

# February Lafayette County 4-H News!

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February, 2016 – Lafayette County 4-H Family Digest

## *Cake Decorating Project*

Beginner cake decorating classes for members enrolled in the Cake Decorating Project will be held at the home of Project Leader January Meylor, 17359 County Road G, Mineral Point, WI. Space is limited so please contact her ASAP if you want a spot at the classes. Limit 10 kids. Youth must bring all your own tools and supplies. Supply list will be emailed to class participant once enrolled.

Classes will be held from 3-6pm on the following dates: Feb 26, Mar 11, Mar 25 and Apr 8. If a class needs to be canceled, a make-up date will be announced.

Email January Meylor at [meylors@yousg.net](mailto:meylors@yousg.net) to enroll.

## *Archery*



Archery has started! If you would like to join this 4-H project, there is still time. Please see the schedule – and plan to attend the next practice. For more information, contact Missy Zasada.

## *Congrats Dylan - National Archery Team!*

Congratulations to Dylan Zasada and Dave Zasada – they are heading to the National Archery Competition in Grand Island, Nebraska June 26-July 1, 2016!! Dylan qualified for the Compound Archery Team, and Dave will be coaching!



If anyone would like to help sponsor Dylan, please contact the UW-Extension Office at (608) 776-4820.

## *Livestock Quiz Bowl/Skillathon Team*

Lafayette County has a Livestock Quiz Bowl/Skillathon Team which will compete at the state contest on March 5, 2016 at UW – Madison. Youth have been attending practices at Iowa County Extension – and are gearing up to compete in March! Good luck: Braden and Bailey Abney, Cody Wick and Gabe Nelson! A special thanks to Kim Abney for her leadership!

## *UW Extension nEXT Generation*

If you haven't heard, there will be changes to UW-Extension coming in 2016-2017. We are not sure exactly what the changes will be, but if you would like more information – please check out UW-Extension Website: <http://www.uwex.edu/>.

## *Horse Project News*

Horse Project Meeting, February 28, 2016 at 2:30 – 3:30 or so

Hi-View Farm (Bruce and Jackie Folley, Darlington)

We will meet on Sunday, February 28 (hopefully, this will avoid any athletic tournaments) from 2:30 to 3:30 or so. Hopefully, we'll be able to see Bruce and some friends working on roping and may be able to pick up some pointers or things we could do with our own horses. If the guys find some cattle to rope that day, we will still meet at Hi-View Farm and work on conformation and hope to catch up with them another day.

**Also included is the horse project registration form which is due to me (Leigh) by the end of April.** 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.

Hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup>!

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# Day in the Arts

(Lafayette & Iowa Counties)

The Iowa/Lafayette County 4-H Day in the Arts program will be held on Sunday, March 6th at the Mineral Point High School beginning at 1pm. The categories for members are similar to last year - music, public speaking, demonstrations, photography, art, crafts, and drawing and painting. Members will be able to participate in each of these categories and will receive participation and/or merit ribbons. Visual arts projects and photography exhibits must be 2015-16 project work and cannot have been exhibited at the 2015 Iowa or Lafayette County Fairs. Please read the guidelines for each category. **Lafayette County 4-H members – register through 4-H Online. Registration will open on Friday, February 12, 2016.**

## COMMUNICATION ARTS

Members are limited to participating in two communication arts with a maximum of one entry in each category; i.e. one poem and one original speech or one prose and one demonstration, etc.

**Demonstrations** - May be individual or team demonstration. Time limit: 3-5 minutes for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under; 5-8 minutes for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

**Interpretive Reading of Prose** - Includes stories, play cuttings, narratives, and anything else not written as a poem. Time limit: 2-4 minutes for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under; 5-8 minutes for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

**Interpretive Reading of Poetry** - May be an original poem, either in verse form or open-ended. Time limit: 2-4 minutes for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under; 5-8 minutes for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

**Illustrated Talk** - Should be written by speaker and illustrated with charts, posters, etc. Time limit: 2-3 minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders; 3-5 minutes for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders; 5-8 minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and older.

**Poster** - Should promote 4-H or a 4-H activity/event; display on 14" x 22" poster board; any medium. On the back, include name, grade, club, and date. Posters may be kept for display throughout the year.

**Promotional Display** - Should promote 4-H or a 4-H activity/event; size limit of 21" x 32", designed to stand up; may include brochures, pictures, and other promotional materials. Displays may be kept for use throughout the year.

**Radio or TV Commercial** - Participant prepares a 30, 60, or 90-second commercial promoting 4-H or a 4-H activity/event. Product props may be used. Prepare a convincing presentation, which includes a catchy introduction, reasons to be part of 4-H or this activity/event, and a summary of what you want the audience to remember. Commercials may be recorded to be played on the radio during National 4-H Week. Time limit: Maximum 90 seconds.

**Any Other Public Speaking** - Participants may present individually or in a group. Prior to starting the presentation, participants should introduce the presentation.

**Cloverbud 4-H Pledge Speaking** - Cloverbuds will recite the 4-H Pledge from memory. They will be critiqued through the use of voice, expression, and memory.

**Group Improvisation or Lip Syncing** - Group performance with music that does not involve singing. Time limit: 20 minutes.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Members are limited to two Photography entries.

Participants must be enrolled in the Photography project.

Photos must have been taken in this project year.

Photos must be mounted or matted/framed and should NOT include captions.

## ART, CRAFTS, AND DRAWING AND PAINTING

Members are limited of a total of two art, craft, drawing, and/or painting entries.

Participants must be enrolled in the Arts and Crafts or Drawing and Painting project.

Members are limited to presenting up to two pieces from the categories listed below.

- Exhibits must be matted, framed, or otherwise ready for display.
- Exhibits must have been completed in this project year.
- Exhibits must be labeled with your name, club, grade, title or description of the exhibit.

**Art** - Any original work.

**Crafts** - Items that followed/used a pattern, kit, directions, mold, picture, or example.

**Drawing and Painting** - Any original work.

## *4-H Ambassador Winter Retreat*

What animal do you relate with? Are you an Otter, Lion. This was our opening ice breaker – and our character activity at the recent Ambassador Winter Retreat at Bethel Horizons! We had fun learning about ourselves, and also what type of personalities our team-mates have (even the Ambassadors from Iowa County), doing a fun group drawing. We learned a lot about working with others and being aware of their personality types, and how we can capitalize on them to make our team even stronger.

A tour of the facilities on foot, and a great time at the Nature Education Center helped us become more familiar with local song birds, and their feeding habitats. Outside we were able to view tracks and decide what animal they belonged to. On the fun side, we used the sleds for some outdoor recreation, and played various board games and cards inside.

Our night time activities included bowling and pizza, along with a candlelight nature hike at Governor Dodge State Park (and s'mores afterwards)! Back to Bethel and more games of “spoons” and some team time with our individual counties.

Thanks to the Lafayette Count 4-H Leaders for sponsoring our retreat. Our Ambassador team had a great time with the Iowa County Ambassadors, and learned many things that they do throughout the year, to make their team more successful. We hope to do another retreat in the summer – and include zip line in our adventures!

Ambassadors attending: Cora Carpenter, Zach Woodworth, Cody Wick, Alexis Fladseth, Madeline Andrae, Cheyenne Burgess, Dylan Zasada, Michael Kendall and Hannah McCarthy. Thanks also to Melissa Doyle, Iowa County 4-H Advisor and Lori Berget, Lafayette County 4-H Educator for setting up the trip and chaperoning it.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cora Carpenter

## *LCLC - Fairgrounds projects*

“Spring is in the Air”. . . and with it comes the fair! Two projects that will be starting this spring – dairy cattle barn updates and food stand remodeling! Wiota Happy Hour has donated \$2000 (\$1000 to each of the projects) . . . and they have challenged all of the 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters in the county to make a donation to each of the projects. If your chapter/club would like to donate, please contact the UW-Extension Office and make your check payable to LCLC (Lafayette County Livestock Committee). More updates will follow when they become available!

# 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:

<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Monday March 7	Belmont High School	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm
Tuesday March 8	K & L Bobcat (Hwy F – Darlington)	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm
Thursday March 10	UWEX Office – Darlington	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday March 15	Black Hawk High School	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday March 19	Argyle High School**	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm
Thursday March 24	Ritchie Implement	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm
Tuesday March 29	Darlington Ag Room	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm
Wednesday March 30	Darlington Ag Room	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm

**\*\*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 Berget - Lafayette County UW-Extension 608-776-4820

**REGISTRATION DUE DATE: Friday, March 4, 2016**

**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

# *National 4H Congress: Atlanta, Georgia*

By Alexis Fladseth

On November 27<sup>th</sup> 2015, I had the honor of attending the National 4H Congress in Atlanta Georgia. It was an experience I will never forget. What is National 4H Congress? National 4H Congress is a gathering of young 4H individuals from every state in the US to learn about leadership. This year there were 47 out of 50 states and also with the addition of Puerto Rico. Many delegates from each state and Puerto Rico were chosen to attend this great honor. There were 66 delegates chosen from Wisconsin. I, myself was the only one chosen from my county. After the interview and the acceptance, I was a tad nervous but also super excited. Now it was time to start planning and making reservations for the hotel and plane ticket. I flew out of Milwaukee at 10 am with my fellow Wisconsinites. We arrived later that day in Atlanta and met the rest of the Wisconsin delegates at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Congress lasted 4 days from the 27<sup>th</sup> till the 30<sup>th</sup>. Trust me; those 4 days were filled to the brim and then some. They were filled with assemblies, teamwork activities, leadership activities, two dances, and a ginormous amount of socializing. Also everyone was signed up for an activity, and my activities included Irish dancing and a leadership session. You also had the chance earlier to sign up for a tour and I signed up for the Georgia Aquarium tour. One of my favorite things about my entire trip was the culture night that we had. They had different ethnicities of food, drinks, and desserts. It was amazing! All in all it was an amazing trip. I had lots of fun and made many new friends. I would encourage any youth to take up this opportunity if available.

## *4-H camp for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth*

4-H Campers . . . There will be NEW camp offered this year for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## *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. Beginning Monday you will need to use either Chrome or Firefox with 4HOnline.

## 4-H HORSE PROJECT REGISTRATION

Please attach a photograph of your horse or draw the markings below.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Mo.      Day      Year

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ownership or management of project \_\_\_\_\_

If management, who owns animal \_\_\_\_\_

Breed/Type \_\_\_\_\_

Registered    Grade  
*(circle one)*

Foaling Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mare            Gelding  
*(circle one)*

Body Color \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Animal \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate all markings, scars and brands on diagrams

- A. LEFT FORE LEG
- B. RIGHT FORE LEG
- C. RIGHT HIND LEG
- D. LEFT HIND LEG

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be submitted for each animal (horse/pony) you intend to show at the Fair.

Please mail to:      **LEIGH LIERMAN**  
                              **5489 Horse Shoe Bend Road**  
                              **Benton, WI 53803**

**This form must be on file by April 30<sup>th</sup>.** Failure to do so will eliminate the animal from showing in the 4-H Youth Horse Show during the Fair.

Approved by the Horse Project Leaders and 4-H Office.

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