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HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

**October 2023**

## Seasons change, 4-H grows!

It is officially Fall and on October 1 our 4-H enrollment period opened up at <https://in.4honline.com>. There is a lot of excitement and buzz around the start of something new and a new 4-H Season is no exception. Already October has been full of activities. The 4-H Junior Leaders hosted their annual Community Halloween Party with a record number of families attending. Youth participating in the A Chance to Serve (ACTS) youth leadership program learned about how their local communities function and they are finding the power in their youth perspective. This week we celebrated National 4-H Week with 4-H'ers across the nation by kicking off our Junior Leader program year with a hayride. These 4-H activities are great examples of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity - all the essential elements that make up a strong, positive youth development program.

Don't forget - All current 4-H members and volunteers need to enroll annually in 4-H. This is also a great time to invite your neighbors, classmates, and friends to join 4-H. Our Hamilton County 4-H program strives to create an open, inclusive environment that is welcoming to all youth and their families. If you see an opportunity for us to connect with a new audience about 4-H, please reach out to me at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu). We are excited to start a fresh new season.

We have a lot to celebrate! We hope to see you then!



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Tony Charlton is retiring. We want to send him a heartfelt thanks for his many years here. We'll miss having you around, but we hope you enjoy your retirement!

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A promotional poster for 4-H enrollment. The background is a light yellow gradient with orange and red autumn leaves scattered around the edges. At the top, the text "Let's have" is written in a black cursive font. Below it, the word "S'MORE" is in large, bold, black block letters, with the letter 'O' replaced by a white marshmallow on a stick with a green four-leaf clover on its side. Below "S'MORE" is the word "FUN" in the same large, bold, black block letters. Underneath "FUN" is the text "4-H ENROLLMENT" in a green, sans-serif font. Below that, the text "ENROLL IN 4-H AND EARN A S'MORE KIT!" is written in black, followed by "STOP BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H OFFICE TO GET YOURS!" in black. At the bottom, the text "ENROLL AT [HTTPS://IN.4HONLINE.COM](https://in.4honline.com)" is written in green.

Let's have  
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## Activities & Opportunities

Developed by 4-H educators from Cornell University, University of Illinois, Utah State University and West Virginia University, Power Protectors is a collection of three activities that teach kids how to address real-world issues and explore careers in energy. The STEM Challenge kit is perfect for youth ages 8-14. The extension office has 2 Power Protectors kits that can be checked out for club meetings. Contact the office for your next hands-on STEM meeting topic.





## Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leader Poinsettia Sale

Orders are due November 14, 2023  
Pick up December 6, 2023

\$10.00 per plant - 6 inch pots

Plant options include red, ice crystals, shimmer surprise, or white.

**Purchase your holiday poinsettias and help support the many service projects, scholarships, and community activities sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders!**

- Locally produced by Heartland Growers in Westfield, Indiana.
- Your choice of red, ice crystals, shimmer surprise, or white blooms.
- 14-16 inch plants in 6 inch pots.
- Guaranteed 7+ bloom stems.
- \$10.00 per plant.
- Makes a great holiday gift or decoration!

Quantities are limited so place your order now! [Click here](#) to place your order online. Forms are also available at the Extension Office. Please submit your order no later than November 14, 2023. Feel free to share this with a friend, neighbor, church, or favorite business! Pick up date: December 6, 2023 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Hall A on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Payment is due at pick up. All plants not picked up by 6:30 p.m. will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.



**Please Join Us!**

**Register your 4-H Club for the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch**

**What is the Crunch?**

A celebration of National Farm to School Month! Please help Indiana celebrate by purchasing, supporting, and crunching into locally and regionally grown apples at NOON on Thursday, October 12, 2023 (or any day in October). Incorporate educational activities and videos into your Crunch day! Registered Crunch participants will receive a link to the 2023 Indiana Crunch Guide with all the info they need!

**When:** Thursday, October 12, OR any day during National Farm to School Month, October!

**Who:** ANYONE! There is no Crunch too small. K-12 schools, early care and education sites, hospitals, colleges and universities, farms, state and local agencies, 4-H Clubs, non-profit organizations, local businesses, groups, and even households can register to Crunch!

**Where:** Anyone across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio can register to Crunch in 2023! Crunch from the apple orchard, a Zoom call, the community garden, home, or any safe and creative place!

**How:** Register your Indiana crunch here ([www.cias.wisc.edu/applecrunch](http://www.cias.wisc.edu/applecrunch)) to add to the Crunch count, get free stickers (while supplies last), score the scoop on purchasing and serving local apples, and receive the Crunch Guide.

**Share:** Be ready to take photos and videos of the loud Crunch and share them on social media on the day of your Crunch using hashtags: #InFoodDay, #INapplecrunch, #F2Smonth

**What is Consumer Decision Making?**

Consumer Decision Making is an educational opportunity for 4-H members to make decisions as an individual and as a team member. Youth will learn to make decisions based on consumer purchasing information they have learned and studied during this process. During the process of evaluation, youth will also learn to defend their decisions through giving oral reasons. Success

depends upon how well they process and evaluate what they have observed.

### **Who is eligible to compete in this CDE?**

This event is open to 4-H youth of the senior level (grades 9-12). Teams are comprised of three to four youth per team. Individuals can also compete if a team cannot be formed. Middle school youth can also participate, but know the content is for a senior level.

### **Who can be a coach?**

An Indiana 4-H Approved Volunteer or a County 4-H Extension Educator.

### **What makes up a Contest?**

The state contest will comprise of two components:

- **Class Placings:** Classes are put together to give youth the opportunity to test the knowledge they gained from the study guides and additional resources. A class contains a situation statement and four class items to be evaluated youth and placed based on rank they feel is correct. Items should be ranked in order from best to worst choice.
- **Oral Reasons:** After youth have decided on placings, they must prepare reasons. Reasons are presented to compare the differences and explain the order in which they placed the classes.

### **2023 Indiana 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest**

- When: Saturday, October 28, 2023; Registration 9:00-9:30 AM EST, contest starts at 9:30
- Where: Stone Hall, Purdue University, 700 W Mitch Daniels BLVD, West Lafayette, IN 47907
- Classes: Backpacks, Sunglasses, Fast Food, Subscription Shopping
  - Youth should be using the study guides on our website to prepare for these classes <https://purdue.ag/4hconsumerdecision>
- Oral Reasons: two of the four classes listed above will be reasons classes and announced the day of the contest
- Registration: \$10 per contestant.
  - Fill out the registration form by 10/20/23

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2tUTEo9zEDcwsHc](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2tUTEo9zEDcwsHc)

**Hamilton County 4-H is searching for new project leaders for the following projects. A project leader is a content specialist in that area who will answer questions, plan workshops, and assist with 4-H Fair activities.**

Ceramics

Creative Writing

Sportsfishing

Robotics

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EVERYONE'S A WINNER!



**OCTOBER 4-15**

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



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## 4-H HANDBOOK COVER CONTEST

### Design Requirements

- Design must be no larger than 8" x 10"
- Will be printed in only black, green, or white
- May be created via computer or by hand
- Turn in to the Extension Office by **October 13** with your name and phone number on the back



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### Show us your artistic skills in the 4-H Handbook Cover Contest!

Attention all artistic 4-H'ers! We are searching for a design to be the cover for the 2024 4-H Handbook! The design must be no larger than 8" x 10" and will be printed in only black, green and white. The design may be created on the computer or by hand. If you have a creative idea, turn it in to the Extension Office by October 13 with your name and phone number on the back. Your design could be the next Hamilton County 4-H Handbook cover!

### Help Us Promote 4-H

Purdue Extension has yard signs, posters, buttons, and lots of other cool stuff to help you promote 4-H in your neighborhood. Contact Bernie Huber for more information at [bchuber@purdue.edu](mailto:bchuber@purdue.edu) or 317-776-0854.

### Thank You Notes

It's not too late to send thank you notes to your plaque sponsors. Showing appreciation to our donors is extremely important to ensure their continued support of 4-H.

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### **Hamilton County 4-H Council Makes a Positive Impact**

4-H Council's nomination committee is working on securing the candidates for the upcoming 4-H Council election. Current township openings are Adams, Delaware, Fall Creek, Jackson, Noblesville, and White River. In 2019, Hamilton County 4-H Council updated their by-laws to add at-large 4-H Council member positions if township representatives are not able to be secured.

Hamilton County 4-H Council Responsibilities:

- To evaluate the 4-H Program and make appropriate recommendations.
- To determine policy and operating procedures for the 4-H Program.
- To secure, maintain, and improve adequate facilities for the 4-H Program.
- To plan, prepare for, direct, and supervise the 4-H Fair.

If you are in a current township that has an open position or would like to submit your name for an at large position, please contact Kathleen Bohde at [bohde@purdue.edu](mailto:bohde@purdue.edu) and she will pass your information on to the nomination committee.

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## 4-H INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be recorded on the Extension Office voicemail after 4:30 p.m. and posted on social media.



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## Important Dates

### October

- 2024 4-H Enrollment Begins - October 1
- 4-H Handbook Cover Design Contest Deadline - October 13

### November

- Purdue Extension Office closed for elections- November 7
- Purdue Extension Office closed for Veteran's Day- November 10
- Poinsettia Order Deadline- November 14
- Purdue Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving- November 23-24

### December

- Poinsettia Pick Up- December 6

- Purdue Extension Office closed December 22 @ 12:00 p.m. - December 26 for Christmas

## Looking Ahead

- Purdue Extension Office Closed for New Year's Day Holiday- January 1
- 4-H Camp Shakamak- May 31- June 2
- Exploring 4-H Day Camp- June 11-12
- 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair July 18-22, Livestock Auction July 23

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