



# Shelby County

# 4-H

# November

# News



Cloverbud Achievement Night

Rural Feeders



Make N Take Launch System



Scarecrow Daze



# Calendar of events

### November

- 1.... 4-H T-shirt Design Contest deadline
- 7.... Federation meeting, 7 p.m Extension office
- 8.... Office closed for Election Day
- 12.... Achievement Night, 6:30, Nazarene Church Gym, Shelbyville
- 14.... Leaders Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m. Shelby County Senior Center
- 15.... Deadline Awesome Autumn Photography Contest
- 18.... Deadline to sign up for the Bank Steer Program
- 24-25.... Office closed for the holidays

### December

- 3.... Winter Craft Day, Shelby County Senior Center
- 3.... Cloverbud Winter Craft Day, 1-2:30, Shelby County Senior Center
- 10.... Community Service Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Shelby County Senior Center
- 12.... Deadline to enroll in ZSuites for early enrollment incentive (enrolled and program fee paid)
- 23-31.... Office closed for the holidays

### January

- 1-2.... Office closed for the holidays
- 16.... Office closed for the holiday
- 28.... Save the Date - Unit Officer training

### February

- 11.... Steer Weigh-in 8 a.m., Shelbyville Sale Barn
- 11.... Bank Steer pick up, 10 a.m. Shelbyville Sale Barn

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## Dates to remember

- December 12 – Early enrollment incentive deadline (enrolled in ZSuites and program fee paid)
- April 1 - Deadline to enroll in Shelby County 4-H, in order to exhibit at the fair
- May 1 - Deadline to add/drop projects
- Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair July 16-20

## Shelby County 4-H Federation

Monday, November 7

It's not too late to join in on the fun with Federation. Federation is open to youth in 8th grade and up. Junior federation members are those youth who are in 6th and 7th grades. Federation will be meeting on Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at the Shelby County Extension Office.

Federation is the youth leadership team in the county. They plan county activities and are very involved with community service projects.

If interested in joining Federation, let Yolanda know and she will have paperwork ready for you.

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## Scarecrow Decorating Contest Results

Shelby County 4-H would like to announce that the Shelby County 4-H Scarecrows Display received first place in the Scarecrow Daze Decorating Contest. The Rural Feeders Harry Potter the Scarecrow was awarded the Fan Favorite Facebook Voting Contest winner and they received a \$25 cash prize from Shelby County 4-H Federation.

Thank you to the following clubs for participating: Chautauqua Clovers, Moweaqua Rustlers, Oconee Eager Beavers, Rural Feeders, Shelby Showstoppers, Shelby Sparklers, Silver Spurs and the Clover Kids 4-H Clubs for providing a scarecrow display.

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## Archery

November 3—December 15

Shelby County Shooting Sports SPIN Club will be kicking off archery on November 3 running through December 15. Shooting will be held from 6-7 p.m. at Rack Attack Archery in Pana with Roberta Evrley. There is a \$20 archery fee that needs to be paid at the first meeting. New members to 4-H will also need to pay the \$10 program fee. 4-H members must be enrolled in ZSuites by November 3 in order to participate.

Questions, contact Kelly at 217-369-6860.

## **New 4-H Enrollment System - ZSuites**

Illinois 4-H has moved to a new enrollment system called ZSuites. Enrollment can be completed through this link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/> Club leaders have instructions for you and they will also be emailed to families. If your club pays your 4-H'ers program fee, then select the payment by check option. If your club doesn't pay the fee, families can pay by credit card or select payment by check and give your payment to your club leader or drop it by the Extension office. If you have more than 3 children, select the payment by check so that the 4th child discount can be applied to your account. All youth who complete their enrollment online and pay their program fee by December 12 will receive a free county t-shirt. Youth attending county workshops such as Winter Craft Day must be enrolled in ZSuites in order to attend. Please let Yolanda know if you have any questions.

## **Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night**

Saturday, November 12

We are planning our annual 4-H Achievement Night on Saturday, November 12 at the Shelbyville Nazarene Church Gym at 7 p.m. We will have dessert at 6:30, with the program starting at 7 p.m. RSVP's are needed by November 8 for those who will be enjoying dessert.

All 4-H families and friends are welcome to attend as we highlight the accomplishments of our 4-H member for the 2021-2022 4-H year.

## **Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night Community Service Project**

“Fill the Little Food Pantries”

Shelby County 4-H Federation is challenging families to help “Fill the Little Food Pantries in Shelby County.” Shelby County has two Little Food Pantries located at HSHS Good Shepherd and the Shelby County Senior Center. As we enter the winter months, we want to help families in need.

A 4-H member will receive a ticket for every five items donated at the Shelby County 4-H Achievement Night on Saturday, November 12. We will draw tickets at the conclusion of Achievement Night. We will be awarding gift cards and 4-H swag. Not able to attend Achievement Night? Donations can be dropped off at the Shelby County Extension Office by Friday, November 11.

Donations needed:

- Boxed Mac N Cheese
- Canned vegetables
- Fruit cups
- Dry soup mix
- Granola bars
- Snack size bags of chips, crackers or cookies
- Toothpaste/brushes
- Bar of soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant

## **Winter Craft Day**

Saturday, December 3

Shelby County 4-H Winter Craft day will be held on Saturday, December 3 at the Shelby County Senior Center. 4-H'ers will make winter craft projects and the famous gingerbread houses.

There will be two sessions:

Session 1 - 9-10:30 a.m.

Session 2 - 10:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

The cost is \$5 and \$8 for non-4-H members. 4-H'ers need to RSVP and pay their \$5 fee by November 23. RSVP via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546. Space is limited, so RSVP soon.

**Help is needed for Winter Craft Day! Older 4-H members can count helping as a county activity. Contact Yolanda if you can help via email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or 217-774-9546**

## **Cloverbud Winter Craft Day**

Saturday, December 3

Cloverbud Winter Craft Day will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Shelby County Senior Center. The cost is \$5.

Families need to RSVP and pay the \$5 fee by November 23. Space is limited! Families can RSVP by sending an email to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling 217-774-9546.

### Bank Steer Program

Deadline Friday, November 18

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 ZSuites or a completed enrollment form submitted to the Extension office. *The enrollment must be submitted and approved in ZSuites* and the \$10 program fee submitted to the Extension office by November 18.

Note - new families will have an on-farm visit from the Bank Steer Committee prior to steer weigh-in, all participants will have an on-farm visit in the Spring by the Bank Steer Committee. Shelby County State Bank reserves the right to deny any individual participation in the Bank Steer Program.

The deadline to sign up for a bank steer is November 18. Pick-up for steers will be on February 11 during Steer Weigh-in.

### Recruiting a new 4-H member

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 let Yolanda know and she can send the form via email. After the new recruit has completed their enrollment and paid their program fee, prizes will be awarded.

Spread the word about 4-H, recruit a new member and receive a prize!

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### Awesome Autumn Photography Contest

September 22– November 15

Shelby County 4-H Federation is sponsoring a photography contest for 4-H'ers in Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Douglas and Shelby Counties. The contest will run from September 22 - November 15.

#### Rules:

- 3 age divisions 5-7, 8-13 and 14-18. 4-H age is based off of 9/1/22.
- There are two categories: Fun in the Fall and Autumn Beauty.
- 4-H'ers may submit one entry in each category.
- 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 division.

Email entries to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu).

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

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### Community Service Workshop

December 10

Shelby County 4-H is holding a Community Service Workshop on December 10 from 9-11 a.m. at the Shelby County Senior Center. We will have cookies and hot chocolate for all the "elves" who help at this workshop.

4-H'ers will make holiday crafts which will be delivered to area assisted living and nursing homes. This is a great way to give back to others during the holiday season. This is also a great workshop for older members to help with and meet their county activity requirement. RSVP by December 5 if you can help.

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

March 11-17, 2023

The theme for the Shelby County 4-H Week is Shelby County 4-H: Dream it, Do it, Show it, Love it

- March 11 – 4-H Fire-up, 4-H Center, 9-11 a.m.
- March 11 – County Public Speaking Contest 6:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- March 12 – Thank a 4-H Volunteer (text, mail, Facebook)
- March 12 - 4-H Skating Party, Silver Stars Skating Party
- March 13 – Window Displays in place by 9 a.m.
- March 14 – International Night, Nazarene Church Gym - 6 p.m.
- March 15 – Wear your 4-H shirt to school (send photo to Yolanda)
- March 16 – Community Service Day
- March 17 – Family Fun Night, 6:30 p.m. (location TBD)
- March 18 – Spring Craft Day, Shelby County 4-H Center, 9 a.m.

We are excited to bring back International Night!

New 4-H families - Here's the scoop on this 4-H week favorite! Clubs choose a country they are interested in learning more about. Clubs must submit their country to Yolanda so we don't have duplicate countries. Clubs will research and prepare 2-3 dishes to serve sample sizes at International Night. Clubs may also decorate their table with their country's history, heritage, etc. Families will go around and receive samples from each of the countries.

Any 4-H week activity will count as a county activity.

## **Greenery Workshop**

Sunday, December 11

The Green Works in Cowden will be hosting a Greenery Workshop for Shelby County 4-H members on Sunday, December 12 from 2 - 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 and can be paid the day of the workshop. Please RSVP by December 7 by email at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or by calling at 217-774-9546. Owner Eric Tucker will talk with 4-H'ers about Christmas wreaths and Christmas trees such as how they plant the trees, how long do they have to wait till they can cut them, etc. 4-H'ers will make their own door swag.

## **Project books**

Members enrolled in a 4-H project for the first time should contact Yolanda via email to receive project manuals. Please include your 4-H'ers name and the project name that you would like a book for. Some projects books stay the same year after year but as you move up levels such as Natural Resources 1 and then enroll in Natural Resources 2, members should request a new book. After books have been received, they will be given to club leaders for distribution.

## **4-H T-shirt Contest**

November 1

4-H members in Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Douglas and Shelby Counties may submit a unit t-shirt for the T-shirt Design Contest.

November 1 is the deadline to submit an entry.

Designs must include:

- 4-H Clover
- Include all five county names: Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby
- Designs may be computer-generated or hand drawn
- Designs can include up to two colors (the 4-H clover can be green, white, black or gold)

Email entries to Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu).

## **Leaders Appreciation Dinner**

November 14

Shelby County 4-H Federation will be serving the annual Leaders Appreciation Dinner on November 14. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Shelby County Senior Center.

We will be serving Monicals pizza, salad, and dessert. A link will be sent out via email in the upcoming weeks for your pizza choice, which needs to be completed by November 10.

Leaders - Please let Yolanda know if there is anything specific you would like to cover at the meeting. We will be discussing ZSuite enrollment.

# Shelby County 4-H Community Service Ideas

Here is a list for community service ideas that clubs or individual 4-H members can consider participating in and collecting donations to help those in need. If you decide to donate items to any of the assisted living or nursing homes, please check with the facility to see how many residents they have.

### *Misc. Activities:*

- Working at local food pantries
- Donating food to local food pantries
- Blessings in a Backpack Back programs
- Cleaning up parks, elderly neighbor's yards who need assistance
- Collecting donations for an organization in need
- Making crafts and delivering to area assisted living/nursing homes

### *Assisted living & nursing homes*

#### **Hawthorne Inn – 217-774-1020**

- Craft kits that the residents can put together
- Paintings/wreaths to hang on their doors or in their rooms
- Artificial flowers so they can make their own flower arrangements
- Handmade cards – Thinking of You cards
- CD's with big band music
- Bingo gifts - Kleenex, sugar free candy, candy, hand lotions, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, puzzles

#### **Villas of Holly Brook – 217-619-8266**

- Seasonal wreaths for their doors
  - Paintings/pictures
  - Picture frames
- Bingo gifts - scented lotions, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, small flashlights, candy, nuts, card games

#### **Shelbyville Manor – 217-774-2111**

- No glass decorations, no food
- Flower arrangements
- Seasonal wreaths for doors, rooms
- Blankets (They love getting new blankets.)
- Picture frames/crafty frames



## Workshop ideas

Shelby County 4-H is always looking for new project workshop ideas. If you have suggestions on workshop speakers, ideas, etc. please reach out to Yolanda. We plan to offer workshops throughout the 4-H year. It's always nice to walk through the 4-H Center and Produce Building during the fair and see projects made at workshops. If you have attended a specific workshop and would like to see it return again this year, let Yolanda know.

Yolanda would love to hear from older youth as to what types of workshops would interest them such as a more advanced string art or painting.

The plan is to offer 1-2 workshops a month in January going forward.

## 4-H Year-end Records

It's not early to start on records for 2023!

Here are activities to record on your 4-H activity sheet .

### **September/October:**

#### *My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)*

#### **#7 - Other 4-H Activities**

Fall Round-Up, Oct 22 (County)  
Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Oct 6 (County)  
Scarecrow Daze Parade, Oct. 8 (County)

#### *IL 4-H Experience*

**Participation** - (County) Fall Round-Up, Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Scarecrow Daze Parade

## Now accepting nominations for the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month!

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live. Nominations can be made at the following link: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth>

## Green Trees 2023

Illinois 4-H has again secured funding to send 25, 4' oak trees to be planted by 4-H members on public ground in their communities as part of the 4-H Green Communities Tree program in April, 2023. Last year, 31 counties participated and Extension Offices are now being surveyed to ask if they are interested on being chosen for involvement next spring. Preference will be given to those counties that did not receive trees in 2022.

Trees must be planted in one group, called a savanna, so an area of approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre must be available. Public parks, schools, conservation areas, or other community owned properties are potential locations. This is a great way for youth to learn about the benefits of trees (curriculum and activities provided with trees) and put their "hands to larger service" for their club, community, country and world.

Ideas? Contact Yolanda at [nation2@illinois.edu](mailto:nation2@illinois.edu) or Curt Sinclair at: [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) by Nov. 15, 2022.

## Illinois 4-H History Project

Illinois 4-H is proud of the rich history of 4-H and our 4-H alums near and far. If you were a member of the Illinois 4-H program, you are one of 25 million Americans who share a unique bond.

Illinois 4-H launched a new initiative for an Illinois 4-H History project and is seeking to reconnect with Illinois 4-H Alumni to hear their 4-H stories and share their 4-H memories. Illinois 4-H has a strong history dating back to 1899 with the start of W.B. Otwell forming the first boy's corn club in Macoupin County, Illinois, followed by A.B. Graham, founding the first 4-H club of boys and girls with officers and projects, and record requirements in Clark County, Ohio in 1902. Illinois then established the first 4-H club, Union Pig Club, organized by C.C. Coots, in Macoupin County in 1915.

We are interested in gathering your memories, photos, or photos of memorabilia of those special moments in which 4-H impacted you. Share your 4-H story online at <https://go.illinois.edu/4-Hstory>

## Crop Exhibitors

The Shelby County Junior Fair Crops division offers exhibitors the following options:

- 6 ears of field corn from the 2022 crop year - Each being of equal size, free from insect or disease damage.
- A gallon of soybeans which should be displayed in a clear jar and free of trash, cracked beans or splits.

As harvest is beginning, 4-H'ers can get a jumpstart on their 2023 Junior Fair entries. Crop records will not be required since these projects are Jr. Fair only classes.

4-H is for all  
youth who like  
action, learning  
and FUN!

## Shelby County 4-H #Throwback Thursday on Facebook

Calling all Shelby County 4-H Alumni, including mom's, dad's, grandparents, etc.!

Dig out those pictures of your 4-H days and email Yolanda a photo to share on the weekly Throwback Thursday post on the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page.

Please email photos by November 30 and we will share in December. Let's see how far back we can go in time.

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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 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.

4-H members need to be enrolled and paid their \$10 program fee by December 12 to qualify for the early enrollment incentive!

Enrollment deadline to exhibit at the fair is April 1.

Projects may be added until May 1.

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

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