

December Lafayette County 4-H Family Digest!



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County-wide Officer Training/Leadership Workshop Lafayette & Grant Counties

January 14th from 9-noon at UWP College Farm Conference Center
Registration will open through 4-H Online on January 4th and close at 4:30 p.m. on
January 12th.

Come and participate –

- *Learn how to properly conduct a meeting
- *Take home some “ice breakers” for your meetings
- *Learn how to become an active “member”
- *Network with other 4-H Members from Lafayette and Grant Counties!
- *Pizza and refreshments will be served

State 4-H Art Groups Application

Event Information

Date: January 28th, 2017

Contact: Lynn Pfeiffer

Phone: 608-262-1222

Email: lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu

Older youth in grades 9-13 and adults are welcomed to apply for statewide 4-H art experiences.

- Visual Arts ([art team](#))
- Communications ([communications team](#))
- Theatre ([drama company](#))
- Singing ([showcase singers](#)) **Showcase Singers are on hiatus for 2017.**

[Applications](#) are due on January 28.

[Find out more](#) about each team!

Want to stay in tune with Wisconsin 4-H?

Follow the link: <http://4h.uwex.edu/>

Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Team - Members Wanted! **Still time to JOIN the fun☺**

Join the Livestock Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, and Meats team for a winter practice. Each practice is just **1 hour** and filled with fun. New teams are formed at every practice to challenge your knowledge about industry information and to meet new members and learn new skills. Teams compete with buzzers in a game show format, they get their hands dirty in Skillathon stations, and brush up on their steak judging skills. Stop in and see what it is about. Lafayette County has been offered the opportunity to train with Iowa County, again this year. If you would like to be on a team, please call/email the UW-Extension Office if you have questions. For more information contact the office at (608) 776-4820 or email Lori at: lori.berget@ces.uwex.edu.

Practices at the Health and Human Services

Building in Dodgeville

November 15 & 29 (Tuesday)

December 14 & 21 (Wednesday)

January 5 & 19 (Thursday)

February 7 & 21 (Tuesday)

Contests

State Meats Contest

February 18, 2017

12:30-4:30pm

UW-Madison Meat Lab

Madison, WI

State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon

March 4, 2017

UW-Madison Animal Sciences Campus

All Day



Day in the Arts - March 5th @ Belmont High School

1:00 p.m. (register at 12:30)



Calling all youth . . . come and preform your musical solo, prose piece, ensemble, visual art, etc. There will be a list of items to participate in (watch your January newsletter) – and prepare to register through 4-H Online! There is no cost to attend, and it is a great way to showcase your talents☺

Mark your calendars – invite your friends to participate!!

Archery Project –A New Year!



Dust your bows off . . . and get geared up for archery in 2017! Please mark the dates on your calendar – and watch for more information closer to January.

January 8 and 29

February 12 and 26

March 12 and 26

April 9

May 7

Lafayette County Shoot – April 22

Practices are at Belmont Community School from 1-4 p.m.

Community Service . . . #4-H Grows Here!

Lafayette County all Clubs 4-H Bake Sales

Join the ten 4-H Clubs in Lafayette County and help raise funds for all of the Food Pantries in the County.

Items donated/cash donations for October, November, December and January will be distributed to all of the Food Pantries in Lafayette County.

Proceeds from February, March, April and May Bake Sales will be going to “Relay for Life” in Lafayette County.

Remaining Schedule:

December 9 – Willow Springs & Lamont Hustlers

January 6th – Dunbarton, Fayette Go-Getters & Cuba City Merry Mixers

Please have your baked goods to the Extension Office by 8:00 a.m. on your day!



County 4-H T-shirts Available

Pick them up at the UW-Extension Office during business hours!

Cost: \$10 (Ym-Ylg) (Adult Sm - XL)

Cost \$12 (2XL - 4XL)

Great Christmas Gifts!!

Trip & Awards for 2017

Thanks for taking the time to apply! Thanks to Lance Lansing and Carmen Montgomery, Badgerland Financial Representatives for helping with interviews. Congratulations to the following people:

Leadership Washington Focus (7-9th grade) – July 17-21st

Tabetha Rowe
Allison Thompson
Emma Stietz

4-H State Youth Conference (6/26-6/29)

Tomi Daly
Reagan Russell
Judith Meister
Michael Kendall
Madison Russell

Youth Voting Rep to Leaders' Bd.

Cora Carpenter
Maddie Andrae
Emma Stietz (Alternate)

Citizenship Washington Focus

Dylan Zasada

4-H Camp Counselors

Alexis Fladseth
Maddie Andrae
Allison Thompson
Michael Kendall

STEMbassador TEAM

County Leader: Amanda Aird
Tabetha Rowe
Reagan Russell
Cheyenne Burgess
Dylan Zasada
Emma Stietz
Madison Russell

Lafayette County 4-H Ambassadors

Alexis Fladseth	Cora Carpenter
Ben Cooper	Cody Crompton
Maddie Andrae	Tabetha Rowe
Tomi Daly	Reagan Russell
Victorria Meylor	Judith Meister
Cheyenne Burgess	Ella Woodworth
Zachary Woodworth	Allison Thompson
Dylan Zasada	Emma Stietz
Hannah McCarthy	Jared Meister
Mariah Kendall	Michael Kendall
Kassandra Palzkill	Hannah Reints
Madison Russell	

****Make sure to sign your contracts and return them to the UW-Extension Office by December 15th (4:30 p.m.)**



Ambassador Updates



2017 County Wide Service Project – “World Wear Project” Details will be released at the January 14th Leadership Workshop!

*January 14th – Lafayette/Grant Counties Leadership Workshop at UWP College Farm

*January 21st – First Ambassador Meeting of the New Year! 1:00 p.m. at UW Extension Foyer in Darlington – please refer to your email for specifics

*If you are interested in any of the “State Art Teams” – please make sure to complete your application by January 28th!

*Once again, all of our Ambassador information will be kept in a Google Folder (Shared with all of you) – please let Lori know if you cannot open it!

Volunteer Leaders



WE WANT YOU!

February 19th at 5:00 p.m. – New Volunteer Leader Training!

Plan to meet at the UW-Extension Office, and bring your license for your application. You will complete Mandated Reporting as part of the training process. No computer required – one will be supplied at the training, unless you would prefer to bring your own! Please RSVP at (608) 776-4820. THANKS

Upcoming Events



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December

- 9th – County-Wide Community Service Project – Bake Sale at UW-Extension Foyer starting 8:00 a.m.
- 14th – Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Team Practice at Dodgeville Human Services Building
- 23rd - UW-Extension Office Closed
- 26th –January 2 - 4-H and Support Staff out of Office

January

- 4th – Registration opens for Lafayette-Grant Counties Leadership Training
- 12th – Registration closes for Leadership Training
- 14th – Lafayette & Grant Counties 4-H Leadership Training at UWP College Farm 9-noon
- 21st - Steer Weigh-ins 9-noon at Dearth Livestock Facility on Hwy. 81. Cost \$2.00 per head (made payable to Lafayette County Fair)
- 21st – County 4-H Ambassador Meeting 1:00 p.m. at UW Extension Foyer
- 28th – State 4-H Art Teams Applications Due (refer to article above)
- 28th – Lafayette & Iowa County 4-H Camp Counselor Initial Training Meeting (Place & Time TBA)

February

- 18th – State Meats Contest, UW Madison
- 19th – New Adult Leaders “VIP” Training 5 – 6:30 p.m. at UW Extension Office
- 19th – Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Board Meeting 6:30 at UW Extension Office

March

- 4th – State Livestock Quizbowl and Skillathon Competition, UW Madison
- 5th – Day in the Arts at Belmont High School 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.)

June

- 19-21st – Lafayette/Iowa/Green Counties 4-H Camp at Upham Woods (stay tuned for more information)

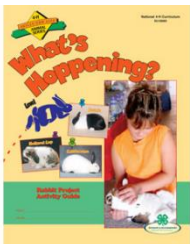
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- 12-16th – Lafayette County Fair

Project Corner

Each month we will highlight projects and share tips and links to the 4-H Curriculum with you.

Rabbit and Poultry Lovers . . .

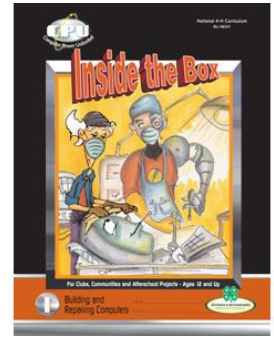


“Happy Holidays to all poultry and rabbit exhibitors. Thought the holidays may be on our minds, it is also a perfect time to be thinking about your 2017 projects! Be sure to start looking for your new projects in the very near future, so you have time to work with them and prepare them for the 2017 Lafayette County Fair. Please let me know if I can help in any way.” – Mackenzie Torstenson, Small Animal Superintendent

http://www.4-hmall.org/curriculum/Look-Inside/AAS/Rabbit/08080_LookInside.pdf

STEM – Computer Science. . .

Take a look “Inside the Box”. . . Building & Repairing Computer. If you have ever wondered about the inner workings of computers, this is for you! Follow the link to learn more: http://www.4-hmall.org/curriculum/Look-Inside/SciTEM/Computer/08347_LookInside.pdf



There is more curriculum similar to this found on the 4-H.org website!

University Created Curriculum

4-H curriculum promotes positive youth development through experiential learning. We believe that kids retain more information -- and have more fun! -- When they are part of the learning process. All of our curriculum products contain this element of experiential learning. There are over 350 books and educational kits in 60 different categories!

Here is a link to all 4-H project curriculum materials: (some can be downloaded for free)

http://www.4-hmall.org/curriculum.aspx?gclid=CjwKEAju-uDABRDPz4-0tp6T6lMSJADNoyPblpnUIbQA12u24NxzFU6tv2Zi86qhp5zBMeNZ54w1RBoCLbzw_wcB

4-H Builds Confidence. . . Showmanship. . . Character. . . ME

Hi, my name is Hannah McCarthy and I am a part of the Lafayette County 4-H Ambassadors. I have been a member of the Fayette Go Getters 4-H club for seven years. This amazing organization has helped me, as a showman, to be able to participate in many confidence building activities such as showing my animal projects at the county level as well as large shows before and after the county fair.

When I first joined 4-H, I was very shy and quiet. I was the type of member that was very afraid to talk at meetings. Since starting my beef project and learning how to show, my comfort level with public speaking has increased immensely. I am now able to talk with confidence and act as leader.

Being an older 4-H member in the barns, I love to help the younger members as they progress in their showing ability. Another aspect that has helped me is exhibiting at the larger shows. I attend shows with my beef projects before and after the county fair. At larger shows, for example World Beef Expo, we show in large pavilions with multiple show rings running at the same time. There are always large number of people watching. In the end 4-H is the reason I have grown as a showman. I am proud of my ability to speak in front of people and my confidence level while doing so. And I would not be able to do so without the help of the 4-H organization.



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