



Shelby
County



February News



Rural Feeders packed and delivered food boxes to area residents.



Oconee Eager Beavers donation of blankets



Fallynn Beitz, John Jordan Jaybirds member, shows off reindeer candy canes the club made for Holly Brook Residents.



Federation helped with the December Windsor Food Mobile. This was the third month they participated. They unpacked nearly 300 boxes and served over 100 families. (face coverings were only removed for the picture)

Calendar of events

February

- 1.... 4-H 101, Understanding the Basics - Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 5.... Deadline to sign-up for Explore 4-H Trebuchet Workshop
- 6.... Steer weigh-in
- 15.... Fair Book Cover Contest deadline
- 27.... Explore 4-H - Trebuchet Zoom meeting, 9 a.m., 10 a.m. for Cloverbuds

March

- 6.... Officer Training - Zoom meeting (a.m.)
- 6.... Speaking for Illinois training

April

- 1 Deadline to enroll in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair.
- 1.... Deadline to add/drop projects

June

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

July

- 1.... Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- 18-21.... Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair

Aug

- 13.... Shelby County 4-H Day at the IL. State Fair

Extension Office Update

Pam Vaughan-Sturgeon, County Director serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties has made the decision to extend remote work through February, with a hybrid capacity in March. The plan is to be in the office full time by April and open to the public by mid April.

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.

December Club Challenge Winner is . . . Rural Feeders 4-H Club

Nine Shelby County 4-H Clubs participated in the December Club Challenge which was to participate in a community service project. Thank you to the Chautauqua Clovers, Coldspring Copperheads, Ful-O-Pep, John Jordan Jaybirds, Moweaqua Rustlers, Oconee Eager Beavers, Rural Feeders, Shelby Showstoppers, and Silver Spurs Clubs for their community service work. Club names were put in a drawing and the winning club was the Rural Feeders 4-H Club. They will receive refreshments at their upcoming meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Shelby County 4-H Federation Enrollment Incentive December Winners

Congratulations to Lily Rund a member of the Moweaqua Rustlers and Tenley Wickline, a member of the Rural Feeders. They were the lucky winners for the December Early Enrollment Federation Incentive Contest. Each received a snack pack of goodies.

4-H 101 - Understanding the Basics

Monday, February 1 at 6:30, via Zoom

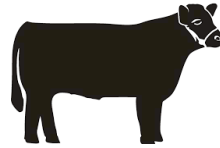
This is an informational meeting for new 4-H families, however, anyone may attend. In this meeting, the basics of the Shelby County 4-H Program will be discussed. Questions to the following will be answered.

- ⇒ What do I do at a club meeting?
- ⇒ What do I do after choosing my projects?
- ⇒ I have my project book, what now?
- ⇒ County requirements to exhibit at the fair
- ⇒ Exhibiting at the fair

Register by emailing Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu or call the Extension office and leave a message for Yolanda. Register by Sunday, January 31. A meeting link will be sent on Feb. 1.

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 email Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu or call the Extension office and leave a message 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. Insurance must be paid for at the time of 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.farmcredtil.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.



February Federation Club Challenge

Create/write a minimum of 15 Valentines Day cards for a nursing home/elderly neighbors, etc. Complete the challenge by February 28.

Explore 4-H-January Helping Hands: First-Aid Kits

Saturday, January 30, meeting will be held via Zoom

4-H ages 8-18 will start at 9 a.m., Cloverbuds will start at 10 a.m.

Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital First Aid Group will lead the virtual workshop. Registration will close on 11:59 p.m. on **January 24**. The kits will be distributed by the Shelby County Extension Office, so watch for more details on picking the kits up. **DO NOT** pay the \$5 fee. When completing the registration online, you will select the option to pay by check/cash. This registration fee is being covered by Shelby County 4-H Federation.



Explore 4-H

Explore 4-H is a new monthly workshop program we are doing with Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby County 4-H members. A different project kit will be available each month for 4-H members. 4-H members will need to register, pick up their kit and be ready to have fun and learn via a Zoom meeting.

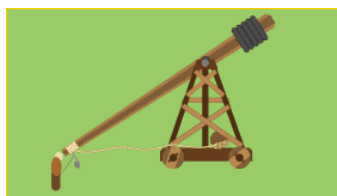
Shelby County 4-H Federation is going to pay the \$5 fee for any 4-H member who signs up and participates in the activity.

Explore 4-H workshops may be counted on your year-end records and the Illinois Experience Record as a Unit activity.

Explore 4-H - February Building your very own Trebuchet

Saturday, February 27, meeting will be held via Zoom

4-H ages 8-18 will start at 9 a.m.



Based off of the Junkdrawer robotics project area, 4-H members will receive a project kit that will include everything to make a trebuchet (marshmallow shooting catapult).

- Registration will be open from January 26-February 5.
- Kit pick up will be during the week of February 12.
- Jim Sparks, SPIN Club leader, will create a “how to” video on building the trebuchet. A video link will be emailed to those who sign up.
- 4-H’ers will need to build their trebuchet by Saturday, February 27.
- A Zoom meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 27 to go over the building process, ways to improve your trebuchet, answer any questions, etc.

DO NOT pay the \$5 fee. This is being covered by Shelby County 4-H Federation. If interested, let Yolanda know via email at nation2@illinois.edu and she can send you the registration link.

Explore 4-H - February (Cloverbuds)

Saturday, February 27, meeting will be held via Zoom, 10 a.m.

Cloverbud members will make a popsicle trebuchet. Registration will run from February 1 - February 19 and kits will be distributed through Friday, February 26. **DO NOT** pay the \$5 fee. This is being covered by Shelby County 4-H Federation. A registration link will be sent to Cloverbud families in early February. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to families by February 26.

Explore 4-H - March Can Can Robots

Saturday, March 20, via Zoom.
Open to all ages. Cloverbuds will need a parent to assist.

Based off of the Junkdrawer robotics project area, 4-H members will receive a project kit that will include everything to make a Can Can Robot.

- Registration will be open from March 1-14.
- Pick up kits will be the week of March 19.
- On March 20, a Zoom meeting will be held at 9 a.m. that will walk members through building their Can Can Robot. **DO NOT** pay the \$5 fee. This is being covered by Shelby County 4-H Federation.

Watch for more information coming soon!

Virtual Officer Training

Saturday, March 6, via Zoom, (times TBD)

Shelby County 4-H Federation is planning a virtual officer training to be held with Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie and Douglas Counties. The training will focus on how to be an effective club officer. Club officer positions that will be included are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. This training is open to all 4-H age members; you don't have to be a current officer to attend. More information will be included in the March newsletter.

4H Online 2.0 Enrollment Update

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) If a 4-H member needs a project book, please send Yolanda an email at nation2@illinois.edu. Enrolling doesn't automatically order the project book.

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

Early incentive t-shirts have been ordered and will be delivered to 4-H leaders once they have come in.

Project Manuals

If a 4-H member is new to a project area, the project manual should be ordered. Project manuals give 4-H members a variety of activities that they can do to help learn about the project area. If you have previously contacted Yolanda with your order, then you should receive your manuals from your club leader at an upcoming meeting. Several general project fair exhibits require a project being completed in the project manual. Cooking project require a recipe be made from the cooking book.

If you need to order books, please send Yolanda an email at nation2@illinois.edu with the project name.

If you have old project books in like new condition, you can return those to your leader or Yolanda to be recycled to other members.

Shelby County 4-H Exhibit Requirements

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. Meetings can be face to face or virtual.
- 4-H'er must present a brief 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 in enrolled in.
- 4-H'er must participate in one county activity.
 - * String Art - (September)
 - * Christmas Cookie Decorating - (November)
 - * Christmas Stocking Workshop - (November)
 - * Christmas Craft day - (December)
 - * 4-H Week Activities - TBD
 - * Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds - TBD
 - * State Sponsored events
 - * Monthly Federation Club Challenges
 - * Any workshops sponsored by Shelby County 4-H. (Watch your newsletter for upcoming events.)
 - * Explore 4-H Project Kits
 - * Other activities that are designated throughout the 4-H year.



4-H Year-end Records Update

Activities for January:

- Explore 4-H First Aid Kit

Club Challenges:

- January - icebreaker/get to know you game/project learning activity

Congrats!

John Jordan Jaybrids

President - Sophie Trainor
Vice President - Ryann Wood
Secretary - Caroline White
Treasurer - Greta Duke

Oconee Eager Beavers

President - Joscelyn Foster
Vice President - Ethan Lehn
Secretary - Syra Sims
Treasurer - Jackson Nicolaides
Reporter - John Berns
Historian - Taryn Hrabak
Recreation - Hayleigh Chronister

Rural Feeders

President - Ashlyn Hunter
Secretary - Wesleigh Cochran
Treasurer - Noah Hebert

Shelby Sparklers

President - Josie Koester
Vice President - Owen Romack
Secretary - Elle Hoene
Treasurer - Shawn Hoene

4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.

Host an international student

Host a Japanese youth this summer through 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own.



Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made. Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Tell Your 4-H Story – Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close **March 4.**



Participants can register until January 29th using the following link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22954>

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars

Applications are due March 12, 2021.

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship

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.

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to 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.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at mbbecker@illinois.edu

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include: **It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?, Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>



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INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

4-H ALUMNI EVENT VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

JOIN 4-H Alumni for some fun and networking on February 4, 2021 for our first 4-H Alumni event!

We will host a trivia night and Lisa Diaz, IL 4-H Assistant Dean & Director, will provide an update on Illinois 4-H! Registration is now open! <https://>



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

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