



Shelby County

4-H

April News



Strasburg Tailtwisters window display was named "The Best of the Best".



Thank you Shelby County 4-H Federation for all your help during Shelby County 4-H Week!



Spring Craft Day Fun!

Calendar of events

- 1.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 2.... Tailwaggers, 6:30 registration, practice at 7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- 6.... Jewelry Workshop, 9-10:30 a.m. Extension office
- 6.... Livestock & Showman Clinic, 8:45 a.m. Edgar County Fairgrounds, Paris
- 6.... Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds, 8 a.m.
- 15.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 15.... County Public Speaking Contest 7 p.m., 4-H Center
- 27.... National True Leaders in Service Day
- 29.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office

May

- 1.... Horse/Pony/Donkey/Mule ownership & lease papers due into the Extension office
- 11.... State Robotics Competition, Bloomington

June

- 1.... Deadline for Quality Assurance & Ethics
- 3.... 4-H & Jr. Fair Entries are due, Extension office
- 8.... 4-H State Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
- 17.... 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
- 23-29.... Illini Summer Academies, Champaign

July

- 13.... Fair Clean-up at 8 a.m.
- 17.... Misc. General Projects judging, 9 a.m. 4-H Center
- 21-24.... Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair
- 22-28.... State Junior Horse Show

Aug

- 8-18.... IL. State Fair
- 11.... General Projects judging for Shelby County at the IL. State Fair
- 24.... State 4-H Dog Show

Dog obedience practices will be held each Tuesday from 6:30-7 p.m. at the Show Arena until the fair.

Learn by doing

Federation Spotlight

The April Spotlight member is Lilah Bonny. Lilah is a second year member of Shelby County 4-H Federation and a fourth year member of the Shelby Showstoppers 4-H Club.



Lilah joined Federation so she could meet more kids and help in more activities. Lilah had several people in her club tell her that she would love Federation and she does.

Lilah's favorite thing about Federation is all the fun experiences she gets to have such as planning county activities and the yearly incentive trip.

4-H & Jr. Fair Entries

Due Monday, June 3

Club leaders have 4-H and Jr. Fair entries for club members and fair books. 4-H entries are on green paper and match to the green pages of the fair book. The projects listed on the fair entries are what 4-H'ers enrolled in on the 4H Online system.

The Jr. Fair entries are on yellow paper and match to the yellow colored pages of the fair book. 4-H'ers need to complete a separate fair entry for each project area. 4-H'ers also need to complete the Jr. Fair exhibitor card.

4-H entries and Jr. Fair entries should match and have corresponding projects in each fair, so make sure to complete for each fair. The following projects are 4-H online: bicycle, cats, civic engagement, collectibles, college & career readiness, communications/journalism, consumer education, 4-H exploratory, geospatial, health, intercultural, leadership, plants & soils, public speaking, reading, small pets/guinea pets, technologies, theatre arts, video/filmmaking, and weather.

Fair entries are due June 3; **no late entries!** Plan accordingly and don't wait until the last minute.

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects First year animal exhibitors - take note!

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area. The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits. June 1 is the deadline!**

New/changes to the 2019 Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair

Donkey's and Mules will have exhibit opportunities during the Horse/Pony show. There are classes specifically for donkey's/mules in halter, country pleasure, western pleasure and horsemanship.

Dairy Show - The Dairy Show will be held on Tuesday July 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Show Arena.

Shelby County 4-H BBQ Update

After many long and difficult decisions, the University of Illinois and the State 4-H office has made the decision to cap Federation fundraising events to not exceed \$2000 in profits. The decision was made to ensure the focus statewide is on positive youth development and creating life-long memories in their clubs. With this new policy, this will affect the annual Federation BBQ as the proceeds from the event are well in excess of the fundraising cap. Due to the new policy, the annual Federation BBQ will not occur this year. This change will not impact the 4-H program and we will continue to offer numerous programs, workshops and events for the 4-H'ers as well as some new events at the upcoming fair.

Shelby Extension Foundation will take over running the BBQ in 2020 which will continue to support Shelby County 4-H and programs offered through the extension office.

Thank you to all the 4-H families for their years of support.

Horse, Pony, Donkey, Mule Ownership and Lease Papers

Due Wednesday, May 1, 2019

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Horse, pony, donkey, and mule lease and ownership papers are **DUE in the Extension office by Wednesday, May 1, 2019.** 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.

Fair Book Cover Winner



Congratulations to Isabelle Morrow, Coldspring Copperheads 4-H member, for winning the fair book cover contest. Isabelle received a \$50 prize from Federation. Honorable mentions were included in the fair book: Charlotte Schultz, F.A.R, Lilah Bonny, Shelby Showstoppers, and Audrey Durbin, Ful-O-Pep. Thank you to all the 4-H'ers who submitted entries.

Shelby County 4-H Week Recap

Shelby County 4-H Week found Federation and 4-H'ers busy with 4-H week activities! A big thank you to Shelby County 4-H Federation for providing the financial support for all of the activities.



March 13 found Federation members Amanda Hall and Fallynn Beitz at the Shelby County Board meeting. Federation members greeted and served muffins to Board members as a token of appreciation for all the support the Board gives to Shelby County 4-H. Amanda gave a speech about 4-H and it's importance to the youth of Shelby County.



March 16 was 4-H Fire-UP. There were 33 members and 11 Federation members in attendance. Federation members talked with Fire-UP participants about rabbit and poultry care, feed, and how to exhibit the animals at the fair. 4-H'ers learned basic cookie decorating skills, made their own mosaic tile project and built and launched stomp rockets.

March 17 found members skating at Silver Stars Skating Rink in Mattoon. There were a total of 120+ people at the rink. There were lots of smiles and fun had by everyone who attended.

March 18 was the window display judging. Windows were decorated all over the county. There were a total of eleven windows this year. 4-H clubs stepped up their design skills and all the windows did an excellent job representing and promoting 4-H in Shelby County. Judges decided to pick a "Best of the Best" champion and give all the other clubs additional prize money instead of placing second and third places. Strasburg Tailtwisters were awarded the "Best of the Best" prize. Their window depicted the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fairgrounds. Ful-O-Pep also received top honors in the Facebook voting contest. Club participants included: F.A.R, Findlay Feeders, Ful-O-Pep, John Jordan Jaybirds, Moweaqua Rustlers, Shelby County Cloverbuds, Shelby Sparklers, Silver Spurs, and Stew-Stras Cloverbuds. The clubs all did a great job and promoted 4-H in all of their communities!



March 19 found ten clubs participating at International Foods Night at the 4-H Center. Moving the location to the Nazarene Church Gym allowed for much needed space for families to taste all the food and have a place to sit down. Food was prepared from the following countries: United States (Cloverbuds), Australia (Silver Spurs), China (Coldspring Copperheads), Ireland (Shelby Showstoppers), Italy (F.A.R), Japan (John Jordan Jaybirds), Mexico (Strasburg Tailtwisters), Russia (Shelby Sparklers), Tanzania (Ful-O-Pep), and Thailand (Oconee Eager Beavers). Thank you to all the 4-H families who prepared and provided the food samples. During International Night, there was a voting contest for which country had the best tasting meal. In total, \$304.07 was collected. Oconee Eager Beavers won the contest with a total of \$117.99. Oconee will receive \$76.02 which is 1/4 of the total collected. The remaining balance will be used to fund upcoming county workshops.



Also during International Night, clubs were asked to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the food pantry. A total of 364 items were collected and donated to the Munchies Ministry in Cowden/Herrick. Thank you to all the 4-H'ers who brought non-perishable items for the donation.

March 20 4-H'ers were asked to email or send via Facebook pictures of themselves wearing their 4-H t-shirts to school to promote 4-H. There were over 50+ pictures sent and those 4-H'ers will receive a 4-H pen at an upcoming club meeting. Claire Schafer (Oconee Eager Beavers) and Kylie and Austin Smith (Shelby Showstoppers) had their names drawn and will receive a 4-H prize from Federation. Your club leaders will receive your prizes to pass along to you. Thank you to everyone who participated! It was awesome seeing so many kids with their 4-H shirts on promoting 4-H.



March 21 Clubs were recognized for community Service projects completed in March. Ful-0-Pep members worked with Karen Cherry at the Sunken Garden in Forest Park in Shelbyville. Moweaqua Rustlers will be providing a petting zoo at the Moweaqua Nursing Home. Shelby Showstoppers provided a petting zoo to residents at Hawthorne Inn in Shelbyville. Silver Spurs members packed Blessings in a Back Pack in Shelbyville. Strasburg Tailtwisters members picked up sticks and raked leaves in the Stewardson and Strasburg parks. Shelby Shooters members served at the FNRA banquet. Lots of great projects were done to honor Community Service Day.

March 22 found over 100+ 4-H'ers and their families enjoying an evening of fun and games at Family Fun Night. Thank you to Ryann Wood, Toby Barringer and several Federation members for helping with games, bounce house, tattoo's, Bingo and the cake walk.

March 23 found the 4-H Center full of 4-H'ers and helpers ready to make crafts for Spring Craft Day. 50 4-H'ers participated in making a variety of crafts; some which may be exhibited at the Shelby County Junior Fair. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a fun morning!

Thank you to everyone who helped
make this a great week of 4-H Fun!

4-H County Activities Update

Each 4-H member is required to participate in an approved county activity in order to exhibit at the County Fair.

The following is a list of approved county activities:

Fall/Winter	Scarecrow Daze Parade, Winter Craft Day
March	4-H Fire-Up, helping your club design and put up a Window Display, International Night (participating with your club, not just attending), Family Fun Night, Spring Craft Day, Rabbit Workshop
April	Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds, Jewelry Workshop
June	4-H Camp, Illini Summer Academies, County workshops

Since the 4-H BBQ will not be held this 4-H year, there will be additional work days at the fairgrounds scheduled in June that 4-H'ers may attend to meet their county activity. Watch upcoming newsletters for dates and times. We will work with 4-H'ers to assist them in completing their county activity. Don't wait until the last minute—watch upcoming newsletters for dates for workshops, work days, etc.

Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.

Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.

Share your 4-H club service projects!

We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice
Tell us a little about your project.
Add a picture if you have one.



Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

4-H Records Update for April

Mark your records if you attended or helped!

My Activities Record (Tan Sheet):

#7 - Spring Clean-up at the fairgrounds

#7 - Jewelry Workshop

IL Experience:

Participation in a county activity: Spring Clean-up could be counted as a county 4-H activity.

Project Learning:

Participated in a county 4-H workshop or other learning opportunity related to my project - Jewelry Workshop if enrolled in visual arts class. If not enrolled in this project area, the jewelry workshop could be listed under participation county 4-H activity.



Longer, bigger, better. See yourself at Illini Summer Academies

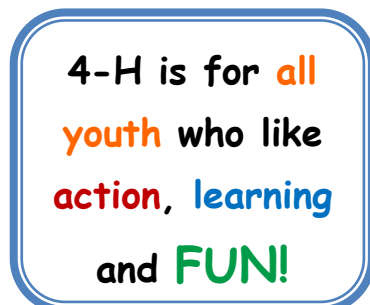
Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Honeybees and beekeeping
- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Telling Stories About Ag and the Environment – Ag Communications
- Exploring Human Development & Family Studies
- Grand Challenges in Family Sciences
- Companion Animal Nutrition and Pet Food Manufacturing Academy
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling and Fabrication
- Theater Arts: African Dance
- Theater Arts: Costume Design
- Anthropology
- Agricultural Engineering – **NEW**
- Ag & Natural Resources - **NEW**
- Food Science and Human Nutrition – **NEW**

When you're not in Academy time, you'll be exploring campus, hanging out with new friends, and having new adventures you can only find at U of I.



Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact>. You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!



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Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4 to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

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