



Shelby
County

4-H

March News

Multi-County Officer Training



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Food Distribution

Unlock Ag Innovators Training



Calendar of events

March

- 3.... Public Speaking Workshop, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Center
- 19.... String Art Workshop, 9-11 a., 4-H Center
- 19.... Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 25.... Pride Package Donations due to office
- 26.... Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 8 a.m.
- 26.... Canvas Bunny Painting Workshop, 9:30-11 a.m., 4-H Center
- 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
- 5.... Dog Obedience Class begins, 6:30 Show Arena
- 23.... 4-H Fire-Up, 9 a.m. 4-H Center
- 23.... True Leaders 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
- 14.... 4-H Day with the Cardinals

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.

April 1 is the 4H Online Enrollment and the last day to add or delete projects.

Welcome Jessie McClusky

Jessie McClusky is the County Extension Director for the Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties. She has a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of South Dakota and a bachelor's degree in recreation and park administration from Illinois State University. McClusky comes to Extension after working the last 10 years at a local community college where her focus was on non-credit short-term classes for career training and professional development. She started her career at a park district overseeing the cultural arts, day camps, and various events and transitioned to professional development when she joined the community college. Jessie enjoys helping individuals and organizations see what could be possible and working through the process to achieve success.

Throughout her career she has served on several state-wide Boards including Leadership Illinois (VP of Communication) and the Illinois Council for Continuing Education and Training (President). In 2019 she was the recipient of the Forty Under 40 award for her achievements in leadership and community involvement.

Jessie enthusiastically pursues formal and informal learning opportunities to improve her knowledge, understanding, and awareness. She listens to history podcasts during her downtime, collects teacups and tea pots, and likes doing home improvement projects. McClusky lives in Monticello, IL with her nine-year-old daughter and big yellow cat Rusty.



String Art Workshop

Saturday, March 19

Shelby County 4-H will be sponsoring a beginner/intermediate String Art Workshop on Saturday, March 19 at the 4-H Center from 9-11 a.m. The workshop instructor is Missy Hendrickson from Windsor. This workshop is open to youth ages 8-18.

Designs to choose from: Easter egg, paw print, heart, bunny or basketball/baseball/softball. Holes will be pre-drilled for the selected design.

The cost is \$20 and is due the day of the workshop. RSVP by Thursday, March 10 via email at nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546. Don't forget to let Yolanda know which design you plan to do.

The string art project may be exhibited as visual arts fiber. The String Art flyer shows all the various designs.

Bunny Canvas Workshop

Saturday, March 26

Kaitlin Villaneuva from Creation Station in Moweaqua will be leading the Bunny Canvas workshop. The workshop is being planned for Saturday, March 26 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the 4-H Center.



Members will receive step by step instructions on painting their project. Cost is \$20 and can be paid the day of the workshop. RSVP by Monday, March 21 if you plan to attend via email nation2@illinois.edu or by calling 217-774-9546.

Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, March 26

Spring Clean-up day at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds is being planned for 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. We will be picking up sticks, raking leaves, doing repairs, painting, etc. Bring rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, etc. This will count as a county activity for 4-H members and will also count on year-end records.

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.

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.

Unlock Ag Innovators

Shelby County 4-H Federation members, Lilah Bonny, Kristin Partlow and Delaney Nation attended the Ag Innovators training on Saturday, February 19. The training was held at the Illinois State 4-H Office and was led by Donna Nuger, Youth Development Educator – Metro Programs serving DuPage, Kane and Kendall Counties.

The 4-H Unlock Ag Innovations Challenge is designed to be an engaging 60-minute activity for 3rd to 8th grade youth, providing teaching opportunities for older youth. Lilah, Kristin and Delaney are excited to offer this hands-on opportunity to youth via 4-H club meetings, school visits or summer camps. Their goal is to share with 100+ youth over the next four months. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Yolanda.

Shelby County 4-H — March 2022

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.

4-H challenges youth to submit their best shot

This latest photography challenge, sponsored by Minnesota 4-H, is open to youth across the Midwest. Youth are encouraged to use their photography skills and creativity to capture their best shot.

Youth as young as kindergarten are welcome to join the challenge. This is a great first experience for people who are new to 4-H. Learn more and register for the “Hit Me with Your Best Shot” photo contest on the Minnesota 4-H photography webpage: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#)

Once registered for the challenge, youth can experiment with photography elements to create stunning photographs. On-demand lessons are available on the Minnesota 4-H photography project page, including how angles, light and composition could enhance your photography.

Youth may submit their favorite photo (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences of why it’s special to them.

Deadline to submit an image is 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will review all submissions, provide feedback and select the top images for special awards. All submissions will be entered into a prize drawing. Submitted images will be featured in a digital slideshow shared with participants and posted on Minnesota 4-H’s Facebook and YouTube channels.

4-H Day with the Cardinals

Saturday, May 14

4-H members, alumni, family and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants. The game is May 14 with a start time of 1:15 pm.



The registration deadline is April 1 at 11:59 p.m. The cost is \$25 per ticket. Plan on participating in the parade on the field prior to the game. A shirt is included in the ticket price. Additional raffle tickets are available for \$1. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusion for additional prizes.)

Register at: <http://go.illinois.edu/4Hcardinals2022>

Please note groups that wish to sit together MUST submit ONE order.

Ticket/t-shirt questions - contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu

Parade/raffle questions - contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu

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 1st and 2nd 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) – 6:30 p.m. 4-H Scavenger Hunt at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds – 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. **Just a reminder - 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.

Little Roots Cloverbud Gardening Program

Join us for a summer of growing and exploring in your own backyard! All Shelby County 4-H Cloverbud age members are invited to participate in the Little Roots Gardening Program! Little Roots is a gardening program for children 5-7 years old, it is a great activity for 4-H Cloverbud clubs or individuals. The program encourages and inspires youth to grow their own food and flowers and to increase interest in 4-H and gardening project areas. It was created by U of I Extension, Livingston-McLean-Woodford County horticulture, and 4-H educators in 2019.

A bright, kid-friendly gardening calendar guides children and an adult in growing seven different plants from seed through harvest. The calendar provides weekly activities from mid-April through September that encourage observing the world around them, researching horticulture basics, and caring for their plants. The youth will explore pollination & insects, weather, plant parts, the life cycle, and plant care. We are planning to set up a few fieldtrips to visit some different gardens this summer to enhance the learning process. Participants will receive seeds (radish, pumpkin, zinnia, sunflower, and basil), tomato & pepper transplants, a gardening calendar, and supplemental gardening resources. There is no fee to participate in the program.

If interested in participating in this program, please contact Yolanda by March 1.

Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Saturday, March 19

The Shelby County 4-H Public Speaking Contest is being planned for Saturday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shelby County Junior Fairgrounds. Entry forms and the rules were mailed to all 4-H members enrolled in public speaking. If you need additional copies or information, contact Yolanda. Entries are due into the Extension office by Friday, March 4.

A Public Speaking Workshop is being planned for Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 at the 4-H Center. 4-H members are asked to bring the working draft of their speech. Be ready to interact and practice to polish your presentation for the contest. RSVP to Yolanda by March 2 if you plan to attend.

Shelby County 4-H may send up to a total of 3 entries from any category to the state contest. The State Public Speaking Contest is being planned for April 30 at Parkland College.

4-H Dog Obedience Classes Starting April 5, 2022

Registration for Dog Obedience Classes will start at 6:30 p.m. on April 5. 4-H Dog Obedience Classes will start on Tuesday, April 5 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, 2021 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 5.

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 217-774-4229. Classes are sponsored by Shelby County Tailwaggers 4-H Club.

Rural King - 4-H Expo Day

Christa Hunter, store manager of the Mt. Zion Rural King, would like to have a 4-H Expo Day at Rural King this spring, preferably on a Saturday. She is inviting members to bring their general projects to put on display and would also like to offer a petting zoo. Rural King would provide gates and bedding for the animals. If anyone would like to participate with general projects or their animals, let Yolanda know by Friday, March 11 via email at nation2@illinois.edu.

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Monday, May 2

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are DUE in the Extension office by Monday, May 2. 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 on the Shelby County web site or available at the Extension office.

4-H Year-end Records

December

My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)

#4 - (Circle) Officer Training
Multi County

#7 - *Community Service* - any projects done at the club level

IL 4-H Experience Award Leadership General - Officer Training Multi County, 1/29/22

Community Service - Multi county Valentines Cards after the Officer Training, 1/29/22

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>



2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Application opens on January 18 and the deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

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.



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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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