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# NEWSLETTER

Pope & Hardin County 4-H News and Events



## November/December 2022

### 2022-23 Enrollment

Enrollment time is here! ZSUITES is up and ready for enrollment! Don't hold off on enrollment if you are uncertain of a project. Just pick one for now to enroll and we can change it later. We will start our focus on project selection in January. Please have 4-H enrollment completed and dues paid by December 1.

#### ZSUITES

#### DIRECTIONS FOR ENROLLMENT

Follow the link below for enrollment instructions.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>



Congratulations October  
Pumpkin

Contest Winner:

Remington Barnhill with a  
Trophy Buck Pumpkin



#### Clover Crew Meeting

Don't miss it!

Sunday, November 6 at 2 PM

Dixon Springs Ag Center

#### ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Register today at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/ornament24>

This workshop is hybrid—  
in person or zoom option is  
available. Grab bags with the  
majority of items needed to  
make 3 ornaments are \$5.



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couraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.



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# LOOK WHAT YOU CAN DO IN 4-H



## MONTHLY CONTEST

Each month Pope-Hardin County 4-H will offer a fun contest. All answers will have to be submitted through the link provided on that months contest. Monthly contest will be emailed and posted on Facebook. Winners will be notified by email and posted on Facebook.

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Each month Pope-Hardin County 4-H will offer a community service opportunity. The community service opportunity will be emailed to all enrolled 4-H members and also posted on Facebook. A link will be provided for members to notify Kendra once the community service is completed for the month. This will help with completing your award application at the end of the 4-H year.

## PROJECT WORKSHOPS

Pope-Hardin County 4-H will offer a variety of workshops throughout the 4-H year. Some workshops will be county only and others will be multi-county workshops. All workshops will have a link attached for sign up. Sign up is important to insure there are enough attending to hold the workshop. Workshop notifications will be on Facebook and sent by email.

## ILLINOIS STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Illinois 4-H offers many opportunities at the state level. Follow the IL State 4-H Facebook page for updates on all state opportunities. Some opportunities will be shared on Pope-Hardin County 4-H Facebook page and listed in newsletters.

## NOVEMBER CONTEST

What are you thankful for?

Thanksgiving is a time of year we set aside all the busyness of our crazy lives and gather around to give thanks. People are thankful for many different types of things—family, friends, pets...the possibilities are endless. From now until November 24th, take a photo of something you are thankful for and explain in a few words why you are thankful for it. Submit your photos and description to

klcook@illinois.edu or <https://go.illinois.edu/PH4HThankful>.

Photos and descriptions will be posted on Facebook. A winner will be selected by the photo with the most likes on Facebook.



## NOVEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Clover for Care**—Sell a clover for \$1 or any amount of donation. All proceeds will be used to purchase food for the local Food Pantry Thanksgiving Dinners.

**Food Drive**—Collect food for local food pantry Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner boxes. Items needed are packages of mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxes of stuffing, & gravy.

Register for community service to help keep track at the end of the year at: [go.illinois.edu/phcs](https://go.illinois.edu/phcs)



## DECEMBER CONTEST

### PINECONE DECORATING CONTEST

See Page 5 for more detail.

Submit your entry at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/PH4HPinecone>



## DECEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE


**Christmas Cards**—Make Christmas Cards for residence at the Rosiclare Nursing Home OR make Christmas Cards to go with hygiene bags for local food pantry.

**Hygiene bags for local food pantry**—Put together hygiene bag(s) that contain at least 5 basic daily hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, razors, female sanitary products, etc.

Hygiene bags and cards must be turned into the Extension office or Ag Center Office by December 16th.

Register for community service to help keep your records at the end of the year at:

[go.illinois.edu/phcs](https://go.illinois.edu/phcs)



## A CLOVER FOR CARE

POPE-HARDIN COUNTY 4-H IS COLLECTING DONATIONS UNTIL NOVEMBER 13TH TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY DINNERS.

ALL MONEY STAYS IN POPE & HARDIN COUNTIES

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
\$1 GREEN CLOVER  
\$5 GOLD CLOVER

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE AG CENTER OR TO ANY 4-H MEMBER

**MORE INFORMATION**  
KLCOOK@ILLINOIS.EDU

**“ WE COME TO SHARE FOOD AND HAPPINESS ”**



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## ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Gallatin, Hamilton, Pope-Hardin, Saline & White County 4-H

Event for kids and family. Options for in person or virtual. For more information or to sign up please visit <https://go.illinois.edu/ornament24>

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# Have you thought about being an officer of your club?



## President:

- ◆ Preside over all regular and special meetings
- ◆ Represent your county when 4-H needs represented at special meetings in the county
- ◆ Appoint committees
- ◆ Learn parliamentary procedure

## Vice President:

- ◆ Act in the absence of the President
- ◆ Assist with committees as designated by the President

## Secretary

- ◆ Keeps an accurate record of all meetings
- ◆ Has minutes available when needed by Extension staff or Club Leader
- ◆ At each meeting, reads last meetings minutes
- ◆ Submits the completed 4-H Secretary book at the end of the 4-H year

## Treasurer

- ◆ Submits financial report each meeting
- ◆ Produce the completed 4-H Treasurer book at the end of the 4-H year
- ◆ Keep up with the clubs financials

## **A few reasons why you should become an officer of your club:**

Learn and practice leadership skills

Help guide the growth of your 4-H club and county 4-H program

You assist with fun and engaging events/activities



# PINECONE CONTEST

all Pope and Hardin County 4-H members are invited to participate in a Pinecone Contest this year! Contest guidelines are as follows:

1. Members are encouraged to create a uniquely designed entry. One entry per member allowed.
2. Entry should be 4-H audience appropriate.
3. Pinecone(s) must be decorated at home and picture submitted to <https://go.illinois.edu/PH4HPinecone>
4. Deadline to submit entries is December 23rd at 4 PM.
5. Do not include your name on your pinecone(s) or in your photo.
6. No more than 5 pinecones can be used to create your entry. Pinecone(s) can be humorous, beautiful, abstract, or natural, use your imagination.
7. Age groups are Cloverbuds (5-7), Junior (8-12), and Senior (13-18). Age groups may be combined if not enough participants per age division.
8. PINECONES MUST BE ORIGINAL (CREATED BY 4-H MEMBER). NO PINECONES BOUGHT PRE-PAINTED OR ALREADY DECORATED WILL BE ACCEPTED! 4-H MEMBER MAY BE SUPERVISED FOR SAFETY PERCAUTIONS.



Pinecones will be judged by the number of likes on Facebook. Winner will be announced December 30th.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra Cook, Extension Program Coordinator at [klcook@illinois.edu](mailto:klcook@illinois.edu).



## Pope-Hardin County 4-H Federation updates:



Federation is a leadership club open to all 4-H members in 8th grade and up. This club plans and leads fun events and activities for Pope and Hardin Counties. They normally meet the 2nd Monday of the month at the Extension office at 6 PM. If a large event is coming up sometimes special meetings are required. Federation does not meet in June and July. All meetings are open to 4-H members to attend. 4-H members in 8th grade and up are welcome to join the club.

It's been a busy start of the 4-H year for Federation. They planned, prepped, and decorated for the Awards Night while putting in countless hours preparing for Halloween at the Ag Center. They pulled off a successful Halloween at the Ag Center event thanks to all the help from family, friends, and the community.

Currently Federation is running the Clover for Care Campaign to help feed local families Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. The campaign runs through November 14th.

## IMPORTANT DATES

November 6	Clover Crew Meeting
November 12	Horse/Mule/Pony Club Meeting/Ride
November 14	Money due for Clover for Care
November 14	Federation Meeting
November 24	DEADLINE Thankful photo contest entries close
November 28	DEADLINE Registration for Ornament Workshop closes
November 30	DEADLINE All food donations need to be submitted to Extension office
December 1	4-H Enrollments completed and dues paid
December 3	Ornament Workshop
December 4	Clover Crew Christmas Celebration
December 12	Federation Meeting
December 16	DEADLINE All Hygiene bags and Christmas Cards to be turned in to Extension office
December 23	DEADLINE Pinecone contest entries close



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.