



Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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May Events!

- Dairy Farm Tour | May 13 | Various Farms
- Poster & Speech Contest | May 18 | Extension Office
- Livestock Project Learning Day | May 21 | Fair Park
- JCHP Youth Clinic | May 28 | Fair Park
- JCHP Open Pleasure & Speed Show | May 29 | Fair Park
- For more information on these events check out the project sections in this newsletter!



POSTER & SPEECH C O N T E S T

MAY 18 | EXTENSION OFFICE

THEME: WHAT DOES ART MEAN TO YOU?

Poster Contest: All Posters due to the Extension Office by May 11.
4-H youth, leaders & clubs may participate.

Speech Contest: Registration required by May 11
<https://forms.gle/2U2SNVFzr2RyrJpL9>

Find more information here!

May 2023 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
May 1	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .22 pistol, muzzleloader, 3D Archery	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
May 1	5:30pm	JCHP Drill Team (No Horses)	Fair Park
May 1	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 1	6:30pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons (No Horses)	Fair Park
May 1	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 2	6:00pm	Horse Judging & Hippology	Extension Office
May 2	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office
May 4	6:30pm	Poultry Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 7	1:30pm	YQCA	Extension Office
May 7	2:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, .22 rifle	Watertown Conservation Club
May 8	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .22 pistol, muzzleloader, 3D Archery	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
May 8	5:30pm	JCHP Drill Team	Fair Park
May 8	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 8	6:30pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
May 8	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 9	7:00pm	Livestock Committee Meeting	Extension Office
May 11		Posters Due to Extension Office for Contest	
May 11	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 12		Dairy Project Scholarships Due to Extension	
May 13		Dairy Farm Tour	
May 14	2:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, .22 rifle	Watertown Conservation Club
May 15		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn	
May 15	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .22 pistol, muzzleloader, 3D Archery	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
May 15	5:30pm	JCHP Drill Team	Fair Park
May 15	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 15	6:30pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
May 15	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 16	5:30pm	Cat Project Meeting	Fair Park
May 16	7:00pm	JCHP Countywide Project Meeting	Fair Park
May 18	TBD (evening)	Poster & Speech Contest	Extension Office
May 18	6:30pm	Leaders Association Meeting	Extension Office
May 21		Livestock Project Learning Day	Fair Park
May 21	2:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, .22 rifle	Watertown Conservation Club
May 22	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .22 pistol, muzzleloader, 3D Archery	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
May 22	5:30pm	JCHP Drill Team	Fair Park
May 22	6:00pm	Cloverbud Project Meeting	Fair Park
May 22	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 22	6:30pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
May 22	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
May 23	6:00pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 23	7:00pm	Junior Leaders Meeting	Extension Office
May 25	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 28		JCHP Clinic	
May 29		Extension Office Closed	
May 29		JCHP Open Show	Fair Park

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 upcoming meetings will be held at 5:30pm at the Fair Park on May 16 and June 20. Bring your cat if you are able.

If you have questions about the cat project, contact Emilie Shoop at eshoop@gmail.com.

Cloverbud Project

Are you in 5K-2nd grade and interested in seeing what 4-H is all about? Join our Cloverbud Project! We will explore different areas of what 4-H has to offer.

The next Cloverbud Meeting is May 22 at 6:00pm at the Jefferson County Fair Park (Sheep Barn). If you are new to 4-H and the Cloverbud Project please contact the office if you are interested in attending the meeting(s). REGISTRATION is REQUIRED. Call the office to register.

The final meeting for this 4-H year will be held:

- May 22, 2023 - 6:00pm - Jefferson County Fair Park - Sheep Barn

Cloverbud Day Camp

Join us on Friday, June 16 from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Jefferson County Extension Office to Explore 4-H!

The cost is \$20. Snacks will be provided. Registration is due May 26! [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Questions? Reach out to Extension office at 920-674-7295.

Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting will be held on May 22 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Dairy Youth Scholarship: The Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee annually offers two (2) scholarships to Dairy Youth in 4-H/FFA in the amount of \$500 each to be used for further education in a technical or college degree (any major). Scholarships are open to all dairy youth in Jefferson County who have been in the project for at least two years. Each recipient will receive their check after their first semester college transcript has been presented to the Dairy Committee that achieved a minimum of 2.0 GPA. The winners will be announced at the Jefferson County Fair. The 2023 scholarship is due to the Extension Office on Friday, May 12, 2023 by 4 p.m. You can find the [scholarship application here!](#) For questions, please contact Bill Uecker at 920-253-9398.

Dairy Farm Tour: On Saturday, May 13, 2023 (8:30 AM til 2:30 PM) the Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee is hosting a dairy tour for all 4-H members to see the progression of the Dairy Industry by touring three farm operations in our Area. The tour is open to all 4-H members and parents/guardians in Jefferson County. We must have a minimum of 10-15 people. Transportation for the event TBD

based on amount of interest. The first farm will be visiting is Norm and Joyce Uglow, just west of Watertown. This small family-run, traditional farm will showcase their Brown Swiss herd that is milked in a Tie Stall barn. The next farm that we will stop at is the Never Rest Dairy Farm owned by Troy and Ashley Schlender. Here, you will be able to see a larger scale Dairy that uses Robots to milk the cows. The Third and Final Stop will be at Crave Brothers Farm in Waterloo WI. At this farm you will see a very large dairy that milks its cows on a large carousel Parlor. This dairy will showcase its sustainability with its methane digester and the farms vertical integration with using their milk to make cheese across the road from the Dairy. Please dress for the weather and farmyard conditions. **Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 7, 2023.** To register, go to <https://forms.gle/TxQkbJNugzDDmYyx6>

Dive Into Dairy Showing Event: Saturday, June 10th – Sunday, June 11th at the Jefferson County Fair Park. Join the Jefferson County 4-H Dairy Committee for a two-day dairy project learning event! The activities will simulate exhibiting at the County Fair. See the attached flyer for more details! You must pre-register for this event! Questions?? Please reach out to Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee, Zach Tolzman 608.642.1400 or Bill Uecker at 920.285.9125. If you have any questions about the Dairy Project, contact Bill Uecker at (920) 285-9125.

Dog Project

The upcoming Dog Project Meetings in May are as follow:

- New Members/Dogs - 6pm - May 1, 8, 15, 22
- Returning Members/Dogs - 7pm - May 1, 8, 15, 22

In case of bad weather and we cancel the meeting, it will be on our Facebook page (Jefferson Co. 4H Dog Project) and emailed to your 4-H listed email account. Please like our Facebook page; most updates are posted on this page.

If you have questions about the dog project, contact Kate Anderson at (920) 723-3614 or 2mtmanderson@gmail.com.

Horse & Pony Project

The next **Horse & Pony Committee** meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

The **next Horse Judging & Hippology** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

The next **JCHP Countywide Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm at the Fair Park Activity Center. That evening there will be a presentation by DRAW (distance riding association of Wisconsin). In addition, there will be a used horse "gear" and clothing giveaway, so if you have some outgrown show clothes, horsey tees and hoodies, or anything horse related to pass on, please bring it that evening to add to the giveaway!

PROJECT NEWS

Drill Team will start May 1 and be held weekly (weather and attendance permitting) at 5:30pm at the Fair Park.

Monday Night Lessons will start May 1 and be held weekly (weather and attendance permitting) at 6:30pm at the Fair Park.

Clinic & Pot Luck Social: This will be held on Sunday, May 28 at the Fair Park. Further information will be emailed out for sign ups. Watch the website and Facebook for info!

Open Pleasure & Speed Show: This will be held on Monday, May 29 at the Fair Park. The Open Pleasure Show will start at 8:00am and the Open Speed Show will start at 10:00am. To reserve stalls or camping spaces, use the form on the JCHP Website, www.JCHP-wi.org

If you have questions about the horse project, contact the JCHP Committee at jchpchair@gmail.com.

Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting is May 23 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office.

If you have questions about the Lego project, contact Cheryl Mierendorf at 920-723-5138 or candshorsemanship@yahoo.com

Livestock Project

Includes: beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine.

Upcoming Events:

- **May 7 - YQCA Class**—1:30 p.m. at the Extension Office
- **May 21** - Join us for a fun-filled hands on learning opportunity presented by the Jefferson County Livestock Committee at **Livestock Project Learning Day** which will be held at the Jefferson County Fair Park from 9:00am-3:00pm. It will be a full day of sessions whether you are brand new or experience. All species will be represented. We look forward to seeing you there. [Sign up here!](#)
- **June 10 & 11 - Dairy Project Learning Day.** It will be a two-day event (Saturday and Sunday) at the Jefferson County Fair Park. Please watch your newsletter and emails for additional information as the details are finalized.

Natural Sciences Project

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

Two Natural Science Activities are scheduled for May.

- **Saturday, May 6: 11am Birding; 1pm Ecosystems/ Scavenger Hunt.** Activities are held at Dorothy Carnes County Park, West Unit. Please **RSVP by May 4th.**
- **Date to be announced: Bees and Beekeeping Meeting Activity** will be held with the Twin Rivers 4-H Club. A look at Native Bees and the care of Honeybees will be presented. Date & Details will be shared in the Clover Connection.

It was hard to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day in April's wintry weather. Spring is now appearing, and Nature is popping. So let's celebrate and acknowledge Earth Day and Arbor Day with some Natural Science activities.

Dorothy Carnes Park offers a great opportunity to explore and gain information for Natural Science projects. You can have an adventure, watch wildlife, ID prairie flowers or see how plants and animals live together. Bring a picnic lunch and come enjoy the birding activities and the ecosystems scavenger hunt on May 6th.

Birding Activities are planned for Saturday, May 6. Meet at 11 am for an hour of bird watching, listening and ID. This is open to all 4-H members. Come and enjoy!

Or you can visit Dorothy Carnes Park anytime during the day to **Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day** with the Friends of Rose Lake. They will be holding a **Dawn to Dusk Birding Sit-In.** Everyone is welcome to take part any time during the day for as long as you would like. Take a snack or drink if you choose. It will be held **on the deck on the park's west side.** In the past years 60 to 70 species of birds have been heard or seen at the Birding Sit-In. This event is a great opportunity to observe a wide variety of birds with help of other birders. **Spring migration** will be in full swing as birds come back to Wisconsin or passing through going on north.

Explore Ecosystems at 1pm while at the Park. **Do a scavenger hunt** as you hike one of the trails watching for the spring flowers or looking for animals in treetops or in the undergrowth. Bring a pair of binoculars, your camera, notepad and pencil to list what you see and capture with pictures. Record details for the Natural Science project you enjoy and choose to tell others about.

Rose Lake is the lake within the park. It provides water, giving support to the migrating birds and homes to others. Amphibians and other wildlife call it home too. The lake is surrounded by plant and animal ecosystems making it a special Jefferson County Park. The Scavenger Hunt information will also be available from members of Rose Lake Friends.

Directions to Dorothy Carnes County Park, West Unit from the Hwy 26 Bypass take Hwy 12 West from Fort Atkinson to Radloff Road. Follow signs to Dorothy Carnes County Park. There is a sign for the park on Hwy 12.

Other available activities:

- **May 12-14: Horicon Marsh Bird Festival.** Marsh-wide event. See full schedule of events at www.horiconmarsh.org for more details and for various other programs.
- **June 3-4: Wisconsin Free Fishing Days.** Go to dnr.wisconsin.gov for free Fishing Weekend dates and information. Watch for scheduled activities for Jefferson County or your community for June. Also check out [dnr.wisconsin.gov>adventure>freefun](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/adventure/freefun) for Free Fun Weekend for other activities.

Natural Science related opportunities start at home. They may be inside relating to the materials you use and how you

manage them. Or outside your door, down the street or road, in the fields or parks. We have a wonderful world. Let's enjoy and take care of it.

If there is any project area you would like help with or to investigate give a call/text or email anytime. Call 920-650-7110 or email Sharon Schweitzer at rwes@idcnet.com.

Plants & Soils Project

Plant & Soils Projects include these project areas – Crops, Vegetables, Flowers, Houseplants and Plant Crafts.

In the plant meetings we have discussed the plants you like and learned what they need to be healthy. You learn about garden seeds that do best with the Wisconsin growing season. You made a list of vegetables to grow and planned to purchase the seeds. Now it's time to plant those seeds in the garden and the seedlings you have been growing or purchasing.

For early harvesting or if you plan to exhibit vegetables or flowers at the Fair, you will need to count the days until Fair and plan to give them growing time. **You also need to consider the weather and soil conditions.** Will it **frost** and is the **soil warm** enough for seeds to start growing. **Review the A1653 Planting Guide or download A1989 The Vegetable Garden** by Harrison.

Help tender plants acclimate to the weather. Use *“hot caps”* or **covers** for them. You can **make covers** from large soda bottles or milk jugs. Cut the bottom off the bottle or jug and remove the lid. You can **place these over the plants** to protect them from frost or wind. **Remove them** on very warm/hot days. **Replace it** at night so the plants don't get cooked from the heat of the day but stay warm at night. **Use a “row cover”** for new plants growing from seeds you planted. Check out row covers and how and when to use them. They may help you have a successful garden.

Plant healthy plants. Use **clean tools** and **limit fertilizer** to seedlings until several true leaves have developed. New plants are tender and need **careful handling.** **Watch their growth** for damping off. **Damping-Off** is a common disease of seedlings where stems are affected by fungi causing stems to rot and not able to support the seedling. They are fungus or mold that thrive in **cool, wet conditions.** Don't overwater and have **good drainage.** Also keep the seedlings at a **warm temperature.** Before planting seeds **outdoors, wait** until garden soil has reached the **best temperature** for germination. That temperature **varies** depending on the plant. Mature plants can also be affected with crown rot. The **University of Wisconsin Garden Facts XHT1124 (Damping-Off), is a good resource.** It's available at <https://pddc.wisc.edu/fact-sheet-listing-all/>

When we purchase plants, we need to **know** what the plant is supposed to look like. Look them over and **be choosy.** **Inspect the plant** carefully for signs of bugs, slugs or disease. Look on both sides of the leaves. Also **examine the roots.** Buy healthy plants.

Remember the importance of **plant rotation** of our garden vegetables. **Use your garden plan/map.** The University of Wisconsin Garden Facts **XHT1210 Using Crop Rotation in the Home Vegetable Garden** has helpful information. Find it at <https://pddc.wisc.edu/fact-sheet-listing-all/>

Also, **look up the Guide 3384-Specialized Gardening Techniques: Wide-Row Planting, Square Foot Gardening and Raised Beds.** It may give you **help** in developing this year's **garden plan.** Or review **A3382 Containers,** and **A3383 Mulches for Home Gardens and Plantings,** from the learningstore.uwex.edu.

If you are considering exhibiting, plan ahead. The Fair Book is online at www.jcfairpark.com **Look at and print a copy of Dept 14 & 15 rules and entries.** Mark the entries you will do. **The deadline is June 1st for completing your entries online.** Print a copy of your entries so you can check them to be correct and can refer to them when taking them in for **judging in July.**

Check for updates for exhibiting and information on schedules. Watch the Weekly Clover Connection for any information and check the [InFAIRmation Update](#) from the Jefferson County Fair.

Keep **A2935 Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants** and **A3306 Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables handy to use for information for good growing practices and exhibiting fair entries.** Make a card for each entry, listing the details for that entry and use the card as you prepare your exhibit. Take it to the Fair with you for a reference as you talk to the judge. ***Note rule #5 under Dept 15 asks for a note card identifying plants and flowers being exhibited.***

If you have questions about these projects, contact Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or rwes@idcnet.com.

Poultry Project

The next Poultry Project meeting is May 4 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

Poultry and eggs exhibited at fairs or poultry shows must show that they participate in one of the following:

- National Poultry Improvement Plan program. Provide documentation to the exhibition of your NPIP flock certification.
- Wisconsin Tested Flock. Provide documentation to the exhibition that your entire flock of sexually mature birds tested negative for pullorum-typhoid and, in the case of turkeys, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, on a Wisconsin Tested Flock form. A sexually mature bird is a bird over 4 months old; with turkeys, it is a bird over 6 months old. The Wisconsin Tested Flock form is valid one year from the date that tests were conducted.
- Wisconsin Associate Flock. Provide to the exhibition your Wisconsin Associate Flock form and supporting proof of purchase (e.g., invoice) showing that all of the birds or bird eggs in the flock were acquired directly from a flock enrolled under the NPIP, Wisconsin Tested Flock or Wisconsin Associate Flock.
- Test poultry individually using the Individual Poultry Test Report form. Provide documentation to the exhibition that your individual sexually mature birds tested negative for pullorum-typhoid and, in the case of turkeys, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, within the preceding 90 days, and there has been no change of ownership of any birds since the completion of testing. A sexually mature bird is a bird over 4 months old; with turkeys, it is a bird over 6 months old. Testing for purposes of a fair or poultry show shall be

completed before the birds arrive at the event.

A Jefferson County 4-H Poultry Project Pullorum-typhoid testing clinic will be held on **Saturday June 17, 2023 8am-10am** location TBD. Please save the date and plan to attend if you need your chickens tested for the fair. This clinic will be free of charge to all Jefferson County 4-H Poultry Project members.

If you are unable to attend this clinic please check the DATCP website <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/PullorumTesters.pdf> for a list of testers. Please keep in mind the testers on the list may not be available to test private flocks and will likely charge for testing.

If you have questions about the poultry project, contact Joy Brattlie at 608-220-3933.

Rocketry

The rocketry (aerospace) project will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office (March-May). The project meetings in May will be held on May 11 and May 25.

Youth must be able to safely use an X-Acto knife or be accompanied by an adult who will assist the youth with cutting rocket parts.

In addition to making rockets from kits, youth also will have the opportunity to make rockets from scratch. The rocketry project is seeking donations of Pringles cans, sturdy cardboard tubes longer than 9 inches (such as aluminum foil tubes), and balsa wood.

For more information, contact Roald Ager-Hart or Brett Hart at 920-674-4963.

Shooting Sports

All youth in the Shooting Sports project – specifically archery – should have received an email regarding shooting sports dates. If you didn't receive an email, please send an email to jeffersonwi4hshootingsports@gmail.com

Outdoor Shooting Sports

Air rifle, air pistol, shotgun and .22 rifle will be held on Sundays from 2pm-4pm in at the Watertown Conservation Club. Meetings in May will be held on: May 7, 14, 21—NO practice on May 28.

.22 pistol, muzzleloader and 3D archery will be held on Mondays at 5:00pm at the Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club. Meetings in May will be held on: May 8, 15, 22 —NO practice on May 29.

If you have questions about the shooting sports project, contact David Saxby at jeffersonwi4hshootingsports@gmail.com

LEADER NEWS

Leader's Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board meeting is Thursday, June 15 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, May 18 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. 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

Watch your email for information on the next Jr. Leaders meeting!

Junior Leaders is for youth in 6th -12th grades. Any 4-H member in those grades is welcome to join our group!

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

CLUB NEWS

Duck Creek

On Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 Duck Creek 4H had its meeting at Watertown Bowl and we did bowling. There will be a dairy cook-off at the next meeting on May 9th at St. Coletta Cabin at 6pm. Join us to win prizes and to eat good food!

- Demetrius Myers, Reporter

Farmington All-Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club held its regular meeting April 11 at the Farmington Town Hall.

The club collected a truckload of donations for the Jefferson County Humane Society, as well as a second batch of handmade fleece tie blankets which club members did individually at home to go to the Project Linus charity. Emma Sheldon reported on her volunteer work at the humane society, where she does cleaning and helps to socialize the cats.

In terms of action items, the club voted to pay for flowers for the planter in front of the town hall as a thank-you for Farmington hosting the club for more than 20 years. Members also made plans to create new banners and decorations for the club to use during the Jefferson County Fair.

The club will meet for a community service activity April 22 at the Farmington Ballpark. We'll spread out from there to do a roadside cleanup, with a contest to see who finds the strangest things.

The next meeting is set May 2 at the town hall, and the one after that, on June 6, will be a picnic at the Farmington Ballpark. The club voted to pay for the meat for the picnic, and families will bring the rest of the food.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter

Ideal Clever Clovers

On April 15th, the Ideal Clever Clovers 4-H Club met at the Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson at 10:30am. Two new members were present. Members discussed upcoming fair entries, signup details and county level project meetings. After the meeting, snacks and drinks were available for members to enjoy.

The next meeting will be the Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast on June 3rd. Members are asked to volunteer for this event.

- Kathleen Maloney, Reporter

Ixonia Victory

The Ixonia Victory 4-H club met on April 3 at 6:00pm. Before the meeting they filled Easter eggs for the Ixonia town Easter egg hunt. The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm. For roll call the club talked about their favorite Easter candy. The club will be helping with the Ixonia town Easter egg hunt on April 8th. The club discussed future community service projects, and decided to change the date of the May meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

- Anna Litwiller, Reporter



SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship

Your thoughts – combined with your writing skills and creativity – can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

Two (2) **\$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the students with the highest-ranking essay score from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2023. Five (5) **\$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students with the highest-ranking essay scores.

All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2023 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2023. Essays will be

judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Judging will be completed by August 11, 2023. Recipients will be announced by August 25, 2023. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship. View complete details [here](#).

Submit your essay along with [this background information sheet](#) to sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com or W7686 Co. Rd. MMM, Shawano, WI 54166.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Summer Camp

Dane County 4-H has invited Jefferson County 4-H to join them at the 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods again this year. It's time to register for Dane County 4-H Camp! We are planning a fantastic activities for youth in Grades 3-8. [Register today!](#)

Not sure what 4-H Camp is all about? [Check out this fun Dane County video!](#)

All the details and the registration portal can be found on the [Dane County 4-H Camp page](#).

Camp takes place at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in the WI Dells. Youth will experience 3 nights/4 days of fun camp activities, crafts, field games, campfire, swimming, nature walks, games and more. They will connect with the outdoors, try new activities, and make new friends.

Invite your friends to join you. Not in 4-H? No problem, we welcome all youth!

· Grades 3-5 – July 26-29, 2023

· Grades 6-8 – July 29-Aug 1, 2023

General Camp Rate - \$270

Deadline is June 2, 2023 or when camp fills.

Reach out if you have any questions –

dane4Hcamp@gmail.com or curley.lisa@countyofdane.com.

Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for induction into the 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame! The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame is established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff, and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. You will find the nomination form at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>

Review the criteria on the website for more details on requirements. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 19, 2023.

If you have nominated someone in the past and they were not selected to be inducted, they may be nominated again but you must refresh the nomination carefully, considering the criteria. Past laureates are highlighted on the website if you are looking for ideas on potential nominees.

Laureates will be notified in late June if they have been selected for induction in the 2023 class. Induction ceremony

for the Class of 2023 will be held in April 2024 (details TBD).

Thank you for your help in finding those special 4-H people to receive this honor!

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

- ♦ September 16, 2023 - Sparks Day Competition

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!

JEFFERSON CO. FAIR NEWS

[View this link for](#) important upcoming dates regarding the Jefferson County Fair!

You can find additional helpful hints on the Jefferson County Fair [here!](#)

The Fair Park Office is open for extra hours on May 1 from 4:30pm-7:00pm and May 27 from 8:00am-11:00am.

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. [Sign up for updates here!](#) This ensures that you will receive the most up-to-date information on the 2023 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>

DONATIONS NEEDED

OUR PROJECTS ARE GROWING!

We are currently in need of donations for the following projects:

- Cloverbud - art supplies
- Lego - any kind of Lego (kits, loose, mini figures, etc.)
- Rabbit - carpet squares
- Shooting Sports - monetary donations

If there is a different project not listed above that you would like to donate to please contact the Extension Office at 920-674-7295.

POSTER & SPEECH *Contest*

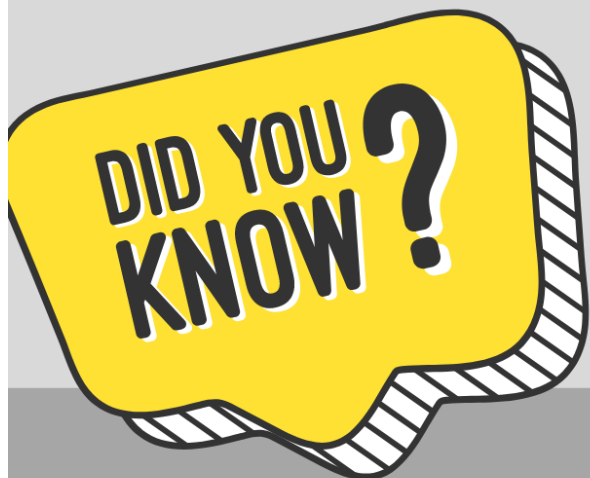
May 18 | Extension Office

Theme: What does Art mean to YOU?

Poster Contest: All Posters due to the Extension Office by May 11
4-H youth, leaders & clubs may participate.

Speech Contest: Registration required by May 11

<https://forms.gle/2U2SNVFzr2RyrJpL9>



4-H LIVESTOCK POINT CARD

1

The Livestock Point Card is for the sole purpose of Livestock Awards, Project Grants & Trips. The Point Card is not linked to the Jefferson County Fair.

**The only exception is the Dairy Point Card which is required to participate in the Showmanship Jackpot at the Fair.*

2

Mandatory items listed on the Livestock Point Card are required in order to be eligible for Livestock Awards

3

It encompasses the whole 4-H year. Points must be obtained between September 1 through August 30. It is due to the Extension Office by August 31.

4

In order to exhibit at the Jefferson County as a 4-H'er youth **MUST** be a member in good standing. Meaning youth are enrolled in the Jefferson County 4-H program & have paid their dues.



Questions

Contact a Livestock Committee Member or Jerry Wilcenski, 4-H Educator, at jerry.wilcenski@wisc.edu or at 920-674-7295.

Youth who completed grades 3-8 are invited to attend Dane County 4-H Summer Camp.

Invite your friends to join you! Not in 4-H? No problem, we welcome all youth!

Youth will experience camp activities, crafts, field games, camp songs, nature walks and more. Try new activities, have fun, and make friends.



More information including required forms, packing list, and arrival/departure instructions will be sent to registered campers.

2023 DANE COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP

Session 1:
July 26 - 29, 2023
Completed Grades 3-5

Session 2:
July 29 - August 1, 2023
Completed Grades 6-8

Register by June 2, 2023
danecounty4H.org > 4-H Camp

\$220.00 - Dane County 4-H Member
\$270.00 - General Camp Rate

Includes all supplies, meals and snacks.
***Financial Assistance Available**

Drop off and pick up at Upham Woods Camp

Times and more information will be available on
danecounty4H.org > 4-H Camp

Questions?
4Hinfo@countyofdane.com
www.danecounty4H.org



Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is a residential facility operated by the University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX) and located on the magnificent Wisconsin River and amidst the bluffs of Upper Wisconsin Dells.

Upham Woods
Outdoor Learning Center
N194 County Rd N
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965



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JEFFERSON COUNTY DAIRY FARMERS POSTER CONTEST

June Dairy Month

Poster Contest

Theme: Dairy is good for my body or Dairy is good for my planet.

Every Jefferson County 4-H member can participate!

Posters must be original artwork and must be on standard poster board, any size up to 22" x28". Posters should contain only original, hand-drawn artwork done by the participants. Posters must be in any medium (oil, acrylic, markers, pastel, pencil, etc.). Posters cannot use text or images taken from newspapers, magazines, downloads from the internet or photos.

Jefferson County Dairy farmers sponsor this poster contest to help 4-H members learn more about milk, dairy products and how dairy farmers are responsible stewards of the environment. You can choose the best theme for your poster. Be creative! Facts should be truthful. Some resources to get your ideas and facts from are nearby dairy farms or Dairy farmers of Wisconsin.com., Dairy Alliance.com or National Dairy Council.com.

Posters may be produced individually by a member or submitted by a club. The Entry Form must be included with each poster and attached to the back of the poster. Posters are due to the Jefferson County 4-H office on: **Friday, May 19, 2023**. Posters will be displayed in prominent locations in the county during the month of June. Participants must request the return of posters.

Poster Category

Category (grade 3 - 8) or (grade 9 - 12) or Club (Grade 3-12)

Prizes: First, second and third places in grade category and club category

First place \$100.00

Second place \$75.00

third place \$50.00

For more information contact: Sue Marx 262.582.3020 or sue_marx@yahoo.com

JEFFERSON COUNTY DAIRY FARMERS POSTER CONTEST

2023 June Dairy Month Poster Contest

Official Entry Form

Instructions: Paste or tape this entry form on the back of your poster in the upper right-hand corner. Please print.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

4-H Club: _____

Grade: _____

Club entry must include names and grades of all participants:

DIRECTORY

Leader's Association Board

Name	Club	Phone
Susie Schuld, President	Twin Rivers	920-988-8166
Jessica Pfeifer, Past President	Stable Stompers	920-285-0513
Melissa Gerner, President Elect	Lake Ripley	920-723-8660
Deb Ebel, Secretary	Jefferson Boosters	715-563-2986
Becki Durkee, Treasurer	Lake Ripley	608-444-4509
Megan Lundy, Director	Cream of the Crop 4-H	920-563-6137
Lisa Small, Director	Ixonia Victory	920-285-7204
Heather Reu, Director	Stone School	262-812-3236
Angie Greving, Director	Farmington All Stars	608-295-4959
Roald Ager-Hart, Youth Director	Duck Creek	

Countywide Project Leaders

Project	Name	Phone
Cats	Emilie Shoop	309-473-3083
Clothing	Kimberly Kreger	920-723-1191
Dairy	Bill Uecker	920-285-9125
Dogs	Kate Anderson	920-728-3614
Foods	Monica Gerner	920-723-2663
Goats	Contact the Extension Office	
Horse & Pony	Jenn Olson	jchpchair@gmail.com
Junior Leaders	Alyssa Jaquith	920-723-9039
Lego	Cheryl Mierendorf	920-723-5138
Livestock	Justin Thom	262-490-1313
Plant & Natural Sciences	Sharon Schweitzer	920-650-7110
Poultry	Joy Brattlie	608-220-3933
Rabbits	Contact the Extension Office	
Rocketry (Aerospace)	Brett/Roald Ager-Hart	920-674-4963
Shooting Sports	David Saxby	jeffersonwi4hshootingsports@gmail.com

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Vacant	Regional Crops Educator		