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Shelby County 4-H



Annual Report for 2023-2024 4-H Year

4-H YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- The inaugural Shelby County 4-H Clover Camp was successfully held in June for Cloverbud members, with six Federation members contributing to the planning and leadership of the event.
- After a hiatus of over 15 years, the Tractor Driving Contest was reinstated, and a new Lawn Mower Driving Contest was introduced for youth ages 8 to 11. Participation in either contest required 4-H'ers to complete at least one safety workshop. Local businesses, including Sloan Implement, Barker Implement, Birkey's Farm Store, and Full Throttle, generously provided these safety workshops. Ultimately, 30 youth participated in the contests.



Club Enrollment

- 330 Members (8-18 yrs of age)
- 87 Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs of age)
- 5 SPIN Club only members
- 46 Club Leaders

3rd highest enrollment in 29 years.



Types of Clubs

- 13 Community Clubs
- 6 Cloverbud Clubs
- 4 SPIN* Clubs: Sewing, Shooting Sports, Dog Obedience

*SPIN stands for Special Interest. These are community clubs who focus solely on a particular 4-H project.



Community Service

- 110 4-H members received a Community Service Medal. Members must have participated in at least 3 projects to qualify.
- Packed 425 Harvest Bags for area farmers with Shelby County Farm Bureau.
- 225 items donated to Sarah Bush Lincoln Pediatric wing.
- 484 items donated to Little Food Pantry boxes.
- Community Service Workshop, 185 gifts made and donated to area nursing homes.



Workshops

- 23 Project workshops offered
 - 456 youth attended (includes duplicates)
- 5 Cloverbud workshops offered
 - 112 youth attended (includes duplicates)



Grants

- Farm Credit Community Improvement Grants were awarded to four Shelby County 4-H Clubs. Improvements were made at the Moweaqua Food Pantry, the Shelby County Senior Center, Windsor business district, and the Veteran Garden in Sigel.
- IL Food Advocacy Grant awarded to Shelby County 4-H Federation "Summertime Snack Packs" for Windsor Grade School.



4-H Fair

- 261 exhibitors (8-18 yrs)
 - 1,909 exhibits
- 46 Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs)
 - 107 exhibits
- 66 members promoted to IL State Fair in General Projects
 - 11 awarded Champion
 - 7 awarded Reserve
 - 5 awarded Inspire

