**Welcome to Lafayette County 4-H Updates – week of October 6, 2021**

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This newsletter is sent to “all” 4-H families in Lafayette County.

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## **Visit The Wisconsin 4-H Website**

It’s new! It’s full of information!  Find it at this link!  <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

## **4-H FAQs Related to COVID-19**

**This FAQ is also available on the Wisconsin 4-H website at:**[**https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/**](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/)

## **4-H Guidance for COVID activities (as of 8-5-2021)**

Program Guidance Update from the Wisconsin 4-H Program and Positive Youth Development Institute:

* **Updated Guidelines can be found at:** [**https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/**](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/)
* When there is more restrictive local guidance, follow that rather than state 4-H guidance.

## **Virtual Learning Community Sessions**

Check out the Virtual Learning Community!  The Virtual Learning Community is a group of staff, volunteers, and youth members from across the state that are working to provide high quality virtual learning opportunities to people all across Wisconsin.  You can find the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community and check out their calendar at [**https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/**](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/)

You’ll register using your family “member list” in 4-H Online. . . more virtual opportunities will be available this fall! Bookmark the site for easy use.

## **Wisconsin 4-H Needs YOU! Applications NOW Available for WLC**

Are you interested in building leadership in others? Do you enjoy planning and organizing? Do you get excited about working with a team of youth and adults to make a difference?

Have you served on or chaired county committees…been a county Ambassador…youth leader…adult mentor…taught countywide workshops…served as a camp counselor…been on Teen Court…worked with afterschool programs…worked on a team of youth and adults to plan workshops????

If you said YES, then you may want to consider applying to be on the **Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council**. This may be an experience you would enjoy and you could contribute on a statewide level. Use the link below to find out more information.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2021/08/18/wisconsin-4-h-needs-you-applications-now-available-for-wlc/>

## **JOANN Stores Discount Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards!**

Current & lifetime members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming.

## **Save the Date: November 6, 2021 – Fall Forum!**



We’re excited to meet with youth leaders and adult volunteers throughout the state for a one day face-to-face Fall Forum.

We would love to have youth leaders, adult volunteers plan and lead sessions.

**Things to Know:**

The conference is VIRTUAL

Registration opens in 4HOnline on Friday, September 17, and closes Sunday, October 10. Cost is $30

Cost should not be a barrier to attending this program.  If you would like a scholarship to cover Fall Forum fees, please complete [**this form**](https://forms.gle/7A5UGZwKpaAcwkkq6) or contact Laura Pine, [**lpine@wisc.edu**](mailto:lpine@wisc.edu) or (608)262-1222.

Our hope is that 4-H youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning!

## **Lafayette County 4-H Leader’s Banquet – October 17, 2021**

Please join us at the Darlington Multipurpose Building on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Leaders Recognition! We have several award winners and would like to recognize all of our 4-H Volunteer Leaders, as well as some outstanding 4-H youth, as well as our 4-H Ambassadors.

4-H Leaders Meeting will be on October 17th . 

Here is a tentative list of remaining dates for Leader’s Meetings in 2021 and 2022.

November 21, 2021

February 20, 2022

April 17, 2022

June 19, 2022

August 21, 2022

September 25, 2022

November 20, 2022

Location(s) will be determined closer to the meeting dates.

4-H WEEK Celebration

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4-H Week . . . the beginning of a lifetime of opportunities!

Have you ever wondered what that green and white 4-leaf clover stands for? The one with four H’s on it? It represents the National 4-H Organization, which began in 1902 in Clark County, OH. The headquarters for 4-H is in Chevy Chase Maryland, and it is a federal governmental program administered through the Land-grant university system in each state and territory. Wisconsin’s Land-grant college (UW Madison) started hosting 4-H programs in 1914. T.L. Bewick was appointed Wisconsin’s first State 4-H Club Leader. All 72 Counties in Wisconsin sport 4-H Clubs, and Lafayette County currently as 10 Community Clubs, 1 Family Club, 333 youth members and 68 Adult Volunteers. The motto: “to make the best better” and the mission “engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development”.

What has 4-H brought to our youth? 4-H Ambassadors share their insights on being a 4-H member in Lafayette County:

If I could do something over “retake” in 4-H it would be: “’Become an officer in our 4-H club. I recently joined the FFA officer team and regret not doing it in 4-H”.

Helping young 4-H members is fulfilling to me because: “I enjoy knowing I am helping to give younger members similar experiences as what I got as a young member. I have so many great memories in 4-H and it is nice to know I am providing other with those experiences and memories as well”.

My favorite 4-H project(s) are: “Showing dairy heifers because I enjoy working with animals, meeting new people and learning things about my heifers. I also enjoy taming the heifers down so they are friendly cows”.

One thing I would share with other about 4-H is: “4-H is a great way to get involved and meet new people. I really enjoy being in 4-H and being an Ambassador. As an Ambassador, I do a lot of things ‘behind the scenes’. My favorite part of being an Ambassador is helping the week of the Lafayette County Fair”.

Lafayette County 4-H is served by an Ambassador Team, which meets a few times during the year, to plan activities on a county-wide level for members. The team also finds a community service project to involve all 4-H members.

***Lafayette County 4-H Ambassador Team:***

Brody Cooper – Wiota Happy Hour

Tomi & Zach Daly – Wiota Happy Hour

Rebecca Gill – Wiota Happy Hour

Mariah Kendall – Willow Springs

Olivia Kleiber – Willow Springs

Liam Lansing – Wiota Happy Hour

Lizzy Meylor – Willow Springs

Octavia & Rawson Meylor – Willow Springs

Lydia O’Dair – Fayette Go-Getters

Lexi Wonders – Wiota Happy Hour

Sam Turpin – Lamont Hustlers

Judith & Josie Meister – Wiota Happy Hour

Ella Woodworth – Dunbarton

Tabetha Rowe – Pleasant View

Maggie Wedig – Pleasant View

## **Lafayette County Market Steer Weigh-ins for 2022 Fair**

Mark your calendar and plan to have your market steer at the Lafayette County fairgrounds on December 18, 2021 from 9:30 – Noon. The cost of each RFID tag is $3.00. Please also bring your premise ID with you.

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