# EXTENSION SNAPSHOT

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### What I Do and Why It Matters

This new Snapshot series serves as a way to reintroduce you to our unit staff. Each month a different staff member will be featured.

Photographing
Extension programs is
Anita Wilkinson's
favorite responsibility
as Communications
Program Coordinator.
Her work focuses on
marketing upcoming
programs as well as
sharing the positive
impact Extension
programs make in the
four counties.

### What I Do and Why It Matters



"Through words and images, I share the stories of our volunteers, members, staff, partnerships, and programs. The stories I "tell" are created with the goal of inviting everyone to get involved, learn something new, and understand the impact Extension programs make in the lives and communities in our four counties."

Anita Wilkinson Communications Program Coordinator aswilkin@illinois.edu

Anita has been the Communications Program Coordinator for the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit since 2014. She began her Illinois Extension career in 1998.

#### **EDUCATION**

A.A. from Black Hawk College, East Campus B.S. from Illinois State University

#### **EXTENSION JOB HISTORY**

Marshall-Putnam 4-H Program & Technology Coordinator Tazewell 4-H Program Coordinator

#### **EXTENSION FOCUS AREAS**

Graphic Design Web Site Management Client Database Management

Photography and Videography Social Media Content Program Promotion



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### EXAMPLES OF ANITA'S CURRENT EXTENSION EFFORTS

- Photographing summer events: 4-H Shows, Illinois Junior Chef Schools, Master Volunteer projects and trainings, STEM camps
- Uploading content for the new University of Illinois Extension website
- ◆ Data and content collection for 2019 Year in Review
- Creating short videos and social media posts about 4-H alumni
- Editing and distributing monthly Snapshots