

Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

June 2025

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Cloverbud Project Meeting



June 2025 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
June 1	4:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .177 air rifle & shot- gun	Watertown Conservation Club
June 1	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .177 air pistol & .22lr rifle	Watertown Conservation Club
June 2	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: 3D Archery, .22lr pis- tol, muzzleloader	Oconomowoc Sportsmans Club
June 2	6:45pm	Dog Project Meeting & Election of Officers	Fair Park
June 3	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office
June 5	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
June 8	4:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .177 air rifle & shot- gun	Watertown Conservation Club
June 8	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .177 air pistol & .22lr rifle	Watertown Conservation Club
June 9	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: 3D Archery, .22lr pis- tol, muzzleloader	Oconomowoc Sportsmans Club
June 9	5:30pm	Dog Project Meeting– Returning Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
June 9	6:00pm	Food4Ward– Pork	Extension Office
June 9	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting- New Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
June 9	6:45pm	Dog Project Meeting– Showmanship & Quiz Bowl	Fair Park
June 10	7:00pm	Livestock Committee Meeting	Extension Office
June 15		Newsletter Items Due to Meghan	
June 16	5:30pm	Dog Project Meeting– Returning Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
June 16	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting– New Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
June 16	6:30pm	Livestock Marketing Practice	Extension Office
June 16	6:45pm	Dog Project Meeting– Showmanship & Quiz Bowl	Fair Park
June 17	7:00pm	Horse & Pony Countywide Project Meeting	Fair Park
June 18	6:30pm	Youth Livestock Meeting	Extension Office
June 19	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
June 23	5:30pm	Dog Project Meeting– Returning Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
June 23	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting- New Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
June 23	6:45pm	Dog Project Meeting– Showmanship & Quiz Bowl	Fair Park
June 24	6:00pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office
June 24	7:00pm	Junior Leaders	Extension Office
June 30	3:30pm	Calumet County Livestock Judging	
June 30	6:00pm	Fair Dog Show	Fair Park
June 30	7:00pm	Dairy Committee	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)

Dairy Project

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

Dog Project

The upcoming Dog Project Meetings in June are as follow:

Dog Project Meeting & Election of Officers- 6:45pm- June 2

Returning Members/Dogs- 5:30pm: June 9, 16, 23 New Members/Dogs- 6:00pm- June 9, 16, 23 Dog Project Meeting- Showmanship & Quiz Bowl- 6:45pm: June 9, 16, 23 Fair Dog Show- 6:00pm- June 30

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

Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting is on June 24 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 June 10 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

June 9– 6:00pm– Food4Ward-Pork– Extension Office June 16– 6:30pm– Livestock Marketing Judging– Extension Office June 18– 6:30pm– Youth Livestock Meeting– Extension Office June 30– 3:30pm– Calumet County Livestock Judging

Rocketry Project

The next Rocketry Project meetings are June 5 and 19 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

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.

Natural Science Project

2025-June Natural Science , Adventures, and Environmental Project Info – Enjoy and/or Exhibit!

Making Fair Exhibits – Or Looking for Summer Activity Got Questions, Need Examples or Tips – text or email – Sharon Schweitzer, 920-650-7110 . rwses@idcnet.com

For those exhibiting at the county fair, "What have you entered?" It's time to finish those exhibits. What are the requirements for your exhibit. Are there changes for exhibiting?

Double check which items you signed up to exhibit. **Print** the pages from the Fair Book for **Dept 15. 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. **Look up the Judging schedule and list the time.**

Enjoy the summer and take pictures and make notes of all the things you enjoy.

June is a wonderful month to plan adventures with your family. Watch for and note all the changes that happen as plants and animals go from spring into summer. Record the cycles of life happening around you and have information for a Science Fair or County Fair exhibit. They may be in your backyard, down the street or road and all the place you go. Take time to enjoy them.

There are many summer activities available in our county or near by. It is a great time to **enjoy county parks or community celebrations**. Any of these activities can be part of the 4-H Natural Science Project Areas.

Wisconsin Free Fishing Days come in June. The Jefferson Kiwanis Club sets

a date as "Take a Kid Fishing Day". Look for the **Registration** details. In the past it was at the Jefferson County Fair Park, Picnic Pavilion. The Kiwanis Club of Jefferson Facebook Page will have more details. Watch for announcements of scheduled activities your community. They usually happens the first weekend in June. **Most of all enjoy fishing with family or others.**

Horicon Marsh is wonderful place to visit. Much to see and do. Check out their activity schedule of events at www.horiconmarsh.org for details. Or check out the list of

Wisconsin State Parks or Natural Areas and the programs they have this summer.

Enjoy outdoor activities whenever and wherever you can. Watch for the Dragon Flies. They can tell us much about our climate. Find out their secret.= Be safe and respective of others. Be aware

of ticks and Wild Parsnip.

If you have a Natural Science project or exhibiting questions, or are looking for more info text or email Sharon at 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com.

Plant & Soils Science Project

2025 June Plant and Soils – Crops, Vegetables, Flowers and House Plants Info – Enjoy and/or Exhibit

Planning a Fair Exhibit – Questions, Examples, Tips Need Help- Sharon Schweitzer, rwses@idcnet.com

Now is the time to watch your plants and garden grow. Double check what you signed up to exhibit. If you have not printed the pages from the Fair Book for *Dept 13 -Plants and Soil and Dept 14 – Flowers and Houseplants*

Plant & Soil Sciences and *Dept 15* - Flowers. I encourage you to 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. Also mark your calendar with the judging dates and times. Double check the Fair website for any changes.

Also use <u>A2935</u> Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants or <u>A3306</u> Exhibiting and Judging Vegetables as a guides for preparing your exhibit. Remember they are guides for preparing and not the details for our county exhibits. If you have not seen or printed them go to the website *learningstore.uwex.edu*. Choose view PDF and download the publication to save and/or print. Keep for a hands on references.

If you have **a problem** or would like to discuss **a question**, text or email Sharon at 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com.

Hopefully your house plants are growing well and you have figured how to plant some garden even with our crazy spring. Enjoy them and/or prepare some as a Fair exhibit. Keep a close eye on them! Changes to them can happen quickly. Protect them, the best you can, from weather and insect damage. (tip—try using row cover materials)

Most of all Enjoy your plants and gardening with your family. You may want to experiment with successive planting or do some companion planting.

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 with summer savory or upright dill plants, two herbs often paired with green beans in the kitchen.

Bush snap beans work well when interplanted **with potatoes**, which are usually up and growing by the time the soil is warm enough to plant beans. After your potatoes have been weeded and hilled, plant bush beans down the outside of the row. As the potatoes die back, the beans will help keep the soil shaded and cool.

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 inter plant bush beans with onions to deter pests from both crops.

Enjoy your good garden vegetables and smell your flowers. Send me pictures! May you have a great summer.

Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 for text or rwses@idcnet.com.

Shooting Sports

.177 air rifle and shotgun will be held on Sundays at 4:00pm at the Watertown Conservation Club. .177 air pistol and .22lr rifle will begin around 5:00pm. Meetings in June will be held on: June 1st and 8th.

3D archery, .22Ir pistol and muzzleloader will be held on Mondays at 5:00pm at the Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club. Meetings in June will be held on: June 2nd and 9th.

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

LEADER NEWS Leaders Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board Meeting is on Thursday, June 19 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

Leaders Association Meeting

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

Food Stand at the Jefferson County Fair

The Leaders Association will be working with Farm Bureau to have a food stand at the Jefferson County Fair! This is be a fundraiser for the Jefferson County 4-H Programs. We will need volunteers on Tuesday through Sunday of Fair week. 4 adults and 2 kids per shift. The shifts will be 6am-10am and 10am to 2pm. A sign up will be coming out soon.

OLDER MEMBERS

Junior Leaders

The next Junior Leaders meeting is on June 24 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

CLUB NEWS

Rock Lake Troopers

The Rock Lake Troopers 4-H club has many spring and summer activities. Some of the club members went to Commons Park in Lake Mills to clean up the litter and sticks on April 26th. Also in April, a group of club members went to the Jefferson County Humane Society to help prepare for the Furry Friends 5K. On June 21st we will have a cheese giveaway at the Lake Mills Market. The club will have a cream puff sale on June 28th during the Town and Country Days parade in Lake Mills.

- Charlie Johnson, Reporter

Farmington All-Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met two times in the last month, first for a roadside cleanup April 19 and then for the regular meeting May 6 at the Farmington Town Hall.

After an icebreaker activity, the club talked about upcoming community service events. For the next month, the club will have collection bins up in locations across the area to raise money for the Johnson Creek Food Pantry. The donations will fund dairy items for users of the food pantry.

At the club's next meeting, June 3, the club will be planting impatiens flowers at the town hall starting at 6 p.m.

Other upcoming opportunities to serve will be at the Watertown Dairy Breakfast Father's Day weekend and at the Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast June 28.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter



4-H CAMP

Jefferson County 4-H Members– It's time to register for Dane County 4-H Camp! We are planning fantastic activities for youth in Grades 3-8. <u>Register Today!</u>

No sure what 4-H Camp is all about? <u>Check out this fun Dane</u> <u>County Video!</u>

All the details and the registration portal can be found on the Dane County 4-H Camp Page.

Camp takes place at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in the WI Dells. Youth will experience 3 nights/4 days of fun camp

activities, crafts, field games, campfire, swimming, nature walks, games and more. They will connect with the outdoors, try new activities, and make new friends.

Invite your friends to come to came. Not in 4-H? No Problem, we welcome all youth!

- Grades 3-5– July 23-26, 2025
- Grades 6-8– July 26-29, 2025

Dane County 4-H Member- \$240, General Camp Rate- \$290

Deadline is or when camp fills.

Reach out if you have any questions.

4-Hinfo@countyofdane.com

The Dane County 4-H Camp Committee

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 <u>4-H Calendar</u>. Dates are being added, changed, or cancelled all the time. Watch the calendar for updates!

STATEWIDE EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Dairy Day at the Mooseum

The Hoard Historical Museum, 401 Whitewater Ave., Fort Atkinson, is holding a wooden cow-decorating contest in conjunction with

Dairy Day at the MOOseum on Saturday, June 14.

The contest is open to groups, including 4-H clubs and families, or to individuals.

The public can participate in a penny vote to select a popular choice winner. Other prizes will be awarded based on merit. There is a fee for the wooden cow form. People who submitted a cow in a past year can re-decorate their form and submit it this year at a reduced fee.

For more information and complete rules, visit the museum's website at www.hoardmuseum.org or call 920-397-9914.

Dairy Day at the MOOseum features a cow parade of the seven breeds of milking cows, games, educational activities, a calfnaming contest, food, and seven varieties of ice cream float flavors that represent the seven breeds of milking cows. The event is from 11 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15. The cow parade is at 1:30 p.m.

The event is free to the public.

Wisconsin Working Stock Dog Association Scholarship

The Wisconsin Working Stock Dog Association (WWSDA) wants to encourage young people to learn more about breeding, training, and handling dogs specific to working livestock. To help this goal we are offering a scholarship of up to \$500.00 that can be applied to the cost of approved learning events such as lessons, clinics, or auditing a clinic.

The applicant must be 9 to 19 years of age and the chosen learning experience must be in Wisconsin. To apply, fill out the form below. The youth will be asked for contact information, experiences with livestock and dog handling, if they have a clinic in mind, and parent approval.

Youth need to live in Wisconsin or a contiguous state. Youth awarded scholarship funds, will be expected to write a brief report on their experiences of the clinic within 30 days of the experience, including photographs. This report will be published in a WWSDA newsletter.

The applicant's parent, guardian, or sponsor must sign off and will be contacted to assure support and use of funds. For more information and to apply go here: <u>Scholarship — Wisconsin</u> <u>Working Stock Dog Association</u>

JEFFERSON CO. FAIR NEWS

Auction Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers! If you want to help out at the animal auction this year, we have multiple opportunities

Go to this link to see the opportunities and sign-up: Volunteer Signup: Volunteer at the Auction

Youth Grant Program: June 9th

Do you know someone who qualifies for the Youth Grant Program? Tell them to sign up by June 9th to be considered!

This grant is designed to provide support for Jefferson County Fair animal exhibitors interested in further enhancing/advancing their Fair participation in one of the respective animal projects (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits) at the current year's Fair **The qualifications are:**

• Applicants must be active Jefferson County Fair Junior division exhibitors between the ages of 8-19.

Applications must be submitted by June 9th, 2025 for consideration

A small panel of judges will consider each completed application after the submission deadline. Applicants will be notified of their status after consideration.

Complete your application by June 9th here: Youth Grant Program

Preferred Parking is Available

General Admission parking at the Fair is free, but we have limited preferred parking spaces available. Preferred parking is a place inside the park for people who want to be just a bit closer to the action. For a one-time fee, you can get parking for one car for the whole week of the Fair, July 9th-13th. Click here to sign up for preferred parking while space is available! <u>Parking</u>

Lactating Cow Update

As of April 21, 2025, the Jefferson County Fair will allow lactating dairy cows to exhibit, provided they meet the proper testing requirements. In accordance with DATCP's Wisconsin Summary Special Order 24-O-003, lactating dairy cows must have a **negative Influenza A test result within seven (7) days prior to movement**.

There is a cost associated with the Influenza A test. If you are an exhibitor that has a cow housed at a facility, we suggest that you have a talk with the owner to discuss the cost of the test.

Please note that this is a fluid situation, and rules or regulations may change as new guidance becomes available. If any updates occur, Fair Park staff or Dairy superintendent, Bill Uecker, will reach out directly to all impacted exhibitors.

For the most current information, please visit the DATCP website: DATCP Home Summary of Additional Requirements for Movement of Lactating Dairy Cattle

Join our Team!

We're looking for members of the community to join our Fair team! For the time surrounding the Fair, we have exciting opportunities for interested people to fundraise, volunteer, or work to provide a memorable Fair experience!

You could:

- Get a group together and fundraise at the Gates during the Fair
- Grab a friend and volunteer your time at one of our memorable volunteer positions

Fill out an application to work the fairgrounds leading up to the Fair fun

Work with our team: Join our Team

Volunteer with us!: Volunteer

Fair Tickets

Get your Fair tickets!

Single general admission tickets go on sale April 28th!

General Admission Tickets Available online at <u>JCoFair.com/tickets</u> from **April 28 through the Fair (July 9–13)**.

Fair Fun Five Packs Purchase in person at any Premier Bank location in Jefferson County, or the Fair Office starting May through July 5th.

Tell your Story!

Submit yours for a chance to be featured on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We're looking for about two sentences and a photo or video for each of the following categories. If you share a story, you just might see it featured online!

• What's in the Works? Tell us in a couple of sentences about you and the exhibit you're working on from animals or static exhibits. Be sure to include at least one photo!

• **Project Throwback** Share a short story about a project you've completed in the past—whether it was in 2023 or 1963, we welcome them all! A photo to go along with it is encouraged.

Fair Memories Tell us about a fun, fond, or even quirky memory from a past Fair. It could be about how you crowd surfed at the 2003 Fair or how you got to pet your favorite animal in 2024, we'd like to hear them all! If you have a picture to go with your story, we'd love to include it!

Email your story to <u>fair@jeffersoncountywi.gov</u> or send it to our Facebook messenger!

Yee-Haw It's Time for **Cloverbud Day Camp!** At the Jefferson County **Extension Office!** Sign Up Here: https://forms.gle/W9BucnXbWHxsLwwC6 June 27 8:00am-12:00pm Cost: \$5 5k-2nd Grade

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Please Come for a Fun Day of Crafts, a Treasure Hunt and Root Beer!



\$12.00 - Adults | \$6.00 - Child (4-10 years old) | Free - Child (3 years old & under)

Price includes: Eggs, Pancakes, Jones Sausage & Ham, Ice Cream, Dairy Cakes, Yogurt Parfait Bar, Charcuterie Board, Milk, Trolley Farm Tour, Kids Activities and more!

Last day to purchase tickets is June 18th!

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLE

All guests are required to park at the Jefferson County Fair Park, North Lot off of Spangler Road. There is no access to the parking lot from Gates 2 or 3 on Jackson Ave. please continue to the gate access on Spangler Road. Free Shuttle Bus Service will be provided to transport attendees to and from Kutz Dairy.

> Tickets will be scanned at the FAIR PARK before boarding the bus. Enjoy interactive dairy trivia during your short ride to the farm.

Please email any ADA requests to: JCBreakfastontheFarm@gmail.com

Scan QR Code to buy tickets online!

BUY ONLINE OR IN-PERSON

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the Jefferson County Fair Park during office hours Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm 503 N. Jackson Ave. Jefferson, WI 53549



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DIRECTORY

Leader's Association Board

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Alyssa Jaquith, Director	Stone School	920-723-9039
Lisa Small, Director	Ixonia Victory	920-285-7204
Kimberley Kreger, Director	Ideal Clever Clovers	920-723-1191
Karen Gefvert, Director	Rock River Clovers	608-617-2772

Countywide Project Leaders

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Dogs	Kate Anderson	920-728-3614
Horse & Pony	Jordan Soleska	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
Rocketry (Aerospace)	Brett/Roald Ager-Hart	920-674-4963
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