

MARCH 2022



# BUREAU COUNTY 4-H

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE



## 4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM

Bureau County is looking for volunteers to help with planting a grouping of 25 oak trees at City County Park, Princeton with the goal of tackling global issues at the local level.

Carbon neutrality and nutrient runoff are complex issues facing our environment that can be combatted through planting new trees.

Illinois once held 14 million acres of trees, according to Sinclair. That number dropped to 3 million acres before intentional efforts 50 years ago began to reverse the decline. Today, Illinois has 5 million acres of trees.

In the spring of 2022, 4-H youth in Bureau county and 30 other counties throughout Illinois will each plant a grouping of 25 oak trees on public properties in their county. The groups, called savanna, will bring new life to oak-hickory forests currently under threat in Illinois.

Planting in Bureau County will take place April 2 at 10:00 am. A rain date is set for April 9th at 2:00 pm. Youth, adults, businesses, and other organizations that would like to participate in the planting process should contact Danielle Gapinski at 815-875-2878 or [des85@illinois.edu](mailto:des85@illinois.edu)

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8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

CLOSED NOON - 1:00 PM

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# EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

Federation will be collecting Easter baskets for their annual donation efforts. Clubs are asked, if possible, to contribute baskets containing non-perishable items to complete an Easter meal. Please deliver baskets by Wednesday, April 13th.

If you club opts to donate monetarily instead, please do so in the form of Wal-Mart gift card, if possible. This will make payment, at checkout, smoother for Federation.



# 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.

# PROJECT SELECTION REMINDERS

- Project selections should be made in 4-H Online by April 1st.
- Beginning mid-late May, Fair Entry will open for finalized project selection. This will be to select the actual projects that will be brought to the 4-H Fair.



The 2021-22 Fair Book has been sent, in draft status, to everyone. If you did not receive the draft, you may visit: [extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-bureau-county](https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-bureau-county).

Hard copies will be print and distributed to clubs as soon as the portions, not affecting project work, are updated as details are finalized.

# DOG OBEDIENCE WORKSHOPS COMING SOON

We are pleased to welcome Samantha Walter to Bureau County 4-H as our new dog obedience leader! She comes with an extensive background in 4-H; Samantha is a former 4-H leader and Horse Bowl and Hippology leader. In 2018 she moved to Bureau County and opened SunRidge Run Dog Daycare and Boarding in 2019.

Samantha raises Rottweilers and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. She competes with her dogs and client's dogs in conformation events and has finished numerous dogs AKC Championship titles. As a youth she showed horses and dogs among various non animal projects. She currently resides in Walnut on a farm with her husband, Brent, and their son Abram.



## UPDATED COVID GUIDANCE

- Masks are optional for indoor and outdoor events.
- There is no vaccination or testing requirements.
- All signage may be removed/ no longer required.
- There are no crowd limitations or space restrictions for events.
- When choosing a meeting or event location, 4-H volunteers and members must follow the guidelines in place for that location.



Held at the U of I Extension conference Room

To reserve your time, call 815-875-2878.

Those promoted to state will have the opportunity to compete on April 30, 2022 at Parkland Community College, Champaign

# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

## Bureau County 4-H New Member Project Night

Tuesday, March 29th  
5 to 6 pm

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Open to any 1st or 2nd year members



- Complete a project eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- Learn what to expect during project judging.
- Meet other members

Register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/bcnewmember](http://go.illinois.edu/bcnewmember)

Space is limited!



Create a bunny puppet out of a work glove! Wednesday, April 6th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the U of I Extension conference room (850 Thompson St., Princeton). This free event is open to ages 5-7.

To register visit:  
[go.illinois.edu/bunnyglove](http://go.illinois.edu/bunnyglove)



Make a beautiful spring arrangement in a mug. The best part? No maintenance required! These faux arrangements will be vibrant for years to come. This workshop will also aid in floral arranging for the Floriculture project area at the 4-H Fair.

Monday, March 21st from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the U of I Extension conference room (850 Thompson St., Princeton). This free event is open to ages 8-18.

To register visit: [go.illinois.edu/floralmug](http://go.illinois.edu/floralmug)



Pizza pan door décor? Yes, you heard that right! Create an inviting door hanger utilizing a pizza pan. Trust us, by the time you are done your friends will marvel that your creation was made from a pizza pan. This project would be perfect for the Treasures from Trash project area at the 4-H Fair.

Tuesday, May 24th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at U of I Extension conference room (850 Thompson St., Princeton).

This free event is open to ages 8-18.  
To register visit: [go.illinois.edu/doordecor](http://go.illinois.edu/doordecor)

## EVENT RECAP

Bureau County 4-H kicked off 2022 with a snowman stretch STEM activity for after school programs in LaMoille, Manlius, and Neponset. Here participants were tasked with creating the tallest, freestanding snowman with only the provided supplies.



February offered two workshops; a wood book stack and tissue paper hearts on canvas. A group of youth created a decorative wood book stack and wood bead tassel for Valentine's day. They all did an amazing job and we all had a fun time!

Cloverbuds created a canvas covered in tissue paper hearts. They all did a great job drawing, cutting, and adhering their delicate hearts.

February also brought flying dragons for the after school participants. Students created a dragon out of a toilet paper roll that they then made "fly" with strings.





# VOLUNTEER

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.



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## 4-H HORSE CLINIC



MAY 1 | 12 PM - 2:30 PM\*

LEE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS | AMBOY  
BRING YOUR HORSE  
\*CLINIC MAY RUN LONGER IF NEEDED

LEARN ABOUT SHOWMANSHIP, HORSEMANSHIP,  
PLEASURE AND DRIVING. LEE COUNTY  
4-H'ERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE CLINIC OR  
HAVE PROOF OF LESSONS TO SHOW AT THE 4-H FAIR

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BY APRIL 22**  
**AT: [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/LEEHORSECLINIC](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/LEEHORSECLINIC)**

ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMET

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office AT 815-857-3525.



Bureau County Federation

# UPCOMING

## EVENTS

**Check Out Our  
Upcoming Events  
and Join the Fun!**

March

**23**

### Federation Meeting

*Submit a baby picture to Danielle (des85@illinois.edu) prior to the meeting for a fun guessing game. We will make Easter cards for a local nursing home during the meeting at 5 pm.*

April

**14**

### Easter Basket Shopping

*Meet at the Extension office at 6 pm before heading to Wal-Mart to shop for Easter Baskets for area food pantries and families in need. Assembly will take place following shopping.*

May

**14**

### Escape Room

*Participate in a team building Escape Room in Peoria! We will leave the Extension parking lot at 1 pm.*

**June and July dates to be set at a later time.**

For more information or to RSVP:  
815-875-2878 or des85@illinois.edu



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# SAVE THE DATE

- March 10 | 6:30 pm  
**Expansion and Review** via Zoom
  - March 12 | 9:00 - 11:00 am  
**Food Handler Training**, Zoom
  - March 14 | 5:00 pm  
**Public Presentation Contest**, U of I Extension conference room, Princeton
  - March 21 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
**Faux Floral Mug Arrangement**, U of I Extension conference room, Princeton
  - March 28 | 6:30 pm  
**YQCA Training**, U of I Extension conference room, Princeton
  - March 23 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
**Federation Meeting**, U of I Extension conference room, Princeton
  - March 29 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
**New Member Project Night**, U of I Extension conference room, Princeton
  - April 2  
**Cooking 301 Dinner Rolls**, 8:30 am, UIEECCTK, LaSalle  
**4-H Green Communities Tree Planting Day**, 10:00 am, City County Park, Princeton  
**YQCA Training**, U of I Extension office, Henry
  - April 6 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
**Cloverbud Bunny Glove Puppet Workshop**, U of I Extension conference room, Princeton
  - April 9 | 9:00 am - Noon  
**Volunteer Appreciation**, IVCC
  - April 13  
**Easter Basket Club donations due to Extension office**
  - April 14 | 6:00 pm  
**Federation Easter Basket shopping**
  - April 23  
**State Horse Bowl and Hippology**
  - April 30  
**Cloverbud Open House**, 10:00 am, U of I Extension conference room, Princeton  
**State Public Speaking Contest**, Parkland Community College, Champaign
  - May 1  
**New member premium eligibility enrollment due**
  - May 24 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
**Pizza Pan Door Decor Workshop**, U of I Extension conference room, 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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