

April Lafayette County 4-H News!



April, 2016 – Lafayette County 4-H Family Digest

Adult Leader Volunteers

Calling one and all adult volunteers . . . we would love to have you join the ranks of 4-H. . . and share your knowledge and experiences with our 4-H youth in the county. **The next training will be April 27th starting at 6:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office Foyer.** Training usually takes approximately 1 hour. Please bring your license – as I will need information to do a background check to complete training. Call and reserve your spot TODAY at (608) 776-4820!

NEW State Volunteer background checks . . . if you received an email from our office, then you are up for a background check. The state has changed their protocol, so if you have questions, please contact the Lafayette County Extension Office at (608) 776-4820. Thanks for all you do for the Lafayette County 4-H Program and beyond. Without volunteers, our youth would not have as strong a program as they have in our county!

Promote Your County 4-H. . .

Brainstorm ideas with your fellow club members and turn in a design for our Lafayette County 4-H Banner – to be displayed at the Wisconsin State Fair.

Parameters for the design include:

4' wide by 6' tall

Bright Eye Catching Colors

Include: County and Organizational Logo

Designs must be turned into the UW-Extension by April 15th at 4:30 p.m. They can be computer generated or hand drawn. Do your county proud – turn in a design!! **The winning design earns free ice-cream at the 2016 Lafayette County Fair!**

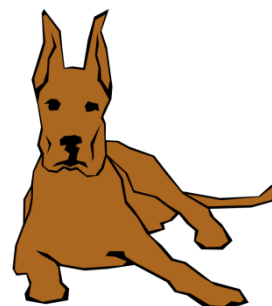
Dog Project

2016 State Dog Show –
Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, Quiz bowl and Crafts

Location - Grant County Fairgrounds
Hosted by the Iowa County 4H Dog Program

Dates July 29, 30 & 31

We are In need of help that weekend – please contact Dee Dunbar at: dunbard@uwplatt.edu



Lafayette County farm directs donation to Lafayette County 4-H Leaders' Association

Darlington, WI, March 28, 2016 – Lafayette County 4-H Leaders' Association has received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by local farmers, Jay Stauffacher and Jean Stauffacher, Highway Dairy Farms, LLC of Lafayette County. The donation will be used to offset costs of youth activities, including leadership trips and county wide programs. The money will be used to help further the remodel of the 4-H Food Stand at the local fairgrounds, which all of the 4-H Clubs utilize during the county fair. Having a more modern and accessible food stand will help create a positive environment for all fair-goers to relax and eat, and share camaraderie with each other as they support the county 4-H with their food purchases. The Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Board works hard to provide financial assistance to every 4-H member in the county that participates in leadership trips and has implemented an annual scholarship program for the 4-H Ambassadors Youth Team. Both Jean and Jay were 4-H members growing up, and enjoy supporting 4-H by being Organizational Club Leaders and having kids involved in the county 4-H program.

For six years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$22 million to more than 8,000 community organizations across rural America. Winning farmers will direct donations to nonprofits to help fight rural hunger, purchase lifesaving fire and EMS equipment, support Ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources, and so much more.

America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support local nonprofit causes that positively impact farming communities across rural America. Grow Communities is one program in the America's Farmers community outreach effort, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Other programs include America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, which encourages rural youth to remain in agriculture and provides \$1,500 college scholarships to high school and college students



pursuing Ag-related degrees and America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, which works with farmers to nominate rural school districts to compete for \$10,000 and \$25,000 math and science grants. Visit www.AmericasFarmers.com to learn more.

Thanks Jean and Jay of "Highway Dairy Farms, LLC" for the monetary donation to the Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Board.

Sheep Weigh-Ins - 2016 Lafayette County Fair

LAFAYETTE
COUNTY FAIR 701
EAST LOUISA STREET
DARLINGTON, WI 53530
608-776-4828
JULY 13-17, 2016

2016 SHEEP IDENTIFICATION SCHEDULE

MARK YOUR CALANDAR. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE SENT.

The following is the identification schedule for sheep (County Fair Only).

ID For County Fair

Saturday, April 23 Lafayette County Highway Shop 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Remember to return your COOL paper (Country of Origin) when you bring your lamb.

If you need a COOL paper, please use the link:

https://counties.uwex.edu/lafayette/files/2010/08/country_of_origin_affidavit.docx.pdf

Only those members who attend the MAQA classes will be eligible to show and sell in the Meat Auction for 2016.

Attention: Explorers

The Exploring project may include 3rd and 4th graders. State guidelines specify that a *4-H Member must be in at least 3rd grade to exhibit an animal*. Second grade Explorers are limited to non-animal projects. Therefore, only Explorers in 3rd and 4th grade are eligible to exhibit livestock at the fair, but are not eligible to exhibit in a champion class (as an Explorer). All exhibitors wanting to auction their animal(s) must follow the rules in the fair book.

If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office at 608-776-4828 or Jolante at 608-726-0310.

Lafayette County 4-H Food Stand Remodel Raffle

Help support the Lafayette County 4-H Food Stand remodel project for the 2016 Lafayette County fair season . . . and beyond!

Purchase your ticket from a 4-H member!

If you have questions, please contact UW-Extension office. The Organizational leaders will have tickets for all families in all clubs to sell . . . to help support the cause! If you are unable to attend your 4-H meeting, please contact your Organizational Leader for your tickets.

Money will be due to your Organizational Leader on or before June 1, 2016. The Drawing will take place on June 19, 2016 @ the Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Meeting!! **All prizes are \$ CASH \$**

1st place: \$500 with additional cash prizes.

This is your opportunity to help with a County-wide 4-H Fundraiser! (You can use this for your trip/award form in the fall)!



Badger Dairy Camp - APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!

The 2016 Badger Dairy Camp dates have been set for June 9-11! The camp will be held at UW Madison and will include two and a half days of workshops on fitting, showing, and caring for dairy animals along with other workshops pertinent to the dairy industry. The total cost of the camp is \$115 with a \$65 deposit due at the time of registration. More information and registration forms are available at

Lafayette Co. 4-H Ambassador Meeting

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting on **Sunday, May 15th from noon - 2 p.m.** Please make sure to bring your thoughts – ideas for the following upcoming projects/activities:

- * Relay for Life waiver forms and information from your local clubs
- * Be ready to sign up to help with summer events (fair included)
- * Share with the team which 4-H Club meeting(s) you have shared your 4-H Ambassador talk with
- * The pop machine – do we want to keep it as our fundraiser? If so – we need to make some changes
- * Committee for Rural Olympics – bring your ideas so the Ambassador Team can give feedback
- * Your Poster(s) Ideas? Victorria shared her idea at our last meeting - bring yours!

4-H camp at Upham Woods

4-H Campers . . . There will be a NEW camp offered this year for 7th and 8th grade youth. . . It will be tent camping behind the nature center (so there will be access to water and bathrooms), and your activities will include hiking, canoeing and campfire cooking. Each county will be able to have 5 youth attend the camp this year, and there will be more information coming, closer to camp time! The date will be the same as regular 4-H Camp – June 13-15. We are at 4 reservations – and can take 5! Don't delay, sign up today☺

Regular 4-H camp – we are currently at 27 reservations, and can take 35. Make sure you sign up as soon as you know you want to go. There will be a complete schedule of events in the May newsletter! ADULTS – we could use one or two more to attend camp with us. Please let the office know if you are able to attend June 13-15th.



Relay for Life. . . Lafayette County 4-H Has a Team!

Do you know someone that has had cancer? The Lafayette County 4-H Ambassador Team will be hosting a “county-wide” team for all 4-H members in Lafayette County. We would like your club to ask their members to sign up for a time to walk. We will NOT be staying overnight, but would like to encourage all 4-H members to take a turn to “walk” for the cure as part of the Lafayette County 4-H Team. **Please have the 4-H member sign the waiver form and submit it to the UW Extension Office by June 1, 2016. (Form is attached to the newsletter)**

The Team Goal is to raise \$500 for this event, and show our support by having a team to walk at the event. There will be an Ambassador in contact with the President from each 4-H Club – so make sure to spread the word within your clubs – and be able to share names of those who are willing to walk with the Ambassador when they contact your club! Thanks for making our “county team” a great example of giving back to those who need it! We would also appreciate any adults that would also like to represent 4-H as well!

This year, more than 18 teams are expected with nearly 175 participants made up of community families, students and businesses in Lafayette County. The 2016 event **is June 25 at 5 PM - 11PM** at Collins Park in Darlington. For more information, visit: www.relayforlife.org/lafayettewi

Lafayette County Market Swine Exhibitors

Please stop by and pick up your RFID ear tags at the UW-Extension Office by April 29th, and turn in your identification papers to the **FAIR OFFICE** by May 6, 2016. Call if you have questions. There are NO COOL papers required for identification of market swine this year! Gilts will be allowed to show in the market classes, and the fair show will be non-terminal for 2016.



4-H Online

4HOnline will no longer work with Internet Explorer version 10 or below starting next Monday. Since it also does not work with version 11 (problems when sending broadcast emails), we will no longer be supporting the use of Internet Explorer with 4HOnline. You will need to use either Chrome or Firefox with 4HOnline.

Upcoming Dates to put in your calendar:

April:

- 16th: 4-H Camp Counselor Training – April 16, 2016 @ Iowa County Extension Office (9-3 p.m.)
- 16th: Lafayette County Archery Invitational Shoot – April 16th. Good luck all you archers!
- 23rd: Children's Fair at DEMS from 10-noon (Ambassadors will be having a booth for Lafayette County 4-H)
- 24th: Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. @ UW-Extension Foyer

May:

- 11th: MAQA meeting at Belmont High School Ag Room 6-8 p.m.
- 11th: Farm to School Day at Argyle School (8:30 – 10:15a.m.)
- 15th: Ambassador Meeting @ UW-Extension Foyer from Noon – 2 p.m. Bring your favorite beverage (lunch will be provided).
- 11th: Set-up for Day @ The Dairy at 5:00 p.m. for 4-H Ambassadors that will be helping with this event.
- 12th: Day @ The Dairy – Redrock View Farm (Ambassadors plan to be at the farm at 8:15 a.m.)

June:

- 1st – LAST DAY to sign up / change projects for 4-H members!
- 1st: Raffle Tickets due to 4-H Organizational Leader!! (Drawing to take place at Leaders Board Meeting)
- 13-15: 4-H Camp at Upham Woods (complete schedule in May newsletter)
- 19th: Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. @ UW-Extension Foyer (Raffle Drawing)
- 20-23: State 4-H Youth Conference on UW-Madison Campus.
- 22-July 2: Western Spirit Experience (an educational travel experience for 4-H youth in 9th grade and up)

July:

- 6th: Lafayette County Dress Review in the County Board Room (time to be announced in May)
- 10th: Lafayette County Fair Archery Shoot @ 9:00 a.m. at Shullsburg Conservation Club. More information to come. . .
- 13-17th: Lafayette County Fair

2016 WISCONSIN 4-H & YOUTH CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

2016 Wisconsin 4-H & Youth conference delegate orientation and registration are approaching quickly. Here's a quick reference guide for you.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1-12 Youth Register in wi.4honline.com account between 6:00 p.m., April 1 and midnight April 12.*

April 12 Youth Health Form for Residential Summer Camps due to University Health Services.
(<http://www.uhs.wisc.edu/campus-health/youth-programs/>)

April 15-May 1 Adults Register in wi.4honline.com account between 6:00 p.m., April 15 and midnight May 1.*

May 1 Talent Show application due to State 4-H Office. (Pre-apply by May 1 or bring to conference.)

May 19 Adult Advisor Orientation at 7:30-9:00 p.m. via WisLine teleconference.

May 31 Last day for cancellations without charges.

*NOTE: Seminars are assigned on a first come, first served basis. If a seminar is cancelled due to low enrollment or other reasons, all those enrolled will be assigned different seminars. Each delegate can only be assigned to one water sport seminar due to limited space and to share those opportunities among all. If registered for more than one water sport, they will be reassigned as needed.

Horse Project News

Horse Project Members – please make sure to have your registration form **completed and to Leigh no later than April 30!** Please sign up more than one horse (if you have one) just in case your horse turns up lame or sick the day of the fair show (sadly, this happens!). Remember that you need to attend at least one clinic (to be held later this spring/summer) with your horse and 2 additional meetings or clinics in order to be eligible to show at the fair. Also, check out the Midwest Horse Fair for clinicians, demonstrations or if you are looking for show clothes or tack there's the 4-H sale in the Coliseum (used items) or the vendors in the Alliant Energy Center (new items).

Talk with your veterinarian about how to best manage parasites (worms) in your horse, annual vaccinations and take care of that Coggins test now, before you're ready to haul your horse. Don't forget to care for your horse's hooves during the winter months, too.

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Lafayette County 4-H Archery Members Hit their Target!

On April 2nd, 21 members of the shooting sports project participated in the Tri-County Tournament at West Bend. Archery, air rifle and wildlife were offered and participated in. For many of the members, this is the first competitive shoot of the year. All participants did well and most importantly had fun. We had 10 individual placing and 4 team placing. Those members competing were:

Kolby and Konner Lancaster
Hannah and Aubrey McCarthy
Ty and Levi Palzkill
Jesse Ruiz
Faith and Abby Richardson
Waylon and Wynston Palzkill
Caitlyn and Austin Cushman
Jackson Boatman
Cody Wick
Brady Wedig
Will Cutler
Zach Mester
Cade Ruehle
Dylan and Wiley Zasada



Placings at the Contest:

Abby Richardson – Intermediate Recurve, 2+ aids – 1st
Abby Richardson – Intermediate compound, 4+ aids – 4th
Cody Wick – Intermediate Compound, 2+ aids – 1st
Cody Wick – Intermediate compound, 4+ aids – 1st
Waylon Palzkill – Intermediate compound, 3 aids – 4th
Caitlyn Cushman – Intermediate compound, 4+ aids, large arrows – 1st
Faith Richardson placed 3rd in the Junior Archery Division Compound with 1 aid.
Dylan Zasada – senior compound, 4+ aids – 5th
Cade Ruehle – Senior wildlife – 2nd
Dylan Zasada – senior wildlife 10th
Will Culter – intermediate air rifle sporter – 1st
Lafayette 1 team (Cody Wick, Abby Richardson, Caitlyn Cushman, Dylan Zasada) – 1st for archery mixed ages 12-19
Lafayette 2 team (Hannah McCarthy, Cade Ruehle, Brady Wedig, Austin Cushman) – 4th for archery mixed ages 8-19
Lafayette 3 team (Ty Palzkill, Waylon Palzkill, Zach Mester, Will Cutler) – 2nd for archery intermediate division
Lafayette 2 team (Hannah, Cade, Brady, Austin) – 4th for wildlife mixed ages 8-19)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dylan Zasada

Lafayette County 4-H Ambassador & Jr. Archery Leader

Relay for Life - Youth Form for any 4-H member that would like to walk on June 25, 2016.



American Cancer Society Relay For Life Youth Participation Agreement

Every American Cancer Society Relay For Life event requires one chaperone older than 25 for every 10 youth team members. For this event, a youth is considered anyone younger than 18. In addition to completing and turning in this agreement, the youth participant must also complete an event registration form (either online or a scannable form).

Welcome to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement! We hope you'll have a great time as you raise money and help fight cancer. The American Cancer Society's goal is to provide a safe, fun, and positive experience for all Relay participants. As a youth participant, you play a valuable role in attaining this goal. Please read through this participation agreement.

Name _____ Birthdate _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Home phone () _____ Email _____
Cell phone () _____
Team name _____ Team Captain's name _____
Chaperone's name _____
Chaperone's phone number () _____ Chaperone's cell phone () _____

In the event of an emergency, it might be necessary to reach a parent or guardian. Please print their name and phone number on the line below.

Parent's name _____ Parent's home phone () _____
Parent's cell phone () _____

While participating, Relay For Life participants shall:

- Respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others.
- Avoid displays of overly affectionate behavior.
- Not participate in obscene and/or discriminatory language or roughhousing.
- Not be insubordinate to chaperones or the volunteer coordinator in charge of the event.
- Not possess or use weapons, alcoholic beverages, tobacco and/or illegal drugs at any event, activity, or meeting, or remain in the presence of individuals who possess or use these items.
- Abide by all rules of the attended event, activity, or meeting.
- Participate in activities to the best of their ability.
- Notify a chaperone or staff person if they have concerns or medical needs during the Relay For Life event.
- Not engage in conversations or activities that are sexual in nature.
- Not leave the event site(s) without permission from the chaperone, parent/guardian, and Event Chair.

- Pay any costs related to damage or destruction of property that they incur, including any property damage to other Relay For Life participants or to third parties. Such costs will be charged to the youth participant and/or their parent(s).

Disciplinary action

Penalties and/or disciplinary action for infractions of this code of conduct may include any or all of the following:

- Sending youth home
- Barring that member from future American Cancer Society activities
- Being held responsible for the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage/destruction of property
- Releasing the member to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities for significant violations of state law

Team chaperones will notify parents of any actions taken.

By my signature below, I acknowledge receipt of this document and acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines in this document. I am aware that if I violate the agreement, the staff may, at their sole discretion, terminate my participation, and my parent/guardian will be contacted and required to provide me with transportation home at my own expense. Additionally, I understand that the American Cancer Society works with partner organizations and at its discretion may report any disciplinary action to those organizations.

Youth Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

- I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event, and my son/daughter has completed and turned in the event registration form.
- I give permission for my son/daughter to serve on the Relay For Life planning committee.

Parent's Signature (required) _____ Date _____

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Relay for Life - Walking Schedule

5-11 p.m.

Please sign up for a time – and let an Ambassador or Lori know!

Set up the Camp Site: 4:30 p.m. (4-H Ambassadors)

Walk 5-7 p.m.: _____

Walk 7-9 p.m.: _____

Walk 9-11 p.m.: _____

4-H Ambassador Article

Day at the Dairy – by Michael Kendall

Moo... that is the sound of a cow and we are going to take a trip to a farm. Day at the Dairy started in 2013 when four farms got together to form Day at the Dairy. They wanted to do this because some kids have never been on a farm before, and they wanted to show them what a “day on a dairy farm” is all about. The farms that formed the Day @ The Dairy Committee were Cottonwood Dairy, Highway Dairy Farms, Darlington Ridge Farms, and Redrock View Farms. Day @ the Dairy hosts 12 schools (all of the fourth graders from each school), and the students come to the dairy to learn about nutrition, care of the cows and calves, how to milk a cow, the cheese industry, hear presentations from the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, and participate in “moo” games after a satisfying dairy lunch! The day is sponsored by a lot of agri-businesses in the area, and many volunteers work to put the day together. The 4-H Ambassadors will be leading groups of 4th grade students and presenting to them. As an Ambassador in 4-H, I have learned that helping people understand where their food comes from is very important, and I am glad that I have the opportunity to be involved with this event! #4-HGrowsHere!! Visit the website at: <http://dayatthedairy.weebly.com/>