



December 2020

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Congratulations to two of our Master Gardeners for receiving state awards: Lee Wallace for State Outstanding Master Gardener and Beth Williamson for state Master Gardener Sustained Excellence.



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- Pam Vaughan-Sturgeon, County Director
- Kim Morrison, 4-H Educator
- Jenny Lee, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Coordinator
- Elizabeth Hartke, SNAP-Ed Community Worker
- Jessica Hays, 4-H Coordinator
- Liz Mason, Office Support Assistant

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- Jaylynn Schober, 4-H Coordinator
- Kathy Deters, Office Support Associate

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- Cheri Burcham, Family Life Educator
- Angie Welker, 4-H Coordinator
- Susan Stollard, SNAP-Ed Community Worker
- Teri Boehm, Office Support Specialist

**Shelbyville Office
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- Mary Beth Massey, SNAP-Ed Program Coordinator
- Penny Hood, SNAP-Ed Community Worker
- Yolanda Nation, 4-H Coordinator
- Diana Litteral, Office Support Assistant

Meet new Coles County 4-H Coordinator Jessica!



Hi, my name is Jessica. I am so excited to be joining the Coles County 4-H Extension program! I have an Associate's degree in early childhood, and have taught preschool for nine years. I am currently working on my Bachelor's degree in Communications. I have gained my experience working with groups of youth through camps, educational programs, and teaching. I enjoy coffee, meeting new people, and traveling. I believe that through relationships and experiences we can learn a lot about each other and ourselves. I am looking forward to the new experiences that will come working with Coles

County 4-H!

Shelby County Harvest

Treat Bags

Shelby County Farm Bureau partnered with Shelby County 4-H Federation, Shelby County Extension and East Illini Agency – Country Financial to provide “Harvest Treat Bags” bags to local farmers. As a way to say thank you to our local farmers we were able to pack 325 reusable Farm Bureau totes and hand them out to farmers we saw in the fields and at all area elevators.

Volunteers through Shelby County 4-H Federation helped to package the bags on Monday, October 5 at the Shelbyville Senior Center.



Pictured: Matthew Horsman, Delaney Nation, Amanda Hall and Logan Virden



Local Food Distributions

We have provided 8 food mobiles since our shut down in March (6 in Windsor and 2 in Shelbyville). We have plans for one more in Windsor and one in Shelbyville before Christmas, which will make 10. These food distributions come to the community with no cost and are provided by either Catholic Charities serving Macon, Moultrie and Shelby or the Central Illinois Food Bank. Our volunteers are Shelby United Methodist Church, Shelby County Farm Bureau, Shelby County 4-H, Windsor School District. On average, we serve 125-150 families at each event. We estimate that the sum total of families served has been 1200 families and over 5000 individuals. Food provided by these agencies has to be packed and distributed by SNAP-Ed staff as well as taking the registrations by phone (over 900 calls) on staff cell phone since our office has been closed. We will partner with Catholic Charities in early 2021 to begin these distributions in the Lovington area and plan to expand from that point to all counties we serve.



Cumberland County 4-H Make-A-Cup Workshop

On Saturday, November 14 Cumberland County 4-H held the Make-A-Cup Workshop. While practicing safe social distancing guidelines, members were able to create their own epoxy tumbler with the help of volunteer JoLene Fulk. With two rounds of workshop and tons of glitter, 16 members were able to paint and design what they wanted their mug to be. It was a great opportunity to meet in-person and have fun while being safe!



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