



4-H Family Newsletter

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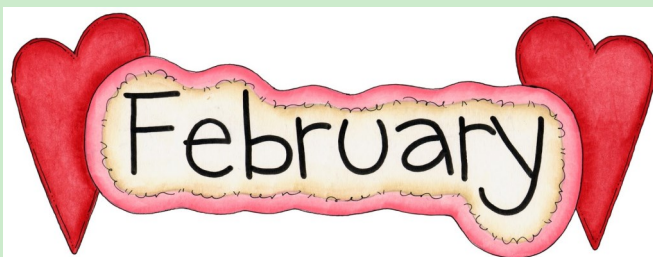
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Welcome to February!

We hope that your 4-H year is off to a great start! Many countywide projects restarted in January. This newsletter is packed with project updates and meeting dates - so make sure to read carefully! Also, a reminder - to make sure you are reading the weekly Clover Connection email. This email is sent through 4honline every Monday and provides the weekly happenings in Jefferson County 4-H as well as updates for meeting and activities.

If you are new to our 4-H program, welcome! We are so excited to have so many new families and faces joining us. Please continue to reach out with questions to your club leader as well as the Extension Office. We are here to assist you!

Stay warm,

Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist

The Extension Office is open from 8-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. During February, we will have limited staffing. If you are stopping by the office, we suggest that you call first to make sure that timing works.

Signage will be posted if the office is closed.

Thank you in advance for your understanding

4-H CALENDAR

For a complete list of dates and events please visit the online 4-H Calendar. ([Click here for calendar](#)) The EXT Office will update the online calendar when events are scheduled or changed.

February 2022

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
1	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension
3	7 pm	JCHP Board Meeting	Extension
4	6 pm	JCHP Tack Sale & May Show Planning Meeting	Extension
5	1-3 pm	Aerospace (Rocketry) Project Meeting	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
6	4:30 pm	Archery—Jefferson	Rapids Archery Club, Jefferson
7	6 pm	Archery—Watertown	Watertown Archers, Watertown
8	5:30 pm	Cat Project Meeting	Extension
	6 pm	MAP Carcass Meeting	Extension
	7 pm	MAP Committee Meeting	Extension
	7 pm	Horse Education Meeting	Extension
10	7 pm	Virtual: Grand Challenge, Precision Agriculture	https://go.wisc.edu/tng61h (must register in advance)
12	11-2 pm	Horseless Horse Project Meeting	Acclaim Performance Horses N2726 Mehring Rd, Jefferson
12	1-3 pm	Aerospace (Rocketry) Project Meeting	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
13	4:30 pm	Archery—Jefferson	Rapids Archery Club, Jefferson
14		RSVP for Thursdays Natural Science Mtg Due	
	6 pm	Dog Project Meeting - New Members	Activity Center, Fair Park
	6 pm	Archery - Watertown	Watertown Archers, Watertown
	7 pm	Dog Project Meeting - Returning Members	Activity Center, Fair Park
15	6 pm	Swine Information Meeting	Extension Office
	6:30 pm	JCHP Countywide Meeting (Hippology after mtg)	Activity Center, Fair Park
	7 pm	Sheep Information Meeting	Extension Office
16	6 pm	Volunteer in Preparation (VIP)	Virtual - Register at https://forms.gle/2o2fWJCar3oc3Qu67
17	6:30 pm	Leaders Board Meeting	Extension Office
	6:30 pm	Plants and Soils Project Meeting	Extension Office
19	1-3 pm	Aerospace (Rocketry) Project Meeting	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
20	4:30 pm	Archery - Jefferson	Rapids Archery Club, Jefferson
21	6 pm	Archery - Watertown	Watertown Archers, Watertown
	6 pm	Dog Project - New members	Activity Center, Fair Park
	7 pm	Dog Project - Returning members	Activity Center, Fair Park
22	7 pm	Horse Education Meetings	Extension Office
24	6:30 pm	Rabbit Project Meeting	Activity Center, Fair Park
	6:30 pm	Natural Science Project Meeting	Extension Office
25	6 pm	JCHP Tack Sale & May Show Planning Meeting	Extension Office
26	1-3 pm	Aerospace (Rocketry) Project Meeting	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
27	4:30 pm	Archery - Jefferson	Rapids Archery Club, Jefferson
28	6 pm	Archery - Watertown	Watertown Archers, Watertown
	6 pm	Dog Project - New Members	Activity Center, Fair Park
	6 pm	Dairy Project - Educational Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Dog Project - Returning Members	Activity Center, Fair Park
	7 pm	Dairy Project Committee Meeting	Extension Office

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Information for specific projects is listed in this section. If you need help with a project not listed please call the EXT Office at 920-674-7295. Projects are listed in alphabetical order. If you want to lead a countywide project please contact the Extension Office for more information.

[\(Click here for online 4-H calendar\)](#)

Cat Project

The next Cat Project meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Do not bring your cat to this meeting. **Please RSVP to eshoop@gmail.com** if you plan on attending by Monday, February 7 at Noon.

We will also meet on April 12 and June 14. Please email Emilie at eshoop@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Clothing Project

Project members have the chance to learn how to sew different projects, how to select different patterns, and how to use different sewing tool and techniques.

Please reach out to Kimberly Kreger, the clothing project leader with any questions at (920) 723-1191.

Cloverbud Project

Cloverbud meeting dates have been set! Each meeting will include a few projects to take home and extend learning. Mark your calendars (and [register](#)) for one or all of the meetings below-

- **Creative Crafts: Weaving and Dyeing** - Tuesday, March 22, 2022– 6-6:45 pm
- **Wildlife** - Tuesday, May 24, 2022– 6-6:45 pm

Questions: Please contact project leader Carrie Walsh at 262-352-4403.

Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting is on February 28 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Educational Presentation: A dairy educational presentation will be held at 6 p.m. prior to the committee meeting. In February we will be doing the Hoard's Dairy Judging Contest for education.

Point Card: There is one mandatory point required. That point must come from attending either an educational program prior to a Dairy Committee meeting or the Project Learning Day which will be held in May.

James Crowley Award: The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects.

To be eligible: Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership. Must be in 10th-12th grades as of January 1, 2022. Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

Applications for the James Crowley Scholarship are due to the Extension Office on March 18, 2022 by 4 p.m. Applicants must be a high school junior, senior or one year out of high school and a Dairy Project Member. Apply here.

If you have any questions about the Dairy Project, please contact Bill Uecker at (920)285-9125.

Dog Project

Project members learn the basic skills for dog care and training, discover different dog breeds and study and identify dog anatomy.

The Dog Project kicked off in January with the orientation meeting. Meetings with dogs will begin on February 14 at the Fair Park. **(Notice: change from last months newsletter. Meetings start on February 14 not February 7.)**

Questions? Please contact Kate Anderson at (920) 723-3614 or email at 2mtmanderson@gmail.com

Foods Project

Learn how to eat and cook simple foods. Learn the basics of cooking as well as techniques to make you a better cook. Understand how to change recipes and find reduced fat content recipes.

If you have any questions regarding the food project, reach out to Monica Gerner (920) 723-2663 or Robyn Ksicsinski (920) 988-8916.

Goat Project

Project members can enroll in either dairy goats or meat goats. Generally, through the goat project members will learn various breeds of goats, anatomy of goats, and general management practices.

-Dairy Goats: Project members will learn how to select dairy goats and about the milking procedure in dairy goats.

-Meat Goats: Project members will learn how to select meat goats and learn the carcass value of meat goats.

If you have questions about the goat project, contact Stephanie Schadt at (920) 285-8079.

Horse & Pony Project

Watch your emails and the JCHP Facebook page for details about the 2021-2022 4-H year.

The next Committee meeting will be February 3 at 7 pm at the Extension Office.

The next Countywide Project meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fair Park. ****Notice time change for this**

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meeting! Hippology will follow immediately after the meeting. Test your horse knowledge through friendly competition.

Horse Education

Horse Education kicked off on January 25. We will be meeting every Tuesday night (except when there is our monthly meetings) at 7 pm at the Extension Office. Learn about horses, tack, health and more! This is a great way to build friends and have a lot of fun! Competitions too at the State and National levels. You are not required to compete.

Horseless Horse

All horseless horse members are invited to participate in a day at the farm on February 12 from 11 to 2 p.m. Youth will be introduced to the horse project, develop skills and have fun learning about horses! Please watch your email and Clover Connections for more details.

2022 Ambassador Competition

The Jefferson County Horse & Pony Ambassador program strives to provide an opportunity to practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other project youth and to represent and promote the 4-H Horse program for public relations purposes at county and state events. Applications for the 2022 Ambassador are due March 1 to the Extension Office. Please visit the website for further details and application.

Poster and Speech Contest (JCHP)

The annual Poster, Speech and Photography contest for JCHP will be held on Tuesday, March 15 after the March Countywide Project meeting. Please visit the website for guidelines and sample judging sheets. Any questions regarding the Horse and Pony Project, please send an email to jchpchair@gmail.com

Lego Project

At our Jan. 18 4-H LEGO meeting the kids worked on 3 different problems to solve as individuals and as a group. They had to send a zip lining LEGO minifigure safely down a 7 foot string, build a shape that wouldn't break if dropped 4 feet, and build a bridge across 2 tables with only flat pieces that could hold by itself. Check out these photos! Looks like a blast!



The next Lego Project meetings are scheduled for March 8 and May 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Leader Needed: If you are interested in becoming a LEGO leader next Fall, please reach out to Emilie at eshoop@gmail.com.



Llama & Alpaca Project

Contact Barb Parsons with questions or if interested in more information in the Llama & Alpaca Project. barbparsons1234@yahoo.com

Meat Animal Project

Auction at 2022 County Fair: The 2022 Meat Animal Auction will be fun by the Fair Park. If you have questions or concerns about the auction, please reach out directly to the Fair Park staff or Brian Bolan (bbolan@jeffersoncountyiwi.gov, 608-576-7312).

Meat Animal 4-H Project Requirement: Moving forward, all 4-H'ers who participate in the beef, sheep or swine projects will need to complete a point card in order to meet requirements to be a member of good standing. Youth will not be permitted to exhibit at the Jefferson County Fair without meeting these requirements. The point card requirements are that all 4-H'ers (except 13th graders) must complete four points in a 4-H year. They are:

- YQCA
- Carcass Educational Meeting
- Record Book (this requirement will go into effect for the 2022-2023 4-H year)
- 1 additional educational point

You can find the Point Card [here](#) on the website. You can also pick up a printed, hard copy at the EXT Office. More details and a calendar of events can be found in the MAP Handbook which is found [here](#) on the Extension website.

Upcoming Events:

- Meats Carcass Opportunity (February 8 at 6 pm)
- MAP Committee Meeting (February 8 at 7 pm)
- Swine Project Informational Meeting (Feb. 15 at 6 pm)
- Sheep Project Informational Meeting (Feb. 15 at 7 pm)
- UW Madison Meat Science Building Tour (March 12)
- YQCA Training Session (March 15)
- Project Learning Day (April 9)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! MAP has reorganized! The committee consists of at least one adult and one youth volunteer for each species (sheep, beef, swine). The committee is limiting the number of meetings to 5 meetings a year. If you'd like to be part of this exciting new chapter, please attend the next meeting on February 8 at 7 pm.

Animal Sciences Virtual Education Series

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is excited to offer monthly LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs this Spring. These are for youth and adults and occur on the second Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by the question-and-answer time. Register for any or all the events to get the connection information by email.

For registration and details about each presentation, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/tng61h>. On this webpage, you can also find an educational verification form. Complete the form and turn it into your county fair and or livestock committee to

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verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements”.

Sessions being Offered:

- February 10 – Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture
- March 10 – Grand Challenge: Food Safety
Pork Carcass Eval, Fabrication & Cooking with Pork
- April 14 – Grand Challenge: Land and Water
- May 12 – Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

Please have the [Educational Verification Form](#) printed before the session begins. You can write down thoughts throughout the session.

For more information and to register, visit <https://go.wisc.edu/tng61h> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW-Madison Animal & Dairy Science Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.

Natural Sciences Project

Projects include Beekeeping, Birds, Insects, Fishing, Forestry, Wildflowers, Hunting & Wildlife, Adventures, and Environmental projects.

In January, we discussed the many project activity possibilities, made some adventure plans and identified some tracts and did an outdoor winter activity.

The next project meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by Feb 21. Come and follow the Tracks and Signs to the Habitat.

Take a winter walk or hike and observe what's around you. In *The Search-- The Continuing Story of The Tracker*, it was said that, “*The secret to tracking is patience....Follow the markings and with each step notice everything around you.... Constantly check the terrain and surrounding animal and plant life. Notice everything. It is all speaking to you. It is like a giant puzzle. When you put it all together, you will have a picture of what transpired on the spot you are on... Imagine being able to read the earth like a book and picture what happened.*”

Watch for signs. Look at trees, for tracks or birds. If you check them out, you can gather information about animals and their life and homes. At home have you been feeding and watching birds? Seeing or looking for tracks in the snow? These enjoyable activities can be a part of the Forestry, Wildlife and Birds projects. Do animals and birds stay in your yard? If not, where do they go?

They have homes and jobs to do just like you. Their homes are **Habitats** and their jobs are their **niche**. The habitat is where they find food, water, shelter and space. Their jobs may be many, from eating plants to being the food for a bigger animal. **Choose an area and record** all the signs you observe, taking pictures or making drawings. Who's home (habitat) did you observe? What niches did they do?

Bring your recorded observation log to the meeting on February 24 and share what you learned from the Habitat you observed. We will talk about *different signs* that are *helpful clues* to use when tracking animals or identifying plant life. We will also **discuss** different *types habitats*.

Practice winter safety, dress for your activity and keep your **first aid kit** with you at all times. **Enjoy winter activities.** Don't get cabin fever.

See you Thursday, February 24th at 6:30pm. for planning projects and doing winter activities. **Please RSVP by Monday the 21st, so there is a handout for you.**

Questions, Comments, Suggestions are always welcome. Contact *Sharon Schweitzer* at 920-650-7110 or email rwes@idcnet.com

Photography Project

Project members will learn proper use of cameras, lighting techniques, and how to shoot photos that tell a story. You will also have the chance to take life photos and portraits.

Plants & Soils Project

Projects include Crops, Vegetables, Flowers, House plants and Plant Crafts.

The next project meeting is on Thursday, February 17 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by Monday, February 14.

Your Project Plan and Winter- Sowing

One of the January activities was for you to make a list of plants and seeds you are interested in growing. If you didn't attend the meeting or make a list, do a list now. Then choose three from your list to learn about and see if they are possible to grow in Wisconsin. For a houseplant you will need to decide if your home can provide the right environment for the plant you are choosing.

Three things Houseplants need, were discussed.

- **Light-** Where do you have high/direct and low/indirect light?
- **Moisture/ humidity-** How will you provide water or humidity?
- **Temperature** – Do you have warm and cool places? What does the plant like? Avoid drafts!

The Christmas Poinsettia as a houseplant was considered. They take some care but can continue to add color to our homes. They like sunlight and a little water (not soggy roots). Don't let them sit in water and removing the decorative pot cover will help. The leaves may all drop off by March or April. If so, cut back to 6 to 8 inches tall. Keep it watered and in a sunny location. Take outside for the summer and bring in before frost in October. Then cover them with a box to give them 14 hours of darkness and uncover them for 10 hours of sunlight. Keep them around 70 degrees. With care and perseverance you may be rewarded with colored leaves we call the flower. There are a variety of new plants with different colored leaves of pink, white, and even one with autumn leaves of orange. It would be good for Halloween or Thanksgiving.

Melinda Meyer has good information on houseplants and their care. You can go to melindameyer.com and view webinars that she has done. They are free and can be very helpful.

She also has some information about winter-sowing that will be discussed and a take home "winter starter" will be made at the meeting on February 17. If you want to get a head start and do some winter-sowing to share at the meeting, look for her article *Winter Sowing - Starting Transplants Outdoors* on her website.

Winter-sowing? Yes, we can start some seeds in February! Make "greenhouses" from plastic gallon milk or water containers. Also 2 liter soda or juice containers can be used. Go to these two sources.

- <http://www.agardenforthehouse.com/2012/11/winter-sowing-101-6/>
- <https://extension.psu.edu/successful-winter-seed-sowing>

They give full details and pictures to get started. You can also find a list of seed and when you might plant them at the bottom of winter-sowing 101. Click on **What to Winter-Sow and When. Do you have any of those seeds on your seed list?**

Cold crop seeds are the best to plant now. So choose cabbage, kale, broccoli, radishes, and maybe some lettuce. Plus you can plant any perennials that reseed. If you saved **milkweed seed**, plant some of them. They need to be stratified. A cold/freezing time to help them germinate breaking a dormancy stage.

Keep planning and making your list of seeds and plants you would like to grow. Watch for those seeds and garden supplies at stores, garden centers and nurseries. Remember to print or find the guidelines and information that is available to help in making your choices.

For new members or returning members, **print or find your copies of information from the Learning Store, learningstore.uwex.edu**. If you did not before, choose view PDF and download or print. Bring the guides and your questions to meetings for discussion. Look for these guides; **A1653** Planting Guide, **A1989** The Vegetable Garden, **A3383** Containers, **A2935** Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants. **Also print the pages from the Fair Book** for Dept 14 Plant & Soil Sciences, Dept 15 Flowers & Houseplants, Dept 16 Natural Sciences -Divisions D and F and Dept 17 Cloverbuds(if you have a Cloverbud in the family). Or bring last years fair book if you have a copy.

There are great Fact Sheets for specific plants, growing problems, diseases and more on the UW Horticulture website that are available. They will be referred to in future meetings and discussions.

An event that offers much to see and do for those who garden, love being outdoors, and enjoying learning opportunities is the **Garden Expo at the Madison Alliant Energy Center – Feb 11-13, 2022**. It is a place to gather great information and great idea for all plant and soil projects and more. Check in out with your family. Go to wigardenexpo.com and see what is offered and if your family can attend.

Questions, comments and suggestions are always welcome. Sharon Schweitzer, text /call 920-650-7110 or email rwes@idcnet.com

Poultry Project

Youth can enroll in poultry, poultry market and poultry non-animal.

-**Poultry** is for youth exploring non-market birds such as ducks, bantams, geese, or turkeys.

-**Poultry Market** is for youth exploring market birds such as chickens, ducks, geese, or turkeys.

-**Poultry Non-Animal** is designed to learn about poultry science or egg production without owning the animal.

Rabbit Project

The Rabbit Project will kick off the year with their first meeting on Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Activity Center. Project members will learn about how to take care of your rabbit and information on rabbit health. Other meetings currently set are: March 17, May 19 and June 16. The April meeting will be announced at a later date. For questions, contact Project Leader, Sue Wilpolt at 608-669-3406.

Rocketry Project

The Rocketry/Aerospace Project will be meeting every Saturday in February from 1-3 pm at the Fort Atkinson Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson. New members are welcome to join us thru February for meetings and launches.

If someone is interested in contributing to planning or becoming a Rocketry Project Leader, please contact Rob.

Questions: Contact Project Leader Rob Thomas at (608)772-0102 or klavdivs@klavdivs.com.

Shooting Sports

Archery started in January! Project meetings are held on Sundays in Jefferson and Mondays in Watertown. Please choose the meeting that works best for your family. Also, please feel free to come to the meetings even if you are not signed up for the project to check it out! You can sign up for the project still in 4honline.

Cost: \$5 single/ \$10 family. Fees will be collected at the first meeting. All participants must attend a safety meeting!

Rapids Archery - Sundays @ 4:30 p.m.

W5410 W Rapids Rd, Jefferson, WI 53549

- Practice 2/6-3/6
- Fair shoot 3/13, 3/20

Watertown Archers - Mondays @ 6 p.m.

212 Market St, Watertown, WI 53094

- Practice 2/7-3/7
- Fair shoot 3/14, 3/21

Shooting Sports Leaders Needed! We are looking for more instructors to help the shooting sports project grow and continue on. We have a lot of youth interested in shooting sports but not a lot of adults interested in teaching. We need to close that gap. See upcoming training dates below. If interested, please contact me at the email below. I would be happy to discuss requirements of certification with you.

Questions: Please contact David Saxby at jeffersonwi4hshootingssports@gmail.com

2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops

Adults interested in a shooting sports certification to instruct in the county 4-H Shooting Sports program can now save a date. Saturday certification workshops for 2022 are set for the following areas:

- West Bend, February 5, Archery, Pistol/Air Pistol & Rifle/Air Rifle
- Green Bay, April 30, Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, & Shotgun
- Eau Claire, May 21, Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle & Shotgun

Requirements for attending a certification workshop:

1. Age 21 or older.
2. Be an approved 4-H leader in your county.
3. Complete the National 4-H online training.
4. Register for your certification workshop in 4honline.
5. Attend the complete 8 hours of the certification workshop.

Those reading the registration information on the 4-H Shooting Sports webpage for Saturday certification workshops will notice there are different instructions depending on a leader's status. Leaders attending their first certification workshop have different instructions than those returning for an additional certification.

For additional information and to register, please visit the State 4-H Shooting Sports web at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

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Leader's Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 pm.

Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting will be on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30pm. We highly encourage at least ONE Certified Leader from each club to attend these meetings. All leaders (certified volunteers) are highly encouraged and welcome to attend! Parents and youth are also welcome!

Volunteer-In-Preparation Training

Are you interested in being a 4-H club leader or project leader? Or, perhaps you are interested in being a 4-H camp chaperone! Maybe you became an official 4-H volunteer many years ago and you are looking for a refresher on things that may have been updated since then. Well, you've come to the right place!

One of the first steps in becoming a registered 4-H volunteer with Extension is to attend this volunteer orientation called "Volunteers in Preparation." The next virtual orientation is on Wednesday, February 16 (6:00-8:00 p.m.). To attend, please register at <https://forms.gle/2o2fWJCar3oc3Qu67>

Prior to the orientation, you will receive an email with the connection link that you will use to connect. This is a shared VIP training between several counties, so the Ext. Educator leading the orientation and sending you the connection link may not be the Educator from your county.

If you have more than one person who needs to attend this orientation in your household, please fill out this form for each individual person.

Countywide Project Leadership Needed

There are many projects that are offered by the Jefferson County 4-H Program - 70 to be exact! Please refer to Page 12 to see which projects have Countywide Leaders. All other projects do not. If you are interested in becoming a Countywide Project Leader, there are many opportunities that exist. If you are interested, please contact the EXT Office for more details. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Media Collection Updates

The Positive Youth Development (PYD) Media Collection is like a centralized library of educational tools that can be borrowed from anywhere in the state. The collection has more than 100 resources available. Most are for animal science projects, though photography and juggling materials are also available. We have updated how to search for and find media collection resources. The displays, skillathons, learning lab kits, and more are listed on the 4-H website in the Resource Library. From the Resource Library, find what you are looking for by using one of these search options:
Search by Title – Click the magnifying glass in the upper right corner and type the title of the resource.

See a list of all Media Collection Resources – Click the "All Types" dropdown box and select "Media Collection."

Filter by Format – Click the "All Formats" dropdown box. Select click a format (Skillathon, DVD or CD, or Display).

Filter by Project Area – Click the "All Projects" dropdown box. Select the project area you are interested in.

To learn more about the PYD Media Collection, visit the website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/project-leader-resources/pyd-media-collection/>.

Click "Discover Materials" to get to the Resource Library.

Youth leaders and volunteers can request materials directly using the online form found on the website. Requesters are still responsible for returning all media on time.

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Junior Leaders

The next Jr. Leaders Meeting will be on March 22 at 7pm at the Ext Office. All youth 6th grade or older are welcome to attend!

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa at 920-723-9039 (call/text) or jakewith07@yahoo.com.

2022 Leaders Association Scholarship

Due March 16, 2022 to the Extension Office

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a present Jefferson County 4-H member.
- Have been a 4-H member for the last 4 consecutive years.
- Be a high school senior or graduate and enrolled in 4-H the year they are filing this application.
- Planning to enter a post high school college or degree program or may already be in attendance.

Find the application with more details [here!](#)

2022 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email between December 1, 2021 and March 15, 2022.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

The application is a one-page cover letter and a one-page résumé, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job.

Cover letters and résumés must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org. For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships. A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

Jefferson County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days Scholarship

The Executive Committee of the 2019 Jefferson County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days has announced that applications are now being accepted for their third round of student scholarships.

This scholarship is open to any student who is a high school senior. The applicant must be planning to attend UW Short Course, a technical college or four-year university and be majoring in agricultural studies.

The application and guidelines can be found at <https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/>. Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2022.

For any questions on the application process, please email kimb@jeffersoncountywi.gov.

Compeer Financial Scholarship

This scholarship is available to high school seniors who live in Compeer Financial's 144-county territory and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. You can find the application and more information [here!](#)

CLUB NEWS

Farmington All Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club did not hold a regular meeting in January, instead holding a skating party Jan 8 at Skate Express in Watertown.

The club recently did community service, caroling at the Johnson Creek Public Library on Dec. 22, where club members spread seasonal cheer through music. At the same time, the club held a fund drive and a book drive. (See picture below.)

The book drive collected some \$400 worth of books for resale at the library's upcoming book sales, and the fund drive collected \$60-plus of donations during the caroling event.

The club was originally supposed to meet on Jan. 16 to make tie-blankets for charity, but that event had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 exposures. It will be reset in the near future.

Our next meeting is set for Feb. 8 at the Farmington Town Hall.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth and fifth-grade students. Each year the topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teachers, volunteers and homeschool parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture. The topic is selected after the Book of the Year is picked. The 2022 Book of the Year is "Popcorn Country" by Wisconsin author and dairy farmer, Cris Peterson. You can order the book [here](#).

This year's essay contest topic is, 'What's Popping in Wisconsin? The value of corn to our economy!'

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. This year students must make three references to Wisconsin

agriculture and a new essay grading rubric was developed. The essay contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located below. **Essays are due April 1, 2022.**

The contest is sponsored by We Energies, Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board, Wisconsin Corn and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Nine district winners will be selected with one being chosen as the state winner in May. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation for his or her class. Last year, more than 1,400 students participated in the contest. Questions about the book or essay contest can be directed to Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com.

4-H COMMUNICATIONS

4-H Family Newsletter

The 4-H Family Newsletter is a source of information for families to learn about opportunities, activities, workshops, deadlines and other information about Jefferson County 4-H. Leaders and members may submit articles. The newsletter is assembled and distributed through the EXT Office. The newsletter also serves as the essential source of information for Jefferson County Fair, Meat Animal Project Committee (MAP) and other important project and activities.

If you are hosting a project meeting, activity or event that the entire county would benefit from, please be sure to submit your article to the EXT Office by the 15th of each month. This includes any project meeting dates, community service or fundraisers that might be relevant to members outside your club. This is an easy way to help grow your programs and events. Spread the word! Please note the EXT Office may edit submissions based on newsletter space.

Weekly Clover Connection

The Clover Connection is sent via email through 4honline each week usually on Mondays. The Clover Connection includes important information for the upcoming week. Please watch your email each week for important news and changes.

Note: If you "unsubscribe" to these emails, you will NOT receive any emails through 4honline.

4-H Calendar

For up to date information on what is happening in 4-H, check out the [4-H Calendar](#). Dates are being added, changed, or cancelled all the time. Watch the calendar for updates!

**Send in your club and project news!
Share that news with the county and
submit a report to the Extension office
by the 15th of every month to be printed.
We want to hear from you!**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you find yourself itching to help or would like to give back to your community, below are a couple of opportunities to serve.

Nursing Home/Elderly Cards

Time on your hands? Make cards or write letters for our nursing home residents! They aren't allowing guests at this time and the residents might be feeling especially isolated. Please check with individual nursing homes to discuss drop off/mailling items in.

Support Local Food Banks

Donate extra food items to your local food bank! With the increase of people buying shelf stable items, the food banks and pantries are struggling to fill their shelves. Consider donating to a food bank or pantry in your community!

Again, please check in with the food pantries or banks before dropping off items to make sure they are accepting!

JEFFERSON FAIR NEWS

Are you a new family in the Jefferson County 4-H program? Are you a returning family but not receiving updates from the Jefferson County Fair Park? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please contact the Jefferson County Fair Park to make sure you are on their **Information Receiving List**. This ensures that you will receive the most up-to-date information on the 2022 Jefferson County Fair and the exhibiting requirements. The Jefferson County Fair Park can be reached at 920-674-7148 or info@jcfairpark.com

Jefferson County Fair Park Website:

<https://www.jcfairpark.com/>



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