



Shelby
County

4-H

April News

Public Speaking Exhibitors



Lake Land Livestock Judging Contest
Junior High Point Team Overall
Bryce Rincker, Maddox Reedy
(Moultrie 4-H), Amelia Wise,
Parker Wise



Oconee Eager Beavers - Chinese Dragon



Craft Day



Family Fun Night



Calendar of events

April

- 1Tailwaggers Dog Obedience, 6 p.m. Show Arena, fairgrounds (continues for 8 weeks), weekly sessions 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- 7Archery begins 6:30-8 p.m., 4-H Center (continues for 7 weeks)
- 5Spring Clean-up at fairgrounds, 9 a.m. (rain date)
- 7Fair Entry will open to families.
- 12Cloverbud Fire-Up, 9-11 a.m., 4-H Center
- 24YQCA training, 7:000 p.m., 4-H Center

May

- 1Deadline to add/drop projects in ZSuites
- 1Horse Ownership, Lease forms due
- 10YQCA training, 9-10 a.m., 4-H Center
- 29Lawn Mower/Tractor Driving Workshop, Birkey's Farm Store, 6-7:30 p.m.

June

- 2Deadline for 4-H Entries submitted in Fair Entry (online program), Junior Fair Exhibitor card and entries due to the Extension office
- 24-H Camp & College Scholarship applications due Extension Office
- 12Watercolor Workshop, 6-7 p.m., 4-H Center
- 144-H BBQ, 4:30-7 p.m.

July

- 12Fair Clean-up, 8 a.m. Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds
- 18Lawn Mower Driving Contest, check-in at 5 p.m., contest starts at 5:30 p.m., west of Swine Barn
- 18Tractor Driving Contest, check-in at 5:45. contest at 6:15 p.m., Horse Arena
- 194-H Foods & Photography, check-in 8-8:45, judging at 9
- 19Misc. 4-H Visual Arts judging at 1 p.m.
- 20-234-H & Junior Fair - See your Fair Book
- 24Fair Clean-up

Aug

- 9Shelby County General Projects Judging Day at the IL State Fair
- 16Regional Showcase for General Projects
- 22-23Regional Showcase - Livestock

May 1 - Deadline to add or drop projects in ZSuites

- Log-in and confirm your enrolled projects in ZSuites! May 1 is the deadline to add or drop project.
- Summer workshops are starting to be scheduled. If you plan to attend, don't forget to add that project in ZSuites.
- No projects will be added after May 1! It is up to families to verify enrolled projects.
- Not sure how to confirm what projects you are enrolled in? Contact Yolanda and she can send you a report.

This is very important! If it's not a project in ZSuites, you may not show it in the 4-H Fair!

Lilah Bonny attends Ignite by 4-H Summit

Lilah Bonny was one of eighteen Illinois 4-H members selected to attend the Ignite by 4-H Summit held in Washington D.C., March 12-16. Teens experienced four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment and created amazing connections.

Illinois 4-H Experience Award Winners

On March 17, Illinois 4-H announced the State Experience Award Winners.

Congratulations to each of you for your achievements!

- Esmi Small, Silver Spurs 4-H member, was awarded the Emerald Award in the area of Community Service.
- Lilah Bonny, Shelby Showstoppers 4-H member, and Saebra Curl, Coldspring Copperheads 4-H member, were awarded the Emerald Award in the area of Leadership.

Moments that Matter Photography State Contest

Congrats to Esmi Small for being recognized for "Best use of Leading Lines" in the Moments that Matter Photography Contest. Other entries from Shelby County 4-H: Frankie Bright, Graydon Bennett and Kyndall Bennett.

Lawn Mower & Tractor Driving Workshops

The Lawn Mower and Tractor Driving Contest are back for year 2! Youth who would like to participate in the driving contest must attend one of the three workshops being offered this spring.

Birkey's Farm Store - May 29

6-7:30 p.m., Birkey's Farm Store, Shelbyville
RSVP by May 27 to nation2@illinois.edu

Workshops will focus on safety, basic components, basic maintenance and operation of the equipment.

The Driving Contest will be held on Friday, July 18. Check-in for the Lawn Mower Contest will be from 5-5:15 p.m. A walk through of the course will be from 5:15-5:30, with the Lawn Mower contest starting at 5:30.

The Tractor Driving check-in will be at 5:45-6 p.m.. A walk through of the course will be from 6-6:15 and the contest will start at 6:15 at the Horse Arena.

4-H'ers must be enrolled in a Tractor project to be eligible to exhibit in the driving contest. Questions - contact Yolanda at 217-774-9546 or via email at nation2@illinois.edu.

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Thursday, May 1

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Thursday, 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, on the Shelby County 4-H Website or by email. Contact Yolanda with any questions.

Cloverbud Fire-Up

Saturday, April 12

The Cloverbud 4-H Fire-Up Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center.

Members will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of 4-H projects with hands-on opportunities. Some of the activities include learning about caring for goats, making a fairy garden and a Clay Pinch Pot. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Cloverbuds must RSVP by April 5.

Spring Clean-up

Monday, March 31

Spring Clean-up day at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds is being planned for 6 p.m. on Monday, March 31. The Back-up date is Saturday, April 5 at 9 a.m..

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.

Watercolor Painting Workshop

Thursday, June 12

Grace DeClerck Snively, owner of Grace Elizabeth Studio in Assumption, will lead 4-H'ers as they create their own Watercolor painting.

When: Thursday, June 12

Where: 4-H Center, Shelbyville

Time: 6-7:00 p.m. (lesson), 7-7:30 additional work time

Cost: \$30

More details with sample projects will be shared later in April.

Spring Club Challenge

Club leaders need to submit their Winter Challenge report by April 3.

Spring Challenge - due June 4

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

Dog Obedience

Tuesday, April 1

Dog Obedience Classes will start on Tuesday, April 1 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 1:

- 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 9/1/24.
- 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

840 Tags Required for Illinois County Fairs

All cattle and swine exhibited at Illinois county fairs will be required to have an electronic 840 tag. The 840 tag is an approved official animal identification number that allows for visual and electronic identification of each animal.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), in partnership with the USDA, is offering a limited supply of free 840 tags to help producers and veterinarians transition to the new county and state fair requirements in addition to the new federation requirements for interstate movement. IDOA also offers a free premises identification number (PIN) that assign unique numbers to animal agriculture locations. The PIN is used in conjunction with the 840 tag for faster action in the event of an animal health emergency.

Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring their animals have the necessary 840 tags and veterinary inspections before arriving at the fair. Animals without an 840 tag may be removed from the fairgrounds.

If your beef or dairy market animal attended the weigh-in on February 8, then they had an 840 tag put in their ear and you don't need another one.

Order tags at the following:

https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/fairs/countyfairs/documents/IDOA_840%20Tag%20One%20Sheet_2025_8.5x11.pdf

2025 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Books

Club leaders will be picking up the 2025 4-H & Junior Fair Books. This is a great resource to use when planning projects.

The fair book lists all requirements to exhibit projects at the fair. Check out all the new projects.

4-H ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA FAIR ENTRY.

Junior Fair entries:

- Complete exhibitor card with current information including address and age as of 9/1/24.
- Complete a junior fair entry form for each projects area.

The entry deadline for online submission (4-H entries) and Junior Fair forms is Monday, June 2. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Shelby County 4-H Archery

Monday, April 7

The Spring Archery session will kick off on Monday, April 7 and run for seven weeks, ending on Monday, May 19. Classes will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the 4-H Center. At the beginning session, instructors will create times for future sessions.

There will be a \$20 archery fee for members who participated in the Archery program in the fall. There will be a \$10 admin fee and \$20 archery fee for new members participating for the first time. Youth not currently enrolled in Shelby County 4-H will need to enroll in ZSuites and pay the \$10 program fee before participating.

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.

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 4 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 FOR THE TRAINING!

- Thursday, April 24 7:00-8:00 p.m..
- Saturday, May 10 9-10:00 a.m.

The deadline to complete the training to be able to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair is Monday, June 2! No exceptions to this rule.

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

Yolanda has 1 free online coupons courtesy of IL Pork Producers. Reach out if you would like to claim them. Link: yqcaprogram.org

National Day of Service

Saturday, April 26

While April 26, is the designated day for National Day of Service, 4-H Clubs that do a community service project in the months of March 1 - June 30, 2025 may count those as National 4-H Day Service Events.

Clubs need to register their event and complete a follow-up report once the activity has been completed. If your club meets these requirements, this activity would count as a national activity on the Illinois Experience Award.

Clubs are doing great things, why not register your event!

Contact Yolanda with any questions. Link is below.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community->

Shelby County 4-H BBQ

Save the date! The 4-H BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 4:30-7.

Extension Foundation Flower Sale

Foundation will be having their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 10 from 9-11 a.m. at the Shelby County Extension Office. More info on prices and flowers in April.

Fundraiser Idea for 4-H Clubs

Here is a fundraising idea for clubs. Reminder - if your club does a fundraiser, they must fill out the Fundraising Approval Form.

Hello! We are Nola & Mikaela of Schultz Country Market. We are a family owned & operated small market that sells our own farm raised beef & pork. We also have items that people make that we carry in our market. This spring, we are going to hold a Farmer's Market here outside of our Market. Shelby County does not currently have a farmer's market anywhere. We will be a small one that can hopefully grow in the next couple of years to something bigger. These will be held beginning **May 17th through October 25th on the 2nd & 4th Saturday** of these months. We are wanting to help local clubs/organizations/groups in our communities by offering a fundraising opportunity on these days.

Your group will purchase the meat (hamburger patties or pork burgers) from Schultz Country Market. We will supply all that you need to fix and serve a simple lunch. You will receive a tote that contains: cooking utensils, aluminum foil, paper serving boats, napkins/paper towels, hamburger buns & condiments. We will provide the serving tables as well as the grill/flat griddle to cook on. We estimate that your group will need to supply at least 1 adult to supervise and cook along with 5-7 others to set up, assist with cooking, serve food, check out customers and clean up. If your group wants to sell drinks and/or chips to go with the sandwiches, these must be provided by the group itself. **All sales proceeds from lunch will go to your group. Your group will have to acquire a temporary food permit from the Shelby County Health Department.** This needs to be obtained prior to the date of your event. **This permit is free.** It is required to be **on site the day of your group's event date. If you do not have it with you, you will not be able to prepare and serve lunch per the health department.**

After you have picked a date to sign up for, we will send your group contact person the guidelines for your event. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to go ahead and sign up for a date for your group. Dates are first come, first serve. Contact number is (217) 682-3397.

Public Speaking Results

Shelby County 4-H held its annual Public Speaking Contest on Sunday, March 16. There were 9 participants, who all gave very well prepared speeches. The judges for the evening were Melissa Muirheid from Decatur, a former 4-H member and coordinator of various pageants, and Tim Aberle, a high school English teacher at Shelbyville High School. They remarked that everyone performed exceptionally well.

- Overall Grand Champion, State Contest delegate - Isabelle Morrow (Champion-Formal Speech-Advanced) "Essential Values of Dairy Products"
- Overall Reserve Grand Champion, State Contest delegate - Kyndall Bennett (Reserve Champion-Formal Speech-Advance) "Breeding Rabbits"
- Champion Illustrated Speech (Advanced) State Contest delegate – Emery Miller “Dangers of Using Your Smartphone”
- Illustrated Speech (Beginner) Champion - Esmi Small “Jamaica”
- Illustrated Speech (Beginner) Reserve Champion - Corbin Perry “Cattle Genetics”
- Illustrated Speech (Beginner) Top Project—Nora Ahrens “Tigers”
- Formal Speech (Advanced) - A rating - Caden Perry “Urbanization and Food Insecurity”
- Illustrated Speech (Beginner) - A rating - Jordyn Kabat “Preparation for Rodeo Events”

Isabelle, Kyndall, and Emery will represent Shelby County 4-H in the State Public Speaking Contest on April 26.

Scholarships Available

Due June 2, 2025

Shelby County scholarship applications are due in the Extension office by June 2.

- 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. Link - <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county> Click on the tab, Shelby County Awards and scroll to scholarships.

Please note eligibility requirements. 4-H'ers may only win the Foundation and 4-H Federation scholarships twice. Forms can be emailed or dropped off at the Extension office. If you need assistance, please contact Yolanda.

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://go.illinois.edu/FederationScholarshipApp>

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.

Project manuals!

When looking at the 2025 fair books, projects that must have a project manual with their project at the fair will have a book icon next to title. If you are enrolled in these projects, you should consider ordering a project manual now so there is time to get the books in stock. To order a project book - send Yolanda an email at nation2@illinois.edu with the project name and book. Make sure that 4-H'er is enrolled in the project in ZSuites.

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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, International Night, Family Fun Night, Spring Cleanup at the fairgrounds, Spring Craft Day, 4-H project workshops, etc.

Shelby County Cloverbud Member Policy

If a Cloverbud member wishes to display projects at the fair, the following must be met:

- Cloverbud must attend **three** of their own club meetings.
- Cloverbud must present a talk at their own club meeting.
- 4-H'er must participate in a county activity. Examples of a county activity include: Winter Craft Day, Cloverbud 4-H Fire-Up, Family Fun Night, Spring Cleanup, Spring Craft, Workshops



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

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