



Shelby County



November News



Scarecrow Daze Parade



**Oconee Eager Beavers
Blankets for veterans**



**Harvest Bags delivered
by Federation members**



Showstoppers at TSC

Calendar of events

November

- 1.... State awards due
- 2.... Achievement Night dinner, 6 p.m. Nazarene Church Gym, program at 7 p.m.
- 15.... Deadline to sign up for the Bank Steer Program
- 28-29.... Thanksgiving, office closed

December

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

January

- 1.... Extension office closed
- 20.... Extension office closed
- 27.... Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Center

February

- Tbd.... Steer weigh in

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

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!

Shelby County 4-H Livestock Auction Changes

The Shelby County Jr. Fair Board is making changes to the 2020 4-H Livestock Auction. The insert in this newsletter lists all the details of how the auction will be ran in 2020.

If anyone has questions after reading the rules, families may call Lisa Mott, fair board president at 217-412-9378.

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.**

Don't delay, ENROLL today!

Achievement Night Dinner and Program

Saturday, November 2

On Saturday, November 2, Shelby County 4-H will hold its annual Achievement Night. Shelby County 4-H would like to invite families to our Achievement Night dinner catered by Niemergs. The menu includes: fried chicken, baked ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, corn, green beans, coleslaw, rolls and butter. **RSVP is a MUST by Friday, October 25!** Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Nazarene Church Gym. Please remember - if you RSVP, a meal is being purchased for you. The Achievement Night program will be held at 7 p.m. with refreshments following.

Join us as we celebrate the 2018-2019 achievements of Shelby County 4-H'ers.

RSVP by October 25!!!



Bank Steer Program

Deadline Friday, November 15

Are you interested in raising, showing and selling a steer as a 4-H project? The Shelby County State Bank is offering interest-free loans to Shelby County 4-H members to assist them in purchasing a steer to exhibit at the fair.

In order to be eligible to participate in this program, the 4-H member must have been enrolled in 4-H at least one previous year. Members must complete enrollment via 4H Online or a completed enrollment form submitted to the Extension office. *The Assumption of Risk from Liability* form and the \$10 program fee must also be submitted to the Extension office by November 15.

Changes to 2019-2020: new families will have an on-farm visit from the Bank Steer Committee prior to steer weigh-in and all participants will have an on-farm visit in the Spring by the Bank Steer Committee. The Bank Steer Committee reserves the right to deny any individual participation in the Bank Steer Program.

The deadline to sign up for a bank steer is November 15. Pick-up for steers will be in February at steer weigh-in.

Shelby County 4-H - Community Service Challenge #1

Join inspiring Illinois 4-H teen in service to others

Illinois 4-H member and 2020 Miss Central Illinois Outstanding Teen Elizabeth Weidner of Effingham County is inviting members and clubs to help with an amazing service project. Elizabeth wants to provide needed personal items to families whose children are being treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. She is asking your help collecting small/travel sizes of the following: Shampoo and conditioner, Shower gel/soap/moisturizer, Deodorant, Razors and shaving cream, Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash, Combs/brushes, etc.

These items will be stocked in nurses stations and available to families who need items. In addition, Elizabeth is collecting: Pre-packaged snacks, cereals, oatmeal, chocolates, and hard candies, Small packets of teas, coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener, packages of hot chocolate, teas, and juice boxes.

Elizabeth is a stage IV high risk neuroblastoma cancer warrior survivor and patient of Children's Miracle Network hospitals. For more information, one may call 217-925-5700.

Bring your items to Achievement Night on November 2. For every 4 items that are donated, 4-H'ers will have their name entered in a drawing for prizes and this can be counted as one item on your community service record as a donated item.



Winter Craft Day for 4-H members

Saturday, December 7

4-H members (ages 8 and up) and their friends are invited to attend the annual Winter Craft Day on Saturday, December 7 at the 4-H Center. Check-in time is 8:30 to 8:55 a.m. Craft day will start at 9 a.m. and end around 11:30. There will be donuts and drinks to kick off the morning. There is a \$5 fee for 4-H members and \$8 for non 4-H members. Registration and pre-payment must be turned in by November 27. We only purchase craft materials for those who RSVP. Call the Extension office to register. Space is limited! 4-H'ers must be registered in 4H Online in order to participate.

Help is needed! Older 4-H members and volunteers are needed to help with craft day. If you can assist in any way, please contact the Extension office to sign up. Older 4-H members who help can use this activity towards their county activity.

Everyone will decorate a gingerbread house along with making crafts. We ask everyone to bring candy and other goodies to share for decorating houses.

Don't wait to sign up; we are only accepting 50 youth.



Wanted for Craft Day . . .



We are in need of pop up style Kleenex boxes for craft day. These are the base for the gingerbread houses.

Please save your boxes and drop off to the Extension office by November 27. We appreciate everyone's help!

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.

Winter Craft Day for Cloverbud members

Saturday, December 7

Cloverbud members (ages 5-7) and their friends are invited to attend the annual Winter Cloverbud Craft Day on Saturday, December 7 at the 4-H Center. Check-in time is 12:40 to 12:55 p.m. Craft day will start at 1 p.m. and end around 3. There is a \$5 fee for 4-H members and \$8 for non 4-H members. Registration and pre-payment must be turned in by November 27. We only purchase craft materials for those who RSVP. Call the Extension office to register. Space is limited!



Help is needed! Older 4-H members and volunteers are needed to help with craft day. If you can assist in any way, please contact the Extension office to sign up.

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Shelby County Jr. Fair Board meeting

Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

The Shelby County Jr. Fair Board will hold its next meeting on Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

Inspired to lead, called to serve

Written by Gretchen Macklin,
Shelby County 4-H alumni, student
intern for Extension
Communications



As a kid growing up in Illinois, I was heavily involved in 4-H for 11 years, taking projects like swine, horticulture, photography, and cooking. I think my favorite part of 4-H was not showing projects at the fair, or monthly club meetings, or the skills it taught me, or even working with livestock, although I really enjoyed all those things. My favorite part of 4-H was the community. That may sound cheesy, but it's so true. One of my favorite days of the whole year was fair clean-up day when everyone came together after the fair to scoop out the barns and clean up the buildings. Even though it was hard work and everyone was exhausted after a week at the fair, I thought it was really cool to be part of this big group all pitching in to help.

It's hard to talk about my 4-H experience without talking about all the connections I made, which is true for so many 4-H alumni. I think this is such a common theme because there is something about working with and beside people that helps you bond in ways you wouldn't otherwise. I made a lot of friends in 4-H (actually, I'm engaged to one of my friends I met in 4-H!), but it also helped me connect more deeply with people in my own family. I grew much closer to my grandpa and my cousins by working on 4-H projects together. My grandpa has always been crazy about raising hogs and he would take me to buy 4-H pigs and help me with the chores along the way. Before moving to college, I also got to spend a lot of time with my younger cousins in the summer as we all worked on our livestock projects. Working on projects and practicing the 4-H commitment to community service were an important part of these friendships and family relationships.

Opportunities for community service are everywhere in 4-H. I really enjoyed working with the younger 4-H members, packing meals for local food pantries, and serving community dinners. I think these experiences taught me that the relationships I gained are so much more valuable than the skills I learned or the recognition I received. I didn't win many awards, but I can't remember a single time when I didn't enjoy the fair because I didn't win.

To read the rest of Gretchen's story, the article can be found at the following link: <https://aces.illinois.edu/blog/inspired-lead-called-serve>

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.

October:

My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)

#7 - Other 4-H Activities

Scarecrow Daze Parade (County),

Tractor Supply Clover Days set up with club (County)

IL 4-H Experience

Participation - (County) Scarecrow Daze Parade

Community Service - (County) -

Participated in a group service activity organized by my county 4-H program.

Tractor Supply Clover Days

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.

Changes to the 2020 Crop Classes

In addition to exhibiting fresh corn and soybean plants, additional crop classes are being added for 2020. Exhibitors will bring 6 ears of corn from the 2019 crop, each being of equal size, free from insect or disease damage. Exhibitors will bring 1 gallon of soybeans from the 2019 crop, displayed in a clear jar, being free of trash or cracked beans. It's harvest, so save your ears of corn and keep a gallon of soybeans for the 2020 fair.

New projects for the 2019-2020 4-H Year

There are new projects for the 2019-2020 4-H year.

- Child development
- Family Heritage
- Leather - visual arts
- Sports Nutrition



Geospatial has been eliminated as a 4-H project.

Upcoming Community Service Opportunities

Festival of Lights - The Festival of Lights are currently working on filling in days to work the donation booth for the lights. You may choose to work a half shift or full shift. They request 2 adults on hand and all children must be supervised for safety reasons. Shifts are as follows:

- Sun-Thurs 5-9pm full. Split 5-7 & 7-9 p.m.
- Fri-Sat 5-10pm full. Split 5-7:30 & 7:30-10 p.m.

Please message the Festival of Lights Facebook page if interested.

Pride Packages - Pat Garlick packs Pride Packages for servicemen that are overseas. She is looking for groups to help pack items in November. She is also accepting donations for nuts, breakfast bars/granola bars, peanut butter, coffee packets, fruit snacks, packets of tuna, salmon, small bags of candy, small canned food with pull tabs, etc. If your family/4-H Club would like to help Pat, she can be reached at 217-774-1324. This is a great opportunity to put your “hands to larger service”.

Salvation Army - The Salvation Army is looking for bell-ringers to work at Shelbyville area businesses. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shift on Friday’s or Saturdays. If your club is interested, contact Denise Pullen at 864-2922 or Mindy Mars at 690-1028.

All three are great service opportunities for 4-H clubs and would count on year-end records as community service. If your club decides to participate, remember to take pictures and send to Yolanda.

Shelby County 4-H Week

March 14 -21

Save the dates . . . Shelby County 4-H week has been set for March 14 -21. The 2020 theme is “Follow your dreams in Shelby County 4-H”.

Watch future newsletters for additional details.

Congrats!
Club Officers

<p>Coldspring Copperheads President Ralph Thompson</p> <p>Vice-President Sydney Lorton</p> <p>Secretary Royce Thompson</p> <p>Treasurer Brent Thompson</p> <p>Reporter Kyndall Bennett</p>	<p>Ful-O-Pep President Blake Hammond</p> <p>Vice-President Audrey Summers</p> <p>Secretary Audrey Durbin</p> <p>Treasurer Grant Summers</p> <p>Reporter Parker Duncan</p> <p>Historian Henry Reed</p>
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Award deadlines is earlier! Submit by November 1

IMPORTANT: The state deadline for awards has been changed to November 1. Don't miss your chance to apply. Award applications are available online at go.illinois.edu/4Happly:

- ♦ **Key Award:** This award focuses on Leadership, Community Service and Mentoring. Members 16-19 are eligible for this award.
- ♦ **State 4-H Award:** Members may apply in any or all of the five award categories: *Communications, Community Service, Leadership, Personal Growth, and/or Project Mastery*. State winners in these categories can receive educational scholarships or trips to national events. This award is open to members 15-18.
- ♦ **Vet Science Award:** Outstanding members enrolled in the 4-H Veterinary Science Project are eligible to apply for a \$200 cash award. Check with your county for their deadline for this award.
- ♦ **4-H Leadership, Citizenship, and Professionalism Award:** Applicants must be 17-19 and exemplify leadership, citizenship and professionalism skills. This award is sponsored by the Illinois Farm Bureau and Affiliate Companies. Winners will be invited to a 3-day Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference in April.

Get money for college

The deadline for **state scholarship** has also been changed to November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships for these scholarship opportunities:

- ♦ **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship:** Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due November 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.
- ♦ **Livestock Scholarship:** \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for youth who have demonstrated project mastery in their livestock area. Open to current high school seniors who have completed a minimum of 3 years in a Livestock Project and plan to pursue a college degree in the agriculture industry. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

Take a trip around the globe

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

- Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.
- Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.
- South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ states4hexchange.org/.



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Bulk Third Class

Welcome to a new 4-H year!

Reminders

- 4-H families should complete their own enrollment in 4H Online. Club leaders will have instructions on the enrollment/re-enrollment process. If a family doesn't have access to a computer, paper copies may be submitted or the family can call the office to set a time to use a computer.
- 4-H families that complete their enrollment online and pay their \$10 program fee by the designated date will receive an incentive prize. Projects may be added or changed until March 6, 2020

Shelby County 4-H Policies:

If a 4-H member wishes to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair and be eligible to receive premiums, the following items must be completed by the 4-H'er:

- 4-H'er must attend **three** of their own club meetings. College students must attend two of their own 4-H Club meetings.
- 4-H'er must present a talk or demonstration at their own club meeting. The talk or demonstration must pertain **to a 4-H project**. It doesn't have to be a project the 4-H'er is in enrolled in.
- 4-H'er must participate in a county activity. Examples of a county activity include: Winter Craft Day, 4-H Fire-Up, 4-H Week activities (international night, window display) Spring Craft Day, 4-H BBQ, 4-H workshops, etc.

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

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