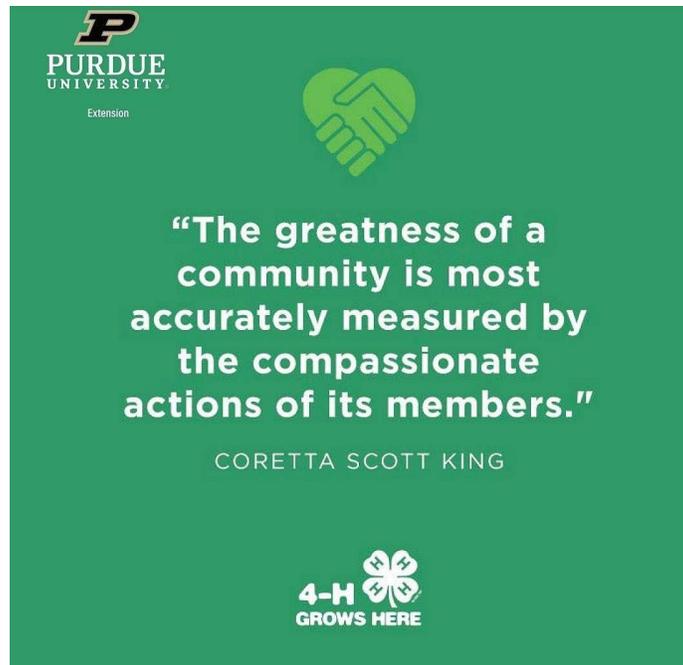


Hamilton County 4-H Clover Chatter

April 2020



Spring Break has looked a little different.

Hello 4-H Families,

I am writing my article sitting in my home office - also known as my kids' play room. It is not how I thought I would be spending our Spring Break week! I know many of you have had to adjust plans and expectations of what the month of April looks like. I have sat down to compose this Clover Chatter three times, only to decide to hold off as the news and updates are ever changing.

So at this moment in time on April 10, here is what we know:

- Purdue Extension- Hamilton County Office will be remote working until April 20, 2020. We are still reachable by email: bohde@purdue.edu.
- Face to Face 4-H programming has been postponed until **June 1**.
- Purdue University will declare their intentions for June events and programming by April 15. May 15 will be the notification dates for events and programming in July.

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ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A 4-H FAIR?

This is the number one question I have received this month. I want to tell you our staff and volunteers are still working toward having a county fair.

Extension Director Jason Henderson has stated, “Our goal is to have county fairs. We may have to postpone them, they may need to look different than they have in the past, but county fairs have always been, and will forever remain a celebration of education, agriculture, and community. At Purdue Extension and in 4-H, we take pride in our can-do attitude, our innovation, our resilience, and just old-fashioned grit. These are the values that will be on display at our county fairs in 2020.”

Currently we are still on track for the Hamilton County 4-H Fair on July 16-20, 2020.



4-H is going Virtual

- Social Media- Please make sure to like our Facebook and Instagram accounts.
 - We are posting themes: Tasty Tuesday, Workshop Wednesday, Fun Friday Family Activities as well as shared resources from across the National Extension system on all of our accounts.
 - 30 Day Challenge of 4-H Hygge posts on Instagram. Hygge is the Danish practice of mindfulness and finding joy in the simple things.
 - Hamilton County 4-H Cat project created a Facebook group.
 - Hamilton County 4-H Dog Obedience Facebook page has posted practice videos and information for 4-H members to use at home with their dog.
 - Many clubs have their own group or page. Check with your club leader to see how communication is being shared in a community forum.
 - Front Porch Chats with Extension Educator Kathleen Bohde on Facebook.
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Clover Gaming Virtual 4-H Experience Begins April 8

Clover Gaming is a table top board game design program. We will meet for six sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m. beginning April 8. There are still spots available for the Virtual Clover Gaming experience. Open to all youth grades 7-12. Sign up at bit.ly/4htabletopdesignvirtual



Hamilton County Camera Corp

Love taking pictures? Up to a challenge? Join the ranks of amateur photographers as you find the perfect subject to photograph for each month's theme. Photography experts will give feedback to each contestant and pick the entry they feel has the best combination of quality photo elements as well as fits the month's theme. All entries will also be posted online and voted on by viewers for the People's Choice Award.

All youth grades 3-12 are welcome to participate. 4-H enrollment not required. Enter online at form.jotform.com/200844970255053 by the last day of each month.



National Volunteer Week April 19-25

We are very grateful for our 4-H volunteers. This is a year I am ever in awe of their flexibility and adaptive nature with the events that are going on around us. We are challenged to look at our 4-H programming in different, innovative ways. Thank you for keeping the mission of 4-H as the focus - to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

Take a minute and reach out to a volunteer who has made an impact in your

life. Send them a quick text or email or give them a call and let them know their efforts matter.



National 4-H Day of Service April 26

True Leaders in Service, a month-long community service activation, officially kick-offs the first day of April and culminates with the National 4-H Day of Service on the last Saturday of April each year. We know there have been many acts of service this month. One example is sewing face masks for medical professionals. Thank you to all our sewing 4-H families. We estimate 4-H families have made more than 500 masks to donate to Hamilton County medical professionals and community members. Thank you! Keep sewing as the CDC has updated guidelines for masks on their website.

Maybe there is a way for 4-H clubs to do virtual service projects like make cards for nursing homes or neighbors, a club donation to a food pantry, positive messages rock painting etc. There's never been a better time to think outside the box!

If there are 4-H questions I can answer please reach out. We are all in this together.

Get Connected!

Make sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see updates and

upcoming events. Have a 4-H meeting, activity, or event? Take a picture or two, post it, and tag us so we can see it and re-share it!



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