



**Shelby  
County**



# February News



**John Jordan Jaybirds - Caroling**

**Ful-O-Pep delivered craft supplies to the nursing home**



**Moweaqua Rustlers - Angel Tree Shopping**



**Silver Spurs  
Angel Tree Shopping**

## Community Service!

# Calendar of events

### February

- 3.... Registration opens for 4-H Camp
- 3.... 4-H T-shirt design due by 4:30 p.m.
- 8.... Steer weigh-in 8-10 a.m., UPI Sale Barn Shelbyville
- 8.... Bank Steer pick up at 10 a.m., UPI Sale Barn
- 10.... Poultry Workshop, 4-H Center, 6 p.m.
- 14.... Fair Book Cover due by 4:30 p.m.
- 15.... Steer weigh in (snow date)
- 22-23.... Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
- 28.... Deadline for Farm Credit Community Improvement Grants

### March

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

### April

- 25.... National Day of Service

### July

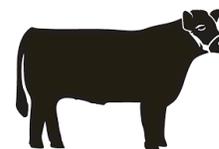
- 19-23 ... Shelby County 4-H & Jr Fair
- 27-Aug 2. State Horse Show

### August

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

## 4-H Steer and Market Heifer Weigh-in

Saturday, February 8



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

Reminder . . . 4-H members need to call the Extension office by February 3 if they are bringing animals to weigh-in so that paperwork can be prepared.

## 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.

## Changes to 4-H Judging

In past years, several misc. projects were judged on the Wednesday prior to the fair. Those projects this year will be judged on Wednesday, July 22 starting at 1 p.m. The fair book will be given to families in March and will have all the details.

We wanted to let families know so they could plan their vacations and days off from work.

Projects being judged on July 22: Child Care, Civic Engagment, Clothing & Textiles, College & Career Readiness, Communications/Journalism, Computer Science, Consumer Education, Health, Intercultural/ Passport to the World, Leadership, Photography, Reading, Robotics, Technologies, Theatre Arts, Video/filmmaking, Weather and 4-H Exploratory.

Interior design will be judged on Tuesday with Visual Arts.

## Master Showmanship Changes at the 2020 Fair

To qualify:

1. The 2020 Senior and Premiere Showmanship winners in beef, sheep and swine will automatically qualify to participate in the contest.
2. Pre-registration is required by June 1. There will be a maximum of 12 participants.

Rules for competing in the Master Showmanship contest:

1. Exhibitor must exhibit at least one of the following species: beef, sheep, or swine at the Shelby County 4-H Fair.
2. Must be at least 14 years of age as of 9/1/19 (state rule).
3. It's the 4-H'ers responsibility to find their own animals to compete in the county contest if not enrolled in that species.

## **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.

The second SPIN Club 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. Jim will be working with an advanced group of 4-H'ers who will design a 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 space will be limited. The LegoBotics Flyer can be found on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook Page.

### **The Intermediates**

**The Intermediates SPIN Club is open to anyone who has taken the Beginner SPIN Club but who has not attended a State Competition.**

**Meetings will meet from 6-8 p.m. at the Shelby County Extension Office.**

**Class dates:  
March 16 & 30  
April 13 & 27  
May 4 & 11**

**Space is limited! The cost is free to current Shelby County 4-H members and \$10 for new members.  
RSVP by March 13.**

### **The Advanced**

**The Advanced SPIN Club is open to anyone who has participated in the State Robotics Competition. Meetings will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Shelby County Extension Office.**

**Class dates: Jan. 20,  
Feb. 4 & 17, Mar 2, April 27, May 11**

**Space is limited! The cost is free to current Shelby County 4-H members and \$10 for new members.**

**RSVP by January 17**

## **Fair Book Cover Wanted**

Due February 14

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 19-22, 2020**
- ⇒ 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 14, 2020.

Thank you to Shelby County 4-H Federation for sponsoring the contest.



**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, constructing a welcome sign to your community, planting a garden, trees and flowers, etc.



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.

The deadline for applications is February 28, 2020.

For more information: <https://www.farmcreditil.com/Community>

Pictured: Strasburg Tailtwisters painted the Dairy Barn in 2019.

**Poultry Workshop**

Monday, February 10

Shelby County 4-H will be offering a Poultry Workshop on Monday, February 10 at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

Mandi Donaldson will be the speaker.

Selecting show birds, showmanship pointers and general care of birds will be discussed.

There is no cost to attend the workshop.

Call the Extension office to register by February 7.



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**Shelby County 4-H is looking for general and trophy donations**

Shelby County 4-H is looking for general and trophy donations. To sponsor a trophy/plaque/award for a particular project, the cost is \$25. Or one may give a general donation to Extension which means the amount donated will be partially matched by the State of Illinois. If interested in making a donation, complete the information below and return with your check. All money benefits Shelby County 4-H programs.

**General Program Donation** \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Trophy/Plaque/Award** We wish to sponsor a trophy and have enclosed \$25. We would like to sponsor a trophy/plaque/award in the area of: (Sponsorships will be given on a first come/first serve basis).

Name of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension **Money is due by Febuary 14, 2020 for recognition in the fair book.**

Payment should be sent to: Shelby County Extension, 1125 W N 2nd Street, Shelbyville, IL 62565

Please consider supporting the youth in Shelby County 4-H.

## **Shelby County 4-H Week March 14-21, 2020**

“Follow your dreams in Shelby County 4-H” is the theme for the 2020 4-H Week.

### **March 14 - 4-H Fire-Up**

- ◆ Want to learn more about 4-H projects and have fun at the same time? 4-H Fire-Up is the answer! Federation members are planning 4-H Fire-Up on March 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. Everyone is welcome to come learn about 4-H projects. This is a great workshop for Cloverbud, first and second year members to experience projects they may not know about. Parents are welcome. Please RSVP by March 6 so we can purchase supplies for those who sign up.

### **March 15 - Attend a church of your choice, Skating party**

- ◆ Some of our 4-H'ers traditionally attend church as a group during 4-H Week and say a few words about 4-H during the service. The All-Family Skating party will be at Silver Stars Skating Center in Mattoon from 5 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a \$1 charge for those needing skates; otherwise the event is free. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Concessions will be available for purchase.

### **March 16 - Window displays are to be completed**

- ◆ Window displays must be in place by 9 a.m. on Monday, March 16. Each club display must include the club name, members' and leaders' names, focus on the 4-H theme, and information about joining 4-H is also beneficial. Winners will be announced at International Night. Call the Extension office with the location of your display.

### **March 17 - International Night**

- ◆ International Food Night will be held at the Shelbyville Nazarene Church gym and starts at 6 p.m. Please send your recipes to the Extension office by March 11 so a recipe booklet can be compiled and available for donation (email would be preferred [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu)). Bring your change and dollar bills to vote for the "Best Country's Cuisine" at International Night. 1 penny = 1 vote, \$1 = 100 votes. The winning club will receive 25% of the total amount collected and Federation will receive 75% to be used to sponsor future workshops. If your club hasn't participated before, please consider having a country and joining in on the fun.
- ◆ Federation will give each club \$20 for bringing at least 25 to 49 items and will give \$30 for 50 or more non-perishable items for Pride Packages, which is led by Pat Garlick. A list of items needed will be in the March newsletter.

### **March 18 - Promote 4-H**

- Wear your Shelby County 4-H T-shirt to school to promote 4-H. Send pictures to Yolanda wearing your 4-H shirt to school and your name will be put in a drawing to win a prize. Pictures can be emailed to [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or via Facebook messenger to Shelby County IL 4-H.

### **March 19 - Community Service Day**

- ◆ Clubs are encouraged to do a community service project to give back to others and promote 4-H. For those clubs who do a community service project during the month of March, Federation will pay the club \$25. Send pictures to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) so your community service project can be shared with others.

### **March 20 - Family Fun Night**

- ◆ Family Fun Night will be held at the Nazarene Church Gym from 6:30-8 p.m. Fun, games and snacks will be provided.

### **March 21 - Spring Craft Day**

- ◆ The workshop will start at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. There is a \$5 fee for 4-H members and \$8 for non 4-H members to help cover the cost of supplies. 4-H'ers might even be able to exhibit some of their crafts in the Jr. Fair. RSVP and fee is due by March 13. Volunteers are needed! Check-in time will be from 8:45 to 9 a.m. Space is limited so register soon!

### Shelby County 4-H T-shirt Contest

Due February 3

Shelby County 4-H is looking for a new county t-shirt design. T-shirts will be provided from the Charlie Barker Memorial donations and Shelby County 4-H Federation.

Requirements for the contest:

- ⇒ Must have a 4-H clover (No words/pictures are allowed on the 4-H clover and clover must be only white, black or green.)
- ⇒ Must have the words “Shelby County 4-H”
- ⇒ Designs should be no more than 2 colors.

The design can be drawn using pens or markers or designed on a computer. Designs should be simple and neat.

Federation will choose the top two designs and 4-H’ers will be able to vote on the design and color in the March newsletter.

The winning entry will be awarded a \$50 cash prize. Entry deadline is February 3 by 4:30 p.m.

### 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.

The enrollment deadline is March 6, 2020. This is also the deadline to add or delete projects. No Exceptions! Program fees must also be paid by this deadline.

### New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal certification (YQCA)**. It will replace former trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. 4-H’ers enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, sheep and swine will be required to take the training. The training must be completed each year. A face to face training will be planned in early Spring and an online training is also available. Members will need to register with YQCA and pay the \$3 fee for the face to face training. Online training is available for a cost of \$12. Watch future newsletters for training dates and the website to register for the training. ***This is a state requirement and must be followed in order to exhibit in the Shelby County 4-H fair.***

Horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC)** training. This training is only required once in the member’s career. Example: If you have taken QAEC for rabbits in a prior year and this year, you exhibit poultry, you DO NOT have to take the training for poultry.

### 4-H Livestock Clinic Poultry and Rabbits

Saturday, February 8

A Poultry and Rabbit Workshop is being held at the Effingham County Fairgrounds in Altamont on February 8 from 9-11 a.m. Learn all the tips and tricks that you will need to know for your show day! Feel free to bring your own rabbit or poultry species and Mike will help you with any questions you might have! This event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team and our presenter for the day is Mike Claypool.



Free Pre- registration at: [go.illinois.edu/LATclinic](http://go.illinois.edu/LATclinic)

### 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

**Scholarship  
information will be  
available in future  
newsletters.**

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

## County 4-H 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!

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## Check out these scholarships!

### FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS:

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Apply online at [farmcreditIL.com/scholarship](http://farmcreditIL.com/scholarship) by February 28.

### Apply today: 76 scholarships total \$118,000

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. **Apply Online @ [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org)**. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Watch the Deadline.** You must apply **BEFORE** February 1. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

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## Be a true leader in service

April 25

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project.

## Nominate someone for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 21.

Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.

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## 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) #6**—Circle Winter Craft day if you attended or helped.

**IL 4-H Experience Participation** - (County) Winter Craft Day (December 7)

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## Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January on the state 4-H website. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures.

We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or call 217-762-2741.

## 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.

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

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