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4-H Hall of Fame Inductees



Annette Sims

Annette Sims is in her thirty first year as the leader of the Oconee Eager Beavers 4-H Club in Shelby County. When Annette was nine years old, she joined the Oconee Little Women 4-H Club. She participated in a variety of projects including sewing, cooking, knitting, flower arranging, and cake decorating.

Annette gained so much as a 4-H member that she wanted to give back as a leader when her own three boys were old enough to join 4-H. Annette continues to find new and creative ways to bring fun and learning to 4-H meetings through project workshops and community service projects. Annette is proud of each 4-H member's successes and those "blue ribbon smiles" are precious to her.



This year Cumberland County 4-H nominated Phil & Lori Walk for 4-H Hall of Fame. Phil & Lori have done so much for our community and the youth of Cumberland County! Memories that have been shared show how much they have impacted our county! Here is just one, "Phil and Lori are the epitome of giving of themselves! I can't ask for a better set of humans to positively influence my kids and share the love of 4-H with!"

Tree ID Walks coming soon



The walks will take place on Wednesdays at the following locations:

September 8, 10am - Noon at Lake Charleston Pavilion in Charleston

September 29, 10am - Noon at General Dacey Trail in Forest Park in Shelbyville

October 13, 10am - Noon at Walnut Point State Park in Oakland

Take a walk in nature with Extension Horticulture Educator Sarah Vogel hosted by the Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists of Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby counties.

During the walk, you will learn about tree characteristics and improve your tree identification skills. Registration is free. Register by calling the Coles County Extension office at 217-345-7034. Be sure to dress for the weather, as this is an outdoor event. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, bring a walking stick, this is a walking tour. In case of severe weather, this event will be canceled. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Lee at jalee73@illinois.edu or call 217-345-7034.

4-H & YMCA Partner For Summer



During the summer, 4-H staff in Cumberland County attended the Neal Center YMCA summer camp once a week to provide educational programming based upon each week's theme. From super heroes to pirates and space, we covered a myriad of educational content that provided fun, hands-on learning opportunities. Some highlights of the summer were creating our own stomp rockets, building a pirate ship, attending superhero training camp, and going through

the water cycle as a water droplet. It was an incredible three months working with the YMCA, community partners, and the youth. We are already looking forward to what next year brings!

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