

Hamilton County 4-H Clover Chatter

May 2020



Let's turn our Gripes to Gratitude

Across Hamilton County, 4-H volunteers are working tirelessly to figure out what 4-H summer program looks like. It's not easy. In fact, it's simply daunting when all that we know about how to conduct the 4-H summer program is now uncertain. The need for positive, hands-on learning is greater than ever.

We can complain and gripe and list all the ways the 4-H year has already been different, but we can't stay on that path. Hamilton County 4-H has to move on to the gratitude stage.

- Hamilton County 4-H received an Indiana 4-H Foundation grant to provide sixty container gardens to local food pantries for their clients. 4-H families can assist with distribution of the supplies through a drive thru style pickup at four food pantries around the county.
- Day Camp Counselors are working on a virtual day camp for Mini 4-H members. Participants can experience camp at home at their own pace.

- West Central Camping Association and Shakamak 4-H Camp Counselors are working on a virtual 4-H camp for the month of June.
- Social Media is popping up with many 4-H clubs and 4-H projects sharing resources that would have been shared in a face to face workshop environment.
- Last week 90 4-H volunteers and Junior Leaders connected via Zoom to start discussions on summer programming options. Every 4-H activity has four options: virtual, face to face, cancellation, or postpone. That is a lot of activities and events to process through those options. Hamilton County 4-H is grateful for the passion and innovation this group is bringing to the discussions.

We have to stay focused on our 4-H mission to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world. How that looks in the next 90 days will be different but will be led by volunteers that will stay true to the 4-H mission.



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LIVESTOCK ID INFORMATION

Livestock Identification information is now posted online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/hamilton/article/8945>

The Extension Office will be hosting a drive thru tag pick up on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 3 - 7 p.m. in front of the Extension Office. To place your order for the tag pickup: <https://bit.ly/tagrequestform>. If you are unable to attend the drive-thru pick-up, see below how to get items from the Extension Office.

Remember, the traditional "May 15" deadline we all think of is extended to July 1 for both County and State Fair Identification.



YQCA or Animal Ethics Module Option for 2020

Since we are still under the directive of no face to face programming, youth exhibiting at the **2020 Hamilton County 4-H Fair** in beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats,

dairy goats, poultry and rabbits may complete YQCA or Animal Ethics Module System at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx>

More information on both options can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/article/36954>

To exhibit at the **2020 Indiana State Fair** in beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits; 4-H members must be certified through *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA). More information can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/article/36954>



Purdue Extension Office Hours Beginning May 18

Beginning on May 18 the Purdue Extension Hamilton County Office will be re-opening on a limited basis. Staff will return to the building on a rotating schedule. The general public will not be entering the office area, but staff will be available to assist you. If you are in need of 4-H Manuals, animal tags, poster sleeves or other items available at the Extension Office, you can park in the parking lot and call the office at 317-776-0854. Our staff will be happy to assist you.



Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant

The 4-H Queen Pageant Committee is now accepting entries for the 2020 4-H Queen Pageant. [Click here](#) for more information. Entry forms are due June 1.



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 bit.ly/hamco4hcameracorps by the last day of each month. May's Theme: Simplicity.



NEW Extension Resources

Purdue Extension Hamilton County has been busy producing resources and links for the public during the COVID-19 Pandemic. You will find weekly links like Tasty Tuesdays, Workshop Wednesdays, Fun Fridays, and front porch chats with Kathleen Bohde, 4-H/Youth Educator. There is information from Purdue on food and finances for families. You can look into things to do outdoors like taking photos or walking together and watch a video on baby chicks. Check it out on our website titled "NEW Educational Resources - Response to COVID-19"

<https://extension.purdue.edu/Hamilton/article/37086>

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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