



# Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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## Jefferson County 4-H Project Grants

The Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association is again offering the opportunity for youth to apply for grant funding to support their project work of the upcoming 4-H year. Youth may apply for multiple projects, but are only eligible to be awarded one project grant annually. The number of project grants awarded will depend on available funds. Applications will be reviewed and decided upon by the Grant Award Committee. For more information and to apply, [click here!](#) Applications are due by 4:00pm on September 1, 2023!

## Livestock Judging

The senior and junior livestock judging teams competed in the Area Animal Science Days at the Wood County fairgrounds in Marshfield on Friday, June 9. The senior team of Hanna Brattlie, Gabe Mindemann, Megan Doherty, and Rylee Brattlie placed first overall and first in reasons. The senior team of Elliott Small, Aiden Mindemann and Olivia Dolph placed second overall. Individually, Hanna Brattlie placed 4th, Gabe Mindemann placed 5th, Megan Doherty placed 6th, Rylee Brattlie placed 7th, Elliott Small placed 8th, and Aiden Mindemann placed 9th.

The junior team of Gracelynn Dolph, Keilah Reu, Gavin Boettcher, and Haylie Reu placed first in the junior division. The junior team of Fynnley Gefvert, Greylen Boettcher, Pyper Gefvert placed third. Individually, Gracelynn Dolph placed 1st, Keilah Reu placed 2nd, Gavin Boettcher placed 4th, Haylie Reu placed 5th, Fynnley Gefvert placed 8th. All of the teams will advance to the state 4-H Livestock judging contest on July 24.



# July & August 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                  |
|------------|---------------|---|---------------------------|
| July 3     | 5:30pm        | JCHP Drill Team   | Fair Park                 |
| July 3     | 6:30pm        | JCHP Monday Night Lessons   | Fair Park                 |
| July 4     |               | Extension Office Closed—Happy 4th of July!                                  |                           |
| July 12-16 |               | Jefferson County Fair   | Fair Park                 |
| July 14    | 2:00pm        | Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest  | Sheep Building, Fair Park |
| July 15    |               | Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn   |                           |
| July 25    | 6:00pm        | Lego Project Meeting  | Extension Office          |
| July 31    | 7:00pm        | Dairy Committee Meeting   | Extension Office          |
| August 1   | 7:00pm        | Horse Committee Meeting   | Extension Office          |
| August 15  |               | Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn   |                           |
| August 20  | 4:00pm-6:00pm | JCHP Banquet  | Fairview Inn, Jefferson   |
| August 24  | 6:30pm        | Leaders Association Meeting   | Extension Office          |
| August 28  | 7:00pm        | Dairy Committee Meeting   | Extension Office          |
| August 29  | 6:00pm        | Lego Project Meeting  | Extension Office          |
| August 31  |               | Livestock Point Cards Due to Extension Office                               |                           |
| August 31  |               | Livestock Project Narrative & Financial Record Book Due to Extension Office |                           |
| August 31  |               | Project Grant Final Reports Due to Extension Office                         |                           |
| Sept. 1    |               | Club's Annual Financial Reports Due to Extension Office                     |                           |



# 4-H AWARDS & BANQUET INFORMATION

**Save The Date!** The 4-H Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, October 8. Time and location to be determined.

## Clover Award

Anyone in 4-H can apply and receive a Clover Award just by participating! The Clover Award program recognizes 4-H members for the things they do in 4-H. By participating in activities members earn points towards five levels of recognition. If you are doing things in 4-H start filling out your Clover Award today! You can earn a Clover Award in one year, or it may take a couple of years. The more active you are the easier it is to get points. Check out the easy to complete application by clicking here - [Clover Award Application](#). Applications are due September 1st.

## Project Award

Apply for a Project Award! You may apply for up to 3 project awards per year. Please continue to use whatever method you want to show your growth and leadership in a particular project area. You can make a video, do a scrapbook, write a speech, make a display or be as creative as you want. Project Awards are separate from Record Book Awards. [Project Award Applications](#) are due September 1st.

## Officer Books

Club officers - Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter/Historian are encouraged to keep a record book throughout the year of the club's happenings. Sample books are available at the EXT Office or on the [website](#). They are due to the EXT office by September 1st.

## Key Award

The 4-H Key Award is intended to be the top honor a county can give to any 4-H member. The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award recognizes 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Older 4-H members are encouraged to apply for the 4-H key award. The application is based on participation in activities, an essay showing how 4-H has helped you to gain life skills and the completion of a leadership project. If you are interested in applying or at least starting the application process please contact the Extension Office. Key Award applications are due September 1st.

## Record Book Award

Every 4-H member is highly encouraged to complete their year with a Record Book. Please check with your club, as some clubs have a Record Book requirement. Youth wishing to participate in the Record Book Award must have their Record Book turned in to the EXT Office by September 1st. Your club leader can bring it in, or you can bring it in as an individual. Click here for the [Member Record Book](#). Click here for the [Cloverbud Record Book](#).

## Nominations Sought for 4-H Volunteers

This year we will be awarding TWO Volunteer Awards at the Awards Celebration. The "Volunteer of the Year Award" (a volunteer 10 years or less) and "Lifetime Volunteer of the Year Award" (A volunteer over 10 years of service). Often leaders are not comfortable nominating themselves, but each of us has worked with some outstanding volunteers. Click

here for the [Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form](#). Click here for [Lifetime Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.

## Friend of 4-H Award

We are looking for individuals and businesses who go above and beyond to help the 4-H program through their donations of service, time, money, etc. Do you know of someone who is not a leader or member but does so much for 4-H? Or someone who is a leader or member but does things for 4-H as part of their occupation? Nominate them for the Friend of 4-H Award. We get few nominations each year and want to make sure our supporters know how much we appreciate them. Click here for the [Friend of 4-H Nomination Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.

## Green and Gold Award

Do you have a volunteer, youth or adult, in your club that goes above and beyond? Nominate them for the Green and Gold Award. This award may be given to youth and certified leaders within your club that have demonstrated a consistent effort of volunteer services to their club, county, project and/or the association. Adult volunteers must be certified leaders with Jefferson County 4-H. Click here for the [Green and Gold Nomination Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.

## 4-H Community Servant Award "My Hands to Larger Service"

The 2nd H in the 4-H Pledge is about pledging our hands to service. 4-H clubs (and members) who complete Community Service events in the name of 4-H should be honored for the things they do. Each club should complete the "My Hands to Larger Service" log to record the things that club members and your club as a whole do throughout the year. The clubs with the highest percentage of involvement will receive a monetary award. Each club who completes the log will be honored for their service. Click here for the ["My Hands to Larger Service" Community Service Log & Awards Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.



## 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

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

If you have questions about the cat project, contact Emilie Shoop at [eshoop@gmail.com](mailto:eshoop@gmail.com) or (309) 473-3083.

### Cloverbud Project

Project meetings will resume in fall! Have a great summer!

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

### Dairy Project

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

### Dog Project

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

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

### Horse & Pony Project

**Save the Date:** The JCHP Banquet will be held on August 20 at Fairview Inn in Jefferson from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

If you have questions about the horse project, contact the JCHP Committee at [jchpchair@gmail.com](mailto:jchpchair@gmail.com).

### Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting is July 25 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](mailto:candshorsemanship@yahoo.com)

### Livestock Project

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

Upcoming Events:

- **July 14 - The Livestock Skill-a-Thon Contest** will take place at 2:00pm in the Sheep Building during the Fair.

### Natural Sciences Project

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

#### Exhibit a Project Activity and Enjoy the Fair and Summer

For those exhibiting at the county fair, it is time to put the finishing touches on your exhibits. The **Judging schedule listed, Thursday, July 6, 5-9pm & Friday, July 7, 9-11am for Natural Sciences -Dept #16. Double check** which items you signed up to exhibit. **Print** the pages from the Fair Book

for **Dept 16. Read the general rules and any special ones listed for the Divisions. Locate and highlight the specific information** you need to know for exhibiting at the fair. Be sure you are presenting the items or information listed for the Class number you signed up to exhibit.

**Enjoy the summer** and take pictures and make notes of all the things you enjoy. Take time to **sit and watch** the birds and bugs as you have a snack. **Listen** for the wind in the leaves of the trees or **smell** the campfire at night when camping. Maybe just **feel** the tree bark with your fingertips. Or just **lay** in the grass **and watch** the clouds go floating by. **Make up a poem** about what you see. **Enjoy your backyard or beyond with friends or on vacation.**

There are many summer activities available in our county or near by. It is a great time to **enjoy county parks or community celebrations.** Check out the **3 events scheduled at the Korth Park Pavilion W8390 Korth Lane, Lake Mills, WI:**

- **Wed, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm, "Your Bat Neighbors" with WiDNR's Jennifer Redell**
- **Wed, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm, "Birds of Jefferson County with Madison Audubon's Drew Harry**
- **Wed, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm, "Dragon Flies and Citizen Science" with Dr Robert Bohanan**

Any of these activities can be part of the 4-H Natural Science Project Areas for next year.

**There is a special exhibit, Habitat, at the Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson. It is available from the Smithsonian Institution and can be seen through out the summer. Stop by and enjoy the seven Habitat stations around the outside of the Museum.**

**Enjoy outdoor activities whenever and wherever you can. Be safe and respectful of others and all wildlife.**

If you have questions about these projects, contact Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or [rwses@idcnet.com](mailto:rwses@idcnet.com).

### Plants & Soils Project

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

**Exhibit what you have enjoyed Growing and Enjoy sharing them with others.**

Hopefully your **house plants** are growing well and you have figured how to plant some **garden** even with our crazy spring. **Enjoy** them and **prepare** them for your **Fair exhibit. Keep a close eye on them!** Watch for tiny aphids or leaf miners that damage the plant leaves. **Protect them**, the best you can, from weather and insect damage. (tip-try using row cover materials or sturdy containers/covers in case of storms). Water carefully and oftener during our dry and hot days.

## PROJECT NEWS

For those exhibiting at the county fair, the **Judging schedule listed, Tuesday, July 11, 1-4pm for Plants & Soils-Dept #14 and Flowers & House Plants -Dept 15.**

**All Cloverbuds-Future Exhibitors - Double Check** for any Judging Schedule **changes** on the Fair Park Website. **Copy it and post it where you can see it.**

**Double check** what you signed up to exhibit. If you have not printed the pages from the Fair Book for **Dept 14 Plant & Soil Sciences and Dept 15 Flowers.** I encourage you to do so. **Mark and Read Carefully** how to prepare each of your entries. **Make a card for each entry, listing the details for that entry and use it as you prepare your exhibit. Take it to the Fair with you for a reference as you talk to the judge.**

***Note rule #6 under Dept 15** asks for a note card identifying plants and flowers being exhibited. Make a copy from the Fair Book and have it with your exhibit or take the information with you and fill one out when you check in your exhibit.. If you need help you may contact Sharon. (see below)*

Also use [A2935 Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants](#) and [A3306 Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables](#) as a guide for preparing your exhibit.

**Most of all, Enjoy your plants and gardening with your family. May you have wonderful fresh vegetables for snacks and dinners. For continued fresh vegetables, you may want to try some successive planting or do some companion planting for late summer, early fall fresh vegetables.**

**Companion Planting with Bush Beans** may be a gardening experiment that would be interesting to do.

**Compact bush beans** provide plenty of **creative companion planting options** in any type of garden. In intensive **raised bed gardens**, you might anchor the ends of double rows of bush snap beans or filet beans with summer savory or upright dill plants, two herbs often paired with green beans in the kitchen.

**Or, try this companion planting idea intended to protect beans from pests.** Plant bush beans after spring radishes, cilantro or arugula, with a few of the bolting plants left behind. Radish, cilantro and arugula flowers attract beneficial insects, and can help to confuse pests in search of beans. You can also interplant bush beans with onions to deter pests from both crops.

**Enjoy** your house plants. **smell** your flowers and **munch** on your fresh garden vegetables.

If you have questions about these projects, contact Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or [rwes@idcnet.com](mailto:rwes@idcnet.com).

### Poultry Project

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

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

### Rocketry

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

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

### Shooting Sports

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

If you have questions about the shooting sports project, contact David Saxby at [jeffersonwi4hshootingssports@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonwi4hshootingssports@gmail.com)

## LEADER NEWS

### Leader's Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board meeting is Thursday, September 21 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

### Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, August 24 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. **This is a MANDATORY meeting** for at least ONE Certified Leader from each club to attend. All leaders (certified volunteers) are highly encouraged and welcome to attend! Parents and youth are also welcome!

### Annual Financial Reports

All chartered 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must complete an Annual Financial Report and submit it to the Extension Office no later than **September 1, 2023**. Failure to submit a completed Annual Financial Report and support documents by the **due date** could result in loss of tax exempt status, forfeiture of all financial assets and non-renewal of the **4-H Club or Group Charter**.

All 4-H Clubs and Groups must be chartered, be formally recognized as a committee of a chartered County 4-H Leader Organization or report directly to the 4-H Program Educator.

Requirements for a 4-H Club and chartered Groups are listed on the [Wisconsin 4-H Policies](#) webpage.

A 4-H Charter is given to a new 4-H Club or Group once all requirements are met. The successful completion of the Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application begins this process. 4-H Clubs and Groups newly applying to become a 4-H Club or Group should work with their local 4-H Program Educator to determine a completion date.

4-H Charters are renewed annually and will be granted upon successful completion of the Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application. The Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application deadline is **September 1, 2023** for returning 4-H Clubs and Groups

Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Charter Application by the **due date** could result in the 4-H Club or Group being dissolved.

More information can be found on the [Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application Webpage](#).

### 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 meeting Junior Leaders meeting is on September 26 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office!

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](mailto:jakewith07@yahoo.com).

## CLUB NEWS

### Duck Creek

On Tuesday, June 13th, the Duck Creek 4-H club went on farm tours at peoples' houses. We saw plants and animals, including horses, goats, bees, and chickens. We also did an urban garden tour that ended with a potluck meal and a campfire.

- Demo Myers, Reporter

### Farmington All-Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met June 6 at the Farmington Town Hall for a combination picnic, meeting and community service gathering.

First, the club grilled burgers outside and enjoyed a potluck.

Next, the club held its business meeting.

The Salmieri/Sheldon family brought in labels for the club's June Dairy Month food drive bins, which should go out in the surrounding communities in the next month to collect donations. The collection will benefit the Johnson Creek Food Pantry, providing dairy items for food pantry users.

Next, the club voted to repair and repaint the Little Free Library at Jelli's Market. The club is looking into holding its August meeting at Jelli's so it can work on the project then.

Earlier in the year, the club decided to continue the Farmington All-Stars scholarship. A committee of adult leaders decided to award a scholarship of \$100 to 13-year club member Rowan Wilson. Rowan will be attending Beloit College in the fall.

Members voted to set aside \$50 to create new club signs for each species (for example sheep and goats) entered in the fair.

The next meeting will take place Friday, July 14, at the family campsite area at the Jefferson County Fair.

After the meeting adjourned, the club planted impatiens flowers in front of the town hall as a thank-you for the town letting us use its building to meet in for all of these years.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter



### Ideal Clever Clovers

The Ideal Clever Clovers 4-H Club volunteered at the annual Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for their May meeting. Members assisted the event in the following ways: handing out trays and utensils, serving food, preparing food, garbage cleanup and replenishing condiments.

All members enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer at the Dairy Breakfast and had fun.

- Kathleen Maloney, Reporter

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Ideal Clever Clovers met in the Dwight Foster Fort Atkinson Public Library at 10:30 am. Instead of taking care of business as usual, members were treated to party games and a potluck lunch. Afterwards, they enjoyed cookies for dessert as well as getting to know each other better.

- Kathleen Maloney, Reporter

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### Pullet Surprise Youth Essay Contest

An eggstraordinary opportunity for young people with an interest in poultry!

In an attempt to promote the breeding and exhibition of purebred poultry among Wisconsin's youth, the Wisconsin International Poultry Club invites interested youth to apply for the Pullet Surprise Essay Contest.

The winners in each of the two categories will receive the following prizes: a pair of show quality purebred fowl, an incubator, a standard cage, feed, a copy of the American Standard of Perfection, a one-year membership in the WIPC, and a wooden poultry carrier. All awards will be presented at the 2023 Wisconsin International Poultry Show in Portage, WI on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. The birds awarded will be provided by the members of the Wisconsin International Poultry Club.

### CONTEST RULES

1. Entries will be divided into two groups. **Age as of January 1, 2023. Junior:** 8-12 **Senior:** 13-18
2. Each applicant must submit an entry of 500 words or less

on one of the following topics: **\*\*entries that exceed 500 words will not be considered.\*\***

- Why I Want To Raise Exhibition Poultry
- Raising Poultry—It's A Family Affair
- My Most Memorable Moment In Poultry
- An Original Poultry Poem
- Any Poultry Story- Fact Or Fiction

3. Applicants must send their entry along with their address, phone number, email address, birth date, and a parent's or guardian's signature postmarked by **August 15, 2023** to: **WIPC-Kaylyn Schleicher 3724 Union Dane Rd. Brooklyn, WI 53521.**

4. Winners will be selected by a judge selected by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club. **All decisions are final & winners will be notified by September 1, 2023.**

5. Winners and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are **required** to attend the award presentation to be held during the youth show at the 2023 Wisconsin International Poultry Show on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, Portage, WI.

**Pullet surprise essay contest awards provided by:**

- **Pair of Show Quality Purebred Poultry:** WIPC members
- **Incubator:** Pam Eber, friend & exhibitor of the WIPS
- **Standard Cage:** Keipper Cooping, manufacturer of collapsible coops and cages
- **Bag of Feed:** Nutrena Feed, sponsor of feed at WIPS
- **American Standard of Perfection:** Wisconsin Poultry & Egg Association, longtime contest supporter
- **1 year WIPC Membership:** Wisconsin International Poultry Club
- **Wooden Poultry Carrier:** Lund Poultry, friend & exhibitor of the WIPS

For contest questions please contact Kaylyn Schleicher at [lundpoultry@yahoo.com](mailto:lundpoultry@yahoo.com) or 608-289-5406

## National 4-H Congress

**November 24-28, 2023**

### What is National 4-H Congress?

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Here are just some of the activities delegates will partake in while at National Congress:

- **Educational Workshops:** Varying from sessions like "Farm to Fork-Teaching as Service Learning," "Dancing with the Stars," "Social Media in Our World," and "The Healthy Gourmet," there's bound to be a state-of-the-art workshop for everyone!
- **Exploring the city:** With educational trips to museums, theaters, and Centennial Olympic park, delegates will get to broaden their appreciation for the arts and many historical events in America.
- **State and Congress-wide meetings:** Delegates will be given time to reflect on their recent experiences as well as put their new skills to use!
- **International Events:** Let's take a trip overseas! With a

night of international dinner and entertainment, delegates will expand their knowledge on the culture, food, and art of countries from around the globe!

- **Community Service:** Delegates will be split up to serve various parts of downtown Atlanta to give back and experience what it feels like to have a positive impact on a community!
- **Educational Tours:** Whether delegates are learning about the hottest attractions in "Hotlanta," exploring the CNN News Worldwide Headquarters, learning about the historical events of the south, visiting the College Football Hall of Fame, walking around the aquarium or exploring the zoo, delegates will get a little taste of what there is to experience in Atlanta!
- **World-Renowned Speakers:** In previous years, delegates have heard from Miss America, top-ranked motivational speakers, Miss Delaware and alopecia areata hair loss patient, and holocaust survivors.
- **National 4-H Congress Gala:** To close out the experience, delegates will have a formal dinner and ceremony with some special guest appearances. National 4-H Congress is an experience like no other! Upon leaving, delegates will have had the opportunity to expand their knowledge about the world, the United States, and network with others from across the country. They will gain many new connections that will last a lifetime. We hope to see you at National 4-H Congress in the near future!

Register in 4HOnline between July 1-August 1. Log in and click on your member profile, and then events on the left hand side of the page. You can then click on "register for an event" and click on "National 4-H Congress" to get started with the registration. If you need assistance with registering, you can [find helpful information here on our website.](#)

Questions about National 4-H Congress that you can't find the answers to on this website? Feel free to contact Justin Lieck, Educational Programs Assistant at [justin.lieck@wisc.edu](mailto:justin.lieck@wisc.edu) or 608-263-5971.

## Fall Forum

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff; promote to youth and adult leaders in your county! Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.

This year at Fall Forum, a select group of 4-H volunteers, pioneers, financial supporters, and staff who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels will be inducted into the [Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame.](#)

The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships

- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups  
Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults
- Youth 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> grade
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

This is a great opportunity for a team of county/state staff, volunteers, and youth to work together and present an interactive workshop for youth and adults as well as staff from throughout Wisconsin.

**Fall Forum 2023  
November 4-5, 2023  
Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI**

This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address by [Tim Talen](#)
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Saturday night
- Introductions to [Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates](#) AND Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates
- Updates from the Wisconsin Leadership Council and Wisconsin 4-H Program Leadership
- And so much more! You won't want to miss it!

[2023 Fall Forum Schedule DRAFT](#)

Registration will open in 4HOnline in September. If you are interested in seeing how Fall Forum 2022 went, check out our Fall Forum 2022 website at <https://sites.google.com/wisc.edu/2022fallforum/home>.

Cost should not be a barrier to attending this program. If you would like a scholarship to cover Fall Forum fees, please contact Laura Pine, [lpine@wisc.edu](mailto:lpine@wisc.edu) or (608)262-1222.

## SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

- ◆ September 16, 2023 - Sparks Day Competition
- ◆ October 8, 2023 - 4-H Awards Banquet

## 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!

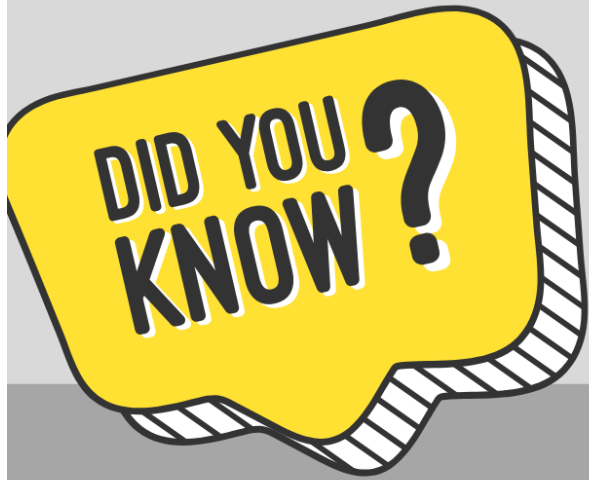
You can find additional helpful hints on the Jefferson County Fair [here!](#)

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](mailto:info@jcfairpark.com)  
Jefferson County Fair Park Website: <https://www.jcfairpark.com>

## 2023 JUNE DAIRY MONTH POSTER CONTEST WINNER

The Jefferson County Dairy Promotion Committee is pleased to announce the 2023 winner of the June Dairy Month Poster Contest is Rock Lake Troopers 4-H Club. This year's poster contest winners' artwork illustrates how dairy is good for the planet. The second-place winner is Cream of the Crop 4-H Club. Each 4-H club will receive a cash prize.



# 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](mailto:jerry.wilcenski@wisc.edu) or at 920-674-7295.

## DIRECTORY

### Leader's Association Board

| Name                            | Club                 | Phone        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Melissa Gerner, President Elect | Lake Ripley          | 920-723-8660 |
| Susie Schuld, President         | Twin Rivers          | 920-988-8166 |
| Cindy Jaquith                   | Stone School         | 920-723-9517 |
| Deb Ebel, Secretary             | Jefferson Boosters   | 715-563-2986 |
| Becki Durkee, Treasurer         | Lake Ripley          | 608-444-4509 |
| Angie Greving, Director         | Farmington All Stars | 608-295-4959 |
| Heather Reu, Director           | Stone School         | 262-812-3236 |
| Lisa Small, Director            | Ixonia Victory       | 920-285-7204 |
| Rachel Thom, Director           | Country Roots        | 920-728-5144 |
| Youth Director—vacant           |                      |              |

### 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                   | <a href="mailto:jchpchair@gmail.com">jchpchair@gmail.com</a>                                     |
| 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   |
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| Kim Buchholz       | Support Staff—Administrative Specialist | 920-674-7297 | <a href="mailto:kimb@jeffesroncountywi.gov">kimb@jeffesroncountywi.gov</a>           |
| Vacant             | Regional Crops Educator                 |              |  |