



*Shelby
County*



March *News*



Explore 4-H First Aid Kits

**Shelby County Cloverbuds with their
Valentine Coloring Sheets**



**Shelby Showstoppers
Valentines Cards**



Moweaqua Rustlers



Ful-O-Pep Valentines Cards

Calendar of events

February

- 17 Illini Summer Academies Registration opens
- 27 Explore 4-H - Trebuchet Zoom meeting, 9 a.m., 10 a.m. for Cloverbuds

March

- 1 May Food Action Summit Registration Open
- 6 Officer Training - Zoom meeting (9:30 a.m.), 4-H Center
- 6 Speaking for Illinois training
- 13 Spring Craft Day, Session 1 9:30-10:15, Session 10:30-11:45, 4-H Center
- 20 Explore 4-H - Can Can Robots Zoom meeting 9 a.m.
- 22 Public Speaking Workshop, 7, 4-H Center
- 24 Illini Summer Academies Registration closes
- 27 Spring Clean Up Day, 8 a.m., Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds

April

- 1 Deadline to enroll in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair.
- 1 Deadline to add/drop projects
- 24-30 Shelby County 4-H Week
- 24-25 ... Youth Livestock Conference
- 25 True Leaders Service Day

June

- 5 State Public Speaking Contest
- 27-30 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)

July

- 1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- 18-21 Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair
- 25-Aug 1. Illinois State Fair Horse Show

Aug

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

Sept

- 13 Due date for Year-end 4-H Records, Secretary and Treasurer Books

January Club Challenge Winner is . . . **Shelby Showstoppers 4-H Club**

Nine Shelby County 4-H Clubs participated in the January Club Challenge which was to participate in a group activity within their club. Thank you to the Coldspring Copperheads, Findlay Feeders, Ful-O-Pep, John Jordan Jaybirds, Moweaqua Rustlers, Rural Feeders, Shelby County Cloverbuds, Shelby Showstoppers, and Silver Spurs 4-H Clubs for their club work. Club names were put in a drawing and the winning club was the Shelby Showstoppers 4-H Club. They received refreshments at their February meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Shelby County 4-H Federation March Club Challenge

The March Federation Club Challenge will be the 4-H Club's choice. Clubs may consider doing a community service project, project learning activity, invite a speaker to a club meeting, etc. The activity should include the club involving all of their 4-H members. Don't forget to take pictures and share with 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 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.

Officer Training

March 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties are coming together for an Officer Training Workshop. The workshop is being planned for March 6 from 9:30-11:30 at the 4-H Center in Shelbyville. The workshop is open to all enrolled 4-H members. 4-H members do not need to be a current officer to attend. The workshop will cover parliamentary procedure, the officer positions - President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Coles and Shelby County 4-H Federation members are assisting with the training. They are planning fun, and hands on learning activities.

Registration is open from February 19 - March 4.

Register at the following link: <https://go.illinois.edu/Officertrainingunit19>

The training is free to attend. This learning opportunity will count as a Unit/Multi County activity on the Illinois 4-H Experience Award.

Trophy/General donation

Youth in Shelby County 4-H are doing great things! Across the county, youth are developing important life skills in community service, leadership, science and technology, healthy lifestyles and career development thanks to your support. We are asking for your help with a donation in 2021. The options for donating are:

1. Make a general donation to Extension which means the amount you give will be at least partially matched - so your donation goes even further; or
2. Sponsor a trophy/plaque/award for a particular project area at \$25.

Donations for specific items, such as trophies, cannot be matched whereas a general donation can be partially matched by the State of Illinois, subject to availability of funding. Donations received by Monday, March 31, 2021 will be listed in the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Book.

Please show your support by making your gift payable to the University of Illinois Extension today. Return to Shelby County 4-H, 1125 W. North Second Street, Shelbyville, IL 62565

_____ Yes, I/we would like to make a general program donation to help support 4-H programming in Shelby County.

Amount of Donation _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100

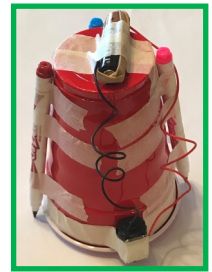
_____ Yes, I/we would prefer to sponsor a specific trophy/plaque/award based on availability this year, and our check for \$25.00 is enclosed.

Name of company/individual: _____

Trophy area: _____

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 February 22 - March 4.
- Families will be notified when kits are ready to be picked up.
- 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.

Public Speaking Workshop

March 22, 7 p.m.

Shelby County 4-H is excited to offer a Public Speaking Workshop on March 22 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

The workshop is open to all 4-H members. The speakers will share their public speaking tips and tricks.

To register for the workshop, send Yolanda an email or call 217-774-9546 and leave a message.

Spring Craft Day

March 13, 9 a.m.

Shelby County 4-H is offering Spring Craft Day to all 4-H members.

- Cloverbuds may need a parent/guardian to assist.
- There will be two available sessions for members to choose from.
- Session 1 - 9-10:15, Session 2 10:30-11:45.
- Cost is \$5 for 4-H members and \$8 for non members.
- Face coverings will be required.
- Space is limited.



Register by emailing Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546 and leaving a message for Yolanda.

Spring Clean-up

Saturday, March 27 at 8 a.m..

The Shelby County Junior Fair Board would like to invite Shelby County 4-H members to Spring Clean-up day. Spring Clean-up will take place at the fairgrounds and is scheduled for March 27 at 8 a.m. Bring drills, rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, ladders, etc. We will be raking leaves from the barns, picking up sticks and making minor repairs as needed. This is not a 4-H sponsored activity, however, it will be considered an activity that 4-H'ers can include on their year-end records.

4-H Project Exhibit Requirements

A 4-H Project Exhibit Requirements Book has been created and can be found on the website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>, then click on the heading, Fairs & Shows.

This book lists all available projects and the classes that will be offered at the 4-H Show. If you are not sure what a project is, the Exhibit Requirements book will be a great resource for members. For those members who like to start working on their fair exhibits, you can look at the exhibit requirements to make sure you have followed all the guidelines. If you find that the project requires activities to be completed in a project manual and haven't ordered a project manual, contact Yolanda to order the project manual. The fair book listing all the fair dates will be published at a later date. Let Yolanda know if you have any questions.

Mowing at the Shelby County Fairgrounds

The Shelby County Junior Fair Board is looking for older 4-H members or families to mow the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds. If you are interested, contact Yolanda via email at nation2@illinois.edu or call the Extension office 217-774-9546 and leave a message.

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.



Shelby County 4-H Week

April 24-30

Shelby County 4-H Week is going to be held April 24-30. The theme for 4-H Week this year is “4-H Rising Above the Rest”.

Here are some of the activities being planned. 4-H Week details will be finalized in the April newsletter.

- April 24 - 4-H Fire-Up This is a workshop geared towards first and second year members. 4-H'ers will learn through a variety of hands-on activities.
- April 25 - Attend a church of your choice. Thank your club leader, 4-H volunteer or 4-H supporter by writing and sending a thank you card, send them a thank you text, etc. Let them know you appreciate all their hard work.
- April 26 - Window Display Judging will take place. The Public Speaking Contest will be held at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center.
- April 27 - Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school
- April 28 - Community Service Day - participate in a club community service project from April 17-28, share pictures and clubs receive \$25 from Federation
- April 29 - Take a walk at the Dacey Trail (Shelbyville park) while enjoying a scavenger hunt. We will have a campfire and have smore's. 6-7:30 p.m.
- April 30 - Family Fun Night at the fairgrounds, 6-7:30 p.m.

4-H Week Community Service Project

Shelby County 4-H Federation is going to sponsor a collection for The Haven, which is a homeless shelter in Mattoon. They may have 5-7 children that are at the shelter at any given time. Items will be collected at 4-H week events and may also be collected at April 4-H meetings. Clubs that donate 25-50 items will receive \$15 and clubs who donate over 50 items will receive \$25. Here are some of the items that the shelter is in need of: board games, card games, coloring books, art and school supplies, children's books, paper products, and personal hygiene items.

Share Your 4-H Story

We are asking 4-H members to share their 4-H story during 4-H week. We will highlighting 2 stories per day on our Facebook page and will also try and send to area papers. Your story should answer some of the following questions. Why is 4-H important to you? What skills have you learned from 4-H? What is your favorite 4-H memory/project? Anything else you would like to share in your story would be great. We want to hear your story! Please submit your story and a picture to Yolanda via email by April 21.

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

Fair Book Cover Winner is ...

Thank you to all the 4-H members that participated in the Fair Book Cover Contest. There were 16 entries submitted for the contest. The winning entry was done by Mollie Slifer. The second runner up was Brooke Schumacher. Both are members from the Strasburg Tailtwisters 4-H Club. Federation will be giving each participant a goodie bag as a thank you for participating.

Sew Fun SPIN Club

March 27, 9 a.m.

The Sew Fun SPIN Club will hold its first meeting on March 27 at 9 a.m. Sewing will be held at the Shelby County Senior Center. This club is for beginner sewers. 4-H'ers will need to bring their own sewing machine. Space is limited to six members. Sandy Graven is the leader. For more information, contact Yolanda via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546 and leaving a message.

4-H Year-end Records Update

Activities for February:

- Explore 4-H Trebuchet Project (only if you attended the Zoom meeting)
- Created a Fair Book Cover entry

Club Challenges:

- February - Making Valentines cards for nursing homes, elderly neighbors, etc.

Public Speaking Contest

Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m.

The Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center. In early April, 4-H members enrolled in public speaking will receive their entry form. The types of speeches and the requirements are listed below so 4-H'ers can start planning their projects.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING

Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center.
Exhibitor limited to one entry.

Enrollment in the Public Presentations project is required to participate in this section. No live animals are allowed in speeches. Counties may advance a total of 3 entries from any category to the state contest. A 4-H member may advance in one individual category and one team category.

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-6 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-6 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original Works | Self-written | Notes Allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published Work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.



Eligibility: Age 16 to 19

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the “application” at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

Illini Summer Academies

The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state! **Registrations open on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Don't delay, academies fill up quickly. Registration closes on March 24.**



Trailblazer scholarship: Do you feel like a *Trailblazer*?

Like you've paved the way for others around you? Be a part of the virtual Illini Summer Academies experience and get the opportunity to attend a college exploratory camp that you will never forget! The Trailblazer scholarship is open to first generation, low income youth in the state of Illinois. This is a full scholarship! Apply by **February 28, 2021**

Shelby County 4-H Federation will be offering a \$50 scholarship for those who sign up. Additional scholarship opportunities are available. Please contact Yolanda for scholarship information. We want to help 4-H members attend this great opportunity. For more information, visit go.illinois.edu/illini4H.

2021 Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit

(Save the date)

Who: Youth ages 13 & up

What: Come to the table at the 2021 Food Action Summit! Share your ideas, vision and passion while you network with Food Advocacy Professionals on a shared vision for future food security, food access and food justice

When: May 15, 9-11 a.m., 12:30-4:30 (Registration opens March 1.)

Where: This virtual summit will take place via Zoom.

Cost: Registration will be free of charge with an optional \$20 cost for those who elect to receive a t-shirt. If interested in registering, contact Yolanda. When the registration link is available, she can forward it to you.

Contact: Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu

The keynote address “The Future of Food Justice” - A conversation with Dr. Bobby Smith II, a sociologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

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Illinois 4-H staff evaluate options for summer 2021 exhibitions, February 17, 2021
In 2020, more than 400 Illinois 4-H competitive events, exhibitions, and shows went virtual, providing a positive youth development experience while protecting our members, volunteers, and staff. While the 2021 4-H exhibition season will be shaped by the ongoing impact of the coronavirus pandemic, we are working hard to find solutions that balance the safety of our communities with the benefits our youth gain from participating in face-to-face judging experiences.

For summer 2021, we are exploring strategies that support a safe return to in-person 4-H exhibitions. As the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension, our events must abide by the guidelines of both campus and the Illinois Department of Public Health. As we evaluate options and apply innovative thinking to our event management processes, it is important to note that Illinois 4-H will continue to follow all relevant public health guidelines.

We've learned a great deal since the summer of 2020 and we believe there is a path forward that will allow us to step back into in-person exhibitions. Illinois 4-H staff are diligently researching and designing a variety of program formats and structures. Our goal is to provide options so that each county can make their own program decisions based on current local conditions. New safety protocols will play a significant role in our return to in-person programming, so we ask for your help in preparing your family and your community for what that may look like. Specific details will be announced later this spring and will reflect the best practices in place for managing COVID-19.

By working in partnership with the local public health department and other organizations in our communities, we are hopeful that our youth may be able to participate in one of the hallmark experiences of being a 4-H member – 4-H exhibitions and shows. We remain committed to pacing our decision-making process in coordination with available data and safety protocols, but we are making plans that could allow for a return of in-person judging for 4-H exhibitions in summer 2021.



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

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