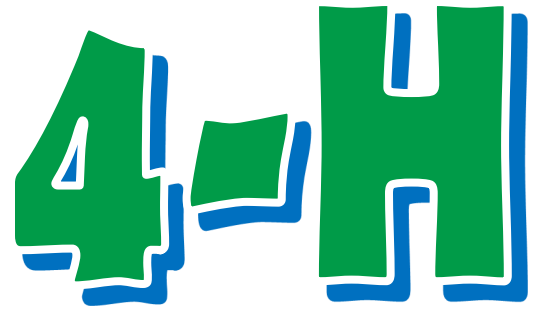




Shelby County



January - February News



2018 Cloverbud Winter Craft Day



Shelby Showstoppers caroling



John Jordan Jaybirds caroling



Silver Spurs Angel Tree Shoppers

Calendar of events

January

- 1.... Extension office closed
- 14.... Federation meeting
- 21.... Extension office closed
- 21.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 26-27.... Youth Livestock Superhero Conference
- 28.... Shelby County Jr. Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Center

February

- 2.... Steer weigh-in 8 a.m. at United Producers Sale Barn
- 4.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 9.... Steer weigh-in snow date
- 15.... Fair Book Covers due in the office
- 18.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 23 –24.... IL 4-H Junior Leadership Conference

March

- 4.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 7.... Enrollment & project changes deadline in order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair
- 18.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 16-23.... Shelby County 4-H Week

April

- 1.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 15.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office
- 29.... Robotics SPIN Club, 6-8 p.m. Extension office

June

- 22.... 4-H BBQ (tentative)

July

- 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

Federation Spotlight

The January Federation Spotlight member is Federation Treasurer Meliah Hennings. Meliah is a six year member of the John Jordan Jaybrids 4-H Club and a fourth year member of Federation.



Meliah joined Federation to become more involved in 4-H. She loves helping at all the of the activities. Meliah encourages others to join Federation to develop leadership and public speaking skills.

Enrollment deadline

Thursday, March 7

In order to exhibit at the Shelby County 4-H fair, Shelby County 4-H members must be enrolled in 4H Online by March 7. March 7 is also the deadline to add or delete projects. The \$10 program fee is also due by this date.

Federation meeting

Monday, January 14

The deadline to join Federation for the 2018-2019 4-H year is January 14. The meeting will be held at the Shelby County Extension Office at 7 p.m. Federation will be planning upcoming Spring activities including 4-H Week. If you are interested in attending, please let Yolanda know.

Shelby County Jr. Fair Board meeting

Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m.

The Shelby County Jr. Fair Board will hold it's annual meeting on Monday, January 26 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center with the regular meeting to follow.

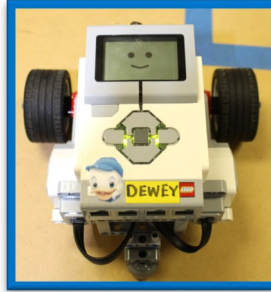
Sparks Shooters First Meeting

Monday, January 21

The Spark Shooters Robotics SPIN Club is aimed primarily at those who have NOT done the LegoBotics SPIN Club. Members will build Lego Mindstorms EV3 robots and develop their programming skills. The first meeting will be held on Monday, January 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the Extension office. Meeting dates are as follows: 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, and 4/29.

For those interested in joining the robotics SPIN Club, who aren't already enrolled in a 4-H club, there is a \$10 program fee that will need to be paid at the first meeting.

Call the Extension office by January 18 to sign up! Space is limited!



Fair Book Cover Wanted

Due February 15

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 cover artist.

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 21-24, 2019**
- ⇒ Include the words **Shelby County 4-H & Jr. Fair** in the design.

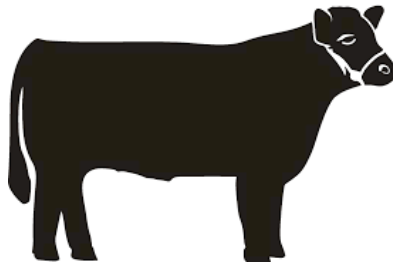
Entries must be submitted to the Shelby County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on February 15, 2019.

Thank you to Shelby County 4-H Federation for sponsoring the contest.

4-H Steer and Market Heifer Weigh-in

Saturday, February 2

Mark your calendar for steer (dairy & beef) and market heifer weigh-in to be held on Saturday, February 2 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. If needed, the snow date will be February 9. 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 2019 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.



Reminder . . . 4-H members need to call the Extension office by January 29 if they are bringing animals to weigh-in so that paperwork can be prepared.

Bank Steer pick-up

Saturday, February 2

4-H members who signed up for the Bank Steer program will pick up their steers on Saturday, February 2 at 10 a.m. at the United Producers Sale Barn in Shelbyville. 4-H members need to bring a parent with them to co-sign the loan. An insurance representative will be securing insurance for the steer, which must be paid that day. Informational letters will be mailed out in mid January to 4-H families enrolled in the Bank Steer program.



Farm Credit Service Grant Opportunities

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 improvement grants. Grants could focus on building improvements through painting and repairing, provide/update landscaping, constructing a welcome sign to your community, planting a garden, trees and flowers, etc.

Suggestions for success when applying for grants:

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

Please contact Yolanda if your club will be willing to apply for a grant and what they are interested in helping with by February 22. The deadline for applications is March 1.

For more information: <https://www.farmcreditil.com/>



2016 Grant for landscaping at the Extension office

Shelby County 4-H is looking for general and trophy donations

Shelby County 4-H is looking for general and trophy donations. 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/plaque/award in the area of: (Sponsorships will be given on a first come/first serve basis).

Name of sponsor: _____

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension **Money is due by Febuary 15, 2019 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.

Shelby County 4-H Week March 16-23, 2019

“4-H’ers on the move in Shelby County 4-H” is the theme for the 2019 4-H Week.



March 16 - 4-H Fire-Up

- ◆ Want to learn more about 4-H projects and have fun at the same time? 4-H Fire-Up is the answer! Federation members are planning 4-H Fire-Up on March 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the 4-H Center. Everyone is welcome to come learn about 4-H projects. This is a great workshop for Cloverbud, first and second year members to experience projects they may not know about. Parents are welcome. Please RSVP by March 8 so we can purchase supplies for those who sign up.

March 17 - Attend a church of your choice, Skating party

- ◆ Some of our 4-H’ers traditionally attend church as a group during 4-H Week and say a few words about 4-H during the service. The All-Family Skating party will be at Silver Stars Skating Center in Mattoon from 5 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a \$1 charge for those needing skates; otherwise the event is free. Friends and family are welcome to attend. There is also concessions available for purchase.

March 18 - Window displays are to be completed

- ◆ Window displays must be in place by 9 a.m. on Monday, March 18. Each club display must include the club name, members’ and leaders’ names, focus on the 4-H theme, and information about joining 4-H is also beneficial. Winners will be announced at International Night. Call the Extension office with the location of your display.

March 19 - International Night

- ◆ International Food Night will be held at the Shelbyville Nazarene Church gym and starts at 6 p.m. We are moving the location this year to provide more seating for everyone and set up space. Please note: each club is asked to bring one or two food items (enough to serve 150 people). Please send your recipes to the Extension office by March 13 so a recipe booklet can be compiled and available for donation (email would be preferred nation2@illinois.edu). Bring your change and dollar bills to vote for the "Best Country's Cuisine" at International Night. 1 penny = 1 vote, \$1 = 100 votes. The winning club will receive 25% of the total amount collected and Federation will receive 75% to be used to sponsor future workshops. As of this newsletter, the only countries selected are Mexico and Ireland. If your club hasn't participated before, please consider having a country and joining in on the fun.
- ◆ Federation will give each club \$20 for bringing at least 25 to 49 items and will give \$30 for 50 or more non-perishable items for the Cowden Herrick Back Pack program. If another time would be convenient to bring the food items, please contact Yolanda at the Extension office.

March 20 - Promote 4-H - Wear your Shelby County 4-H T-shirt to school to promote 4-H.

March 21 - Community Service Day

- ◆ Clubs are encouraged to do a community service project to give back to others and promote 4-H. For those clubs who do a community service project during 4-H week, Federation will pay the club \$25. Send pictures to Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu so your community service project can be shared with others.

March 22 - Family Fun Night

- ◆ More details to follow in the March newsletter.

March 23 - Spring Craft Day

- ◆ The workshop will start at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. There is a \$5 fee for 4-H members and \$8 for non 4-H members to help cover the cost of supplies. 4-H’ers might even be able to exhibit some of their crafts in the Jr. Fair. RSVP and fee is due by March 15. Space is limited so register soon!

4-H Records—Update for December

Mark your records if you attended or helped!

My Activities Record (Tan Sheet)

#6 - County special program - Christmas Craft Day

#8 - 4-H Community Service Activities - if you participated with your club in a community service project such as caroling, Angel Tree Shopping, or Festival of Lights

IL 4-H Experience

Participation - County - Attended (or helped) Christmas Craft Day

Community Service - Club - Participated in a group service activity organized by my club

Community Service Record

- Donation for the Trinity Food Pantry (you may only count one donation on this form).
- If you participated with your club in a community service project such as caroling, Angel Tree Shopping, or Festival of Lights.

Scholarships available for State Events

Shelby County 4-H Federation is offering \$50 scholarships for those 4-H members who attend state 4-H events (excluding 4-H Camp). A scholarship form can be picked up at the Extension office or found at the following link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/downloads/77399.pdf>

Shelby County 4-H is offering \$25 to each member who attends a state event (excluding 4-H Camp). 4-H scholarships are provided from funds received from the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign.

Shelby County 4-H Clubs Meeting Dates

Coldspring Copperheads

February 4, 6 p.m. Herrick Grade School

F.A.R

January 19, 9 a.m. Windsor Methodist Church

Ful-O-Pep

February 4, 6:30 in Clarksburg

John Jordan Jaybirds

February 7, 6:30, Shelby Electric Coop

Moweaqua Rustlers

January 13 & February 10, 2 p.m. Moweaqua First Baptist Church

Oconee Eager Beavers

February 7, 6:30 p.m. Oconee American Legion Hall

Shelby County Cloverbuds

January 11, 5:30 p.m. Shelby County Senior Center

Shelby Showstoppers

January 14, 6 p.m. 4-H Center, Shelbyville

Shelby Sparklers

January 11 & February 8, 7 p.m. Sigel Legion Hall

Silver Spurs

February 13, 7 p.m. Tower Hill Lions Building

Stew- Stras Cloverbuds

January 18 & February 15, 3:15-4:30, Stew-Stras School

Strasburg Tailtwisters

January 20 & February 17, 7 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Strasburg



Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve

Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.

Check out these scholarships!

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are you going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 72 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review. Apply online before February 1, 2019 @ http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm.

Grab your gear and head to 4-H Memorial Camp

Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

Tues. June 4 – Sat, June 8

Sun, June 9 – Thurs. June 13

Sun, June 16 – Thurs. June 20

Sun, June 30 – Thurs. July 4

Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration will open February 4 @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp!

Don't be late. Most spots will be taken by the end of February!



Shelby County 4-H — January/February 2019

I ILLINOIS
Extension



Shelby County
1125 W. N. Second Street
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
Permit No. 210
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Bulk Third Class

Step up on National 4-H Day of Service



4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

1. Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.
3. Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
4. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.

I ILLINOIS
Extension



Shelby County
1125 W North 2nd Street
Shelbyville, IL 62565
Phone: 217-774-9546 FAX: 217-774-9549

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed from Noon to 1 p.m.

Danna Lewis, County Director
Yolanda Nation, 4-H Program Coordinator
nation2@illinois.edu

MaryBeth Massey, Program Coordinator, SNAP-Ed
Penny Hood, Community Worker, SNAP-ED
Diana Litteral, Office Support Assistant

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

The 4-H Name and Emblem are protected under federal statute Title 18, U.S. Code 707

University of Illinois ~ U.S. Department of Agriculture ~
Local Extension Councils Cooperating

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.