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Shelby County



December News



Federation members recognized



4-H Ambassadors

4-H Experience - Bronze Medal Winners



Calendar of events

December

- 2.... Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Center
- 7.... Winter Craft Day, see page 3 for details
- 24-31.... Christmas & New Year Holidays, Extension office closed

January

- 1.... Extension office closed
- 11.... Officer Training, 9-11:30, Shelby County Senior Center
- 20.... Extension office closed
- 27.... Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Center

February

- 8.... Steer weigh in 8-10 a.m., UPI Sale Barn Shelbyville
- 15.... Steer weigh in (snow date)
- 22-23.... Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham

March

- 6.... Deadline for adding or deleting projects
- 14-21.... 4-H Week
- 28.... Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 8 a.m.

July

- 19-23 ... Shelby County 4-H & Jr Fair

August

- 14.... Shelby County 4-H General Projects judging at the IL. State Fair

Thank you

A big thank you to the 28 4-H'ers who brought donations for the Ronald McDonald house. Over 250 items were collected at Achievement Night. This activity can be counted as one community service project on your community service form.

The donations were greatly appreciated!

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 are being printed for those members who have **completed their 4-H enrollment**. If you have enrolled, check with your club leader or the Extension office to receive your discount card.

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

Achievement Night wrap-up

On Saturday, November 2, Shelby County 4-H held its annual Achievement Night. 190 plus 4-H members and their families enjoyed dinner provided by the Extension office. With over 200 in attendance for the program, Shelby County 4-H awarded Experience medals, Jr. Leader medals, 4-H Excel awards, Outstanding 1st and 2nd year members, Secretary and Treasurer awards, project medals and many others. Congratulations to Terri Horsman for receiving the Outstanding Leader Award. John Nation was awarded the Outstanding Service Award.

The year-end slide show has been posted to the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. Check out all the great things that Shelby County 4-H 'ers achieved over the past year.

2019 Achievement Night Program booklets are available at the Extension office. For a complete list of winners, the program booklet can be viewed on the website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/shelby2019achievementprogrambooklet.pdf>

Thank you to everyone who attended! It was a wonderful night recognizing the achievements of Shelby County 4-H members and volunteers.

Shelby County 4-H - Community Service Challenge #2 Collecting wrapping paper and gift boxes at Winter Craft day

Shelby County 4-H is collecting wrapping paper and gift boxes for the Angel of Love program. Angel of Love helps support kids in Cowden-Herrick, Shelbyville and Stew-Stras Schools.

4-H'ers are being asked to bring their donations to Winter Craft day on December 7 or drop off donations to the Extension office by December 6.

For every 4 items donated, the 4-H'er will have their name added to a drawing for prizes. There will be both a morning and afternoon drawing.

Let's help support Angel of Love as they wrap presents for local kids.

Winter Craft Day participants

Morning session - Check in is from 8:30-8:55. Craft day runs from 9-11:30.

Afternoon session for Cloverbuds - Check-in is from 12:45-1. Craft day runs from 1-3.

Don't forget your candy and goodies to share for decorating gingerbread houses!

Recruiting new members

Recruiting new members is always a goal for the 4-H Program. We want to recognize members promoting and recruiting for Shelby County 4-H. Prizes will be given to those members who recruit a new 4-H member to the Shelby County 4-H program.

Leaders have recruitment forms or you can pick up a form from the office. After the new recruit has completed their enrollment and paid their program fee, prizes will be passed out.

Spread the word about 4-H, recruit a new member and receive a prize!

Enrollment in 4H Online

For 2019-2020, Shelby County 4-H families are being asked to complete their 4-H members enrollment through 4H Online instead of paper copies. Leaders will have step by step instructions on walking families through the enrollment process. **Those 4-H'ers who enroll and pay their program fee by December 13, will receive an incentive.** March 6, 2020 is the deadline to add/drop projects.

If doing the enrollment online causes a hardship, paper copies may be submitted. Families may also call the Extension office to set a time to use an office computer.

Do not create new families in the program. If you have forgotten your password, you can reset the password and it will send you an email with a link to change your password. Not sure which email your family used? Contact Yolanda and she can get that information for you. Contact the Extension office with questions.

Program fees for 2019-2020: There is a \$20 program fee for the 4-H year. For 2019-2020, Shelby County 4-H members are responsible for \$10 of the program fee. Shelby County HCE will be paying \$10 for each Shelby County 4-H member. Once an enrollment form has been turned in to the office or entered into 4H Online, members are responsible for the \$10 fee. **DO NOT PAY VIA CREDIT CARD THRU 4H ONLINE BECAUSE IT WILL CHARGE THE FULL \$20. No refunds can be issued if paid by credit card.**

Winter Craft Day help is needed!

Winter craft day help is needed on Saturday, December 7. We would love to have older 4-H members and volunteers help at this fun event.

If you can assist with the morning session, please be at the 4-H Center by 8:30 for a meeting. If you can assist with the afternoon session, please be at the 4-H Center by 12:45.

Those older 4-H members who help with at least one session can count this as a county activity. Call the Extension office to sign up today!

Officer Training

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Shelby County 4-H will be holding an officer training workshop on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Shelby County Senior Center.



This is a great opportunity to learn more about club officer positions and what their duties consist of. This workshop is open to any 4-H member whether they hold a current position in their club or are interested in becoming a club officer in future years.

4-H'ers will break out into groups based on their current officer position or one they would like to learn more about. There will also be escape boxes that 4-H'ers will have to work as teams to open the locks and find the surprise in the box.

We strongly encourage all current club officers, club leaders and those interested in learning more about club officers to attend this hands on, action packed workshop.

RSVP by Thursday, January 9 by calling the Extension office. We must have 10 members signed up in order to hold the workshop. Donuts and drinks will be provided.

Shelby County 4-H Shooting Sports SPIN Club

December 3 and 5 - new session for air rifle

Shelby Shooters SPIN Club will hold its second session for air rifle on December 3 and December 5. 4-H'ers are asked to be ready on the line at 6:30 at the 4-H Center located on the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fairgrounds. Sessions are 8 weeks long. The third session will start on February 4 and 6.

Youth must be eight and not have passed their nineteenth birthday by September 1, 2019. Paperwork must be completed and the \$10 program fee paid at the time of registration and discipline fees due prior to participation. Financial assistance is available to help with related cost. For more information, contact Kelly Barringer at 217-369-6860.

**4-H is for all
youth who like
action, learning
and FUN!**

Weighted Blanket Sewing SPIN Club

Shelby County 4-H is excited to offer a Weighted Blanket Sewing SPIN Club. The club is led by Liz Depew. The club meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Shelbyville Library from 9:30-12:30. The first meeting will be on January 18.

4-H'ers will make weighted blankets. Basic sewing skills are needed and bringing your own sewing machine is appreciated.

RSVP by Wednesday, January 15 if you would like to attend. Contact the Extension office or Liz at 259-7659 to sign up. There is a \$10 program fee for new members.

Buddy Program

Are you a new member and need help understanding what 4-H is all about? Are you an older 4-H member who likes to help others? The 4-H Buddy Program is for you. The Buddy program pairs a new member with an older member. The "big" Buddy helps the "little" Buddy learn about 4-H, explain upcoming activities and helps the "little" Buddy become part of the 4-H "family" in your club.

Contact your leader for more information on this program or the Extension office.

Step up and become a junior leader in your club.

Shelby County 4-H Week

March 14-21, 2020

The 2020 theme is “Follow your dreams in Shelby County 4-H”. The schedule is as follows:

- March 14 - 4-H Fire-Up
- March 15 - Attend a church of your choice, Skating party
- March 16 - Window displays are to be completed
- March 17 - International Night
- March 18 - Wear your 4-H shirt to school
- March 19 - Community Service Day
- March 20 - Family Fun Night
- March 21 - Spring Craft Day

International Night and Family Fun Night will be held in the the Shelbyville Nazarene Church gym. This will allow us to have more space to set up and have more seating for everyone. If your club hasn't participated before, please consider having a country and joining in on the fun!

Countries that have been taken are the United States, Mexico and China.

Bank Steer pick-up

4-H members participating in the Bank Steer program, will attend the drawing for steers on Saturday, February 8 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.

4-H Steer and Market heifer weigh-in

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 8-10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. If needed, the snow date is February 15. ALL market steers going to the 2020 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.

4-H Year-end Records

Each month, there is a records section in the newsletter. Ask your leaders for the My 4-H Activities sheet (tan sheet), and work on updating your records throughout the year or stop by the office to pick up records.

November

My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)

#1—Circle Achievement Night (County) if attended

IL 4-H Experience

Participation - (County) Achievement Night (November 2)

Community Service - (County) - Participated in a group service activity organized by my county 4-H program. Donation to Ronald McDonald house at Achievement night.

Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page

Stay up to date with all the activities happening in Shelby County 4-H and Shelby County 4-H Clubs by liking the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page. Upcoming deadlines and reminders are posted to help families. Check out pictures from all the events and see the great things Shelby County 4-H'ers are doing.

Shelby County Jr. Fair Board meeting

Monday, January 27 at 7 p.m.

The Shelby County Jr. Fair Board will hold it's annual meeting on Monday, January 27 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center. A regular meeting will follow.

Congrats!



**Club
Officers**

John Jordan
Jaybirds
President
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Summer Carruthers
Secretary
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Abbie Kelly
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Tanner Price

Scholarships available for State Events

Shelby County 4-H Federation is offering \$50 scholarships for those 4-H members who attend state 4-H events (excluding 4-H Camp). A scholarship form can be picked up at the Extension office or send Yolanda an email requesting the form.

Shelby County 4-H is offering \$25 to each member who attends a state event (excluding 4-H Camp). 4-H scholarships are provided from funds received from the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign. Families will need to pay for the event upfront and scholarships will be paid to families after the event.

Check out all the great events being offered! Register for the event and get ready for some fun!

Robotics SPIN Club

SPIN Club leader Jim Sparks will be offering two Robotics SPIN Clubs. One SPIN Club will be open to beginners who are completely new to Robotics. The focus of this club is aimed primarily at those who have NOT done the LegoBotics SPIN Club previously. Club members will build a robot and develop their programming skills using Lego Mindstorms EV3 robots.

Jim will be working with an advanced group of 4-H'ers who will design a robotics competition. There will be a second SPIN Club that will be open to those 4-H'ers who have past experience with the EV3 robots. This club will work on basic to intermediate programming skills and their goal will be to program their robots to compete in the robotics competition.

New robotics 4-H members will be responsible for the \$10 program fee.

If your interested in either club, please contact the Extension office to sign up as numbers will be limited. As details are finalized, information will be sent to those who are interested as well as put on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page.

Jim hopes to have the final details by December 13 and meetings will start in January.

Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

- Week 1: June 2-6
- Week 2: June 7-11
- Week 3: June 14-18
- Week 4: July 5-9
- Week 5: July 26-30



Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 - Effingham, IL

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!



In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.

Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

Nominations open for 2020 Salute to Excellence Volunteer awards

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office. The two categories for nominations are:

- Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region and state level
- Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the County Office by January 6 which will allow us to meet the *Thursday, January 9, 2020* submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.



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Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 – 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020. Register at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF.



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

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