



4-H Family Newsletter

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Jefferson County 4-H Program

Jefferson County 4-H Poster and Speech Contest

Theme: Careers that Grow!

Speech Contest: Thursday, May 19

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.



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

March 2022

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
1		JCHP Ambassador Applications Due!	Extension Office
		JCHP Cheese Sale Forms Due	Extension Office
	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension Office
3	7 pm	Junior Leaders	Extension Office
	7 pm	Horse and Pony Committee	Extension Office
5	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
6	4:30 pm	Archery	Rapids Archery, Jefferson
7	6 pm	Archery	Watertown Archers, Watertown
	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
8	5:30 pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension Office
11	6 pm	JCHP Final Tack Sale Planning Meeting	Extension Office
12	8 am	UW Meats Lab Field Trip	
	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
13	4:30 pm	Archery - 4-H Shoot	Rapids Archery, Jefferson
14	6 pm	Archery - 4-H Shoot	Watertown Archers, Watertown
	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
15		2022 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due	
		Compeer Financial Scholarship Due	
		4-H Newsletter Items Due	Extension Office
	6 pm	Cloverbud Project Meeting	Extension Office
	6 pm	YQCA Training (Must be pre-registered)	Extension Office
	7 pm	JCHP Countywide Project Meeting	Fair Park Activity Center
16		4-H Leaders Association Scholarship Due	Extension Office
17	6:30 pm	Leaders Association Meeting	Extension Office
	6:30 pm	Rabbit Project Meeting	Fair Park Activity Center
18		James Crowley Award Applications Due	Extension Office
19		Set Up for JCHP Tack Sale	Fair Park
	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
20	9 am	JCHP Tack Sale	Fair Park
	4:30 pm	Archery - 4-H Shoot	Rapids Archery, Jefferson
21	6 pm	Archery - 4-H Shoot	Watertown Archers, Watertown
	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
22	7 pm	Junior Leaders	Extension Office
	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension Office
26	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson
28	6 pm	Archery	Watertown Archers, Watertown
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	6 pm	Meats Judging Team Practice	Extension Office
	6 pm	Dairy Educational Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dairy Committee Meeting	Extension Office
29	7 pm	Horse Education	Extension Office

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 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 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 are:

- **Creative Crafts: Weaving and Dyeing** - Tuesday, March 15, 2022– 6-6:45 pm
- **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: ([register](#)).

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

Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting is on March 28 at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Dairy Spotlight: The Dairy Committee would like to see EVERY dairy youth do a dairy spotlight this year. Please go to the Dairy Facebook page for more information and watch your emails!

Educational Presentation: A dairy educational presentation will be held at 6 p.m. prior to the committee meeting in March. Information will be posted on Facebook as we get closer to the date.

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

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

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

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 Ksicinski (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.

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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 next Countywide Project meeting will be Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fair Park. ****Notice time change! The Poster and Speech Contest will immediately follow the meeting.**

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

Horseless horse members were invited to participate in a hands on skills clinic on February 12. Youth were able to learn basic horse care and handling skills. More events are being planned. If you have not been matched with a buddy yet, please email us!

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

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>

Lego Project

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.

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@jeffersoncountymi.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 two in-person training sessions.

- Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office
- 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.

UW-Meats Lab Tour

On Saturday, March 12, the Meat Animal Project Educational Committee is offering a field trip for current members and parents to tour the new Meats Lab on UW-Madison Campus. Join the Meat Animal Project as we travel to Madison via bus to tour the new Meats Lab on the UW-Madison Campus. **Registrations due Monday, February 28!**

Meet at the Extension Office at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. Bus will leave at 8:15 a.m. Approximate return time between Noon and 1 p.m. ****We are hoping to stop for Babcock ice cream and tour the Dairy Center if possible. Money will be needed to purchase your individual ice cream.****

This event does fulfill the carcass point requirement to be in good standing in the 4-H Program to be able to sell an animal in the Meat Animal Auction at the Jefferson County Fair in July 2022.

To register, go to <https://forms.gle/hLXzyX68rwewfoHq5> and complete the google form. Please do so ASAP so we can determine final numbers for transportation!

Upcoming Events:

- 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

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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:

- 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

All 4-H members and families are welcome to attend any or all meetings, activities and events. The January and February meetings were about project activity possibilities, adventure plans, identifying tracks and habitats. Anyone in Plant Projects is especially invited to this March meeting as it will look at insects in gardens and more.

The next Natural Sciences Project meeting (**Good Bugs, Bad Bugs - Pollinators - Insect life Cycles**) is on Thursday, March 31 from 6:30-8 pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by Monday, March 28 to rwses@idcnet.com so materials can be prepared.

The meeting will be taking a look at insects in our gardens, flower beds and prairies. Learn how they are beneficial and which ones damage plant life that provide our food, give us beauty or provide shade and shelter.

Taking a look at the insects life cycle will help us understand how to control the bad ones and help the good ones. How many good ones can you name or recognize as pollinators?

To support beneficial insects we call pollinators, we will talk about planting native plants or creating wildflower gardens. If interested in seeing what native or wildflowers might be available check out the Native Plant Sale by the Land Trust Network. See an order form and information about how the sale helps Jefferson County on their website,

www.landtrustnetwork.org There are several other organizations planning spring plants sales. Some nurseries also have native plants.

Bring any questions you have for Natural Science projects. Share ideas. Discuss exhibits. **Natural Science members can** review all the possible fair entries listed in the **Jefferson County Fair Book. Print Dept 16**, (note Division G is Outdoor Adventures, Div I is Hunting & Wildlife Management and Div J is All Other). Each Division has specific guidelines to follow. See how you can exhibit a geology entry or one on the life cycle of an insect or what it takes to make an insect collection. Put these pages in a folder for reference as you consider creating fair entries.

Questions: **Call/text Sharon at 920-650-7110 or email 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.

All 4-H members and families are welcome to attend any or all meetings, activities and events for learning experiences.

The next Plants & Soils project meeting is on Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by Monday, March 21 to rwses@idcnet.com so project materials can be prepared. The meeting topic & activity will be: **Gardening: Vegetables and Flowers.**

At the January and February meetings, information was shared for choosing and planning your projects. Did you make a list of plants and seeds you are interested in growing? Did you check on the 3 things houseplants need to grow well? These will be reviewed before discussing gardening with vegetables and flowers. Did you do the winter sowing activity?

Also, do you have copies of the following. They can be downloaded and printed from the Learning Store (learningstore.uwex.edu). *Click on View Pdf. Then print.* Look for these; A1653 Planting Guide, A3383 Containers, A2935 Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants and A3306 Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables. These have the information members need to be informed about for growing plants or making fair entries.

Lets look at your Plants and Soils project. Bring and ask your questions, share about your house plants or the vegetables and flowers you would like to grow.

For gardening, we can plan and **choose what** vegetables and flowers are said to **grow best in Wisconsin** and make good exhibits. Information is available on seeds/plants, planting, and fair selections. The **A1653 Planting Guide**, **A2935 Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants** and **A3306**

Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables will be of great help.

Growing **wildflowers** or creating a Wildflower Garden may be included in project choices. We can also talk about planting a wildflower garden to help pollinators. One place to check out what wildflowers or native plants might be available is the Native Plant Sale by the Land Trust Network. See an order form and information about how the sale helps Jefferson County on their website, www.landtrustrnetwork.org. Other organizations and nurseries will be having sales also. Wildflowers are also a project area under Natural Sciences.

You are also invited to the Natural Science March 24th meeting on Good Bugs-Bad Bugs. The meeting will be taking a look at insects in our gardens, flower beds and prairies.

Questions: **Call/text Sharon at 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 next Rabbit Project meeting is on Thursday, March 17 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: 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

On Saturday, February 5, the Rocketry Project met at the Dwight Foster Public Library. Meetings occur every Saturday. Seven attended, three adults. Two from the TARC Team were there. Some building, some talking.

We briefly discussed joining the NAR for a launch at the Bong Recreational Center on Saturday, February 19, 2022 and/or on Sunday morning, February 20, 2022 at Johonson Creek behind the Outlet Mall. We can buy just about any motor we might use at the Bong Launch, making TARC rocket testing much simpler. Final plans on that at next week's meeting.

"While the Glue Dries," was about Descriptive Geometry. This math involves finding the shapes and sizes needed for parts by using the information one has, geometry, and (usually) simple mechanical drawings. "Math" often scares people, but it is really simpler than it sounds.

BTW: You may join the Aerospace Project by March 1 at 4H Online to compete at the fair. You are welcome to join us at the meetings after that, but the focus will be on the TARC team and the fair.

See you next Saturday.

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. 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:

The County Competition for archery will be on March 13 and 20 at Rapids Archery in Jefferson and on March 14 and 21 at Watertown Archers. The sign up sheet will be available at practice or you may contact me via email at jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com for a spot. Good luck to everyone!

Outdoor Shooting Sports:

- **Safety Meeting:** The Safety meeting is on March 27 at 2p.m at the Oconomowoc Sportsmans Club. **Note: Any youth using their own equipment should bring their equipment with them to the safety meeting so that it can be inspected for the season.**
- **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.

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 jeffersonwi4hshootingports@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, March 17 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!

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!

OLDER MEMBERS

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!](#)

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@jeffersoncountymi.gov.

Compeer Financial Scholarship—Due March 15

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!](#)

Scott Skaltzky Memorial Scholarship

For more information go to:

<https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/01/Scott-E-Skaltzky-Memorial-Scholarship.pdf>

CLUB NEWS

Farmington All Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met Feb. 1 at the Farmington Town Hall. The club discussed a number of upcoming activities.

A tentative date of March 9 has been chosen for the "Project Linus" tie-blanket making activity for charity. No time has yet been announced.

Tentative dates have been set for the roadside cleanup April 23 and the Farmington Fields cleanup May 14. Club members were invited to volunteer for the Jefferson County Dairy breakfast, which will take place June 4 and the Watertown Agribusiness Club's Dairy Breakfast June 18 and 19.

A tentative date has been set for a project night March 19, at which members will be able to give presentations and/or lead activities about the projects they're involved in.

Other upcoming events include a May game night.

The next club meeting will be March 1 at the Farmington Town Hall. The April meeting has been moved to April 12 instead of the first week in April, because the town hall needs the space for elections on April 5.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter

Jefferson Boosters

The Jefferson Boosters 4-H Club met February 6, 2022. We started the meeting by reflecting on what we learned at the November 29, 2022 Officer Training webinar as well as how our snowman creations are holding up in downtown Jefferson. We then discussed what we would like to do for a winter fun party idea. The club chose to go to Country Springs Water Park sometime in March 2022.

At the end of the meeting Ellie Ebel, Joe Ebel, Henry Ebel, and Danny Ellifson each did a demonstration on a skill or project. Ellie Ebel put together Mexican Rollups, Joe Ebel explained how to make catfish bait, Henry Ebel brought in his chicken named "Bob" and identified the parts of a chicken, and Danny Ellifson discussed the parts of a bow and the function of each part. Finally, as a community service project, the 4-H members created Valentine's cards that would be delivered to a nursing home in Fort Atkinson.

- Joe Ebel, Reporter

editing) with up to three sentences of why it's special to them. Deadline to submit an image is 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will review all submissions, provide feedback and select the top images for special awards. All submissions will be entered into a prize drawing. Submitted images will be featured in a digital slideshow shared with participants and posted on Minnesota 4-H's Facebook and YouTube channels.

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 challenges youth to submit their best shot

This latest photography challenge, sponsored by Minnesota 4-H, is open to youth across the Midwest. Youth are encouraged to use their photography skills and creativity to capture their best shot.

Youth as young as kindergarten are welcome to join the challenge. This is a great first experience for people who are new to 4-H. Learn more and register for the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" photo contest on the Minnesota 4-H photography webpage: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#)

"Photography is about capturing a moment in time," said Julia Nilles, a 4-H'er from Lincoln County, Minn. and past challenge participant. "I love that 4-H photo challenges give me a reason to go out and take pictures of things. As the saying goes, practice makes perfect, so by having a reason to go take more photos, I can improve my photography skills."

Once registered for the challenge, youth can experiment with photography elements to create stunning photographs. On-demand lessons are available on the Minnesota 4-H photography project page, including how angles, light and composition to enhance your photography.

Youth may submit their favorite photo (with no or minimal

4-H photography is a youth development offering of the University of Minnesota Extension. Learn more at: <https://z.umn.edu/4h-photography>.

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](#)

**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!**

[Calendar](#). Dates are being added, changed, or cancelled all the time. Watch the calendar for updates!

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

4-H PROGRAM DIRECTORY

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Name	Club	Phone
Jessica Pfeifer, President	Stable Stompers	920-285-0513
Alyssa Jaquith, Past President	Stone School	920-723-9039
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Youth Director, vacant		

Countywide Project Leaders

Project	Name	Phone
Cats	Emilie Shoop	309-473-3083
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Dairy	Bill Uecker	920-285-9125
Dogs	Kate Anderson	920-728-3614
Foods	Monica Gerner	920-723-2663
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Junior Leaders	Alyssa Jaquith	920-723-9039
Lego	Emilie Shoop	309-473-3083
Meat Animal Project	Justin Thom	262-490-1313
Plant & Natural Sciences	Sharon Schweitzer	920-650-7110
Photography		
Poultry		
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