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December *News*



Carder Burris, Cookie Workshop



Crosby Schultz
Winter Craft Day



Syra Sims, Stocking Workshop



Jessica McVey
Winter Craft Day



Laney Barnard
Winter Craft Day



Owen Bonny
Winter Craft Day

Calendar of events

December

24-31.... Christmas holiday, Extension office closed

January

1.... New Year Holiday, Extension office closed

18.... Martin Luther King Holiday, Extension office closed

February

6.... Steer weigh-in

15.... Fair Book Cover Contest deadline

June

27-30.... Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)

July

1.... Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)

18-21.... Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair

Out of office

I will be out of the office starting Friday, December 18 and will return on Monday, January 4. I will not be checking email, approving enrollments, etc. I will answer emails and approve enrollments on January 4. The office will be closed from December 24-January 1. I hope everyone has a great holiday!

Yolanda

Extension Office Update

Pam Vaughan-Sturgeon, County Director serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties has made the decision to extend remote work and set the return date for Monday, February 1, 2021. In January, Extension will reevaluate and make decisions about office openings and COVID beyond the February 1 date.

4-H Leaders and Families - Yolanda will be glad to meet any 4-H family outside of the Extension office to pick up project manuals, drop off paperwork, meet to answer questions, etc. Please send an email to nation2@illinois.edu and arrangements will be made to meet. Families can also call the Extension office at 217-774-9546 and leave a message and Yolanda will call you back.

4H Online 2.0 Enrollment Update

Families should have received instructions for enrolling via email or a hard copy from their 4-H club leader. At the end of the enrollment process, don't forget to submit your enrollment. Once your enrollment has been submitted, Yolanda will approve the enrollment and the family will receive an automated email saying the enrollment has been approved. If applicable, families will pay their \$10 program fee to their club leader.

A few reminders:

1) Once an enrollment has been submitted, a family may not add additional projects. To add additional projects, send Yolanda an email with the projects you would like added.

2) Once an enrollment has been approved, the family should receive an email asking which project manuals you would like to order. Families will complete the form and submit it. Or families may send Yolanda an email requesting books.

If you have any questions or problems enrolling, you can send Yolanda an email or leave a message and she will return your call.

Families who enroll via 4-H Online and pay their program fee by January 11, will be eligible for an early incentive prize.

Shelby County 4-H Federation Enrollment Incentive November Winners

Congratulations to Brent Thompson, Coldspring Copperheads and Abigail Smith, Strasburg Taitwisters! You are the lucky winners for the November Early Enrollment Federation Incentive Contest. Brent and Abigail will receive a goodie snack pack from Federation. Yolanda will be in touch to see what goodies you enjoy snacking on.

Don't miss out for your chance to win! Two names for December enrollments will be drawn in early January.

November Club Challenge Winner is . . . Shelby County Cloverbuds

Ten Shelby County 4-H Clubs participated in the November Club Challenge which was to create/write a minimum of 15 cards for soldiers or veterans and distribute to an organization of the clubs choice. Thank you to the Chautauqua Clovers, Coldspring Copperheads, Ful-O-Pep, John Jordan Jaybirds, Moweaqua Rustlers, Oconee Eager Beavers, Shelby County Cloverbuds, Shelby Showstoppers, Silver Spurs and Strasburg Tailtwisters clubs for thinking of our soldiers and veterans. Club names were put in a drawing and the winning club was the Shelby County Cloverbuds. They will receive refreshments for their January meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated!

December Club Challenge

The December Club Challenge is to plan a community service project of your choice. Examples include shopping for an Angel Tree, making cards for a nursing home, working the Festival of Lights, working at a food pantry, etc. While clubs aren't meeting inside due to COVID mitigations, groups of 10 or less can meet outside weather permitting. Challenges were set up so they could be done by individual club members or in small groups. Clubs could make "card kits" and give to members to write Christmas cards to those in the nursing homes. Clubs could also make "craft kits" and give to their members to make winter crafts to share at the nursing homes. This is a great time to become creative! The deadline for the December challenge is December 31.

Club leaders need to make sure to email pictures to Yolanda or send an email of what your club has accomplished.

The December Club winner will be announced in early January. Thank you to all the clubs who have "put their hands to larger service" for this challenge.

January Federation Club Challenge

The January Club Challenge is a great opportunity to get your officer team or older 4-H members involved!

Challenge - Plan a group activity for your club. This can be a "get to you know you game", ice breaker or a mini-project workshop. The Extension office also has Jeopardy boards and some educational kits that may be borrowed. Get your club members involved, have fun and learn something new about another member or a new project. This activity would need to be completed by Feb. 1.



Pride Package Collections

Shelby County 4-H Federation, challenged Shelby County 4-H members to donate a variety of items to the Pride Packages Organization, which is ran by Pat Garlick in Shelbyville. 4-H members brought items to the annual Achievement Night on November 7 and 8. Items were also collected at 4-H meetings. 4-H members rose to the challenge and donated over 325 boxes/items, which Pat used for the Christmas Pride Packages. Coldspring Copperheads also collected Halloween candy to share with troops. For every five items donated, 4-H member's names were put in a drawing for a \$25 gift card of their choice sponsored by Federation. Matthew Horsman and Jerimiah Depew were the lucky winners of the gift cards.

Thank you from Pat Garlick

Dear Shelby County 4-H Families,

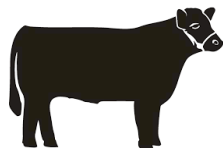
Thank you so much for your monetary donations, all the awesome supplies, candy and cards. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are appreciated. Thank you for supporting our troops.

God Bless, Pat Garlick



4-H Steer and Market Heifer Weigh-in

Saturday, February 6 8-10 a.m.



Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. If needed, the snow date will be February 13. All steers and market heifers being shown at the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair must be weighed in at this time. All market steers going to the 2021 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.

Reminder . . . 4-H members need to call the Extension office by February 3 if they are bringing animals to weigh-in so that paperwork can be prepared.

Fair Book Cover Wanted

Due February 15

Shelby County 4-H is looking for fair book cover entries. Shelby County 4-H Federation will award a cash prize of \$50 to the winning cover artist.

The following rules need to be followed:

- ⇒ Drawings should be in **dark ink or markers**.
- ⇒ Drawings should be on an **8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper**.
- ⇒ Include the fair dates of **July 18-21, 2021**
- ⇒ Include the words **Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair** in the design.

Entries must be submitted to the Shelby County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on February 15, 2021.

Thank you to Shelby County 4-H Federation for sponsoring the contest.



Bank Steer pick-up

4-H members participating in the Bank Steer program, will attend the drawing for steers on Saturday, February 6 at 10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. Letters will be mailed in January to those members with more information. A parent must accompany the 4-H'er at pick up.

Farm Credit Service Grant Opportunities

Shelby County 4-H would like to ask clubs to consider applying for a Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grant. Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement grants. Grants could focus on building improvements through painting and repairing, provide/update landscaping, purchasing a tree, constructing a welcome sign to your community, planting a garden, trees and flowers, etc. For more information: <https://www.farmcredital.com/Community>

Suggestions for success when applying for grants:

- Create a tangible and visible presence in the community
- Require youth sweat equity
- Deliver tangible value to the community
- Take photos or provide added documents to support the application.

If you need help with ideas, contact Yolanda.

The deadline for applications is March 12, 2021

Pictured: Strasburg Tailtwisters painted the Dairy Barn in 2019.



Reminder - 2019 Premium checks

2019 4-H premium checks were mailed to 4-H members in November. Please cash your checks ASAP. Please note - These premium checks are for exhibits at the 2019 4-H Fair!

Tractor Supply Company Animal Feed Discounts to 4-H members

Tractor Supply Company in Shelbyville is offering a 10% discount to be used towards animal feed purchases including dog and cat food.

Discount cards will be printed for new members who have completed their **4-H enrollment**. If you need a new card, let Yolanda know and she will get a new card printed.

Shelby County 4-H would like to thank TSC for offering the discount to Shelby County 4-H members.

4-H Project Manuals

After families have submitted their 4-H Online Enrollment, families will receive an email about ordering project manuals. Several families have commented that they missed seeing this email.

If you missed this email, no worries! Please send Yolanda an email with your 4-H project and which level of project book you need and she can order the project manuals for you. Example: If you enroll in woodworking, you will need to specify which project manual you need woodworking 1, woodworking 2, etc.

There are several new members this year, so don't miss out on ordering your project manuals. Project manuals help you learn about your project and some may be necessary for your 4-H exhibit.

The first order will be placed in early January and books will be given to club leaders to distribute to members at their club meetings.

Virtual Officer Training

Shelby County 4-H Federation is planning a virtual officer training to be held in late January /early February. Members will be coordinating with other federation members in Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie and Douglas Counties. This training will focus on how to be an effective club officer. They are planning a workshop full of fun and learning. Watch for more details!

4-H Year-end Records

Each month, there is a records section in the newsletter. Keep track of your activities on your 4-H Member Activity Sheet. These forms were given to club leaders with their new year packets. Community service projects can be added to both the Member activity form and the Community Service Project Record. Members, including Cloverbuds, who complete 3 community service projects throughout the 4-H year will qualify to win a community service project medal.

Activities through December:

- String Art Workshop (Sept. 19)
- Achievement Night (Nov. 7 & 8)
- Cookie Workshop (Nov. 14)
- Stocking Workshop (pick-up kits) (Nov. 21)
- Winter Craft Day (pick-up kits) (Dec. 5)

Community Service:

- Pride Package Donation of at least 5 items (county)

Club Challenges:

- October - Decorate a 4-H pumpkin
- November - Cards to troops/veterans
- December - Community Service activity

Shelby County 4-H Federation and Silver Spurs 4-H Club wins Illinois Club Award in Community Service

Shelby County 4-H Federation and the Silver Spurs 4-H Club were both awarded the Illinois 4-H Club Award in the area of Community Service for their work during the 2019-2020 4-H year. Clubs had to write a maximum of three pages on their community service work detailing all community service activities they performed, leadership skills gained, resources they used, results for the club and the community and an overall evaluation of their projects. Each club will receive a \$75 cash prize.

Shelby County 4-H congratulates all the members of Federation and the Silver Spurs 4-H Club for putting their "hands to larger service" for all these wonderful community service projects.

Club leaders contact Yolanda for more information about the 2020-2021 club award.

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.



Congrats!

Coldspring Copperheads

President - Ralph Thompson
Vice President - Kyndall Bennett
Secretary - Isabelle Morrow
Treasurer - Brent Thompson
Reporter - Kinley Hardy

Ful-O-Pep

President - Audrey Summers
Vice President - Gauge Sloan
Secretary - Audrey Durbin
Treasurer - Grant Summers
Reporter - Henry Reed

Moweaqua Rustlers

President - Hunter Mott
Vice President - Tanner Etherton
Secretary - Aidan Jackson
Treasurer - Spencer Uphoff
Reporter - Shae Jackson

Shelby Showstoppers

President - Lilah Bonny
Vice President - Blair Elliott
Secretary - Matthew Horsman
Treasurer - Rylee King

Hands to Larger Service



NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor. Applications are due December 31st, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000. Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community.

For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#!agri-science>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?

With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time that our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you! As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

Registration for this opportunity will open on Dec. 1 and close on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January. Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions). Interested youth can sign up at the link below:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

For questions or comments, please contact the Illinois 4-H STEM Team at Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu

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**Shelby County Cloverbuds
November Meeting
Guest speaker Sandy Brix and Bernice**



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

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