



Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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December 2024

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4-H Awards Banquet



December 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
December 1	12:00pm	Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice	Extension Office
December 3	6:00pm	Rabbit Meeting	Extension Office
December 3	7:00pm	Poultry Meeting	Extension Office
December 3	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office
December 6	6:00pm	Junior Leaders Movie Night	Extension Office
December 8	12:00pm	Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice	Extension Office
December 10	6:30pm	Beef Project Kick-Off Meeting	Extension Office
December 14		Beef Weigh-In	Fair Park
December 15		Newsletter Items Due to Meghan	
December 15	12:00pm	Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice	Extension Office
December 15	3:30pm	4-H Cook Off– Meats	Extension Office
December 15	4:30pm	4-H Bake Off– Cookies	Extension Office
December 16	6:00pm	Food4Ward-Beef	Extension Office
December 17	7:00 pm	Horse & Pony Countywide Project Meeting	Fair Park
December 18	6:00 pm	Youth Livestock Meeting	Extension Office
December 22	12:00pm	Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice	Extension Office
December 30	7:00pm	Dairy Committee 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.

[\(Click here for online 4-H calendar\)](#)

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 year. 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.

The total cost for the meetings is \$10 which includes 3 project meetings, take home activities and a project material kit. If you are a returning member you can use your material kit from last year.

Cloverbud Meetings will be held at 6:00pm at the Extension Office one Monday a month during the months of January, March and May.

- Monday, January 20- 6:00pm– Extension Office
- Monday, March 17- 6:00pm– Extension Office
- Monday, May 19- 6:00pm– Fair Park

Have questions? Reach out to the Extension Office at 920-674-7295.



Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meetings will be held on December 30 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices will be on December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22 at 12:00pm at the Jefferson County Extension Office.

Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting is on January 28 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office.

If you have questions about the Lego project, contact Charles Johnson crjohnson.51510@gmail.com or 920-342-9783.

Livestock Project

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

The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be held on January 14 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office

Beef

- **December 14th, 2024 at the Jefferson County Fair Park, there will be a weigh-in that all beef exhibitors are encouraged to attend**

- Exhibitors that attend this weigh in will be able to purchase tags and turn in DNA that day.

- If you opt out of this weigh-in, you must submit your DNA **to the Fair Park Office by 5PM on December 16th.**

- Exhibitors not in attendance at this weigh-in will not be able to participate in Rate of Gain

Sheep/Goats

- **May 4th, 2025 at the Jefferson County Fair Park, there will be a weigh-in that all sheep & goat exhibitors are encouraged to attend.-**

- Exhibitors that attend this weigh in will be able to purchase tags and turn in DNA that day.

- f you opt out of this weigh-in, you may purchase tags at the Fair Park Office beginning now, and you must submit your DNA **to the Fair Park Office by 5PM on May 5th.**

- Exhibitors not in attendance at this weigh-in will not be able to participate in Rate of Gain

Horse & Pony Project

November 3rd we hosted our first Fall Fun Show! It was a cold, rainy day, but we had lots of members and even some new faces ride! We're looking forward to hosting again next year!



JCHP High Point Earners won a trip to Kentucky! They got to tour the Kentucky Horse Park, watch Grand Prix Dressage, Toured New Vocations Horse Rescue (started by 4-H Alumni), tour the oldest Horse Hospital in the US, and even got to take some scenic trail rides.



Upcoming Dates:

11/19-JCHP Ride through Holiday Hooves Christmas Lights

12/3: Horse Committee Meeting at 7pm at Extension

No Countywide Meeting This Month

Rocketry Project

Beginning Jan. 16, the rocketry (aerospace) project will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

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.

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

LEADER NEWS

Leaders Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board Meeting is on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

Leaders Association Meeting

The next Leader's Association Meeting is on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

OLDER MEMBERS

Junior Leaders

The next Junior Leaders meeting is on December 6 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office for card and movie night.

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

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

December 27,2024-December 31,2024

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp (Ages 14+)

4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice (Ages 11-13)

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2024

Arrive: Fly or Drive. Everyone should plan to arrive at Busch Gardens in Tampa by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27,2024.

Depart: Fly or Drive home, but don't plan to leave Busch Gardens until after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2024.

The 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp is a unique opportunity for 4-H'ers to explore the world of animals at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida.

In this experience, the world's largest zoological organization partners with 4-H to offer the opportunity for members to experience one-of-a-kind adventures in Busch Gardens' 335-acre African-themed living classroom and SeaWorld's 200-acre aquatic classroom.

4-H'ers become amateur zookeepers, assist zoo staff behind the scenes, and observe animal care sessions. In this learn-by-doing environment, members explore careers in the animal field and learn about animal conservation all while having fun.

Two Camps are open to all 4-H Members 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 11-13 & 4-H Zoo Apprentice for youth 14+! Truly a great way to spend winter break!

For more information click [HERE](#)

CLUB NEWS

Stone School

Stone School Members collected over 127lbs of candy for Treats for Troops! Thank you to everyone who donated candy! Our club had a great time packaging the candy to send to the troops.



Farmington All-Stars

The Farmington All-Stars met Sunday, November 3 at Jelli's Market for a combination Halloween party, meeting and service day.

After a pizza lunch, members created and voted on designs for the new club T-shirts. Peyton Greving's design won and will be printed on the shirts.

Then members packed toys, gifts and necessary items for the charity Operation Christmas Child. These boxes will go to children in need around the globe.

The new officer panel was introduced, with Peyton Greving as president, Sarah Wagner as vice president, Joel Mueller as secretary, Emma Sheldon as treasurer, A.J. Mueller as parliamentarian, Ella Greving and Lela Wagner as historians, Brad Wagner as sunshine officer, and Michael Wilson as club reporter.

After going over upcoming events, the club then explored the corn maze at Jelli's.

Coming later this month is a service activity, caroling at "Christmas at the Crossroads" in Johnson Creek, where the club will be assisting the Johnson Creek Historical Society. That takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The next meeting will take place Dec. 3 at the Bark River Lanes in Rome, where the club will be collecting care package items for military service personnel.



Rock Lake Troopers

Last month, at the Rock Lake Troopers 4-H meeting on the 4th of November, the club elected new officers. Katie Topel from Aztalan Engineering presented a donation of \$360 to the club. The money will go to community service projects and fun activities for the club. In October the club took an outing to Schuster's pumpkin farm. We rented a campsite there and made smores.

- Charlie Johnson, club reporter

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.

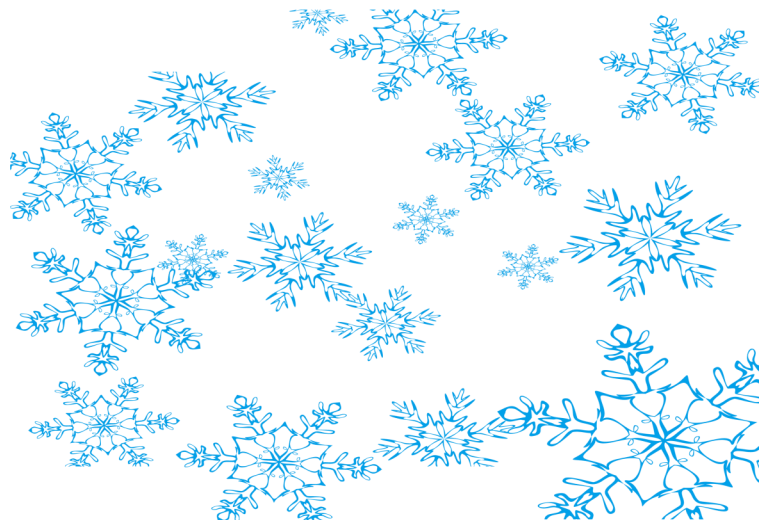
If you are hosting a project meeting, activity or event that the entire county would benefit from, please be sure to submit your article to the EXT Office by the 15th of each month. This includes any project meeting dates, community service or fundraisers that might be relevant to members outside your 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

Although it's November, July feels right around the corner for Fairgoers! Fair 2025 is July 9-13, and here are some important things to remember to be prepared

Beef Exhibitors: weigh-in on December 14th, 2024, is not mandatory, but it is encouraged to attend. Any exhibitor not in attendance must turn in DNA to the Fair Park Office by 5 pm on Monday, December 16th. Weigh-in will be held at the Indoor Arena on the Jefferson Fair Park grounds.

Cat Exhibitors: We will be holding a meeting for exhibitors participating or interested in the Cat Department to address some changes in cat operations. This will be held at the Activity Center (Jefferson Fair Park) on December 11th at 6 pm. Exhibitors do not need their cats present for this meeting.

Bracelet Making Class: Join us on at the Activity Center on December 2nd at 5 pm to make a bracelet! This activity is great for anyone at any age! Better yet, you can enter your craft in the 2025 Fair. Cost of this activity is \$3 per person. Contact Cheryl Mierendorf at 920-723-5138 to reserve your family's spot!

If you have any questions on any of these topics, or others, give us a call at 920-674-7148. See you at the Fair!

FAIR
JEFFERSON COUNTY

BLACK FRIDAY SALE

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 2

\$6 TICKET SALE

EACH TICKET ADMITS YOU TO ONE DAY OF THE FAIR

JULY 9-13 2025

jcfairpark.com

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 Jefferson County Fair Park Website: <https://www.jcfairpark.com>

Calling all Lego Lovers!

Do you have unused Legos or Duplos sitting around?

We are creating a Lego Create Station in the Kidz Zone at the Fair. If you have any spare Legos or are downsizing the toy box, we'd love to put them to good use and give them a second life.

Donations can be dropped off at the Fair Park Office

Let's build something amazing together!

2025 Agricultural grant applications are now available

The Jefferson County Agri-Business Club is pleased to offer the opportunity for local agricultural-related groups to apply for a grant to “jump start” some activity or special project that is not covered within your group’s regular budget. The Club has awarded grants to local agricultural organizations for many years. The funds are generated from the Club’s county fair food stand and our holiday cheese and meat sales.

To apply, fill out the 2024-25 Grant Application form, found on the Club’s website, jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com. After submitting the paperwork, due no later than **December 31, 2024**, potential grant recipients will be asked to present their proposed project to the Club membership at our January 21, 2025 meeting and answer questions about the project’s details. The meeting will be held at Fairview Sports Bar and Banquet Facility in Jefferson.

The Jefferson County Agri-Business Club celebrated its 51th anniversary last year. The mission of the club is to promote an active interest in agribusiness and to serve as a resource to all who care about Jefferson County agribusiness. The goal is to promote the agribusiness community to the local and state population. This is accomplished through education, media, visits to local agribusinesses, fundraisers utilizing agricultural products, offering scholarships toward ag careers, and offering funds, such as these grants, to organizations that promote the ag community.

To learn more about this organization visit www.jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com or visit their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/JeffersonCountyAgriBusinessClub. If you are interested in becoming a member, one does not have to be directly involved in agribusiness. All are welcome.



2025 Agri-Business scholarship applications now available

Jefferson County Agri-Business Club provides college scholarships to local youth pursuing a career in agriculture. Students wanting to apply can download an application from the club website, www.jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com. The application includes student activities, leadership, work experience, transcript, essays about agriculture, and letter of recommendation. Students can be seniors in high school or currently enrolled in college. Monies are awarded to youth attending 2-year, 4-year, or technical schools. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2025.

Jones Dairy Farm donated all the ticket sales from their 2022 Jones Yellow Barn Centennial Celebration to the club's scholarship fund. "This donation allows our organization to assist more local students pursuing careers in agriculture by helping to fund their college educations," stated Bill Blossfeld, Jefferson County Agri-Business Club president. The top 2025 scholarship applicant will receive the Jones Dairy Farm Agriculture Scholarship.

In addition, memorial monies were donated to the Jefferson County Agri-Business Club in honor of retired Jefferson High School agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, Will Larson. He also managed the St. Coletta's farm in Jefferson. In recognition of his involvement in the Jefferson County Agri-Business Club, friends and family donated funds to start this special scholarship within the organization to which he dedicated many years. A scholarship bearing his name will be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in agricultural education with the goal of becoming an ag teacher.

The Grants/Scholarship committee reviews and scores the applications. They present their recommendations to membership at the February meeting for final approval. The



Jefferson County Agri-Business Club will honor students with scholarships at their April 2025 meeting. The evening will include a catered meal and the scholarship presentations at Fairview Sports Bar & Grill in Jefferson.

Funds to finance this venture are raised throughout the year primarily from the food stand at the Jefferson County Fair and an annual cheese sale prior to the Christmas holiday. Community members can also purchase cheese and meat at the Fort Atkinson Holiday Open House and Market on December 7. The club also maintains a vending location at Pleasant Valley Acres Grain and Produce Farm in Sullivan from mid-November to mid-December.

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To learn more about this organization visit our website, www.jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com.



Jefferson County Leaders Association Food Stand

The Jefferson County Leaders Association will be running a food stand at the Fair Park. Volunteering counts for Clover and Hands to Larger Service Awards. Two points will be awarded per hour of service for Livestock Point Cards. Grant Award and 4-H Trip Scholarship Winners are required to volunteer. This money raised goes directly to supporting project grants, awards, and trips.

Saturday, December 7– Gun Show

Sunday, December 8– Gun Show

Friday, December 13– Dog Show

Saturday, December 14– Dog Show

Sunday, December 15– Dog Show

Please sign up for your day and timeslot

HERE: [4-H Food Stand Sign Up](#)

Bake Off Sign Up Link: <https://forms.gle/cDSaNFVcYWgzc2t7>



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 FOUR divisions: Cloverbuds, Junior (3rd - 6th) and Senior (7th- 12th) and new this year, **Club Team**

Nov 17th-Cakes
Dec 15th-Cookies
Jan 19th-Pastry
Feb 16th-Breads
March 16th- Finals



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

*Held @4:30
@ the Extension Office*



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Cook Off Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/cDSaNFTVcYWgzc2t7>



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Roll up your sleeves and get ready to cook! Each month we will crown a star chef in each of FOUR divisions: Cloverbuds , Junior (3rd - 6th) and Senior (7th- 12th) and Club Team

Nov 17th-Sides
Dec 15th-Meats
Jan 19th- Soups
Feb 16th-Appetizers
March 16th- Finals



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*Held @3:30
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Jefferson County 4-H Cloverbud Project

THIS YEAR ONLY
\$10 per youth

GRADES
5K-2

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



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 6:00pm
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 6:00pm
MONDAY, JANUARY 20 | 6:00pm
MONDAY, MARCH 17 | 6:00pm
MONDAY, MAY 19 | 6:00pm

**REGISTER
HERE!**



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Lisa Small, Director	Ixonia Victory	920-285-7204
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Karen Gefvert, Director	Rock River Clovers	608-617-2772

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Clothing	Kimberly Kreger	920-723-1191
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Dogs	Kate Anderson	920-728-3614
Horse & Pony	Jenn Olson	jchpchair@gmail.com
Junior Leaders	Alyssa Jaquith	920-723-9039
Lego	Charles Johnson	920-342-9783
Livestock	Justin Thom	262-490-1313
Plant & Natural Sciences	Sharon Schweitzer	920-650-7110
Poultry	Joy Brattlie	608-220-3933
Rabbits	Joy Brattlie	608-220-3933
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