



Shelby
County

4-H

May

News

Coldspring Copperheads
April Club Challenge
Suncatchers for Shelbyville Rehab



Ful-O-Pep - April Club Challenge
Flowers for residents of the Villas of Hollybrook



April Shelby County Cloverbud Meeting
Lesson on green beans



Moweaqua Rustlers
April Club Challenge
Cards for Moweaqua
Nursing Home residents

Calendar of events

April

- 24.... True Leaders Service Day
- 24-30.... Shelby County 4-H Week
- 26.... Public Speaking Contest, 7 p.m. 4-H Center
- 24-25 ... Youth Livestock Conference
- 30.... Deadline to submit Senior Spotlight write-up and pictures to Yolanda

May

- 1.... Shelby Extension Foundation Flower Sale, Shelby County Farm Bureau 9 a.m - noon
- 1.... Premiere Lamb weigh-in 8-9 a.m., Show Arena
- 1.... YQCA training 9:30-10:30 a.m., 4-H Center
- 3.... Horse Ownership and lease pictures due into Extension Office
- 13.... 4-H and Junior Fair Informational meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Center
- 17.... YQCA training 6:30-7:30 p.m., 4-H Center

June

- 4.... QAEC completion deadline
- 4.... State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 5.... State Public Speaking Contest
- 7.... YQCA training 7-8 p.m., 4-H Center
- 15.... YQCA training 9:30-10:30 a.m., 4-H Center
- 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

- 11.... Shelby Extension Foundation BBQ
- 13.... Due date for Year-end 4-H Records, Secretary and Treasurer Books

Extension Office Update

The Shelby County Extension Office is open to the public. Our hours are Monday - Friday, 8-12 and 1-4:30. We look forward to seeing our 4-H families!

March Club Challenge Winner is . . . Silver Spurs 4-H Club

Eleven Shelby County 4-H Clubs participated in the March Club Challenge which was the clubs choice. Thank you to the Coldspring Copperheads, FAR, Findlay Feeders, Ful-O-Pep, Moweaqua Rustlers, Oconee Eager Beavers, Rural Feeders, Shelby County Cloverbuds, Shelby Showstoppers, Shelby Sparklers, and Silver Spurs 4-H Clubs for their club work. Club names were put in a drawing and the winning club was the Silver Spurs 4-H Club. They received refreshments at their April meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Shelby County 4-H Federation May Club Challenge

The May Federation Club Challenge is to create a club flowerpot and submit a photo by May 30 for a Facebook voting contest.

Senior Spotlights

Shelby County 4-H is planning to highlight its graduating members throughout the month of May. 4-H'ers were emailed a form to complete and return to Yolanda by April 30 along with a picture. If you haven't done this yet, please consider completing the form so we can highlight your accomplishments on the Facebook page and in news releases.

If you need the form sent to you, please let Yolanda know ASAP.

Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Books

The Extension office will be printing fair books in the next few weeks. We have waited so that we could have the most up to date information for families. Books will be delivered to 4-H Clubs as soon as they are printed. Fair entries are due by June 4. Families will complete their 4-H Entries in Fair Entry and will have paper copies for the Junior Fair.

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking horses/ponies, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats First year animal exhibitors - this information is for you

All 4-H members enrolled in the animal project areas of horses/ponies, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics** course one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area. Members who do not complete the certification by June 4 will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits. No exceptions! June 4 is the deadline!**

4-H members who need to complete the training were sent an email on Thursday, April 15. Club leaders also have a list of those members who need to complete the training. Contact Yolanda if you have any questions. The link can be found at <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/quality-assurance-ethics-training>

4-H & Jr. Fair Entries

Due Friday, June 4

The Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Book are divided into two sections. The Junior Fair is on yellow paper and will correspond to the yellow junior fair entry forms. The 4-H Fair is on green paper. There are two fairs going on. The livestock shows are judged together but placed separately. General projects are judged separately. 4-H entries are conference judged, while junior fair entries are not. 4-H Ratings are A & B's, state fair ribbons, and champion trophies are awarded. The Junior Fair placings are 1-5th places and champion ribbons awarded.

4-H members will receive a list of their projects along with their fair book. Families will need to register their 4-H projects in the fair entry program. The registration link and instructions will be sent to families once the state has confirmed everything is working properly. 4-H'ers also need to complete the Jr. Fair exhibitor card. **4-H'ers can exhibit any Jr. Fair project - you do not have to be enrolled in the 4-H project.**

4-H entries and Jr. Fair entries should match and have corresponding projects in each fair, so make sure to complete entries for each fair. The following projects are 4-H only: bicycle, cats, child development, civic engagement, collectibles, college & career readiness, communications/journalism, consumer education, drones, 4-H exploratory, family heritage, health, intercultural, leadership, plants & soils, reading, small pets/guinea pets, technologies, theatre arts, video/filmmaking, and weather.

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Monday, May 3, 2021

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Monday, May 3, 2021. Two pictures (each side including the head) 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 or can be found on the website at: <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/horses>



4-H Year-end Records Update

Activities for April:

- Explore 4-H Rockets to the Rescue (only if you attended the Zoom meeting)
- Public Speaking—March 22 (Multi-county/unit)
- Spring Clean Up - March 28 (county)

Club Challenges:

- April - Club Choice

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. Face coverings will be required.

- Saturday, May 1 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, May 17 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 7 7:00 - p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 15 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Families will need to register at the YQCA website, sign up for which training they would like to attend and pay the registration fee. **DO NOT SEND YOLANDA EMAIL TO SIGN YOUR 4-H MEMBER UP.**

4-H members will need to register using their 4H Online log-in. If you have forgotten your password, families will need to go to 4H Online 2.0, enter their email, select they have forgotten their password and reset their password via the link.

Families have been emailed the instructions for registering for YQCA. If you need assistance, please contact Yolanda for help.

Link to 4H Online if you have forgotten your password:
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Fair Entry and Records Informational Meeting Thursday, May 13

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, May 13 at the 4-H Center at 7 p.m. This meeting is geared towards first and second year families but everyone is welcome. The meeting will discuss how to complete fair entries via 4H Online and discuss completing Junior Fair entries. Please **RSVP by May 12** so we know how many to expect and have copies for everyone.

Have you met the following requirements to exhibit and receive premiums?

Time is running out!

- ✓ Attended three club meetings (college students must attend two)
- ✓ Gave your talk or demonstration at your club meeting
- ✓ Participated in a county activity

State Fair Premiere Lamb Weigh-in and Tattoo

Saturday, May 1

Shelby County 4-H will be tattooing and weighing lambs that are competing in the Illinois State Fair Premiere class on Saturday, May 1 from 8-9 a.m. at the Show Arena at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds. Ewes and wethers are eligible for the Premiere Show.

Families are ask to RSVP by April 30 to attend the weigh-in so paperwork can be completed for the 4-H member. RSVP via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling the Extension office at 217 -774-9546.

State Fair Lamb and Goat Nomination form (live show only)

Shelby County 4-H members planning to participate in the Non-Premiere lamb and goat classes for the Illinois State Junior Fair Show will follow the self nomination form process.

Exhibitors will fill out and send in the nomination form with a photo of the lambs/goats ear with the scrapie tag installed in the ear. Nomination forms must be signed by Yolanda before being mailed in. Forms must be completed by May 15 and sent to Dan Jennings.

Forms were emailed to families but if you need a copy, call or email Yolanda.



Shelby County 4-H Week—April 24-30, 2021

"4-H Rising Above The Rest"



Here is the schedule for 4-H Week. Don't miss out on the fun and prizes that are being offered during 4-H week activities! Face coverings and social distancing rules will be in place.

- **Saturday - April 24** 4-H Fire-Up kicks off the week. Fire-Up is being held from 9-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. Families needed to pre-register for this event.
- **Sunday - April 25** Attend the church of your choice. Thank your 4-H Club leader, 4-H Volunteer, etc. by writing a thank you card, sending a thank you text, etc. Let them know you appreciate all their hard work.
- **Monday - April 26** The Window Display judging will start at 9 a.m. Window display pictures will be put on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page and voting will go through noon on Tuesday. The club with the most votes will receive a \$25 cash prize. Window display winners will be announced sometime on Tuesday.
- **Monday - April 26** The Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest is being planned for 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center. We wish everyone the best of luck!
- **Tuesday - April 27** Promote Shelby County 4-H by wearing your 4-H t-shirt to school. Email or send a Facebook message to Shelby County IL 4-H by noon of your 4-H'er in their 4-H shirt, they will win a candy bar and their name will be entered into a drawing for a free prize.
- **Wednesday - April 28** 4-H clubs who complete a community service project (other than the April county challenge) will be highlighted on the Facebook page and will receive \$25 from Shelby County 4-H Federation. Send pictures to Yolanda to highlight on the Facebook page.
- **Thursday, April 29** - Federation is sponsoring a scavenger hunt on the Dacey Trail, located on the north side of Forest Park in Shelbyville. The event is being planned from 6-7:30 p.m. and families need to RSVP by Monday, April 26. We will have a campfire and smore's.
- **Friday, April 30** Family Fun Night is being planned at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds from 6-7:30 p.m. Families will check in at the Exhibit Hall when they first arrive. Paddi's Air Filled Fun will be in attendance making balloon magic. Families must RSVP by Monday, April 26.

4-H Week Community Service Project

There are two options for supporting the Shelby County 4-H Federation County Community Service Project. Clubs that donate 25-50 items will receive \$15 and clubs who donate over 50 items will receive \$25. Items can be brought to county 4-H events or collected by club leaders. Please send pictures to Yolanda to highlight your 4-H members great work. This project can be done as a club or done individually.

1. Shelby County 4-H Federation is sponsoring a collection for The Haven, which is a homeless shelter in Mattoon. Items will be collected at 4-H week events and may also be collected at April 4-H meetings. 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.
2. The IL 4-H Food Advocacy Team April Food Drive Challenge is collecting items for Illinois Charities. Collect donations of non-perishable items and take a picture with your donations, post it on Facebook and tag the IL Food Advocacy page telling you what you donated. This will count as a state/national event on records.

Share Your 4-H Story

We are asking 4-H members to share their 4-H story during 4-H week. We will be 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 26.

Shelby County 4-H Clubs receive Farm Credit Illinois Improvement Grants

Farm Credit Illinois awarded 50 community improvement grants to FFA chapters and 4-H clubs in central and southern Illinois. Shelby County Clubs were four of the 50 4-H clubs and FFA chapters to receive community improvement grants from Farm Credit Illinois

4-H clubs and FFA chapters throughout central and southern Illinois will implement valuable improvement projects in their communities with help from grants provided by Farm Credit Illinois. FCI awarded \$500 grants to 50 4-H clubs and FFA chapters to deliver projects that will make their local communities better places to live. “FFA and 4-H members inspire Farm Credit each year by eagerly serving their communities,” says Rod Stoll, vice president of marketplace engagement for FCI. “We are grateful to team-up with youth organizations investing in the future of their hometowns.”

Moweaqua Rustlers will provide improvements to the goat barn and Shelby Showstoppers plan to spruce up the show arena at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds. Shelby County Cloverbuds 4-H Club will be refreshing the community garden at HSHS Good Shepherd Hospital in Shelbyville. The Shelby Sparklers will beautify the Veterans Memorial at Sigel Park. Congratulations to everyone! We look forward to seeing pictures of your projects.

Shelby County Miss and Junior Miss Pageant Information

After having to take a year off because of COVID, the Miss and Junior Miss Shelby County Pageants will resume again this summer! Both pageants will be held on Sunday, June 27 at the Shelby Christian Church in Shelbyville.

Applications are being accepted for both age groups and Shelby County 4-H members are encouraged to apply! Junior Miss contestants should be just completing their 7th, 8th, or 9th grade year of education in a Shelby County school or be a resident of Shelby County. The Junior Miss competition will include: personal introduction, interview with the judging panel, casual wear competition, formal wear competition, and responding to a pop word on stage.

Miss contestants should be between the ages of 16-21 and have or are attending a Shelby County school or be a resident of Shelby County. The Miss competition includes: one-minute speech, interview with the judging panel, swimsuit competition, evening gown competition, and responding to a question on stage.

Both the 2021 Junior Miss Shelby County and 2021 Miss Shelby County will receive prize packages and will participate in events at the Shelby County Fair and in other events throughout the county. For more information, please contact Pageant Director Sara Long at shelbycopageants@gmail.com or 217-821-7384.

Scholarships Available

Due June 1, 2021

Shelby County scholarship applications are due in the Extension office by June 1.

- Shelby County Pork Producers
- Chris Barker Memorial
- 4-H Scholarships
- 4-H Federation

Scholarship information and applications are available on the Shelby County website:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>

Please note eligibility requirements. 4-H'ers may only win the 4-H Scholarships twice as well as the 4-H Federation scholarships.

Forms can be emailed or hard copies mailed if required. If you need assistance, please contact Yolanda.

Illinois 4-H Making a difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community! **Registration opened March 18:**

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>



4-H Memorial Family Camp

Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids! Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp, your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!



Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://>

4-H Travel Abroad

Travel abroad with 4-H- Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

- TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August 2022)
 - REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)
 - Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)
 - RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November
- <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>
Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina *Country availability changes each year



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4-H Camp essays

Shelby County 4-H Federation is offering a \$25 camp scholarship and Shelby Extension Foundation is offering a \$30 scholarship for members who either make a poster or write an essay on “Why I want to go to 4-H Camp”. Essays or posters are due in to the office by June 4. Only one submission is needed for both scholarships.

Leasing animals

Leasing animals as 4-H projects is allowed. However, the following needs to be kept in mind: the animal should be cared for by the 4-H member, and prepped and ready for exhibit by the 4-H member.

If the 4-H member isn't able to care for the animal, then other projects should be considered.

Alumni Engagement



We would love to hear how 4-H has impacted your life! Complete the 4-H Senior Survey by May 1 to receive a 4-H memorabilia tassel. Complete the survey online: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgradsurvey>

Shelby Extension Foundation is planning the annual 4-H BBQ for September 11. Watch for more details!



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Shelby County State Award Winners

Congratulations to Shelby County 4-H State Award Winners!

Shae Jackson, member of the Moweaqua Rustlers 4-H Club was awarded a \$1000 Healthy Living and Nutrition Scholarship. “4-H activities have strengthened my character. I have helped others, gained confidence when speaking and developed time management.”



Elizabeth Rich, member of the Oconee Eager Beavers, received the Emerald Experience Award. “4-H is a place where you can explore your interests with others in a safe and supportive environment, and where learning, fun and helping others is all rolled into one.”

Resmiranda Small, member of the Silver Spurs 4-H Club, received the Emerald Experience Award. “In 4-H, I get to be with my friends, learn about new things and do projects. We can all work together and make the world better for everyone while we do it.”



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

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