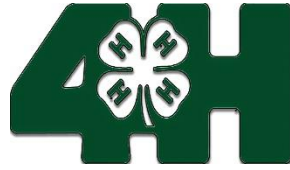


March Family Digest

Lafayette County 4-H



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It's not too late to be a part of the Day in the Arts! If you are a 4-H member and have friends that are not – bring them along! They can perform and showcase their art talents, as well!! Please use the following link to find out more information about the 2019 Day in the Arts – scheduled for March 3, 2019 at Belmont High School from 1-4 p.m.

<https://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/02/2019-DIA-Information-and-Entry-Form-updated.pdf>

4-H Leader's Meeting– March 31, 2019

Plan to attend the Annual Leader's Training from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. and stay for the business meeting from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. This meeting was rescheduled from February (due to inclement weather). All 4-H Clubs must have at least one Leader attend this training. **If you do not, then members from your club will not be allowed to participate in 4-H activities throughout 2019 (including the county fair).**

2019 Leader's Meeting Dates (for your calendars)

March 31st, June 16th, August 18th, September 22 and November 17th. Meetings start at 6:30 at the UW-Extension Office Foyer.

4-H Online Training for Organizational Leaders

There will be a Zoom Webinar on 4HOnline for club managers at 7:00PM on March 7, 2019. All club managers are welcome to join.

Topics covered will include:

- Club dashboard icons and what they mean
- Using the Search screen
- Approving members
- Creating and using reports

The training should take about an hour and will be recorded for those that cannot join live. Connection information is listed below. Participants will need to pre-register, but that can even be done mere minutes before joining.

Please let your club managers know about this training opportunity.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Mar 7, 2019 7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: 4HOnline for Club Managers

Register in advance for this webinar: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/9e5309730568465fdc2040ba88984b7b>

The training should take about an hour and will be recorded for those that cannot join live.

Please let the Extension Office know if you need assistance with a computer to view the session.

Volunteer Leaders Training – **New** Adult Leaders

The next leader training will be March 7, 2019 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office. If you would like to become a volunteer in the Lafayette County 4-H Program, please RSVP by March 5th at (608) 776-4820 or email: lori.wick@ces.uwex.edu.

YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

The next workshop will be held on March 30th at the Super 4-H Saturday from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the UW Platteville College Farm. Please register at <http://yqca.org/>. If you have questions, please contact Lori at lori.wick@ces.uwex.edu.

County 4-H shooting schedule 2019

Trap shooting schedule will be out soon – stay tuned!!

All Air Rifle, Air pistol and .22 rifle practice will be held at the Darlington Gun Club.

Air Rifle start time will be 1:00 pm

.22 Rifle practice will start at 3:00 p.m.


January 20th	Air Rifle
January 27th	Air Rifle, .22 rifle and Air pistol
February 3th	Air Rifle
February 17th	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol
March 3	Air Rifle
March 17	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol
April 7th	Air Rifle
April 14th	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol
May 5th	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol
June 30th	Fair .22 Rifle shoot and Air Pistol shoot
July (TBA)	Air Rifle fair shoot

If you have any questions, please contact:

Marion Lovell: 608-778-6540

John Foley: 630-303-8441

 “Friend” our [Lafayette county 4H WI shooting sports page on Facebook](#)

 All members wanting to compete in the fair shoot must attend a minimum of 3 practices

 To shoot Air Pistol you MUST have 2 years of air rifle.

 For statewide shoots please go to: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/>

4-H Archery Schedule for 2019

All practices will be at the Belmont High School upper gym from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated (set up at 12:30)

January 6 th	Practice
January 27 th	Practice – Bring a Friend
February 10 th	Practice
February 24 th	Practice
March 10 th	Practice
March 16 th	Seven Oaks Archery – Clean Up Day (8:00 a.m. start)

March 24 th	Practice
March 31 st	Practice
April 13 th	Lafayette County Archery Shoot – Belmont School (Friday night set up after Practices; Sat 7am-5pm)
No practices in April	
May 19 th	Practice (clean out)
June TBD	Outdoor Practice
June 30 th	Lafayette County Fair Shoot – Shullsburg Conservation Club (tentative)

If you have questions, please contact:

Dave Zasada (608) 482-1311
 Ryan Cushman (608) 778-4164
 Tim Richardson (608) 574-0463

All members wanting to compete in the fair shoot must attend a minimum of 3 practices

For statewide shoots please go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/competitive-shoots/>



Save the date ☺. This a great way for us to pay back to Seven Oaks archery for everything they do for us! Hope to see you there! More details to come

SAT, MAR 16 AT 8 AM – Seven Oaks Clean Up Day, Mineral Point

Shared to [Lafayette County 4H Archery](#) (Facebook page)

4-H Calendar

March

- 3 Day in the Arts – Belmont High School 1:00 p.m.
- 7 VIP (Volunteer in Preparation Training) for Adult Leaders 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. UW-Extension Foyer
- 30th Super 4-H Saturday at UW Platteville College Farm
- 16th Lafayette Co. Ambassador Meeting 8:30 – 9:30 Extension Foyer
- 16th Lafayette Co. Ambassador Retreat 10-1 p.m.
- 21st WAE4-HYDP meeting at Upham Woods 10-3 p.m.
- 30th YQCA 8:30 – 9:30 at UW Platteville College Farm
- 31st Annual Leaders Training 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at UW-Extension Foyer
- 31st Lafayette County 4-H Leader's Meeting 6:30 p.m. Extension Foyer

April

- 2 - 15 WI 4-H & Youth Conference Youth Registration Open
- 24-25 JCEP Conference
- 25 - 29 EVENT: Space Camp at Hunstville, AL

May

- 9 Day @ The Dairy – Darlington Ridge Farms, LLC

June

- 23-25 Lafayette/Iowa County 4-H Camp – Upham Woods
- 24-27 State 4-H Youth Conference – Madison, WI

Wisconsin 4-H License Plate Marketing Materials Now Available

The Wisconsin 4-H license plate is now available for cars, trucks and motor homes. The specialty plate, available through the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles, supports the Wisconsin 4-H program and bears the message 4-H Empowering Youth. The sale of the plate includes a fee that goes to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Half of the proceeds from every plate sale will go back to the county in which the plate was purchased. The other half will be used for state and regional 4-H programs.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation now has a tool kit available for all counties to help market the license plate. A packet of information will be sent to each county by mid-November, with materials available online at <http://www.wis4hfoundation.org/fundraisers/4-h-license-plate/>

This Foundation/County partnership program has the potential to raise significant unrestricted funds – so plan your marketing efforts and reach out to the Foundation if you need assistance!

Super Saturday in 4-H!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Registration will open in 4-H Online on Monday, January 7th (after noon). March 30th from 8:30 – noon we will have a host of 4-H happenings! Make your car-pooling arrangements and join us at the UWP College Farm!

- 8:30 – 9:30 YQCA workshop. . . register online at <http://yqca.org>
- 9:00 – 11:15 Cloverbuds Extraordinaire . . . come meet other Cloverbuds and create some cool things to take home!
- 10 – 11:15 County 4-H Officer / Member Leadership Training (small groups)
 - President / Vice President
 - Secretary / Treasurer
 - Reporter / Historian
 - Members at large
- 11:15 – 11:55 Large group – Parli Pro Demonstration / Closing

Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Board have asked all of the 4-H Organizational Leaders to help make sure their officers attend. 4-H Ambassadors will be helping with the events, and volunteer leaders from both counties will partake in the trainings as well!!



Notes from a County 4-H Ambassador

Being Thankful

Hi everyone! My name is Brooklyn Coulthard and I am a Lafayette County 4-H Ambassador. I hope everyone has been keeping warm this past week, but at the same time, I know many of you who are reading this braved these dangerously cold temperatures to take care of your animals. Living in a rural area, most 4-H and FFA members are used to doing chores before or after school, and on the weekends. But, in winter in Wisconsin, sometimes it takes extra effort to care for our livestock projects!

As a 4-H member, even in the bitter cold, it is worth the effort. . . especially when you think about not being able to show that lamb that was born at three in the morning when it was negative thirty degrees outside, or last year's grand champion four-year-old cow that you took to the fair, wouldn't have been fed or milked both milking's.

I thank you for going out and checking all of your water troughs to make sure they were not frozen. I thank you for putting yourself in danger of frostbite to take care of your animals. For that reason I thank all of you, because you are who younger 4-H members look up to!

I promise you that the effort that you put in now will pay off in the future. There are no days off for a farmer, and for that I thank you!

4-H Ambassadors

We plan to meet on March 16th at 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Office. Topics of discussion will include: Super 4-H Saturday, Day @ The Dairy and more! The meeting will be brief, but it is important. If you cannot attend, please let me know and I can make sure you get the needed information! Thanks – I'm looking forward to working with all of you this year – and bringing enthusiasm to all of the Lafayette County 4-H Members!

Meeting dates for 2019 (tentatively set): March 16th (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.) Extension Office – Ambassador Retreat 10-1 p.m. to follow our meeting, May 3rd – after school (2:30ish – 4:00 p.m.) for those that can attend to work on Day @ the Dairy items.

The Ambassador Team has 2 main goals for 2019:

1. Hold a county-wide Promotion for 4-H (more information to follow)
 2. Hold a county-wide fundraiser involving all 4-H members (more information to follow)
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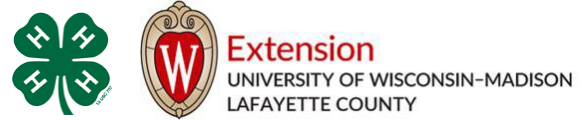
4-H Camp



Get ready. . . Warm weather is just around the corner, and so is 4-H Camp!! We are excited to offer camp for 3rd – 7th grade youth at Upham Woods – June 23-25th. We are partnering with Iowa County 4-H again this year.

There will be more information and a registration form out in March – so stay tuned!!

Summer 4-H Intern – Lafayette County



Employment Period: 10 Weeks (late May/early June – mid-August) Start and end date are flexible

Summary: Under the general direction of the 4-H Youth Development Educator and County Support Staff, this position is designed to support and expand 4-H youth development opportunities and other knowledge of youth development programs, volunteer development, community partnerships, office operations and UW-Extension. This summer position provides valuable pre-professional experience for educational, agricultural, and community-based careers.

Position Responsibilities:

- * Serve as an educational resource and assist in providing leadership to the 4-H Ambassadors and 4-H Adult Leaders Association as they plan fundraising and promotional activities throughout the summer.
- * Assist Support Staff with office clerical duties, as needed, including mailing, registration and result entries, evaluation tabulations, and newsletter formatting.
- * Attend 4-H Ambassador and select committee meetings, most of which occur in the evenings.
- * Assist in the logistical support of the Lafayette County Fair and other judging competitions, as educational experiences for junior exhibitors, including:
 - * Preparing county fair judging, superintendent, and exhibitor materials as directed
 - * Assisting in the supervision of county fair setup and take down days
 - * Being present at the county fair and provide assistance and leadership to youth judging and scheduled events, as needed
- * Transporting non-animal exhibits to and from state fair, if needed
- * Assist with Area Animal Science Days as needed
- * Support Educational Planning and implementation of Animal Science programs, including:
 - * Providing assistance and leadership, as needed to youth teams and coaches attending Area Animal Science Day
 - * Assist with 4-H Camp (logistics before and attend camp as a chaperone)
 - * Assist with logistics and possibly chaperone State 4-H Youth Conference in Madison
- * Develop, implement and evaluate a 3-4 part summer outreach teaching experience, for elementary age youth, in a 4-H project area of interest that builds life skills
- * Comply with and document efforts related to UW-Extension initiatives and Civil Rights laws

Learning Opportunities:

- * Communication and marketing skills – news releases, newsletter, radio & social media
- * Volunteer development skills – recruit, train and support youth and adult volunteers
- * Teamwork skills – work with office colleagues to create greater unity and productivity
- * Program development skills – plan, implement and evaluate a program
- * Observe/accompany/assist Extension educators on family, nutrition, community and agriculture related programs and/or projects.

Position Qualifications:

- * Positive attitude and commitment to teamwork in collaborative environment
- * Strong organizational and communications skills (oral and written)
- * Ability to work well with adult volunteers and youth
- * Ability to creatively and flexibly solve problems as they arise
- * Ability to be self-directed and self-motivated
- * Ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds
- * Valid driver's license, access to car and own auto insurance
- * Willingness to take an occasional evening and weekend assignment
- * Knowledge of computer, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop and Internet helpful
- * Open to any student currently enrolled in higher education (technical college, 4-year College, etc.) Must have proof of next semester's enrollment at time of interview.
- * Former member of Lafayette County 4-H will receive priority.
- * Strong commitment to UW-Extension mission & 4-H Youth Development principles and practices

Salary: \$3500 Scholarship, to be paid as follows: (\$1500 will be paid at the beginning of the summer – for living expenses; \$2000 scholarship to be paid at the completion of the summer internship). Hours per week are flexible, depending upon work plan for the week.

Application Procedure and Deadline:

1. *Application due date:* March 15, 2019 (by 4:30 p.m.)
2. *Application Instructions:* To receive full consideration you must submit all of the following documents by the application deadline.
 - a. Cover Letter (up to one page) in which you summarize how your qualifications and professional aspirations match up to those of this position. Please note that your response will be evaluated not only for content but for written communication skills as well. You are encouraged to refer to formal education, training, pre-professional work history, volunteer work, and any related life experiences in your response.
 - b. Professional Resume, including related education, work history, volunteer experience, and relevant 4-H or youth program experience.
 - c. Contact information for 3 professional references, including at least one person who has been your immediate supervisor. For each reference please indicate the nature of your relationship and include their title, e-mail address and telephone number.
3. *Application documents should be submitted to:*

Lafayette County UW-Extension
627 Washington Street
Darlington, WI 53530
Phone: (608) 776-4820
Lori.wick@ces.uwex.edu

4. *Interviews will be held during the week of March 18th with flexibility if needed.*

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA

2019 Growing Together . . .

A cooperative effort to learn about gardening and nutrition, this grant will help foster partnerships in Lafayette County to help achieve the nutritional goal. Partners include: The Johnson Public Library – Educational Director Mary Jo Erickson; Lafayette County Master Gardeners – Kay Wang, President; FoodWise – Donna Peterson, Director and Lafayette County 4-H – Lori Wick, Youth Educator. We will also be working with the Lafayette County Food Pantry, and the MultiCultural Outreach Program (MCOP)

to promote the garden and the garden education activities. The produce that is not used for education will be donated to the Lafayette County Food Pantry.

The purpose of the grant is to create a sustainable project for communities to have an educational tool to teach youth and their families the importance of how to grow and prepare their own food. Stay tuned for more information as the spring warms and the snow melts . . . and our fingers itch to scratch in the soil!



Lafayette County 4-H Scholarship Application Form

This Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and college freshmen that are current Lafayette County 4-H members with at least four or more years of membership. Preference will be given to members who have not yet received this scholarship.

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____

High School attended: _____

College, University or Technical Institute you plan to attend: _____

Selected major or program: _____

Enclose the following with this form:

1. Copy of high school transcript.
2. Listing of: 4-H activities and accomplishments, school extra and intra curricular activities, and community leadership.
3. Briefly state any circumstances you feel the selection committee should know in taking action relative to your application – if applicable.
4. Autobiographical essay.
5. One letter of recommendation (other than relative of the applicant).

Send to: Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Association
c/o Lafayette County UW-Extension Office
627 Washington Street
Darlington, WI 53530

Application must be postmarked by April 15. The Scholarship Winners will be announced at their local Senior Awards Program and recognized at the Lafayette County Fair in the barn before Rural Olympics.

Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Association will award scholarships of not less than \$50. The Scholarship will be awarded after proof of registration for second semester. Please send the proof of registration to the address above.

I prepared this application myself and certify that the information in it is accurate.

Signature of 4-H Member: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 4-H Organizational Leader: _____ Date: _____

2019 Tractor Safety

TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
SPONSORED BY:
UW-Extension Lafayette County
Lafayette County Sheriff's Department
Lafayette County FFA/Agriculture Education Department



Wisconsin law dictates that youth must be at least 12 years of age to enroll in this program. Completing all requirements of the program enables youth working for their parents to legally drive a tractor on public roads and 14 or 15-year olds working for a non-parent employer to drive tractors and operate machinery as a job-related activity. Youth participants are offered a wide range of information on safe tractor/machinery operation and specific safety guidelines when working on a crop or livestock farm.

You must meet all of the following requirements to be certified:

1. Be at least 12 years old at the time of the course
2. Attend 24 hours of instructional training
3. Pass a written examination with a minimum score of 70%.
4. Pass a driving examination, which demonstrates tractor driving ability.

Youth who enroll in this program will learn

- To increase awareness of safety issues concerning the operation of farm machinery
- To identify potentially hazardous situations and reduce the risk of injury
- To identify and operate tractor controls, instruments and safety checks.
- To effectively drive a tractor with a two wheel implement through an obstacle course to complete their certification

Following are the dates and times for the tractor safety certification program:

SESSIONS	LOCATION	TIME
Monday March 18	UW-Extension Office, Darlington	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 19	UW-Extension Office, Darlington	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Monday March 25	Shullsburg Fire Department	5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday March 28	Ritchie Implement, Darlington	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday April 4	K & L Bobcat (Hwy F – Darlington)	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
**Saturday April 6	Black Hawk High School, South Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (bring a lunch)
Tuesday April 9	UW-Extension Office, Darlington	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday April 11	Darlington High School Ag Room	4:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (written test/practice driving)
Friday April 12	Darlington High School Ag Room	2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. (driving test only)

**Students are to bring their own sack lunch or meal if they wish to.

Fees are \$40.00, which covers the cost of student manuals and educational supplies. Fees are to be sent with registration.

For questions, please call:

Lori Wick- Lafayette County UW-Extension

608-776-4820

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: Friday, March 15, 2019

There must be a minimum of 10 youth for the class to run. Refunds will be issued if the class is canceled.

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please include \$40.00 and completed registration and mail to:
Lafayette County UW-Extension, 627 Washington Street, Darlington, WI 53530
Make checks payable to: Lafayette County UW-Extension

LAFAYETTE COUNTY FAIR

701 East Louisa Street
Darlington, WI 53530

Jack Wiegel, Chairman – Jack Sauer – Steve Spensley – Ted Wiegel – Larry Ludlum
Jolante Olson, Fair Secretary – Jody Ruf, Assistant Fair Secretary

Website: www.lafayettecountyfair.org

(608) 776-4828 office or (608) 776-4822 fax

E-Mail: jolante.olson@lafayettecountywi.org

July 10-14, 2019

March 1, 2019

Dear Lafayette County Swine Exhibitor:

Spring is officially here – and it is time to get your 2019 market swine purchased! Please stop into the UW-Extension Office and pick up your swine tags between March 18 and April 30, 2019. Your completed paperwork will be due back to the UW-Extension office by May 3, 2019.

There will be NO central weigh-in location for your market swine again this year. Each exhibitor will be responsible to identify their own market swine this year. You will need to stop into the UW-Extension Office and pick up the tags needed for each pig (limit 4 tags per exhibitor). ***To help cover costs, there will be a \$2.00 per tag cost to each exhibitor. Please make checks payable to: LCLC.*** You will be responsible to put the tags in the ears and return the required paper work to the UW-Extension Office by May 3, 2019. If you need to purchase a tagger (at cost) please contact Center Hill Veterinary Clinic.

You will have the opportunity to scan your market swine and compete in the lean gain contest (which replaced the carcass show), the same as in the previous year. The fee(s) will come out of your auction check after the sale of your market swine.

GILTS will be allowed to be shown in the market swine classes in 2019 (along with the barrows). The same rules apply: each exhibitor will only be allowed to show 2 market swine at the County Fair. The show will be TERMINAL (everything must sell).

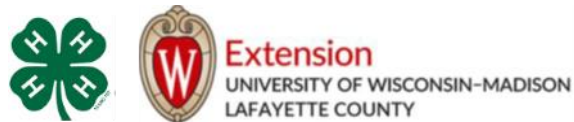
EXTRA market swine will need to be declared at the scale during weigh-ins at the County Fair. A receipt will need to be signed at that time also. As the spring show season starts, please take bio-security seriously. Please review the Swine Movement Rules at the WDATCP site:

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SwineMovement.aspx

YQCA training is required each year by any exhibitor that wishes to sell at the Lafayette County Fair Auction. Please visit <http://yqca.org/> to learn more about the online classes for youth livestock exhibitors.

Thanks for your continued efforts to educate yourselves and consumers. Have a great show season!

Reminder: 2019 Lafayette County Fair Market Swine Show is TERMINAL – all pigs shown at the fair will go to slaughter (no showing rights reserved).



Helpful Links:

Need to find out what is happening at UW-Extension? Go to our webpage at
<https://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/>

Are you a Facebook Fan? Find UW-Extension on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/LafayetteCountyUWExtension/>

Want to stay in tune with Wisconsin 4-H?
Follow the link: <http://4h.uwex.edu/>

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