



## 4-H Family Newsletter

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## Welcome Jerry!

Jerry Wilcenski joined the Jefferson County 4-H team on March 15th, 2022 as the 4-H Program Educator. Jerry grew up in 4-H exhibiting a wide variety of projects including market lambs, Southdown sheep, cattle, and Clydesdale horses. Prior to joining Jefferson County 4-H Jerry worked for Milwaukee PBS and managed the state's community centers in the All of Us research initiative. Outside of work, Jerry is an active member of the Clydesdale Breeders of the United States serving on the pedigree, youth, and historical committees. Jerry is passionate about 4-H and firmly believes it is the best program for developing youth leadership skills, critical thinking, and active learning. Jerry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota. Jerry is excited to be a part of Jefferson County's vibrant 4-H program.



Reach out to Jerry with any questions or just to chat. His contact info is 920-674-7299, [wilcenski@wisc.edu](mailto:wilcenski@wisc.edu). Jerry is looking forward to meeting all of you!

## Jefferson County 4-H Poster and Speech Contest

Theme: Careers on the Grow!

Speech Contest: Thursday, May 19 Registration Required by May 12.

Poster Contest: All posters are due to the Extension Office by Thursday, May 12 at 4 p.m.

NEW for 2022! Leaders and Clubs may participate in the Poster Contest! Leaders show us what you got!

For more information, visit the [Jefferson County 4-H Website](#).

# April 2022 4-H CALENDAR

For a complete list of dates and events please visit the online 4-H Calendar. ([Click here for calendar](#))

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
1		Jefferson Co. WI Farm Tech Days Scholarship Due	Extension Office
		Scott Skalitsky Memorial Scholarship Due	
		WI Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Due	
2	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
3	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
4	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	6 pm	Meats Judging Team Practice	Extension Office
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
5	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension Office
7	7 pm	Horse & Pony Committee Meeting	Extension Office
8	6 pm	JCHP May Show Planning Meeting	Extension Office
9		JCHP Spring Vaccination Clinic	Fair Park
		4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon	
		MAP Project Learning Day	Fair Park
	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Jefferson Public Library
10	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
11	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	6 pm	Meats Judging Team Practice	Extension Office
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
12	6 pm	MAP Record Book Training	Extension Office
	7 pm	MAP Committee Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension Office
14	6:30 pm	Rabbit Project Meeting	Fair Park
15		All 4-H Project Changes Due in 4HOnline	
		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn	
		Nominations for Leaders Board Due	
17	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
18	5:30 pm	JCHP Drill Team Practice	Fair Park
	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	6 pm	Meats Judging Team Practice	Extension Office
	6 pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	JCHP Countywide Meeting	Fair Park
21	6:30 pm	Plants & Soil Sciences Project Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Goat Project Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Leaders Board Meeting	Extension Office
23	1 pm	Rocketry Project—Launch Party!	TBD
24	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
25	5:30 pm	JCHP Drill Team Practice	Fair Park
	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	6 pm	Meats Judging Team Practice	Extension Office
	6 pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dairy Committee Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension Office
28	6:30 pm	Natural Sciences Project Meeting	Extension Office
29	6 pm	JCHP May Show Planning Meeting	Extension Office
30		4-H Meats Judging Contest	
	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Jefferson Public Library

## PROJECT NEWS

**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, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fair Park Activity Center. Please bring your cat with you to this meeting. **Please RSVP to [eshoop@gmail.com](mailto:eshoop@gmail.com)** if you plan on attending by Monday, April 11 at Noon.

We will also meet on June 14. Please email Emilie at [eshoop@gmail.com](mailto: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, clothing project leader, with any questions at (920) 723-1191.

### Cloverbud Project

The next Cloverbud meetings is:

- **Wildlife** - Tuesday, May 24, 2022– 6-6:45 pm

Each meeting will include a few projects to take home and extend learning. [Please pre-register here!](#)

**SAVE THE DATE! Cloverbud Day Camp:** Get ready for a great time this year at Cloverbud Day Camp on Friday, July 22nd from 10 am – 2 pm at Riverfront Park in Jefferson. 4-H Cloverbuds in kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to participate in the day camp. Campers will meet new friends, play games and make take-home projects all related to the theme, "Around the World." The Junior Leaders are busy planning an action-packed day for the Cloverbuds. The educational program registration fee is **\$15.00** which includes a t-shirt, snack and activities. Youth **MUST** bring their own lunch. You may register until July 1st (**youth will not receive a t-shirt who register late**). [Register Here!](#)

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

### Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting is on April 25 at 7pm at the Extension Office.

**Dairy Grants:** The Dairy Committee will again be offering 2 grants this year. [See the website for more information.](#) Deadline is April 8th.

**Dairy Fair Update Zoom:** The Fair Park will be hosting a meeting on Zoom Monday April 11th at 7pm to discuss Fair Park updates, Fair Entry information, Rules & Regulations, Deadlines, Identification and Auction programs. The Zoom meeting link will be emailed out the week prior to the meeting from the Fair Park.

**Dairy Project Learning Day:** The Dairy Project Learning Day is on May 14 at 9:00am at the Fair Park. We strongly encourage you to attend this event. It will fulfill your one mandatory educational point for your point card.

**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.

**Mandatory Dairy Meeting:** Mark your Calendars! The Mandatory Dairy Meeting for Dairy will be on Tuesday, June 28th at the Fair Park starting at 7 pm.

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

### Dog Project

The Dog Project is off and running for the 2021-22 4-H Year! The project meets on Monday evenings at the Fair Park. Project members learn the basic skills for dog care and training, discover different dog breeds and study and identify dog anatomy.

Any questions regarding the Dog Project, please contact Kate Anderson at (920) 728-3614 or [2mtmanderson@gmail.com](mailto: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 Ksicianski (920) 988-8916.

### Goat Project

The goat project will hold two educational meetings - April 21st and May 26th - both at the UW Extension office in Jefferson at 7 pm. Topics for each meeting are currently TBD. All project members are encouraged to attend, as there will be lots of project information given at these meetings. Watch the facebook group page for more information.

If you have questions about the goat project, contact Stephanie Schadt at (920) 285-8079 or [schadt.stephanie@gmail.com](mailto:schadt.stephanie@gmail.com)

### Horse & Pony Project

Watch your emails and the JCHP Facebook page for details about the 2021-2022 4-H year. The next Horse & Pony Committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 3 at 7 pm at the Extension Office.

The JCHP joined together again on March 15th for the Countywide Project meeting. This meeting included a

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speech, poster and photography contest that was judged. Awards will be distributed to the youth during the April JCHP project meeting. Thank you to all the youth that participated in the contest! The next Countywide Project meeting will be Tuesday, April 18 at 7 pm at the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fair Park.

### JCHP T-Shirt Design Contest

JCHP is hosting the 2022 T-Shirt design competition. Youth should submit their sketches and ideas to [JCHPChair@gmail.com](mailto:JCHPChair@gmail.com) before April 15th so the project members can vote on their top choice to proudly wear at the Fair! Voting will take place at the April project meeting on the 19th.

### Vaccination Clinic

The Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for April 9th. There are only a few time slots remaining. If you'd like to participate, please email [JCHPChair@gmail.com](mailto:JCHPChair@gmail.com) to confirm availability of open slots.

### Monday Night Lessons

Monday Night Lessons (MNL) will begin on April 18th starting at 6:30 pm at the outdoor arena at the Jefferson County Fair Park and will continue Monday nights up to the fair dates. A negative Coggins test is required for the horse and there is a \$3/member per Monday night lesson. Watch for sign-up and details! Announcements of cancellation will be made if there is inclement weather.

### Drill Team

Riders interested in participating as part of the JCHP Drill Team should also bring their horses beginning April 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday Night Lessons but at an earlier start time of 5:30 pm to practice.

### Horse Education

Horse Education meets every Tuesday night (except Countywide meeting nights) at the Extension Office at 7 pm. Come out to learn about horses, tack, health and more! This is a great way to build friends and have a lot of fun! Compete against your friends and show off your knowledge!

### Horseless Horse

More events are being planned. If you have not been matched with a buddy yet, please email us!

### JCHP Horse Clinic & Fun Day

An educational 4-H Horse Clinic and fun day is being planned for Sunday, May 29 at the Fair Park. Hold the date and more info will be coming soon.

### JCHP Open Pleasure & Speed Show

JCHP is hosting an Open Pleasure and Speed Show on Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day) at the Fair Park. This show is a key fundraiser for JCHP so plan to attend to either participate in the show or help volunteer. More information will be available soon.

### Horse and Pony Scholarship - Due July 22

The Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Project is offering funding for the Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarship to outstanding Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Members. We are pleased to provide this

scholarship in order to show our appreciation for your accomplishments as a result of your 4-H experiences and to support your future educational goals. For application and information, go to: <https://seam.ly/0wL5B1Vo>

Remember, if you have any questions or suggestions, please drop us an email at: [JCHPChair@gmail.com](mailto:JCHPChair@gmail.com).

### Lego Project

The next Lego Project meeting is scheduled for 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](mailto:eshoop@gmail.com).

### Meat Animal Project

#### Auction at 2022 County Fair:

The 2022 Meat Animal Auction will be run 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](mailto:bbolan@jeffersoncountyiwi.gov), 608-576-7312).

#### Meat Animal 4-H Project Requirement:

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 be effective for the 2022-23 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.

#### YQCA In-Person Training

Jefferson County will be offering 4-H members one more in-person training session.

- Saturday, April 9 at Large Animal Project Learning Day at the Jefferson County Fair Park

Each session will be limited to 50 participants. Sign-up early to ensure your space!

In-person training costs \$3 per individual to complete. Youth must register and pay for YQCA at <http://yqca.org> and follow the step by step instructions. Youth in 4-H must sign in with their 4honline account.

#### MAP Project Learning Day

The MAP Committee is holding an in-person, Project Learning Day on **Saturday, April 9th** from 8-11:20 am at the Jefferson County Fair Park. You must sign up to attend this event! Registration is due April 5th.

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There are four sessions you can attend: sheep, swine, beef and YQCA. You can choose up to three sessions. The first session will begin at 8am, the second at 9:10am and the third session at 10:20am. \*Please note: The YQCA session will only be offered from 10:20am-11:20 am - you MUST sign up for YQCA through <http://yqcaprogram.org/>

To register, please either utilize [this link](#) or [print off the flyer](#) and turn into the Extension Office.

**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 offering monthly LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs this Spring. These are for youth and adults and occur on the second Thursday of the month through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. with a presentation followed by the question-and-answer time.

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 the Extension Office with your point card. These activities can serve as "county educational requirements".

### Sessions being Offered:

- 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](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu).

### Natural Sciences Project

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

All 4-H members and families are welcome to attend any or all meetings, activities and events. The March meeting took a look at insects in gardens and other habitats.

**Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8 pm, at the Extension Office - Celebrating Earth and Arbor Day**  
**RSVP by April 25th to [rwses@idcnet.com](mailto:rwses@idcnet.com) so activity materials will be available**

**This meeting will take a look at what we can do to celebrate and enjoy the many natural critters around us from migrating birds to listing to the chorus frogs. Would you like to plan an adventures of fishing, hiking and biking? April 22 is Earth Day and Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day.** Let's plan a way to celebrate and care for nature at your home or in

a park. We have a wonderful world around us to enjoy as we explore.

**For members in the Fort Atkinson School District there is a great opportunity for you to enter a Backyard Bird Contest.** It is creating a good habitat for birds. The things you would do in this contest would also be things you could use as Fair entries. You may contact Frankie Fuller 608-445-0809 or Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or [rwses@idcnet.com](mailto:rwses@idcnet.com) for an application, rules, and suggestions on Backyard Bird Habitat.

Are you **considering** entering a Natural Science **exhibit at the county fair**? If you, it is time to plan and gather information for your project exhibit. You will need to list Fair Entries **soon**. Look at and **print a copy of Dept 16** rules and entries from the Fair Book online. There are many entries to choose from. Mark your choices on your print out so you are ready to enter them. Also you will have the guidelines to use as you create your exhibit. **Bring this information to the meeting and discuss your ideas or questions.** Or contact me anytime with your questions.

Mark Saturday, **May 7th**, for the next meeting celebrating **International Migratory Bird Day and a Spring Scavenger Hunt at Dorothy Carnes Park.**

If there is any project area you would like help with or to investigate give a call/text or email. Text 920-650-7110 or email Sharon Schweitzer at [rwses@idcnet.com](mailto:rwses@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.**

**Thursday, April 21, 6:30 to 8pm Plants & Soil Sciences**  
**RSVP by Monday April 18.**

**Gardening –Growing Vegetables, Flower & Houseplants to enjoy, eat and exhibit.**

I'm ready for a fresh garden salad. Did anyone start some cold crop spinach or radishes? Or do you have some seeds/plants started for transplanting in May?

If you planted seeds, Are the seeds you planted the varieties discussed as best for growing in Wisconsin? Are they also good ones to exhibit at the Fair? Do you plan to exhibit flowers or vegetables? How many growing days are there before fair?

Do you have or need the answers for these questions?  
**Come, answer these questions and let's learn how to watch our gardens grow and keep our houseplants looking great.**

There is a **UW Garden Fact sheet(XHT1033)Houseplant Care** available at [hort.uwex.edu/articles/houseplant-care/](http://hort.uwex.edu/articles/houseplant-care/).

Check it out and print it for future reference.

**Bring your question for discussion on Growing and Selecting Plants.** Guidelines for purchasing plants will be presented. There will be examples to review and evaluate. Some plant care and possible seed planting or transplanting will be planned. Some Judging and Exhibiting information will be shared in the discussions on growing and caring for your gardens.

In the past newsletters you have been asked to **Download** and/or **Print** your copies of info from the Learning Store ([learningstore.uwex.edu](http://learningstore.uwex.edu)) Look for these; **A1653** Planting Guide, **A3383** Containers, **A2935** Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants and **A3306** Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables. **These have information for good growing practices and what members need to be informed about fair entries.** *Click on View Pdf.*

Also print the pages from the **Fair Book for Dept 14 Plant & Soil Sciences, Dept 15 Flowers, and Dept 17 Cloverbuds(if you have a Cloverbud in the family)** for the area in which you plan to exhibit. The Fair Book is now online at the Fair Park website. Put your information in a folder for project reference.

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 18th**, so materials will be available when you attend. If you would like more info text or email Sharon, 920-650-7110 or [rwes@idcnet.com](mailto:rwes@idcnet.com).

*Questions: Call/text Sharon at 920-650-7110 or email [rwes@idcnet.com](mailto: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 next Rabbit Project meeting is on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Activity Center. Project members will learn about diseases and different breeds of rabbits. Other meetings currently set are: 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 Project is on the move again! We will be re-locating from the Fort Library to the Jefferson Library over the Easter season. We are also planning a launch party on April 23rd, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please look to the weekly newsletter for final location or check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Jefferson4HRocketry>

It is a public site. No need to join Facebook to follow us!

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



From left to right -- Miles Ficenc, Michael Wilson, Roald Ager, and Noah Hudson working on rockets at a recent Project meeting.

## Shooting Sports

Congratulations to all the Archers that completed the County Competition. It was a great and successful season.

### **Outdoor Shooting Sports:**

- **Sunday Meetings:** Held April 3-June 20 at the Watertown Conservation Club at N8898 County Road E in Watertown from 2-4 pm. Project members for shotgun and 22lr rifle must be at least 12 years old and have obtained their hunter safety certificate. Air rifle and shotgun will start at 2 pm followed by air pistol and 22lr rifle.
- **Monday Meetings:** Held April 4-June 19 from 6 pm until dark at the Oconomowoc Sportsmans Club, N5799 Mill Road in Sullivan. Project members for shotgun and 22lr rifle must be at least 12 years old and have obtained their hunter safety certificate.

Remember to dress for the weather as it is outside and bring shooting mats and safety glasses.

**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](mailto:jeffersonwi4hshootingssports@gmail.com)

## **LEADER NEWS**

### **Leader's Board Meeting**

The next Leader's Board meeting is Thurs., April 21 at 7 pm.

### **Leader's Association Meeting**

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. 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!

### **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!

## OLDER MEMBERS

### Junior Leaders

The next Jr. Leaders Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm at the Extension 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](mailto:jakewith07@yahoo.com).

### 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 [Jefferson County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days – Extension Jefferson County](#). Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2022.

For any questions on the application process, please email [kbroedlow@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:kbroedlow@jeffersoncountywi.gov).

### Scott Skalitzky Memorial Scholarship

For more information go to: <https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/01/Scott-E-Skalitzky-Memorial-Scholarship.pdf>

## CLUB NEWS



### Farmington All Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met March 1 at the Farmington Town Hall.

Michael Wilson and Noah Hudson gave a presentation on the rocketry project and the Team America Rocketry Competition.

In new business, the club scheduled a blanket tying community service project for Project Linus March 6 and a club project night March 18.

Upcoming events include a roadside cleanup set for April 23 and a Farmington fields cleanup set May 14. A new coordinator is needed for the July dairy drive.

The next meeting will take place April 12 at the town hall, due to elections using the town hall space the week before.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter

### Jefferson Boosters

We started the March 13, 2022 meeting with our meeting pledges. In old business, the club reflected upon our March trip to Springs Waterpark in Waukesha, WI. Then the club talked about taking our farm and pet animals to Alden Estates this spring. We chose the date of April 30, 2022. After the meeting was adjourned, Niya, Joey S., and Breanna B. had demonstrations. Niya gave a presentation on Diamond Dots, Joey discussed showing a cat at fair, and Breanna made Fresh Salsa for all members to try.

- Joe Ebel, 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](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com).

### 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

4-H Needs YOU to be YOU

Have you heard about Chris Clover and the Wisconsin 4-H Movement? Hopefully, you have and are ready to join in on Chris Clover's next adventure. This time it's all about YOU. We hope you'll help us learn something new through the "We Want You To Be You Shirt Design Challenge."

### The Challenge

We're excited to learn about what is important to YOU in this new challenge. We hope you'll help us by designing a shirt for

Chris Clover so we can share with everyone else! [Find more information here!](#)

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

### 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.

Activities Include: High / Low Ropes Course, NASA Simulators, Russian Language Lessons, Scuba Diving, Fighter Jet Simulators, Advanced Rocketry, Meeting NASA Engineers, Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training, STEM Challenges, Simulated Space Mission, International Space, etc.

**Grades:** 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2023

**Dates:** January 21—27, 2023

**Location:** US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

**Cost:** \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

**Lodging:** Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

**Meals:** All meals will be included in the price.

**Transportation:** Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

**Registration:** July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

**More information:** Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or [joshua.goede@wisc.edu](mailto:joshua.goede@wisc.edu)

### 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!

## JEFFERSON CO. 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](mailto:info@jcfairpark.com)

**Jefferson County Fair Park Website:**

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

## 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.

### Community Marks the Spot Service Learning Activity Plan

Place-based projects are hands-on, real-world learning experiences. They help youth:

- Connect with their community.
- Appreciate the natural world.
- See themselves as active contributing citizens.
- Do better in school.

In this project, youth will plan a non-competitive game that takes players to different locations around their community, like a scavenger hunt. The locations they choose will highlight a special theme the youth want to learn more about, strengthening their sense of belonging. Through the game, players will go on a fun adventure to explore the community.

The full activity plan includes an overview of the whole project as well as separate instructions for different parts of the project:

- Pick a theme
- Brainstorm locations
- Design the game
- Research locations
- Lay out the game – visually
- Pilot test and revise
- Promote the game

**How to Get More Info:**

Visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/community-marks-the-spot-activity-plan/> to download the plan, see what others have shared, and get questions answered!

## 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.



## 4-H Science Explorers

Exploring science career paths with YOUTH.

A True, Fair, Safe, & Fun 4-H County Partnership



# Scientists Live!

Are you in high school? Enjoy science?  
Considering careers for your future?

Grab your lunch, and learn about a variety of careers directly from the scientists doing them. Interact virtually!

**Wednesdays—Starting March 2** (5 weeks)

Participate in as many or as few of the sessions as you'd like based on your interests.

**Register** at: [go.wisc.edu/6te295](https://go.wisc.edu/6te295)

A Zoom link will be sent via email after registration.

Participation is **free**.

Educators may register their classrooms or groups using the same link.

**12:00 PM-**  
**12:30 PM CT**

Please register at least 24 hours before the first session you plan to attend.



Invited scientists will be from a variety of fields, including: **Food Safety**, **Precision Agriculture**, **Biotechnology**, and more. See the evolving list of confirmed speakers at: <https://go.wisc.edu/89omcv>.

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