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4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 HAGER-MCDOWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are due April 1. Applications can be picked up at the LaRue County **Extension Service or found** online at larue.ca.uky.edu/ events/hager-mcdowellscholarship-application.

4-H CAMP 2025 — **JUNE 17-20, 2025**

Registration is open now! Forms are available at LaRue County Extension Service or online at larue. ca.uky.edu/events/2025-4h-camp.

4-H **COOKING CLUB**

Wednesday, March 5 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Haven Gun Club.

4-H **LIVESTOCK CLUB**

Monday, March 10 at 5 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

4-H **GARDENING CLUB**

Tuesday, March 11 at 5 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

4-H DOG CLUB

Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

4-H CANOE & KAYAK CLUB

Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Haven Gun Club.

4-H CLOVERBUDS

Thursday, March 27 at 5 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

TEEN CLUB

Friday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at the LCHS Greenhouse Classroom.



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MEETING NOTICE

The LaRue County School District will be hosting a Local Planning Committee meeting to discuss and develop a plan for our local school facilities as required by the Kentucky Department of Education. It will be open to the public. The meeting will be held on March 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the LaRue County High School Library

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4-H Capitol Experience exposes youth to legislative process

-Hers, volunteers and University of T Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service agents from



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met in Frankfort February 26 to learn about the inner workings of Ken-

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state government, meet their legislators and tour political and historical buildings during 4-H: A Capitol Experience. Capitol Experience was designed to teach 4-Hers about government and the process of political change.

4-H is in the business of helping shape the leaders of tomorrow. Many of the current legislative leaders are a testimony to this as they are 4-H alumni. Programs offered through 4-H work to strengthen leadership skills in youth, and Capitol Experience is no exception. By participating in the program, youth learn valuable leadership skills and receive insight into the state government through conversing with government officials, viewing a legislative session and participating in educational tours to locations such as the Governor's Mansion, Capitol or Kentucky History Museum.

Youth learned about the process of political change and were able to ask their local legislators questions and discuss issues that involve youth, education



4-H member, Hunter Locke and 4-H Agent, Misty Wilmoth met with Representative Ryan Bivens during the 4-H Capitol Experience held recently.

and local communities. Not only was this a great opportunity for youth, but it was a testimony to state legislators of the effectiveness of 4-H. State government officials were able to see the impact 4-H has on the over 550 people that attended this event.

4-H: A Capitol Experience was a great way for youth to learn more about our state, its leaders and government. This experience was many of the youths' first trip to the Capitol and first glimpse into government and the political process. Having a strong understanding of state government can help youth grow and mature to be informed, active members of their community. The event may even inspire some participants to become interested in a career in politics or more actively involved in their local

governments. The LaRue and Green County delegations were able to attend the opening event held in the Rotunda which included speakers

such as Kentucky's First Lady, Britainy Beshear; the Kentucky State 4-H President, Callie Derrosett; and the Assistant Extension Director of Kentucky 4-H, Dr. Rachel Guidugli. Following the opening event, the local attendees went to a House Agriculture Committee meeting and listened to bills being presented. Next was a guided tour of the Capitol Building itself. Following lunch, the delegation was able to meet with Representative Ryan Bivens in his office in the Capitol Annex Building. After that, the group explored the Library and was able to see the room where the Supreme Court is held.

For more information about 4-H programs in LaRue County, contact the Extension Office at 270 358-3401 or email 4-H Agent, Misty Wilmoth at mwilmoth@uky.edu.

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Spring garden tilling

ome gardeners might be experiencing "spring fever" with the warmer temperatures and in a rush to do spring tilling. But keep in mind, the ground is still wet from a recent snowfall and a lot of rain. Don't till the ground too early and potentially damage the very structure of your garden soil that could last

for years to come. Tilling your garden while it is still wet can destroy valuable soil structure. Soil structure describes the arrangement of the solid parts of the soil and the pore space located between them. Once that soil structure has been destroyed, it is not easily re-established. The pore spacing is critical for overall plant health and root development. Soil that has been tilled when wet will often form soil "clods" that can give you problems later on and can be difficult to deal with. In addition, foot traffic on wet soil can do as much damage in some cases as tilling when the soil is wet.

Also, if your soil contains even a moderate amount of clay, tilling with the right moisture content is even more important. One way to do a moisture check is a quick "squeeze test" to determine if you can till the soil. Take a handful of soil and squeeze it into a ball in your hand. If pressure from your fingertips causes the ball to crumble, the soil content should be good for tilling. Another option is to drop the soil ball from about waist high. As you might

expect, if the ball shatters when dropped, it may be dry enough to work

the soil without destroying the structure. If you plan

on adding soil amendments such as compost, it is good to work those into your soil early in the season. Be sure to blend any amendments thoroughly into the soil with a

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shovel or spading fork. Hand mixing in smaller areas is sometimes a better option than tilling compost into the soil with a rototiller. These warm, sunny spring days can be the best opportunity to work the compost into your soil. It's important to remember that compost that has been sitting on top of your garden as a mulch has been insulating the soil too. The insulation effect can keep the soil from warming up and drying out. Mixing that compost into the soil will help speed up the warming process and could allow you to get plants into the ground sooner.

Contact the LaRue County Cooperative **Extension Service** at 270-358-3401 for information on spring garden tilling.

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One district supporting Caverna



The Caverna cheer team looked a little different during Friday nights 18th boys basketball district championship game. The Caverna cheer team experienced a tragic loss of one of their own early Friday morning. With a sign of support, members of the LaRue County Hawks cheer team and the Hart County cheer squad cheered alongside of them during the Caverna-Green County district championship game. Hawks cheer coach Vanessa Devers said, "Cheering alongside of Caverna during such a painful loss was our way of showing our support to their squad, coach and school family. It wasn't about a game, it was about support and being there for the squad during such a difficult time. It was an amazing experience that my girls and I will never forget! Our thoughts and prayers are with them."