



*Shelby*  
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# August *News*



**We  
Love  
our  
4-H'ers!**



## Calendar of events

### September

- 7.... Labor Day - Extension office closed
- 8.... Extension office open to the public
- 11.... DEADLINE for 4-H records, Secretary and Treasurers Books, Community Service forms, Illinois Experience Awards

## Writing Thank-You's

Did you receive a trophy at the 2020 Virtual 4-H Show? All 4-H'ers are reminded to send a thank-you note to the donors. The address of the donor is on the bottom of the trophy. Donors appreciate acknowledgment of the trophies and are more willing to donate in future years when their efforts are recognized. Let the sponsors know how appreciative you are!

If anyone would like to send thank you cards to our general donation sponsors, contact Yolanda for names and addresses. This would be a great club community

## Rural King donation

Shelby County 4-H members who exhibited an animal project in the Virtual 4-H Show received a Rural King gift card. Gift cards were put with ribbon packets or mailed to 4-H families. Please send Rural King a thank you card for their generous donation. We appreciate their support to Shelby County 4-H members.

Rural King  
700 Broadway Ave. East  
Mattoon, IL 61938

## Tractor Supply Company

Shelby County 4-H would like to thank Tractor Supply Company for implementing their 10% animal feed discount during the 2019-2020 4-H year. This discount has saved 4-H families throughout the 4-H year and they are a generous supporter of the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair. Next time you stop by TSC, don't forget to say "Thank you for the feed discount."

## Back in the office . . .

Beginning August 17, our staff will begin to re-acclimate to our local offices.

That means your calls will be answered by a real person! However, we will not be open to the public until September 8. We appreciate your understanding as we have navigated together through these unprecedented times. We are committed to continuing to serve the families of Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties.



The University of Illinois Extension adheres to the CDC guidelines to not only protect our employees but our communities as well. Thanks in advance for abiding by the University's mandates.

## New Year-end Records

There are new Year-end Records for the 2019-2020 4-H year. With the many cancellations due to Covid-19, year-end records have been updated to reflect the cancellations. If your leader has passed out copies earlier in the year, please copy your information to the new records and discard the old copies.

**Any 4-H member may complete year-end records even if they did not exhibit in the Virtual 4-H Show.** On the "My 4-H Project" form (green sheet), you would not receive points for exhibiting but could complete the rest of the form. Talk with Yolanda or your club leader if you have questions.



## Scholarship Winners announced

Congratulations to Shelby County 4-H Members and Alumni who received a scholarship through Shelby Extension Foundation. A big thank you to the sponsors who continue their support to Shelby County 4-H members.

- \* Amanda Hall - Charlie Barker Memorial, Shelby County 4-H Federation
- \* Meliah Hennings - Shelby Extension, Shelby County 4-H Federation
- \* Macey Heselton - Uphoff Family
- \* Hallie Horsman - Annabelle Robertson Memorial
- \* Aaron Kirby - Bartscht Memorial Family
- \* Luke Jesgarz - Charlie Barker Memorial, Shelby County 4-H Federation
- \* Emmalee Storm - Chris Barker Memorial, Shelby County Pork Producers
- \* Royce Thompson - Anita Kessler Memorial, Shelby County Pork Producers
- \* Chase Trainor - Smith Family
- \* Sydney Trainor - Smith Family

## Shelby County 4-H Virtual Fair

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Shelby County 4-H Virtual Fair! There was 147 exhibitors with a total of 533 entries. Every 4-H Club was represented with at least one exhibitor. The poultry exhibitors embraced the virtual show with 151 entries! We had 10 exhibitors with 10+ entries. Congratulations to our three highest exhibitors: Matthew Horsman (39 entries), Ben Hille (32 entries) and Royce Thompson (29 entries).

General Projects Exhibitors - If you haven't done so, you can log-in to [Fairent.com](https://fairent.com) and view the judges comments.

Project winners can be found at the following link: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2020-06-27-virtual-show-2020-ccdms>

## STATE 4-H GENERAL PROJECT SHOW

We are excited to start the online judging of this year's state fair delegates. Results for state judging will be sent to counties to share with families. Week 1 judging results will be sent to counties approximately Aug. 17, Week 2 results on Aug 24, and Week 3 results on Aug. 31. Unfortunately, families will not be able to view judge's comments until all three weeks of state judging are complete.

Shelby County 4-H members will be judged in Week 2.

## State 4-H General Projects Show

Congratulations to the following exhibitors who are advancing to the IL State 4-H Show.

- Animal Science - Delaney Nation
- Clothing - Adalyn Blodgett
- Communications - Resmiranda Small
- Computer Science - Summer Carruthers, Aidan Jackson, Taryn Hrabak
- Crops-soybeans - Hunter Mott
- Electricity - Logan Garcia, Ben Beyers
- Filmmaking - Joseph Rund
- Floriculture - Joli Morrison
- Foods - Alexis Agney (Cooking 201), Shae Conder (Cooking 101), Emma Hickman (Cooking 101), Shae Jackson (Sports Nutrition)
- Forestry - Ty Burgener
- Geology - Tyler Vonderheide
- Intercultural - Henry Vonderheide
- Interior Design - Saebrá Curl
- Natural Resources - Blair Elliott
- Sportfishing - Carder Burris
- Photography - John Berns (photo editing), Audrey Durbin (photography 1)
- Visual Arts: Chalk, Carbon, Pigment - Mollie Slifer, Zoey Conder
- VA Clay - Amelia Bonny
- VA Fiber - Claire Schafer
- VA Food decorating - Bryleigh Elliott
- VA Metal - Toby Barringer
- VA Paper - Lilah Bonny
- Welding - Aaron Kirby, Gage Richards
- Woodworking - Rowan Jackson, Heath Westendorf
- Public Speaking - Zach Shelton, Summer Carruthers, Tyler Vonderheide
- Dog Obedience - Matthew Horsman

### Community Service Records

Due September 11, 2020

4-H Clubs who have completed 2 community service projects and 4-H members who have completed 3 community service projects should submit their records by September 11.

Clubs who haven't yet submitted community service forms for the 2019-2020 4-H year will receive payments in September and 4-H members will be recognized at Achievement Night with a community service medal.

### Checklist for Year-End Records

- ☒ My 4-H Activities (tan sheet)
- ☒ My 4-H Project Record (green sheet)
- ☒ Illinois Member Record
- ☒ Livestock Record if applicable
- ☒ Outstanding 1st and 2nd Year members. If you are a first or second year member, there are forms to complete for applying for the Outstanding 1st and 2nd year member awards.
- ☒ Junior Leader Nomination Form. This form is for older 4-H members who have helped mentor younger members or have been a "leader" to others in their clubs.

**All record forms are to be completed by the 4-H member.**

For assistance with year-end records, there are guidelines for completing 4-H records that will be emailed to 4-H families or contact Yolanda for more information. All forms must be signed by the 4-H member, parent and leader.

**Year-end 4-H records are due September 11, 2020.**

### Help with records

Help is available with year-end records! A county wide Zoom meeting is being planned for August 31 at 6:30. If you would like a meeting invite, please contact Yolanda. If you need one-on-one assistance, a Zoom meeting can be set up. Please reach out to Yolanda or your club leader for help.

### Club Secretary and Treasurers Books

Due in the Extension office by September 11, 2020

The secretary and treasurer books are **REQUIRED** by the State 4-H Office and must be turned in by September 11. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** There will be no award for club scrapbooks.

**All other misc. income must be listed to the side under the description heading. All other misc. expense must be listed to the side under the description heading and listed in the box.**

**Treasurer's Books:** all required signatures are needed in the audit which is listed in the front cover.

Who may sign the audit of the treasurer's book?

The rules are as follows as stated by the State 4-H Office:

1. A fiscal review committee should be appointed.
2. The fiscal review committee should consist of three individuals who are not involved in the expenditure of funds.
3. The suggested make-up of the fiscal review committee is a parent, leader and member of the club. If all leaders are signatories on the account, then two parents and one 4-H'er may be on the committee.
4. *The individuals on the fiscal review committee may not be signatories on the account or be related to those with signature authority.*

If the above rules are not followed, the treasurers book will be given back to the club to be corrected.

Tips on what should be categorized in what categories:

- **2 A - Donations** - Payments made to 4-H clubs by Federation for 4-H Week activities and community service money should be listed as a donation.
- **2 C - Other misc. items** - Program fees collected from club members.

## Link to year-end records

Year-end records can be found at the following link:  
<https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/4-h-shelby-county>

If you need hard copies, please contact your leader or Yolanda. Every 4-H member is encouraged to complete year-end records. We want to recognize our 4-H members for their hard work.

## Shelby County 4-H Federation

**What is Federation?** Federation is a youth group that is made up of Shelby County 4-H members. Federation meets on a monthly basis, typically on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Extension office. Federation assist with the planning, organizing and providing help at all county events such as Achievement Night, Craft Days, 4-H Week and the fair.

**Why should I join?** Federation is fun! It gives 4-H members leadership and mentoring opportunities. It give members confidence when leading activities and helps members gain public speaking skills. One of the rewards in helping with activities is the Federation incentive trip. Members earn points for each activity they assist with and if they have the designated points by August, they earn a free trip. Federation has been to Knights Action Park, Six Flags and the St. Louis Zoo.

**How do I join?** Watch the newsletter for monthly meeting notices or contact Yolanda to be put on the monthly meeting notice email group.

**Is there an age limit?** Federation is open to youth in 8th grade and up. Junior federation members are those youth who are in 6th and 7th grades.

If your interested in being apart of the 2020-2021 Federation team, please let Yolanda know so you can be notified of the September meeting date. We will be holding our officer elections at the September meeting. We hope to see new faces at the meeting.

## New 4-H Year kicks off September 1

The new 4-H year will start on September 1 and run through August 31, 2021. As new year materials become available, club packets will be given to club leaders to be distributed at upcoming meetings. Recruiting new members is always a goal for the 4-H program. As we receive updated guidelines from the University, they will be passed along to club leaders. We hope to be able to start holding club meetings in person again very soon.

Thinking about projects you would like to try? Keep your 2020 Shelby County Fair Book to check out project exhibit guidelines so you can start planning for the 2021 fair.

## Junior Leader Nomination Forms

Club leaders, parents, and volunteers may nominate any Shelby County 4-H member for the Junior Leader award. The nominating person should include specific responsibilities/duties that make the nominee a Junior Leader. Think of those members who have stepped up at club meetings and assisted where needed, those who have mentored younger members, etc.

The person being nominated must also complete a portion of the form. Required signatures include: nominee, nominee's parent, and the nominating person. Consider nominating a deserving 4-H member! Forms are due by September 11, 2020.

See the form for all the necessary requirements. The form can be found at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/shelbyjuniorleader.pdf>

## Illinois Experience Awards

The Illinois Experience Award is a separate award from the Shelby County year-end awards. Even the youngest of 4-H members should consider completing this application. To qualify for a Bronze Metal, a member must complete an experience in each of the areas of Participation, Community Service, Leadership and Project Learning. Counties award the Bronze, Silver and Gold medals and the application doesn't have to be typed. For those applying for the Diamond or Emerald award, the application must be typed. See page 6 of the newsletter for additional information and a link to the form. Hard copies are available at the Extension office. Deadline: Sept. 11.

### END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.



The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships).

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### CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery? If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.



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### JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](https://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

- **Club Meeting Agenda**— this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.
- **Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.
- **Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.
- **More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.



## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXPO

Sept 11-13, 2020 (beef / sheep / dairy goats / pygmy goats / rabbits / poultry)  
Sept 18-20, 2020 (swine / dairy cattle / meat goats)  
Open to ages 8-21. Held at Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL.  
This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrLivestock.pdf>

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

August 29-30, 2020 (English Show Portion)  
September 5-6, 2020 (Western Show Portion)  
Open to ages 8-21. Held at Du Quion State Fairgrounds, Du Quion, IL  
This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrHorse.pdf>

### TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are *True Leaders in Service*, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals. If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>.

Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished through your service project. Make sure you use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the first *4-H Volunteer Café Conversation* on **Thursday, August 20; at 7 PM**. We are so excited to be launching 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 will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well! This is what we have planned for our first Illinois 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation.

Here are the Specials of the Day:

- Welcome to our Volunteer Cafe - A Few Appetizers to Get Us Started (10 minutes)
- Special of the Day #1 - Successful Member Recruitment Strategies (15 minutes)
- Special of the Day #2 - Club Programming to Energize Meetings (15 minutes)

Wrap Up - Tips & Tools for your Pantry; AND What's on the Menu for Next Time! (10-15 minutes)

Use this registration link to indicate your intent to participate in this new opportunity. Everyone who signs up will receive an email prior to the event with the Zoom Call registration link and additional instructions We look forward to chatting with you soon!

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22481>



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### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

After a survey of shooting sports discipline instructors; key volunteers; and state shooting sports venues - the decision has been made to move all in-person state shoots to a virtual tournament format for health and safety reasons. This will allow for smaller, local competitions to be conducted and supervised by certified Level I 4-H discipline instructors, who will then report the youth scores centrally through an on-line system. Only Level I certified instructors may enter scores from 4-H members. Also, we are happy to announce that our 2020 Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports team members who were scheduled to attend the National 4-H Shoot last June (cancelled due to COVID-19) will be invited to shoot at the same national event in 2021 if they are still age eligible. Our 2020 virtual shoot results and the data from 2019 State Shoots will then be used to fill any gaps in the 2021 Illinois team. The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are posted on the Illinois 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>  
Virtual Shoot registration opens Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Contact Kelly at 217-369-6860 for more information.

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#### Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday**  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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**If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office.**

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