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BUREAU COUNTY 4-H

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE



WELCOME KATIE SMITH

My name is Katie Smith, and I am the Extra Help- 4-H Extension Program Coordinator for Bureau, La Salle, Marshall, and Putnam Counties. While I am new to this position, I am not new to 4-H in our 4-county area. I was an eleven-year member of the Walnut Winner's 4-H club, and I was active in Bureau County 4-H Federation throughout high school. I understand firsthand how valuable 4-H experiences are to youth in rural areas. However, I also want to provide opportunities that show 4-H is for everyone!

I attended Sauk Valley Community College before transferring to Illinois State University where I earned my bachelor's degree in May 2021 in Agriculture Communications & Leadership and Animal Industry Management. In my free time, I enjoy shopping, doing yoga, and making crafts.

Some of my favorite 4-H project areas include sewing, cooking, and horticulture- but after taking 15-20 projects to the fair each year, I have experience in a little bit of everything. I am looking forward to meeting all the clubs and sharing activities to help members be more prepared for the fair!

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4-H ENROLLMENT

If you have not already done so, please remember that enrollment in a 4-H club is required to attend club meetings and club events.

In order to be eligible for premiums and State Fair Honors, you must be enrolled by March 1, 2022.

PROJECT BOOKS


If you are in need of a project publication, you may request these by visiting: <https://go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest>.

The Extension office will cover the cost of these project books, but we ask, when ordering, that you be mindful of how many publications you are requesting.

Please order what you believe you will feasibly complete for this year's 4-H fair, keeping in mind, project mastery is the goal.

4-H ONLINE CREDIT CARD ISSUE

Illinois 4-H has been experiencing quite a lot of credit cards being declined by the enrollment system 4-H Online. We are recommending that all families that have paid with a credit card in the past to delete your credit card information before you try to re-enroll your members again. Below is a guide on how to delete your credit card information prior to enrollment.

1. First login to your family account and you will see a similar screen below. Click on Credit Cards on the left-hand side of the screen.
 2. After you click on Credit Cards you will see a screen similar to the one below and you will need to click anywhere in the area that the red box is covering. This is your credit card that is in the system.
 3. Once you click on the credit card you will see a screen similar to the one below. At this point you will want to click the Delete button so that you will clear out your credit card information.
 4. Once you click delete you will see a screen similar to the one below, and you will no longer have any credit card information in the system until you re-enroll your members.
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4-H NEWSLETTER SHORTS

By now you may have noticed that, in December, you received an email titled "4-H Newsletter Shorts". These are items that would previously be integrated into our county level newsletter. In an attempt to get State supported activities in your hands as soon as possible, these will now be sent to you via 4-H Newsletter Shorts emails.

Hopefully, this will assist those who wish to focus on local events and those who wish to attend state level events do not miss deadlines.

We will continue trying this new format for the year and evaluate how it works for our county.



TELL YOUR 4-H STORY JOIN THE SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H TEAM

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the Speaking for Illinois 4-H team. There will be a virtual training offered on Saturday, January 15 from 9-11 a.m.

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this - and more - is a part of Speaking for Illinois 4-H! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events. Members of this team will meet a minimum of four times throughout the year virtually as a team to remain on the team.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close January 13.

4-H VALENTINE'S WORKSHOP



Create a mini book stack and wood bead tassel, perfect for decorating or gifting, on Monday, February 7th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. This free workshop, held at the U of I Extension conference room, is open to youth ages 8-18 years old. Space is limited to 12 participants. Register by Thursday, February 3rd by visiting:

<https://go.illinois.edu/valentines>

Masks required. Social distancing practiced.



BEEF WEIGH-IN

This year's beef weigh-in is slated for Saturday, February 19th at Bureau Valley Veterinary Clinic in Princeton.

Those enrolled in a beef project have received letters with details and instructions. If you did not receive this information, please contact Danielle at des85@illinois.edu or 815-875-2878.



BIKE DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITY

Youth enrolling in a bicycle project, and in need of a bicycle will have the opportunity for a 50% off retail price bike courtesy of The Bike Place in Princeton.

To obtain a certificate, enroll in a bicycle project and contact our office at des85@illinois.edu or 815-875-2878.

4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM



This spring, Bureau County 4-H along with Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation District will be participating in 4-H Green Communities Tree Program.

25 oak trees will be planted together in one group (called a savanna) on public property within their county. This small gesture will be visible to many and yet address the number #1 priority within the Illinois Forestry Action Plan which is that oak-hickory forests are threatened in Illinois. Illinois oak resource is characterized by large, mature trees and a comparatively small sapling/seedling component due to decreases in the frequency of “beneficial disturbances” such as fire and proper timber management. Oak savannas are being dominated by invasive species and also more shade tolerant trees such as maples. Illinois 4-H is primed to make change, one tree at a time.

We will be needing 4-Hers to assist in planting of these trees. Please look for more information in the coming months on how to become involved!

"HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE" WINTER ACCESSORY DRIVE



Through the collaborative efforts of 4-H Federation and Bureau County Open Door's Coat Drive, our annual collection of winter accessories totaled 240 items!

These items were divided and distributed to Princeton, Spring Valley, and Sheffield food pantries.

EVENT RECAP

Bureau County 4-H had a busy November and December! November began with a paint workshop where participants painted a llama. Everyone did a wonderful job!

The holiday season kicked off with the Lion's Club after parade activity event. Due to COVID, the event shifted to a drive-thru which led our office to creating 300 pre-packaged kits to create a gnome ornament.

Cloverbuds enjoyed an ornament workshop where they created three ornaments - clothespin reindeer, fabric scrap tree, and a sled.

To round out December, we finished with the Holiday Workshop! Participants created five items - a tiered tray, pinecone wall hanger, wood tag ornament, snowglobe candy jar, and ornament hoop decoration.





Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 30, 2022 with registrations due by April 8, 2022. More details to come and please contact Cindy Ogwal cowusu@illinois.edu for event questions.



We are currently seeking volunteers for the following areas:

- Beef Superintendent
- Horse Bowl and Hippology SPIN Club Leader
- Workshop Instructors
- DePue Community Club Leader
- Ohio Community Club Leader

If you, or someone you know, would be a good fit for any of these available opportunities, please contact our office at 815-875-2878.



SAVE THE DATE

- January 24 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Federation Gathering @ U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - January 27 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Leader's Meeting @ U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - February 7 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Valentine's Workshop @ U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - February 15 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Cloverbud Tissue Paper Heart Canvas Workshop, U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - February 19 | 8:30 am
Beef Weigh-In @ Bureau Valley Vet Clinic, Princeton
 - February 19
State Horse Judging
 - March 1
Current member premium eligibility enrollment due
 - March 10 | 6:30 pm
Expansion and Review @ IVCC, Oglesby
 - March 12 | 9:00 - 11:00 am
Food Handler Training, Zoom
 - March 21 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Faux Floral Mug Arrangement, U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - March 28 | 6:30 pm
YQCA Training, U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - April 2
YQCA Training, U of I Extension office, Henry
 - April 6 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Cloverbud Bunny Glove Puppet Workshop, U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - April 9 | 9:00 am - Noon
Volunteer Appreciation, location pending
 - April 23
State Horse Bowl and Hippology
 - April 30
State Public Speaking Contest
 - May 1
New member premium eligibility enrollment due
 - May 24 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Pizza Pan Door Decor Workshop, U of I Extension office, Princeton
 - June 9 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Food Handler Training, Zoom
 - July 14 - 16, 2022
Bureau County 4-H Fair, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton
 - July 24 - 30 (July 24th - Move in day)
State Fair Junior Horse Show
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