will be displayed via digital slideshow on Illinois 4-H social media channels. Top photos and specialty categories will be recognized with a prize.

Register at: go.illinois.edu/momentsthatmatter

Questions? Email pilcher3@illinois.edu or des85@illinois.edu

Shelby County 4-H Week

March 15-22, 2025

The theme for Shelby County 4-H Week is "Shelby County 4-H . . . A World of Opportunity".

- March 15 – 4-H Fire-up, 4-H Center, 9-11:30 a.m.
- March 15 – 4-H Skating Party, Silver Stars Skating Party 6-9 p.m.
- March 16 – Thank a 4-H Volunteer (text, mail, Facebook)
- March 16 - County Public Speaking Contest 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- March 17 – Window Displays in place by 9 a.m.
- March 17 – International Night, Nazarene Church Gym - 6 p.m.
- March 18 - 4-H Member Showcase
- March 19 - Community Service Day
- March 20 - Wear your 4-H shirt to school (send photo to Yolanda)
- March 21 – Family Fun Night, 6:30 –8 p.m., Nazarene Church Gym
- March 22 – Spring Craft Day, Shelby County 4-H Center, Session 1, 9 a.m.-10:30, Cloverbuds (Session 2) 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Countries taken as of 12/17/24:

- Chautauqua Clovers - Ireland
- Coldspring Copperheads - Turkey
- FAR - Mexico
- Ful-O-Pep - Colombia
- Moweaqua Rustlers - France
- Oconee Eager Beavers - China
- Rural Feeders - Greece
- Silver Spurs - Italy

Summer Youth Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2025 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL are set! Early Registration for 4-H Members will be January 13-26. General Registration opens February 3rd. Additional information is available on the camp website.

Camp dates - June 3-7, June 8-12, June 15-19, June 29-July 3

See link in the online January Newsletter.

Camp Counselors and Program Staff needed!

Do you want an awesome summer job that allows you to live away from home, work with your peers, and teaches some great life skills? Employment with us is all of that and more! We are looking for counselors (16+ years old by the beginning of employment) and program staff (18+ years old by beginning of employment) to help provide amazing camp experiences for our youth campers. We begin accepting applications December 2nd. Dates of employment, job descriptions, application link and other information will be available on our website.

See link in the online January Newsletter.

4-H Camp Scholarship Opportunities

There are two scholarship opportunities for Shelby County 4-H members who are planning to attend 4-H Camp this summer. Shelby County 4-H Federation offers a \$50 scholarship.

4-H members must complete the Federation scholarship form located on the website <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ccdmsfederationactivityscholarshipform.pdf> or contact Yolanda to receive a copy.

Shelby Extension Foundation offers 4-H'ers a \$30 scholarship. Members can write a short essay about why they would like to attend 4-H Camp or may create a poster about why they are looking forward to going to 4-H Camp. Scholarships will be reimbursed after the 4-H member has attended camp.

Essays, posters and scholarship forms are due into the Extension office by June 2. Questions - contact Yolanda.

Camp registration opens on January 13. Camp days fill up quick, so don't delay!

Project Manuals

4-H families 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.

All project book requests received by January 6, will be ordered by January 9.

The following projects will need a project manual to be with the exhibit at the 2025 4-H Fair: Photography, Cooking, and Collectibles.

2025 4-H Reel Adventure Family Fish Camp

Mark your calendars! Family Fish Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp will be May 2-4, 2025. Information about the program and registration will be available on the camp website

See link in the online January Newsletter.

Kaufman Family Camp Scholarship

The Kaufman Family is offering 3 -\$100 scholarships to youth attending 4-H Camp. 4-H'ers need to complete the scholarship form and return to Yolanda by January 10.

See link in the online January Newsletter.

This form is a fillable PDF, so you should be able to type in the form, save, and email it.

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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 Program Fee - 4-H members need to be enrolled and paid their \$10 program fee by **March 1** in order to exhibit at the fair.

Projects may be added until May 1.

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

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