



# Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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## Jefferson County Project Learning Day

**Registration Open! Join us for Project Learning Day on Saturday, February 17 at Rockwell Elementary School in Fort Atkinson.** We have many different classes that youth can attend on a variety of projects! There are classes for all ages. Some sessions have limited space, age requirements and minimal cost. To view the classes available and register—[CLICK HERE!](#) Registration is due by February 11.

### What is Project Learning Day?

Project Learning Day is a countywide 4-H Event where 4-H members, leaders and parents are welcome to take a class on various topics. This is an educational event that kids and parents can learn many new things - from animals to sewing and many other projects. Project Learning Day is scheduled for **February 17 at Rockwell Elementary School in Fort Atkinson.** Classes that will be offered and registration details will be forwarded in future communications.

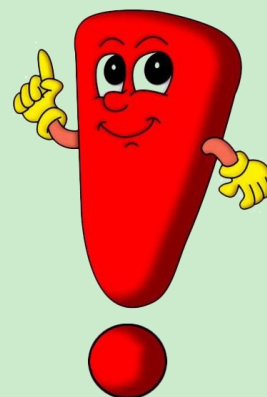
Some of the many classes that will be offered are:

- Food History
- Worming Around
- Gem Trees
- Legos
- Poultry
- Friendship Bracelets
- Succulent Dish Garden
- Rabbits
- Scrapbooking
- Dehydration of Food
- Cookie Decorating
- And More!



## 4-H Project Changes—Due April 15

Project changes (adding or subtracting projects) are due in 4HOnline by April 15. We would encourage EVERYONE to double check their projects in 4HOnline. With the transition to the new 4HOnline program not all projects were transferred over. In order to receive project communications you need to be enrolled in the certain project in 4HOnline. View the directions to view and edit your projects in 4HOnline [here!](#)



## February 2024 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
Feb 1	6:30pm	Poultry Project Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 4	1:00pm	Cookie Decorating Class	Extension Office
Feb 4	4:30pm	Archery Project	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
Feb 6	6:00pm	Archery Project	Watertown Archers
Feb 6	6:30pm	Rabbit Project	Extension Office
Feb 6	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 8	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 11	12:30pm	Bake-Off Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 11	2:00pm	Food 4ward: Dairy	Extension Office
Feb 11	4:30pm	Archery Project	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
Feb 12	7:00pm	Sheep Kick-Off Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 13	6:00pm	Archery Project	Watertown Archers
Feb 13	6:00pm	Carcass Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 13	7:00pm	Livestock Committee Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 15		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn	
Feb 15	6:30pm	Leaders Board Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 17		Project Learning Day	Rockwell Elementary School Fort Atkinson
Feb 18	4:30pm	Archery Project	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
Feb 19	6:00pm	Swine Project Kick-Off Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 19	7:00pm	Swine Project Kick-Off Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 20	6:00pm	Archery Project	Watertown Archers
Feb 20	6:30pm	Charcuterie Board Class	Extension Office
Feb 21	7:00pm	Goat Project Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 22	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 25	4:30pm	Archery Project	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
Feb 27	6:00pm	Archery Project	Watertown Archers
Feb 27	6:00pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office
Feb 27	7:00pm	Junior Leaders Meeting	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 of the year will be held on March 5 at 6:00pm at the Fair Park

Meetings will be held:

- March 5 - 6:00pm - Fair Park
- May 7 - 6:00pm - Fair Park
- June 4 - 6:00pm - Fair Park

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

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.

We're so excited to be hosting Cloverbud meetings again this 4-H yea. Registration is required! [Register here for the Cloverbud Meetings!](#) After most of the meetings, we'll send your Cloverbud home with a few more activities to extend their learning about the topic.

- March 25, 2024 - 6:00pm - EXT Office
- May 20, 2024 - 6:00pm - Fair Park

### Dairy Project

Watch for details on the dairy project!

### Dog Project

Dog Project Meetings will start February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fair Park. If it's your first year of training or starting with a new dog, your training time will be at 6pm. If you are a returning youth your training time will be 7pm. Each class will be a 45 minute training session.

In case of bad weather and we cancel the meeting it will be on our Facebook page Jefferson Co. 4H Dog Project and will email your 4H listed email account. I would suggest liking 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](mailto:2mtmanderson@gmail.com).

### Horse & Pony Project

The next Horse Committee Meeting is on February 5 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

The next JCHP Countywide Meeting is on February 20 at 7:00pm at the Fair Park.

The January field trip to Wisconsin Equine was cancelled due to a snow emergency and will be rescheduled. Follow our Facebook for updates!

For those interested in the Horse Judging Team or the Hippology Team, please reach out to anyone on the board or send an email to [jchpchair@gmail.com](mailto:jchpchair@gmail.com) so we can get you information!

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 February 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](mailto:candshorsemanship@yahoo.com)

### Livestock Project

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

The next Livestock Committee Meeting is on February 13 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 1 - Poultry Project Meeting - 6:30pm - EXT
- February 6 - Rabbit Project Meeting - 6:30pm - EXT
- February 12 - Sheep Project Kick-Off Meeting - 7:00pm - EXT
- February 13 - Carcass Meeting - 6:00pm - EXT
- February 19 - Swine Project Kick-Off Meeting - 6:00pm - EXT
- February 19 - Swine Project Kick-Off Meeting - 7:00pm - EXT
- February 21 - Goat Project Meeting - 7:00pm - EXT
- February 27 - Beef Project Meeting - 7:00pm - EXT
  - ⇒ Dr. Matt Stever from Whitewater Veterinary Hospital will be teaching us all about vaccinations and how they can help our cattle operation both large and small. This meeting is worth educational points on your point card as well.

### Natural Sciences and Plants & Soils Project

**Plant and Soils Projects include** these project areas – Crops, Vegetables, Flowers, House plants and Plant Crafts.

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

**Saturday, February 18, 9 -2:30 pm. -- Project Day -** See the Project Day information and sign up to attend the sessions described below. **These class sessions will be the Plant & Soils and Natural Science activity meetings for**

# PROJECT NEWS

February.

## Plant & Soil Projects - What is a Succulent Plant?

There are a great variety of plants. One group is Succulents. They may be very small or really tall and can be in or outdoor plants. **Learn** what makes them different from other plants. **Learn** why they can be easy to grow and how to grow them. **Plant** a Succulent Dish Garden.

## Natural Science Projects – Why are some rocks called Gems?

There are three ways rocks form from the constant changes of the earth. Rocks are identified by their formation. They are used in many ways. Some rocks help plants grow. Others became machine parts or tools and some are polished as stones to enjoy. **Learn** how rocks are the same, but what makes them different. **Create** a Gem Tree.

A Resource activity opportunity is --- **February 9-11, 2024**

## The Garden Expo at the Madison Alliant Energy Center –

A place to gather great information and ideas for all Plant and Soil projects and Natural Sciences projects.

There will be demonstrations and sessions on types of plants, ways to plant trees, worm composting, hydroponics, and greenhouses. Also learn about butterflies, bee and birds. Check it out. Search Garden Expo on the web ([www.wigardenexpo.com](http://www.wigardenexpo.com)) and see what is offered and choose what you want to see or do.

Call or email, 920-650-7110 or [rwes@idcnet.com](mailto:rwes@idcnet.com) with question, comments or concerns.

## Rocketry

The rocketry (aerospace) project will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office (January-May).

Youth must be able to safely use an X-acto type knife or be accompanied by an adult who can assist them. In addition to making rockets from kits, youth will have the opportunity to make rockets from scratch.

Project Leaders will be Roald Ager-Hart and Brett Hart. Please call 920-674-4963 with any questions!

## 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 [jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com)

The Archery Practice Dates for February are as follows:

- 4:30pm at Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club on February 4, 11, 18 and 25.
- 6:00pm at Watertown Archers Indoor Range on February 6, 13, 20 and 27.

If you have questions about the shooting sports project, contact David Saxby at [jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com)

# LEADER NEWS

## Leader's Board Meeting

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

## Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. All leaders (certified volunteers) are highly encouraged and welcome to attend! Parents and youth are also welcome!

## Countywide Project Leadership Needed

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

# OLDER MEMBERS

## Junior Leaders

The next Junior Leaders meeting is on February 27 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).

## Counselors Needed 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods

Jefferson County 4-H will once again be teaming up with Dane County 4-H for 4-H Camp! Please read the below information if you are interested in being a camp counselor.

**The 2024 Dane County 4-H Camp Counselor Applications are now open and we encourage you to apply!** Youth in Grades 9-12 can apply to be summer camp counselors.

**Counselor and Junior Director Applications Due Date: February 21, 2024**

**Dane County 4-H Camp – Upham Woods, WI Dells dates:**

- Camp 1 – July 24-27, 2024 (Campers in Grades 3-5)
  - Camp 2 – July 27-30, 2024 (Campers in Grades 6-8)
- \*Counselors will attend one of the sessions.

## New Counselor Requirements:

- Must have completed grade 9 in 2024
- No experience as a counselor at Dane County 4H Camp
- Attend required trainings listed in application
- [Counselor Job Description](#)

## Returning Counselor/Junior Director Requirements:

- Prior experience as a counselor at Dane County 4-H



### Camp

- Junior Director applicants must have completed grade 12 in 2024
- Attend required trainings listed in application
- [Counselor Job Description](#)
- [Junior Director Job Description](#)

### To apply:

- Complete and submit the [New Counselor Application](#) or [Returning Counselor/Junior Director Application](#) by February 21, 2024
- Submit letters of recommendation by February 21, 2024 via email to [dane4hcamp@gmail.com](mailto:dane4hcamp@gmail.com)
- **New Counselors** = 2 letters of recommendation
- **Returning Counselors/Junior Director** = 1 letter of recommendation
- [Schedule interview](#) by February 21, 2024

### Selection for 2024 4H camp counselors will be based upon:

- Quality of application (review the questions on the application and formulate answers before completing application)
- Quality of interview
- Two letters of recommendation

\*Letters of recommendation should be from 4H leaders or other adults. Do not use family members, camp committee members, or Dane County Extension 4H staff.

\*\*The camp committee maintains a high standard of selection criteria when choosing counselors. Please be mindful of this when completing your application and preparing for your job-like interview.

All the information about [Dane County 4-H Camp](#).

Reach out with any questions to Lisa Curley, Dane County 4-H Program Coordinator at [curley.lisa@countyofdane.com](mailto:curley.lisa@countyofdane.com)

## CLUB NEWS

### Ixonia Victory

Ixonia Victory 4-H's monthly club meeting was called to order on Tuesday January 2nd at 6:30pm. Members brought non perishable food items to donate to the Ixonia Food pantry. For our monthly community service project, members are encouraged to bring socks to the upcoming meeting in February to support the Watertown Gosling Nest Sock Drive. The club also voted to purchase an addition \$150 dollars worth of adult socks. The club is also going roller skating at Skate Express as a club bonding activity. The February meeting will be at 6:00pm. at Ixonia Town Hall. We will make Valentine's Day cards for Heritage Homes.

- Addison Strobel, Reporter

### Lake Ripley

The Lake Ripley 4-H December meeting was held on December 17, 2023 at the Amundson Community Center in Cambridge. All members who attended received a pair of 4-H socks as a Christmas gift from the club. Members who shopped for food and gifts for our two Christmas Neighbors adopt-a-families spoke at the meeting. Members who worked

at the Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors shopping night also spoke about the experience. A family volunteered to deliver the food and gifts before Christmas. Members who worked at the Cambridge Christmas Craft spoke about the event. Members who attended the community service meeting spoke about our goals for the upcoming year. The club plans to hold at least one community service event each month that serves a variety of people and causes. For our member activity, members first learned about the cake and cookie decorating project and what they can do in the project. Then members then decorated cookies together. Pictured are members wrapping gifts for our adopt-a-family.

- Scott Mehninger, Reporter



### Rock River Clovers

On January 3 the Rock River Clovers held their monthly meeting. The club had a special guest from the County Rocketry Project. They taught the club members about different types of rockets and each member was able to make their own rocket and launcher with two pieces of construction paper and some tape!

The club discussed Salvation Army Bell Ringing from December and several club members gave project speeches.

On February 10 the club will host a concession stand for the Haumerson's Pond Hike, Ski & Skate event. There were several other announcements about upcoming county project meetings as well as Project Learning Day on Feb. 17. The next club meeting will be held on Feb. 7, 2024 at Rockwell Elementary School in Fort Atkinson.

- Fynnley Gefvert, Reporter



### Stone School

Stone School took a fun trip to Tyrol Basin for our January Meeting. Club members spent the afternoon tubing and warming up by the fire.

- Haylie Reu, Reporter



## STATEWIDE EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### National 4-H Conference—April 19-24, 2024

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, National Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Held at a Washington DC area hotel (Hyatt Regency in Arlington, VA), it's usually scheduled around the beginning of April. In 2019, there were approximately 350 delegates, including seven from Wisconsin.

National 4-H Conference delegates will:

- Participate in a round table topic of their choosing that will focus on key topics such as: leadership, agriculture, crime, and more.
- Participate in professional workshops.
- Meet with legislators from their State to discuss important issues relating to 4-H.
- Have a chance to network with youth and adults from across the country.
- Learn all about 4-H programming and think about ways to improve programming across the Nation.
- Develop an action plan that will be put to use in their own communities.
- Have fun!

Also check out the [National 4-H page for National 4-H Conference](#). Questions about National Conference 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.

### Applications

Check with your County 4-H Youth Development Staff member about county scholarship procedures. If you do not have a county agent, you may complete the application and obtain a reference from another source (see application for more details).

Applications are due to the State 4-H Office on December 1, 2023. The application materials are available at the link below. The application process includes answering essay questions, a video submission, and obtaining two references. Interviews will be conducted in mid-December for Semi-finalists. Delegates are chosen by a group of 4-H staff members and 4-H youth after reviewing each applicant's qualifications.

### [2024 National Conference Application Packet](#)

This packet contains all the information you need to know about applications for 2024 National 4-H Conference. Please review it carefully before applying. After reviewing the packet, you can submit your application here: [https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_byewuXvekVtYm90](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_byewuXvekVtYm90)

### Art Beat—March 15-17, 2024

March 15-17, 2024; Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, WI

2024 Cost: \$110 for Youth, \$60 for Chaperones  
Registration will open in 4H Online on **January 20 and will close on February 20, 2023**. Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST.

**4-H Art Beat** is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. Art Beat! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Art Beat! track leaders are older 4-H Youth, 4-H Leaders, and staff.

Art Beat was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H Art Beat is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication and is typically held in March at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend features a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, art in nature, and more! Camp begins Friday evening at 6:30 pm and ends Sunday morning at 11:00 am.

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders, and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Parents are not required to attend but are invited. Adult applicants, please note: All adults will be considered Adult Advisors (chaperones) for the camp – if you are not already an active 4



-H volunteer you must complete the requirements to become one before camp – contact your county UW-Extension 4-H Office for assistance. Please do so as soon as possible to allow enough time to complete the required training and for a background check to be completed before camp.

The registration fee (both youth and adults must pay the registration fee) will include all materials and supplies, overnight lodging, meals, and snacks. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H bonding time? Transportation is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office.

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members!

## Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation - Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest is an opportunity for fourth and fifth grade students to explore Wisconsin history, geography, and economics through the lens of Wisconsin Agriculture. An annual essay prompt challenges students to research and write an informative essay. The contest supports Wisconsin academic standards including English Language Arts and Social Studies. Top essays are recognized at the county, district, and state levels. The generous support of sponsors and volunteers make this learning opportunity possible each year.

The essay contest gleans the annual theme from the 2024 Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Book of the Year, *I Love Strawberries!*, by Shannon Anderson.

This year's essay contest focuses on our state's sweetest agriculture industry - fruit! Wisconsin is the number one producer of cranberries and is a leader in the production of cherries, apples, and strawberries. Our state's history, communities and economy have been brought to fruit-ion through agriculture endeavors.

[View the full contest details here!](#)

# SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

## Jefferson County WFTD Scholarship

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

This scholarship is open to any student who is a high school senior. The applicant must be planning to attend a Farm & Industry 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/farm-technology-days/>

Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2024.

For questions about the application process, please email [kbroedlow@jeffersoncountyiwi.gov](mailto:kbroedlow@jeffersoncountyiwi.gov).

## Compeer Financial Scholarship

Compeer Financial champions a strong future for agriculture and rural America. Compeer Financial's High School Senior Scholarship Program awards 123 scholarships (41 per state it serves) to students based on a combination of academic achievement, agricultural and community youth organization involvement and essay response. Each scholarship is for \$1,500.

- Three scholarships are intended to support students from the metropolitan regions of Compeer's territory, which includes: Cook County, IL; Hennepin and Ramsey counties, MN; and Milwaukee County, WI.
- Special consideration will be given to applicants who are dependents of Compeer Financial clients.

### Applicant Eligibility

Resident of Compeer Financial's [144 county territory](#)

- Graduating high school senior
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
  - Designated agricultural major, interest in an agriculture-related field, or have an agriculture or rural background
- \* Dependents of Compeer Financial team members or Board Members are not eligible.

### Application Process

Applicants are required to fully complete the online application, including essay. A digital copy of a current transcript noting cumulative GPA for all completed high school semesters will need to be uploaded.

### Application Period

January 1 – March 15, 2024

All applicants will be notified of their status 4-6 weeks after the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. This is a competitive scholarship program. Not all eligible applicants will be awarded a scholarship.

### Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to recipient's college or university for the next academic year.

**Questions?** Email [Scholarships@Compeer.com](mailto:Scholarships@Compeer.com) or call 844-426-6733.

[Click Here to Apply](#)

## 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, 2024. 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 2024 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2024. 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 9, 2024. Recipients will be announced by August 23, 2024. 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](mailto:sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com) or W7686 Co. Rd. MMM, Shawano, WI 54166.

2024 Scholarship Topic: *"What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?"*

## 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

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 2024 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>





# Cookie Decorating Class

February 4th ~ 1:00-3:30pm

UW-Extension Office

\$25 for 6 cookies or \$15 for 3 cookies



Open to all 4-H Families  
Pre Registration is required by 1/26

<https://forms.gle/v41QyYZZ7ijuzuDB7>

Jessica from FarmHouse  
Sweets will be teaching us  
how to decorate our own  
cookies using flood icing!



## Learn to build your own Charcuterie Board



February 20th ~ 6:30pm  
UW-Extension Office

Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/MnzViDo6BeXfhpQJ6>

Registration required by 2/13.





# Food 4ward

## *What is it about?*

Food4ward- Dairy is focused on expanding educational programming county wide. In this quarterly program we examine the entirety of a food system, from point of origin to final consumer product.

Educational topics cover: Dairy welfare and management, milk quality and safety, genetics and milk, direct marketing, and dairy nutrition and product, food science, cheese making and dairy products.

## *What will we do?*

- ✓ Evaluate trends in consumer preferences
- ✓ Discussion Session on nutrition & genetics
- ✓ Understand consumer demand & retail value
  - ✓ Hands on cheesemaking
  - ✓ Learn about dairy science

## *When is it?*

📅 11 February, 2023

🕒 2:00 pm

📍 Jefferson Co. Extension

## *Want to know more or enroll?*

email: [wilcenski@wisc.edu](mailto:wilcenski@wisc.edu)



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*Get ready for...*

# JEFFERSON CO. 4-H BAKE OFF

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to bake! Each month we will crown a star baker in each of three divisions: Cloverbuds (K-2nd), Junior (3rd - 6th) and Senior (7th-12th) ultimately crowning our 4-H Bake Off Champion. Each month will feature a creative and technical challenge

Nov 12th-Breads

Dec 10th-Cookies

Jan 14th-Pastry

Feb 11th-Cakes

*Held @12:30*

*@ the Extension Office*



For more information and to receive the first month's challenge email: [wilcenski@wisc.edu](mailto:wilcenski@wisc.edu) by Oct 31st with the Subject- 4-H Bake Off

Youth will bring a creative signature bake and a technical bake each month to be judged. Star Bakers will be awarded each month in each age division



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JEFFERSON  
COUNTY 4-H

# CLOVERBUD PROJECT



**\$50**

Per Youth



**Jefferson Co.  
Extension Office**

864 Collins Road  
Jefferson, WI 53549



**Monday, Oct. 23 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, Nov. 20 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, Jan. 22 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, Mar. 25 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, May 20 | 6:00pm**

Join our  
Cloverbud Project!  
We will explore  
different areas of what  
4-H has to offer!

**GRADES 5K-2**

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://forms.gle/FtvxtUVkLEAowqAj6>

Questions? 920-674-7295



# YOUTH TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION

## Six 4-hour Saturday Sessions

8AM-noon

March 16, 26

No class March 30

April 6, 13, 20, 27

## Upfront Fee: \$125

Due to a generous donation from Farmers & Merchants State Bank you will be reimbursed \$50 after completing course reducing your overall fee to \$75.



## Purpose of the Course:

- To instruct youth between the ages of 12-16 on safe use of farm equipment.
- To provide youth a 24-hour course to comply with Wisconsin Act 455
- Act 455 states that "No person may direct or permit a child under age 16 years to operate a farm tractor/self-propelled implement of husbandry on the highway unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery operation safety course
- To provide for youth to comply with the Federal Child Labor Regulations.
- Attendance to all classes is required for WI Certification. Students must pass both written and driving exam to successfully complete this program.

Heavy Equipment  
and Tractors for  
Testing Day provided by:

**MID-STATE  
EQUIPMENT**



Course will be onsite:

**LAKE MILLS HIGH SCHOOL, 615 CATLIN DR**

For further questions, please call  
Watertown office at 920-206-8000.

# DIRECTORY

## Leader's Association Board

Name	Club	Phone
Melissa Gerner, President	Lake Ripley	920-723-8660
Susie Schuld, Past President	Twin Rivers	920-988-8166
Cindy Jaquith, President Elect	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
Karen Gefvert, Director	Rock River Clovers	608-617-2772

## Countywide Project Leaders

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Clothing	Kimberly Kreger	920-723-1191
Dairy	Zach Tolzman	
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	
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