



# Shelby County

# 4-H

# February News

## Greenery Workshop



## Community Service Workshop

Paint pouring, door hangers, giftbag pictures



# Calendar of events

### January

- 24.... 4-H Camp registration opens
- 27.... Shelbyville Drive Thru Food Mobile, 3 p.m.
- 29.... 4-H Officer Training, 9-12, Mattoon Public Library

### February

- 1.... Robotics SPIN Club starts
- 12.... Steer Weigh-in, 8 am. UPI Sale Barn, Shelbyville
- 19.... Snow date for Steer Weigh-in
- 25.... Fair Book Cover contest entries due
- 28.... Winter Wonderland Photography contest entries due
- 28.... Farm Credit Grants are due

### March

- 25.... Pride Package Donations due to office
- 31.... Winter Club Challenge reports and pictures due to Yolanda

### April

- 1.... 4H Online Enrollment deadline
- 2.... Spring Craft Day, 9 a.m. 4-H Center
- 23.... 4-H Fire-Up, 9 a.m. 4-H Center
- 23.... National Day of Service
- 24.... Skating Party, 5-8 p.m., Silver Star Skating Rink, Mattoon
- 25.... Window Displays must be in place
- 26.... Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school
- 27.... Community Service Day Recognized
- 28.... 4-H Scavenger Hunt, Shelbyville Park
- 29.... 4-H Carnival, 6 p.m. Shelby County Fairgrounds

### May

- 2.... 4-H Horse Ownership & Lease Papers due

### June

- 3.... Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair Entry deadline

### July

- 4.... Office closed for Holiday
- 17-21.... Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair

### August

- 13.... Shelby County 4-H General Projects Judging day at the IL State Fair

**The Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair will be held July 17-21, 2022.**

## 4H Online Enrollment Reminder

4H Online Enrollment is open to 4-H Families and leaders. The link is [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com). Families will need to use their 4H Online email address to log-in. **4-H members may add or delete projects until April 1, 2022**

**Seniors** - Please be enrolled in 4H Online by February 1. The 4-H Alumni Association will be providing tassels to seniors.

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## Project Manuals

4-H members must send Yolanda an email or call the Shelby County Extension Office to order project manuals. 4H Online isn't set up to order project books. Some projects do require the book to be completed as part of their 4-H exhibit.

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## Public Speaking

All 4-H members interested in participating in the Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest need to be enrolled in 4H Online by **February 1**. The state contest is being held on April 30 so the county contest will be held in late February/early March.

For those who plan on participating, would you rather have the contest on week night, Saturday night or a Sunday afternoon? Please email Yolanda with your preference as soon as possible. She will also send an email to families asking for input in the next few weeks.

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## Fall Club Challenge

Congratulations to the Coldspring Copperheads on being the Fall Club Challenge winners. They will receive refreshments from Shelby County 4-H Federation at one of their upcoming meetings. Thank you to Coldspring Copperheads, Ful-O-Pep, John Jordan Jaybirds, Moweaqua Rustlers, Oconee Eager Beavers, Shelby Showstoppers, Shelby Sparklers and Silver Spurs 4-H Clubs for completing two community service projects.

## Winter Wonderland Photography Contest

December 19 - February 28

Shelby County 4-H is sponsoring a photography contest for 4-H'ers in Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Douglas and Shelby Counties. The contest will run from December 19 - February 28.

### Rules:

- 3 age divisions 5-7, 8-13 and 14-18. 4-H age is based off of 9/1/21.
- 4-H'ers may submit one entry.
- The entries will be reviewed and critiqued by a photography judge.
- If submitting a picture with a non 4-H member, a photo release must be completed and submitted with the entry.
- Pictures must be taken by the 4-H member submitting the picture.

Cash prizes will be awarded in each age division.

Email entries to Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu.

This will count as a unit activity on the Illinois Experience Award.

## Spring Craft Day

Saturday, April 2

Shelby County 4-H Spring Craft Day is being planned for April 2 at the 4-H Center. Craft day is open to both 4-H and Cloverbud members.

We will have 2 sessions 9-10:30 and 10:45-12:15. Cost is \$5 for 4-H members and \$8 for non 4-H members and **must be paid by March 25**. Space is limited so sign up early.

We will need helpers as well. Older members could count helping as part of their county activity requirements. Sign up via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

## Shelby County 4-H Fair Book Cover Contest

Due February 25

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 artist. Entries must be submitted to the Shelby County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on February 25, 2022.

### *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 17 -20, 2022**
- Include the words **Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair** in the design.

Contact Yolanda with questions.

## 4-H Officer Training

Saturday, January 29

This is a unit (Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie-Douglas and Shelby Counties) officer training and there is no charge to attend. Lunch will be provided. **Register by January 24**. You do not have to be a current club officer to attend. This training has a hands-on lock-box discovery challenge. You must register to attend the event. The registration link is: [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CCMS4HOFFICERTRAINING](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/CCMS4HOFFICERTRAINING)

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

Saturday, February 12

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 12 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. If needed, the snow date will be February 19. 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 2022 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in. Reminder . . . 4-H members need to email Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu or call the Extension office by February 8 if they are bringing animals to weigh-in so that paperwork can be prepared.



## Shelby County 4-H — February 2022

### Winter Club Challenge

January - March, 2022

The Shelby County 4-H Club Fall Challenge is as follows:

- Complete 1 community service activity of the club's choice.
- Complete 1 club based activity. Examples can be an ice breaker, project workshop, guest speaker, etc.
- Submit a picture of each activity to Yolanda by 3/31/22.
- Each club that completes the Winter Challenge will have their name entered into a drawing for refreshments at their April meeting.

Note - Club challenges count as a county activity but they must be service related. Donations do not count as a county activity.

### Mowing at the Fairgrounds

The Shelby County Junior Fair Board is looking for older 4-H members or families to mow the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds from April - October, 2022

If you are interested, contact Yolanda via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or call the Extension office 217-774-9546.

### Shelbyville Food Drive Thru

Thursday, January 27

Help is needed at the Shelbyville Food Drive Thru being planned for January 27 at the 4-H Center. The truck will be at the 4-H Center around 3 and will need unloaded. Families will start picking up food around 3:30. We can use help from 3 until around 4:30. If you can help, please let Yolanda know. This would be a county activity and county community service project.

### Farm Credit Service Grant Opportunities

February 28

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 improvements. Grants could focus on building improvements through painting and repairing, provide/update landscaping, purchasing a tree, constructing a welcome sign to your community, planting a garden, trees and flowers, etc. For more information: <https://www.farmcreditil.com/Community>

### Pride Packages Donation Collection

Due by March 25

Shelby County 4-H Federation is encouraging clubs to collect donations for the Pride Packages Easter boxes. Clubs may also make Easter cards or send thank you cards to the soldiers. A complete list of items needed is listed below. Clubs who collect 20-49 items will be paid \$15 and 50+ items will be paid \$20. Items need to be turned into the office by March 25 so Pat Garlick has time to assemble the Easter Pride Packages.

Items needed:

- Little Debbie Snacks
- Poptarts
- Cheese crackers
- Popcorn packets
- Small packages of cookies
- Hard wrapped candy
- Protein bars
- Granola bars
- Dried fruit
- Trail mix

Note:

Pride Package donations can be included on the Illinois Experience Award as a national event.

Suggestions for success when applying for grants:

- Create a tangible and visible presence in the community
- Require youth sweat equity
- Take photos or provide added documents to support the application.

If you need help with ideas, contact Yolanda.

The deadline for applications is February 28, 2022

## **Shelby County 4-H Week**

April 23-29, 2022

The theme for Shelby County 4-H Week is “Shelby County 4-H Sparks . . . .” The . . . can be completed by the 4-H Club. Example – Shelby County 4-H Sparks Fun!

**April 23 (Saturday)** – 4-H Fire-Up will be held at the 4-H Center at 9 a.m. This event is free and open to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year members. Cloverbuds may attend with a parent. There will be limited space so sign-up soon! We have some great projects planned for the morning.

**April 24 (Sunday)** – Federation will be sponsoring the annual skating party at Silver Stars Skating Rink in Mattoon. Skating will be held from 5-8. There will be a \$1 charge for those needing skates. Families may bring in their own food and drink as there is no longer a concession stand. 4-H’ers are also asked to thank their club leader or 4-H volunteer by sending a card, texting, calling, etc.

**April 25 (Monday)** – Window displays need to be in place by 9 a.m. Leaders need to notify Yolanda with the location of the display.

**April 26 (Tuesday)** – Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school day. Send a photo to Yolanda on this day and receive a free candy bar.

**April 27 (Wednesday)** – Community Service Day - Clubs who do a community service project during 4-H week will receive \$20 from Federation.

**April 28 (Thursday)** – 4-H Scavenger Hunt at Shelbyville Park – more details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

**April 29 (Friday)** – Shelby County 4-H Family Carnival 4-H Clubs are being asked to set up a carnival style booth and provide 1-2 games. This event will be held at the fairgrounds. This is a great way to get older 4-H members involved and meet their county activity requirement. At each game, kids will earn tokens and Federation will offer prizes. Clubs need to notify Yolanda with the type of game(s) they are planning so that we have a variety of games. Since we aren’t able to do International Night, this is a great way to bring clubs together at the fairgrounds.

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### **Robotics SPIN Club**

February 1 - March 22

Robotics SPIN Club leader Jim Sparks will be offering a beginners Robotics SPIN Clubs starting on February 1 and running for 8 weeks on Tuesday evenings. The club is open to youth ages 10 and up. If younger than 10, please contact Yolanda for approval. Meetings will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Space is limited to 10 members. Masks will be required at all meetings.

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.

Sign-up by January 31 if interested by emailing Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu or calling 217-774-9546.

### **True Leaders in Service**

Saturday, April 23

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th “H” and pledge your hands to larger service. Projects that are registered on the national site, can count this project as a national service activity on year end records.

Register your event at the following link.

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

RegistrationID=24356

## Shelby County 4-H — February 2022

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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. Anyone may sponsor a donation; it's a great way to give back if 4-H has touched your life. 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/banner/award in the area of: (Sponsorships will be given on a first come/first serve basis).

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

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension **Money is due by March 1 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.

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### 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

#### **Summer Program Staff** (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director

Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education Director

Arts & Crafts Director

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

Recreation Director

Climbing Tower Director

#### **Cabin Counselors** (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

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### 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.

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### 4-H Year-end Records

#### December

*My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)*

#4 - Circle Winter Craft day if you attended or helped.

#8 - Community Service Workshop (Dec. 10), Greenery Workshop (Dec. 12)

IL 4-H Experience Participation or project learning for the activities listed above.

## GET YOUR TACKLE READY 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. A link to tournament details will be published in March.

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for the 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for the crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



## 4-H Youth in Action

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- 🏆 earn a \$5K scholarship
- 📣 serve as a national youth spokesperson
- ...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>

## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Cost is \$265. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp website - <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

### Registration Dates:

Jan. 24 - Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

### Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

Scholarships are available through Shelby Extension Foundation and Shelby County 4-H Federation. Contact Yolanda for additional information on scholarships.



## 4-H Town Hall

**Save the Date – March 1, 2022  
Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting**

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H.

Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

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## Shelby County 4-H Member Policy

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: Federation Club Challenges, 4-H Round-up, Winter Craft Day, 4-H Fire-Up, 4-H Week activities, Spring Cleanup at the fairgrounds, Spring Craft Day, 4-H project workshops, etc.

### Project Manuals

- 4-H members may order up to 5 project books at no charge. Over 5 project books will be charged to members at cost. Members need to order books by contacting Yolanda.

Projects may be added until April 1.

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

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