

# The Lafayette Marquee

## 4-H Newsletter

June 2023

As we prepare for 4-H Camp, the County Fair, and other summer 4-H experiences remember the 4-H motto, “To Make the Best Better.” Many times, in the chaos of preparing for large-scale events, we forget that the outcome of each of those events or activities is the learning that happens for the youth and within that learning there is room for experiment and growth.

“To Make the Best Better” represents a state of change and modification for the youth, parents, and adult leaders that are involved in these activities and events. Think, did we make last year’s “best” even better this year? Do I/we notice a need for additional help or support to further make the best better? How can I step up or in to help make the best better?

4-H represents the head, heart, hands, and health. As the Wisconsin Extension website so eloquently states, “...we are committed to providing opportunities for youth to learn life skills like decision-making, problem solving, caring for others, generosity, making healthy decisions, and more.” Does that mean that every thing, event, or activity will be perfect? Probably, not, **but** there is learning that happens with imperfection. How do you see yourself assisting in the learning and development of youth to continue to grow the county’s 4-H program while striving, “To Make the Best Better?”

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## 4-H EVENTS

### Calendar of Events

- June 2023**
- 1 National 4-H Congress-Atlanta, GA—Enrollment **ENDS**
  - 16-25 American Spirit East
  - 17 Cloverbud Discovery Day ~ 9:00-12:00 ~ Lafayette County Fairgrounds
  - 19-22 Summer Academy
  - 20-23 4-H Camp @ Upham Woods, WI Dells
  - 24 Exploring 4-H Discovery Day ~ 9:00-12:00 ~ Lafayette County Fairgrounds
  - 28–2 All American Junior Sheep Show—Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

- July 2023**
- 12-16 Lafayette County Fair ~ 2023 Fair Theme: **“Barn in the U.S.A.”**

- August 2023**
- 3-13 Wisconsin State Fair



- September 2023**
- 1 4-H Re-enrollment & Enrollment window **OPENS** (4H Online) for 2023-2024 4-H year
  - 5 4-H Record Books Due to Lafayette County Extension Office (700 Main St.)

- November 2023**
- 1 4-H Re-enrollment **CLOSES** for **CURRENT** members

- February 2024**
- 2 4-H Enrollment **CLOSES** for **NEW** members

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## 4-H Pledge/FtFH

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### 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service,  
And my health to better living,  
For my club, my community, my country, and my



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

**Health** stands for healthy lifestyles, character, ethics, stress management and disease prevention. Our programming empowers youth to be healthy – body and mind – with the skills to make healthy decisions and lead healthy lifestyles. Having the confidence and skills to lead healthy lifestyles not only improves overall well-being; it enables youth to tackle life’s challenges today and become leaders in their lives, careers and communities as they grow into responsible adulthood.

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## Fill the Floral Hall

- \* Next Gatherings: Fall 2023
- \* Open to ALL Youth & Adults
- \* Focused fair project worktime
- \* We’ll provide the space, time, and skilled expertise
- \* Check Extension’s website and the Facebook page
- \* If you are interested in leading a project area, please reach out to the Extension Office OR Lynnette Boatman at [lhboatman@gmail.com](mailto:lhboatman@gmail.com)

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## Photography Challenge

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Congratulations to the  
County Youth

Photographers:

Alex Neff

Alexis Bridges

Jackson Boatman

Kaylee Neff

Millie Kammerud

Sophie Kammerud

Tanner Boatman

Thea Kammerud

William Reichling

The following youth photographers submitted photographs that were chosen to be enlarged and displayed at the Lafayette County Extension Office throughout the year. The Open House Gallery Walk will be announced in August 2023.

\*\*Please be on the lookout for the next youth photography challenge.

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\*\*\*Announcement...Announcement\*\*\*

ALL 4-H Record Books will be turned into the Lafayette County Extension Office this year for consideration for 4-H Record Book Awards.

More information and details to come in the August 2023 newsletter. 4-H Record Books will be due Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

(\*\*4H Volunteer Leaders - IF you are interested in sitting on the Record Book Committee, please contact the Extension Office.)

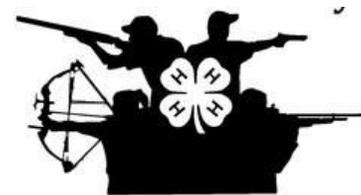
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## Shooting Sports

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# Lafayette County Shooting Sports

Disciplines: Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle,  
.22 Pistol, Shotgun/Trap



Shooting Sports

Gun Clinic Dates: Fall Dates to be announced in September 2023

Darlington Gun Club ~ 148 Gun Club Rd. Darlington, WI 53530

\*\*IF you are interested in participating, please make sure to [ENROLL](#) in the Shooting Sports Project Area; specifically, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, Trap, and **\*\*NEW\*\*** this year .22 Pistol. Email communications will be sent to the parents of those youth who enrolled in the project area(s). If you have questions, please reach out to the Extension Office to be placed on the rosters to receive the email notifications for practices.

**\*REMINDER\*** All youth participating in live-round disciplines (.22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, and Shotgun/Trap) **must** be 12 years old. There are **no** exceptions!!

<https://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects/shooting-sports/>

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## Are you interested in being impactful with the Lafayette County 4-H Archery program?

If so, please contact Hailee at the Extension Office to register for WI State 4-H Certification Trainings.

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**WI 4-H State Opportunities**

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# National 4-H Congress



When: November 24-28, 2023; Atlanta, GA

Who: Youth currently enrolled in Grades 9-12 (grades 10-13 for the 2023-24 4-H year)

Registration: July 5 - August 1, 2023 (4H Online). Confirmation letters will be sent out in August 2023.

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the **premiere** nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Highlights include educational workshops, exploring the city, international events, community service, educational tours, and the National Congress Gala.

You can learn more at <https://go.wisc.edu/727h67>



## WI State 4-H

### What ELSE does 4-H have to offer?

#### Communication Arts:

- \* [Art Lab](#) (grades 9-12)
- \* [State Arts Teams](#) {4-H Drama Company & 4-H Art Team} (grades 9-13)

#### Dairy & Animal Science Program:

- \* [Area Animal Science Days](#)
- \* [State Dairy Judging Contest](#)

#### Dog Program:

- \* [State Dog Agility Show](#)
- \* [State Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show](#)
- \* State Dog Quiz Bowl

#### Horse Program:

- \* [State 4-H Gymkhana](#) - September 9-10, 2023
- \* [State 4-H Horse Education Days, Horse Bowl, & Hippology Contest](#)
- \* [State Horse Expo](#) - September 15-17, 2023
- \* [State 4-H Horse Leader's Conference](#) - November 12-13, 2023
- \* [4-H Hunt & Dressage Show](#) - June 23-25, 2023
- \* [Midwest Horse Fair Tack Sale](#) - April 14-16, 2023

#### Leadership:

- \* [Spark Days](#)

#### Livestock Program:

- \* [Area Animal Science Days](#)
- \* [State Livestock Judging Contest](#)
- \* [Meats Judging Contest](#)
- \* [Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skill-a-Thon Contest](#)

#### Global Citizenship:

- \* [International Exchange](#)
- \* [Summer Outbound Travel Program](#)
- \* [Summer Inbound Hosting Program](#)

#### Shooting Sports:

- \* [Competitive Shoots](#)



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Lee Gill  
Rita Buchholz  
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