



Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

March 2026

Jefferson County Extension Office has staffing shortages

Please note the adjusted hours
as we look to fill vacancies

Open Monday – Thursday:
9:00am - 4:00pm

Closed Fridays

For all 4-H related items contact
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New 4-H Associate Educator



Hi everyone,

My name is Cadance and I'm excited to join the Jefferson County 4-H team as an Associate Educator. I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone and working together to build community and learn creatively!

To tell you a little bit about me: My background is in education, event management, and community engagement—I have completed a practicum in school counseling, worked as an Event Coordinator for The HALO Foundation, and mentored at-risk youth through LINK Mentoring. In my spare time, I like to read, upcycle random items, and spend time outside (especially in the spring). If you want to see pictures of my cat or need song recommendations, I always have both on hand!

If you see me around, come introduce yourself!

~ Cadance

Rosendale - Milksource Dairy Tour



Jefferson Co. Dairy Committee invites you to be a part of a farm tour of Rosendale/ Milksource Dairy on April 4th

This is chance to tour the largest dairy in Wisconsin at ~9,000 cows milking on two rotary parlors. Milksource is a industry leader in genetics and modern sustainable dairy farming

[Sign Up Here](#)

2026 Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship

Submit this form by March 16th, 2026.

- Scholarships are awarded to 4-H members pursuing a four-year college degree or a tech-school or non-four-year degree.
- Up to a total of \$5,000 may be available to 4-H member scholarship applicants. Scholarship amounts will be determined by the 4-H Leaders Association.
- Applicants will be considered based on his/her 4-H experience as a 4-H member. The focus of the 4-H scholarship will be based on the youth's 4-H career. Consideration will be placed on leadership, citizenship, life skills development, projects, activities and community service.

Meats Juding Team

Jefferson County 4-H kids had a great weekend at the State Meats Judging Contest at UW Madison. The Senior team of Keilah, Olivia, Gracelynn and Cheyenne finished in fourth place. The Junior team of Emmett, Fynnley, Nathan, Elliot and Gracie finished in fifth place. Nathan was Second in Evaluation and 4th Over- All. Keilah was 2nd in Reasons. Olivia was 2nd in Evaluation and 9th Over- All.

Great job to all these hard working kids and thank you to coaches Lindsay Baneck and Libby Hafften for their time and effort!



Tubing Trip

Junior members that earned 50 points or more from their Livestock Handbook last year enjoyed their incentive trip to Sunburst in Kewaskum.

Members of the Johnson and Gefvert families had a great time tubing !

✿ Start tracking those points!



4-H Scholarships



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Eligibility:

- Must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least 3 years
- GPA of 2.5/4.0
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a university, college, or technical school during the following academic year

Applicants will submit an online application form with their cover letter and résumé

Learn more!



DUE: March 1 at 11:59 p.m.

Register Now!

Wausau

April 25, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Marathon County Extension Office, Wausau, WI



Milwaukee

May 16, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Kellog PEAK, Milwaukee, WI

Art and science hands-on workshops
Available for youth in grades 3-5
\$10 per youth participant

Register Here



REMINDER

WI STATE 4-H HORSE
ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
DEADLINE IS
MARCH 1ST



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Apply.

Registration Open!

Closes March 9th

**STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK
EVENTS**

**SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL
MARCH 21, 2026**

HELD AT THE UW MADISON CAMPUS



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Looking for more information about the event, registration information, or rules? Find it at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../livestock-quiz-bowl.../>

March 2026 4-H CALENDAR

| Date | Time | Meeting | Location |
|---------|---------|--|---------------------------|
| March 1 | 4:30 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 1 | 5:15 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 1 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice- Senior (9th-13th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 2 | 6:00 pm | Dog Obedience Training | Fair Park Activity Center |
| March 3 | 6:00 pm | Rabbit Meeting | Extension |
| March 3 | 7:00 pm | Poultry Meeting | Extension |
| March 3 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Watertown |
| March 3 | 6:45 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Watertown |
| March 3 | 7:30 pm | Archery Practice- Senior (9th-13th grade) | Watertown |
| March 4 | 7:00 pm | Horse Committee Meeting | Extension |
| March 8 | 4:30 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 8 | 5:15 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 8 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice- Senior (9th-13th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 9 | 6:00 pm | Dog Obedience Training | Fair Park Activity Center |

March 2026 4-H CALENDAR

| Date | Time | Meeting | Location |
|----------|---------|--|-----------|
| March 10 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Watertown |
| March 10 | 6:45 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Watertown |
| March 10 | 7:30 pm | Archery Practice- Senior (9th-13th grade) | Watertown |
| March 10 | 6:00 pm | Beef Carcass Meeting | Extension |
| March 10 | 7:00 pm | Youth Livestock Meeting | Extension |
| March 15 | 4:30 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 15 | 5:15 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 15 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice- Senior (9th-13th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 16 | 6:00 pm | Cloverbuds | Extension |
| March 16 | 6:45 pm | Dog Project Quiz Bowl | Extension |
| March 16 | 11:00pm | Leader's Assoc. Scholarship Due | Online |
| March 17 | 7:00 pm | Horse & Pony Countywide Project Meeting | Extension |
| March 17 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Watertown |
| March 17 | 6:45 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Watertown |

MARCH 2026 4-H CALENDAR

| Date | Time | Meeting | Location |
|----------|---------|--|---------------------------|
| March 19 | 6:30 pm | Leaders Association Meeting | Extension |
| March 22 | 4:30 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 22 | 5:15 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 22 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice- Senior (9th-13th grade) | Sullivan |
| March 23 | 6:00 pm | Dog Obedience Training | Fair Park Activity Center |
| March 24 | 7:00 pm | Junior Leaders | Extension |
| March 24 | 6:00 pm | Archery Practice - Juniors (3rd-5th grade) | Watertown |
| March 24 | 6:45 pm | Archery Practice - Intermediate (6th-8th grade) | Watertown |
| March 24 | 7:30 pm | Archery Practice- Senior (9th-13th grade) | Watertown |
| March 30 | 6:00 pm | Livestock Marketing Introduction | Extension |
| March 30 | 6:00 pm | Livestock Ultrasound Class | Extension |
| March 30 | 7:00 pm | Dairy Committee Meeting | Extension |
| March 31 | 6:00 pm | Lego Project | Extension |
| April 1 | 7:00 pm | Horse Committee Meeting | Extension |

PROJECT NEWS

If you need help with a project please call the EXT Office at 920-674-7295. If you want to lead a countywide project please contact the Extension Office for more information.

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. After most of the meetings, we'll send your Cloverbud home with a few more activities to extend their learning about the topic.

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

- Monday, February 16 - 6:00pm– Extension Office
- Monday, March 16 - 6:00pm– Extension Office
- Monday, May 18 - 6:00pm– Fair Park

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

Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 30th at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Farm Tour Sign-Up: Rosendale Dairy
Please complete [this form](#) to sign up for the April 4 tour of Rosendale Dairy - a chance to tour the largest dairy in Wisconsin at ~9,000 cows milking on two rotary parlors. W

Dog Project

Obedience Started in February

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

Horse Project

Horse & Pony Countywide Project Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting are held the last Tuesday of the month at the Extension Office.

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

Youth Livestock Producers

The newt meeting will be March 10th and will beginning the planning of Project Learning Day. There will also be a Beef Carcass Class before the meeting.

March 30th will be two classes: an introduction to the Ultrasound Carcass classes that are held at the Jefferson Co. Fair and an Indroduction to the Youth Livestock Marketing compeition. Check your handbook for more information on the marketing compeition and the prizes that are awarded.

Shooting Sports

Shooting sports is a great life skill to learn at a young age. With 4-H shooting sports the kids will learn the basic fundamentals of safety, awareness, posture, eye dominance, accuracy vs consistent grouping and much more. We want the kids to enjoy shooting sports along with knowing the responsibilities there is to shooting this type of equipment. We have 3 age groups with shooting sports;
Junior is 3rd-5th grade(8-11yrs).
Intermediate is 6th-8th grade(12-15yrs).
Senior is 9th-1 year after high school graduation(16-19yrs).

We split our shooting sports season into 2 groups; Indoor and outdoor. Indoor we do only archery and outdoor we do 3D archery, air pistol, air rifle, .22lr pistol, .22lr rifle, shotgun (trap), and muzzleloader. Each discipline is \$5 for the season. Safety Meetings are required to have before shooting per 4-H nationally. Safety meetings and first practices can not be on the same day. But they will still be able to shoot if wanted.Each archer is required to have 3 practices to be eligible to participate in the County Competition.

Outdoor dates: Outdoor shooting will start in April. Sundays; air rifle/ pistol, shotgun, .22lr rifle. Mondays; 3D archery, .22lr pistol, muzzleloader.

Sundays: Oconomowoc Sportsmans Club
Mill Rd, Sullivan, WI 53178

Tuesdays: Watertown Archers
212 Market St, Watertown, WI 53094
Times might change depending on attendance.

If you have questions about the shooting sports project, contact David Saxby at jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com

2026 March Plant & Natural Science Activity

March 8th, 2026 , 4pm, Plant & Natural Science Activity

Seed Starting in your own starter “pots”

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5th. Email or text Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com

All project and interested 4-H members are invited to join the Hubbleton Hustlers 4-H Club for this Plant/Soils & Natural Sciences Meeting Activity.

It will be at the Morris Farms, W6134 County Road T, Watertown, WI 53094 Sunday, March 8th at 4pm. Please bring 2 to 4 clean empty toilet tissue rolls.

Also. bring a container (gallon milk jug, veggie or fruit container, or similar item) to hold your “pots”.

Come learn about cold crops, plants that reseed and perennials, See how you can start them in the winter or early spring using a “greenhouse container”.

Make “pots”, plant seeds, take them home to grow.

Have project questions, comments, suggestions, Email or text Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com

Ideal Clever Clovers

On February 21st, the Ideal Clever Clovers 4-H Club met at the Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson at 10:30am.

Under new business, members and leaders discussed future activities and events for the club. We're planning to tie-dye club shirts, visit Little Amerika and glaze ceramic projects.

After the meeting, secretary Aleksander Becker demonstrated to members and leaders how to make edible cookie dough. Samples were given out to enjoy.

Our next meeting will also be at the library at 10:30am on March 21st, 2026.

See you there!

Kathleen Maloney- Reporter



CLUB NEWS

Farmington All Stars

The Farmington All-Stars met Feb. 3 at the Farmington Town Hall.

In the first item of business, club members voted to make available one \$200 scholarship and two \$100 scholarships to graduating seniors who have been longtime members of the club. These scholarships would not be automatic, but would involve an application process.

Members then set a date for a club project day for 4-Hers to explore different projects, from sewing to cooking to arts and crafts to natural resources. Providing the town hall is available at that time, the event was tentatively set for 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of March.

Upcoming events later in the year include blanket-tying for Froedtert Memorial Hospital in March, an "Earth Day" roadside cleanup April 18, the club Jelli's Market fundraiser in May, and flower planting at the town hall in May or June (depending on the weather).

The next regular meeting is set at 6:30 p.m. March 3 at the town hall..

Michael Wilson, Reporter

Ixonia Victory

The meeting was held Monday February 2nd. We had a cupcake contest, with three winners. We discussed our adopt a grandparent program, past grandparents and future, as well as who wanted to adopt one. We discussed kick off meetings for the fair, as well as show and tell volunteers (demonstrations) for the next meeting.

We also spoke about meat judging and events and accomplishments through that part of agriculture. For our March community serving we will be doing a sock drive for the Watertown Gosling Nest.

At our March Meeting we will be stuffing eggs for Ixonia hunt, and will need volunteers to help at the event, preferably older members.

Kinsley Strobel- Ixonia Victory Club Reporter



Rock River Clovers

The February meeting of the Rock River Clovers was held at Rockwell Elementary School at 6:30 on the 4th. Speeches were given by Kirk Anderson and Grace Buckingham. Kirk brought his baby goats in. Grace brought in her award-winning photo of her and her dog. Several members talked about the county-wide projects. After the meeting, we made charcuterie cups. Our next meeting will be held March 4th.

Submitted by Kirk Anderson

4-H COMMUNICATIONS

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!

WeeklyCloverConnection

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 notifications for ANY 4-H activities

4-H Food Stand at the Fair Park

Our next volunteer opportunities for the 4-H food stand at the Jefferson County Fair Park are listed below. Please consider volunteering and sign up for one of the following dates:

March 7 & 8 for a Rabbit Show - [Sign up here!](#)

March 15 - [Sign up here!](#)

2026 WI 4-H Scholarship

The application for the Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship process is now open

For the application form, specific scholarship information, and complete instructions about what to include in the application documents, 4-H youth can visit [the Scholarship Page](#) at

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-scholarships/>

Eligible seniors and 4-H alumni must submit applications electronically to the 4-H review committee no later than

11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2026.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified via email by mid-May.

For further questions, please email Development & Finance Assistant Simon Harty at simon.harty@wisc.edu.

Jefferson County Fair Park Update

We're excited to introduce the **Fair Member Hub**—a new, easy-to-access space where exhibitors and club leaders can stay up to date.

Since monthly newsletters don't always make it to your inbox, the Hub gathers important announcements, deadlines, and updates all in one convenient location.

To find the Fair Member Hub, go to JCoFair.com, hover over “**Exhibit Info**,” and select “**Fair Member Hub**.” There you'll find a list of all monthly newsletters along with key reminders and upcoming dates

Please note that the Fair Member Hub will show the exact same information that is in inFAIRmations. If you prefer to get your information in email rather than on a website, don't worry because you'll still receive this monthly!

