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March News



2020 Officer Training



Calendar of events

February

29.... Multi Species Workshop, 1-3 at Okaw Valley Ag Complex, Bethany

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.

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7.... Dog Obedience begins

19-25.... Celebrate 4-H Volunteers week

25.... True Leaders in Service

29-May 10.... Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

May

1.... Horse and Pony ownership and lease agreements due into the Extension office

9.... 4-H Day with the Cardinals, Busch Stadium

June

13.... 4-H BBQ, Shelby County Fairgrounds

July

11.... Fair Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 8 a.m.

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

Enrollment in 4H Online

Shelby County 4-H members need to be registered in 4H Online or submit paper enrollment copies by March 6, 2020 in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair. **March 6 is also the deadline to add or delete projects.** No Exceptions! The \$10 program fee is also due by this date.

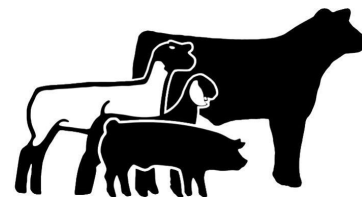
Check your 4H Online enrollment to confirm the projects that you are in enrolled in or call the office and talk with Yolanda.

Reminder that the Visual Arts projects are broken out by each individual project and members need to be signed up for each project they plan to exhibit.

The reading project can be found under County Career and Leadership.

Multi Species Workshop

Saturday, February 29



Shelby County 4-H is excited to partner with Early Bird Feed and the Okaw Valley Ag Department to offer a Multi-Species Workshop including cattle, swine, sheep and goats. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 29 from 1-3 p.m. at Okaw Valley High School in the Ag Complex in Bethany.

Topics for each species will include selecting show animals, how to feed and care for the animal, and discussing the proper way to exhibit the animal. There will be sandwiches/pizza and free feed giveaways. RSVP by February 24 by calling the Shelby County Extension Office at 217-774-9546. This will count as a county activity for 4-H members.

Shelby County 4-H BBQ

Saturday, June 13

Shelby Extension Foundation will be sponsoring the 4-H BBQ this year. The BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 13 with serving from 4:30-6:30. They will be finalizing the menu plans in the next few weeks and there will be pork chops. 4-H'ers will be asked to sell tickets and work at the BBQ. Tickets will be given to 4-H Clubs in early April. This will count towards a county activity for 4-H members.

Robotics SPIN Club—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.**

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.

4-H Fire-Up

Saturday, March 14

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! This is a great workshop for Cloverbuds, 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.



Attend a church of your choice

Sunday, March 15

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.

Skating Party

Sunday, March 15

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. There is also concessions available for purchase.



International Night

Tuesday, March 17

International Night will be held at the Shelbyville Nazarene Church gym located at the corner of North 3rd and Will Streets. Watch for signs. Serving will begin at 6 p.m. Federation will provide drinks and table service. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DESIGNATED VOTING PARKING PLACES IN FRONT THE TEEN CENTER.**



Clubs need to have their recipes to the Extension office by March 6 (or sooner) so a recipe book can be compiled. Email is preferred and send to Yolanda at 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.

Window Display

Monday, March 16

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.

There will also be a Facebook Fan Favorite contest. Pictures will be posted on Monday and voting will go through Tuesday noon. The winning club will be announced at International Night and will receive a \$25 cash prize.

Food Collection

Tuesday, March 17

Food donations are being collected for Pat Garlick for her organization, Pride Packages which sends packages overseas for US troops. 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. If another time would be convenient to bring the food items, please contact Yolanda at the Extension office.



Donations needed include: Easter candy, Little Debbie Snacks etc., small bottles of mouthwash, foot powder, women's body wash, men's body wash, lady and men's disposable razors, dental floss, Easter decorations, card games, little bags of nuts of any kind or small cans of nuts, sunflower seeds, Beef jerky Slim Jims, small packages of cookies, any kind of snacks, Tiny cans with pull tab of beans, fruit of any kind, vegetables, small packages of crackers with peanut butter or cheese, popcorn in packets, and small writing tablets with lines about 5"x 8".

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Promote 4-H

Wednesday, March 18

Wear your Shelby County 4-H T-shirt to school to promote 4-H. Email pictures to nation2@illinois.edu or send a Facebook message to Shelby County IL 4-H of you wearing your 4-H shirt by 9 a.m. on March 18 and you will receive a free candy bar and your name will be entered into a drawing for a free prize.

The club who has the most members send pictures by the 9 a.m. deadline (based off of the % of club members) will receive a \$25 cash prize. Pictures will be posted on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page.

Community Service

Thursday, March 19

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 so your community service project can be shared with others.

Spring Clean-up

Saturday, March 28 at 8 a.m.

Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds is scheduled for March 28 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 will count as a county activity.

Family Fun Night

Friday, March 20

Family Fun night will be held at the Shelbyville Nazarene Church gym and will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. There will be a bounce house, bingo, games, prizes and snacks. Paddi's Air Filled Fun will be there making balloon creatures! Come join us for an evening of FUN! Families are asked to RSVP by March 17 so we have plenty of prizes and snacks.



Spring Craft Day

Saturday, March 21

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.** Space is limited so register soon!



We only purchase enough supplies for those who have pre-registered. Craft Day pre-registration is due March 13. Call 217-774-9546 to register.

Older 4-H members and adult volunteers, we need your help! Please RSVP if you are available to help.

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. 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.

4-H Dog Obedience Classes Starting April 7, 2020

Registration for Dog Obedience Classes will start at 6:30 p.m. on April 7. 4-H Dog Obedience Classes will start on Tuesday, April 7 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at the Shelby County Fairground Show Arena. Dogs should be at least 6 months old. You must bring proof of your dog's RABIES and DISTEMPER-PARVO vaccinations with you to registration. Bring a parent for the registration and your dog. There is a \$9 fee for the training collar and lead to be used only for dog obedience.

New members are welcome to enroll. Youth who are 8 years of age and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before September 1, 2019 are eligible to enroll. Members are required to pay the \$10 program fee but the fee is only paid by members once. Tailwagger only members need to pay the \$10 fee on April 7. This is an 8 week series with a graduation at the end of the series. After the 8 weeks, practice will continue until the fair. For more information contact Sandy Brix or Beth Weber at 774-5464. Classes are sponsored by Shelby County Tailwaggers 4-H Club.

Shelby County 4-H County T-shirts

Shelby County 4-H is excited to provide a Shelby County 4-H t-shirt to every 4-H member in the county. Funds to purchase the t-shirts are provided by the Charlie Barker Memorial donations and Shelby County 4-H Federation. The winning design was created by Audrey Durbin, (Ful-O-Pep). Special thanks to Royce Thompson (Coldspring Copperheads), Claire Schafer (Oconee Eager Beavers) and Alissa Shasteen (Shelby Showstoppers) for submitting designs.

Each Shelby County 4-H member who is registered by March 6 and has paid their \$10 enrollment fee will receive a free heather grey t-shirt. Families may order merchandise at 4-H Week activities or contact the Extension office. Payment will need to be made at the time of the order. Orders may also be placed through March 22 at the Online store. This is a one time order, so don't miss out! Here is the Online store link. It will be active in a few days.

https://stores.inksoft.com/shelby_county_4h/shop/home

Shelby County 4-H



Prices are as follows:

- T-shirt - \$8
- Long sleeve - \$10
- Sweatshirt - \$15
- Hoodie - \$20
- 2XL and up will be an additional \$2.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Yolanda at the Extension office.

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.

February

My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)
#7 - Officer Training (Jan. 11), Poultry Workshop (Feb. 10)

IL 4-H Experience

Participation - (County) Officer Training (Jan. 11), Poultry Workshop (Feb. 10)

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Wednesday, May 1, 2020

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Friday, May 1, 2020. Two pictures (each side) 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>

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. 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. The April newsletter will list the available training dates. *This is a state requirement and must be followed in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H fair and IL State Fair.*

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking horses/ponies, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats First year animal exhibitors - take note!

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 don't complete the certification by June 1 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. The local office has a list of those already certified. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits. June 1 is the deadline!**

The link can be found at <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/quality-assurance-ethics-training>

Shelby County 4-H Policies

In order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair,

- ⇒ 4-H member must attend 3 of their own club meetings. College students must attend 2 of their own club meetings.
- ⇒ 4-H member must present a talk/demonstration at their own club meeting about a 4-H project.
- ⇒ 4-H member must participate in a county activity.

County activities include any county workshops, Scarecrow Daze Parade, Winter Craft Day, Officer training, 4-H Fire-Up, helping with your clubs window display or helping at International Night, Family Fun Night, Spring Craft Day and the 4-H BBQ.

State Fair Sheep Weigh-In Nominations

Lambs for the 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere (carcass) Shows must be, nominated, weighed, and tattooed, at the local county level. Shelby County 4-H will weigh and tattoo lambs on Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m. at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds. If you have questions, please contact Sheep Superintendent Debbie Cruitt at 217-254-3265.

Non-Premiere lambs and goats for state fair (those showing in the live show only) All non-premiere lambs and goats for state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2020 as follows: Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read – see attached sample photo on back of Lamb & Goat Nomination Form). Contact the Extension office for a nomination form. Nomination forms must be signed by the Extension office.

Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Monday, May 11

Shelby County 4-H members enrolled in Public Speaking will receive their public speaking entry form in March. Entry forms will be due in the Extension office by May 1. Exhibitors are limited to one entry. Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Books will be given to families in March which will have all the details for the contest.

Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM, St. Louis, Missouri

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!

Click the “Tickets” down arrow.

Select “Non 4-H Member Instructions” (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)

Don’t use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you’re still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That’s what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.

Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.

Tell Your 4-H Story

March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM

Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling
Shawnee Community College in Ullin

We’re looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be two trainings on **Saturday, March 21**. The Northern training will be held at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. The Southern training will be held at Shawnee Community College in Ullin.

The training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved and put that story into words. Learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you’re trained, you’ll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol this spring. Register @: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H before **March 13**.

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Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM, Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM, Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30.

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

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