Visioning Session
Due to a lack of interest we had to reschedule the October Visioning Session. The new visioning session will be held on February 23rd at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office.

What do you think the future of Jefferson County 4-H should look like? How can we get more kids involved and what can we do to make your current experience even better? Each club will be asked to send one adult and one older youth (7th grade or older) to participate in this activity. At your upcoming club meetings think about what you think is the best part of the Jefferson County 4-H program and what things you might like to see changed or added. Work to find the best youth and adult to represent your ideas at the February 23rd meeting.

Larger clubs who may have more than one youth and adult, please contact Sarah to let her know you have additional people that will be attending.

Jefferson County 4-H Clothing Available Online
Show your county or even club pride by ordering Jefferson County 4-H gear. Some of the clothing items can also be customized by club! Check out our new online store at http://jeffco4hwi.ilchq.com/. Items can be ordered in a variety of colors, sizes, and types. The online store will be active starting February 1st. Check back often for new designs!

Project Learning Day
There are still spots open for Project Learning Day! Please look online at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/ to see what is still open or sign up. You can sign up by printing a form or by filling out the Google form online. A complete list of classes can be found online, most of the classes were listed in the January newsletter. Registration was due the 23rd, but we are still accepting late registrations.

Like us on Facebook!
Communication is important when it comes to 4-H. Please like Jefferson County 4-H Wisconsin on Facebook to keep up to date on what is going on in our program. Daily updates (including weather cancellations), photo sharing and much more will happen on our Facebook site. Please become a fan and share the site with your family and friends.
https://www.facebook.com/#!/JeffersonCounty4HWI
Newsletter Submissions
If you are hosting a project meeting, activity or event that the entire county should know about, please be sure to submit your article to the Extension Office by the 15th of the month so it can get in the newsletter. This includes any project meeting dates, community service or fundraisers that might be relevant to members outside of your club. Please note we have the right to edit submissions based on newsletter space and appropriateness.

Looking for Summer Intern
The Jefferson county UW-Extension Office will be hiring a summer intern to work with the 4-H program. The internship would start in May and run through August. Applicants must be 21 and preference given to those enrolled in a college internship program. 4-H experience is preferable. If you have questions regarding the Summer Intern position, please call Sarah at the Extension Office. Applications will be available from the Human Resource Department and on the Jefferson County website in the near future (http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/jc/public/).

EXPLORE at 4-H Camp
Mark your calendars to join us to EXPLORE at 4-H camp in Upham Woods. Camp will be June 12-15. Camp applications will be available starting March 2nd. Your cost for 4-H camp is $155 with scholarships available.

New this year - a special DISCOVERY camp for 6th grade youth. This camp will combine the tent camping experience (campers will still have use of modern restrooms). Campers will participate in hands on discover activities using technology on Black Hawk Island. They will also go canoeing, swimming, play games, campfires and other camp experiences.

Dairy Breakfast Workers Needed
It’s cold outside, but we are already planning for summer. The Dairy Breakfast at Fair Park will be held on May 30th. Please consider signing up to help. Online signups will be taken until May 1st. Please visit http://goo.gl/WQVLnE to sign up.

International Host Opportunities
Share your American culture and life by providing a welcoming home to a new friend from another country. It is a wonderful opportunity to expand your horizons, learn about another culture and develop lifelong friendships without even leaving your home! You can get involved in this wonderful opportunity to know and appreciate another person and their culture by applying to be a host for a month or a year. Requirements include having a genuine interest, being flexible and willing to spend time with the student and having an extra bed available (not necessarily an extra room). Previous hosting experience is not required. Financial costs to hosts are basically meals and minimal travel since visitors want to experience American culture, not just tour or travel.

In the summer of 2015, more than 70 youth from Argentina, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Finland will spend a month living with Wisconsin host families and learning about American culture. If you are between 10-18 years old and want to take part in a month that will stay with you for a lifetime, apply now. Chaperone hosts are also needed for two week periods during these time frames.

If you have enjoyed a short term hosting experience or simply love working with students from other cultures, consider hosting a Eurasian student through the C.S.I.E.T. approved 4-H Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) High School Programs. Students arrive in August and depart in June. A host brother or sister of high school age is not a prerequisite and young or retired couples involved as 4-H leaders are also urged to apply.

Applications are due by February 15th or until all delegates are assigned. Hurry, since assignments will begin in late February! For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website at wi4hinternational.org/host. Contact your County International Exchange Coordinator, County 4-H Office staff, or call WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491 or 608-262-1557 or e-mail wi4hinternational@gmail.com.
Tree Seedlings Available for 4-H Clubs
The Wisconsin DNR - State Nursery Program would like to encourage 4-H clubs and other youth groups to plant trees. Trees provide a home for wildlife, protect our soil and water, and help clean our air. The State Nursery Program has a long tradition of providing tree seedlings to 4-H, FFA and other youth groups. These seedlings may be used for reforestation, soil erosion prevention and wildlife habitat improvement. This is a great way for youth to get outdoors and learn about nature, especially those members involved in the Forestry project or other nature projects.

To order go online to http://dnr.wi.gov/ key word Tree Planting and download an order form for a list of available trees and prices. Or you may contact one of the two state nurseries for a tree order form. Phone (608) 375-4123 or (715) 424-3700. You will need to determine the quantity and species of trees each family would like to order. Tree seedlings come in bundles of 25 and should be ordered in increments of 25. Then you need to consolidate everyone's order and have the club place the order. You can either choose to pick your trees up at one of the 3 nurseries or have them shipped to your county. You will receive a notice from the State Nursery Program in April about receiving your seedlings. While the nurseries try to be accommodating to youth groups, the statutes and administrative codes concerning seedling distribution still need to be followed. The above exemptions apply only to current, active members, not alumni or outside individuals. Seedlings cannot be re-sold or given away. They may not be planted for landscaping or for Christmas trees.

Association Board Meetings
The Leaders Association Board will meet on February 19th at 7 pm. If you would like to be on the agenda or have something you would like added to the agenda for discussion, please contact Sarah Torbert or Crystal Hoffmann.

All leaders please remember the March 19th Leaders Association meeting will be packed full of fair details. It is very important that at least one person from your club is there.

Looking for Camp Adult Staff
Do you love camping? Maybe you are looking for some great bonding time with your child and 99 of their closest friends? Join us for 4-H Camp June 12-15 in scenic Wisconsin Dells. We need people to serve in the capacity of snack coordinator, arts and crafts, cabin adults and more! Please consider applying to help us at camp. New this year we will be camping with Sauk and Columbia counties! Adult Camp Staff applications are available at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-camp-2/. They are due by April 2nd. We will review applications and see how you can best fit with our camp experience.

Special Emphasis News

Poster and Speaking Contest
“4-H Builds Friendship and Memories” is this year’s theme. Start now in creating your poster and speech about friendship, memories or anything else related to the Special Emphasis theme. With this theme you can talk about a variety of different topics. Ideas include what it takes to be a good friend, who has inspired you by their friendship, your favorite memory, a lesson you have learned about friendship and so much more. The Special Emphasis Speech registration is due February 6, 2015 and can be found in the Special Emphasis Book or online at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/jefferson-county-4h/special-emphasis/ The contest will be held on February 24, 2015, at the Johnson Creek Elementary School (please note location change from previous years).
The Year of the Cheese
Munster up some excitement to celebrate the cheese industry in Wisconsin at this year’s Jefferson County Fair. Your whole family Cheddar get ready for a String of fun. Don't be Blue, because it is going to be a Grate year!

2015 Fair Judging Date
The Indoor Projects will be judged on Monday, July 6th from 12-7 pm in 2015. Foods, Cake Decorating, Plants and Gardening will be judged on July 7th.

Training Offered for County Fair Judges
The 2015 Fair Judges Training Webinar will be held on March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. and is geared for new county fair judges as well as judges that would like to be updated on the general principles of what it takes to judge at Wisconsin County Fairs. Some of the topics to be covered are: The Basics of Judging at the County Fair, Steps to becoming a Judge, Expectations of Judges and the Types of Judging such as conference and face-to-face. There will also be time for any questions you may have regarding judging at Wisconsin County Fairs.

If you or someone you know might be interested in attending the training to be a county fair judge, please contact the Extension Office for registration information at sarah.torbert@ces.uwex.edu. The fee is $15.00. Participants will be able to connect in their homes with an internet connection with the audio done as a Wisline via the phone. They will send all participants the connection information and the PowerPoint after you are registered. If your internet is not fast enough you will be able to follow along via the PowerPoint and audio connection.

Older Member News
Fair Park Looking for Superintendents
The Jefferson County Fair is planning to hire 3 Superintendents in 2015. (2) Open/Senior Department and (1) in the Dairy Department. If you know someone that would be interested please have them fill out the application by March 1, 2015. It can be found on the fair website at http://www.jcfairpark.com/fairpark/images/pics/PDFs/Superintendent%20Application%202015%20fillable.pdf

Project Learning Day
Just a reminder to Junior Leaders who will be helping with Project Learning Day, please plan to arrive at 10:30 am. We need all of the help we can get because we will be teaching a session and serving lunch. We hope all of you can join us.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Junior Leaders will be held on March 18th at 7 pm at the UWEX. At this meeting we will start planning Cloverbud Day Camp, so please bring your ideas. Junior Leaders is for any youth in grades 7-12.

Junior Leaders Headed to Fireside
The Junior Leaders will be headed to the Fireside to see the Wizard of Oz on April 9th. This is a Thursday so ticket are cheaper and it is a buffet. The tickets will be around $55.00 per person. Money may be available to help pay for the event. Watch the March newsletter for registration and more information.

Apply To Be a Camp Counselor
Why apply - because it is a great resume item. Applying for a camp counselor position will help you and the campers learn life lessons. You spend three to four days with amazing kids and adults. It's a great experience to meet new kids from different counties. Come explore a fun, safe and exciting time with us as a counselor at camp.

Camp counselor applications can be found on our website at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-camp-2/. Applications are due the 27th of February and the mandatory training will be held on March 21st in Madison.
Leaders Association Scholarship
The Jefferson County Leaders Association will be offering scholarships to high school seniors and/or college freshman. The scholarship is due April 15th and requires two recommendation forms. A scholarship application can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/.

State 4-H Scholarships Available
The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation plans to award more than $9,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing undergraduate degrees in 2015. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 31, 2015. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, financial need and future educational goals with specific criteria for designated awards. Applications can be found at www.Wis4HFoundation.org.

State Camp Counselor Training
The Wisconsin State 4-H program will be hosting a Counselor Training Weekend, March 28-29, 2015 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. This training is not a replacement for the mandatory training on March 21st, but would serve as great opportunity for anyone thinking about being a camp counselor. The goal of the weekend is to prepare youth to excel in their counselor roles during summer camps (even if you are going to be a counselor at a camp that is not related to 4-H). The cost is $30 for the entire weekend. The training will start on March 28th at 9:30 am and end on the 29th at 1:30 pm. To obtain registration material please send an e-mail to uphamwoods@ces.uwex.edu.

New High School Adventure Camp
New this year! Jefferson, Columbia and Sauk counties will be invited to participate in an Adventure Camp for youth who are in 9th-12th grade! The camp will include a three day canoe trip down the Wisconsin River. The group will set up primitive campsites as they canoe down the river. The camp will be held June 24-26, which gives you the opportunity to go even if you want to be a counselor at 4-H camp. If you enjoyed Outpost this would be a great next step for you! Camp applications will be available on March 2nd so watch for them!

Attend 4-H Youth Conference
Join over 600 other 4-H members from throughout Wisconsin on the UW-Madison campus this summer from June 22-25 for the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference. They even include amazing educational seminars and assemblies. Youth can learn more about their favorite project or go rock climbing, there is a huge variety of sessions to choose from. Participant must be in 7th to 10th grade when they turn in their applications. The cost is $235.00. Up to ten scholarships will be awarded to youth in the amount of $100.00. Even if you have gone before you can attend this event again, giving you a chance to try new sessions. Check out the 4-H website at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/trip-awards/ for an application, deadline to apply is March 1.

Project News

Information for specific projects is listed in this section. Projects are listed in alphabetical order. If you want to lead a countywide project please contact Sarah for more information.

AEROSPACE

Aerospace Meeting February 7th
This year the Aerospace Project will be part of Project Learning Day on February 7th. This will be the ONLY meeting for the project for the entire year. Project leader Steve Thiemke will be presenting important information you need for success in the Aerospace project. Those in attendance will get a rocket to take home with them to make for the 2015 fair. Steve will also provide the group with additional fair ideas and contact information if you need future assistance. Please sign up for one of the sessions offered at Project Learning Day.
ARCHERY

Jefferson County 4-H Archery 2015
Hello archers! We are off to a good start of the 2015 season. Just a reminder of the remaining archery practices.

PRACTICE DATES:
Rapids Archery Club on the following Sundays from 5:00 till 7:30 pm:
• February 8, 15, 22
• March 8
• March 15 (Fair shoot)

Watertown Archery Club on the following Mondays from 6:00 till 8:30 pm:
• February 9, 16, 23
• March 9
• March 16 (Fair shoot)

Questions? Contact Mrs. Walsh 920-699-2884 or adwcs@tds.net.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

4-H ArtBeat! - Grades 3-5
4-H Art Beat! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! 4-H ArtBeat! will be held March 20 and 21, 2015, at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, juggling and more!

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. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The $50.00 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, (including a very cool ArtBeat! backpack!) special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Registration materials and more information can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/. Registration is due February 20th!

DAIRY

Hoard’s Dairyman Cow Judging Contest
This contest is in its 85th year and has entries from more than 800 4-H clubs. Prizes are $100-$75-$50-$25. If your Dairy Leader has not received the entry information for this year, please contact Sarah at the UWEX Office for entry information.

Each 4-H member who enters on a group entry blank with their club is automatically eligible for individual cash prizes. Members may enter with their clubs and also with their families. Official placing’s and reasons will be published in the May issue as well as on the website: (www.hoards.com/youth/cowjudgingcorner). Winners will be announced in the May 10th issue. Entry deadline is March 19, 2015.

Nominations Needed For Crowley Award
The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award. We are pleased to name the award in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member(s) in each county for their accomplishments in 2014-15. These winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques and the top two youth in the state competition will each receive $500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

To apply you must be enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in it. You need to be in 10th - 12th grade.

The Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee would like to encourage all eligible dairy members to please fill out the application and turn it in to the UWEX office by March 23, 2015. For any questions please contact Linda Wright at 699-5435 or email at marlinda@jefnet.com. Applications can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/dairy/
**DOG**

4-H Dog Project Meetings

February 9th will be the First Training Night with your dog at Fair Park Activity Center, Beginners 6:00 pm and Returning Youth 7:00 pm. Trainings will be held on February 16th and 23rd. A complete list of meeting dates can be found at: http://jefferson.uwex.edu/dog/

All dogs must be current on their Rabies and DHLPP vaccinations and show proof before training starts on February 9th.

If the weather looks bad in your area, stay home - you will be excused from training that night. As a general rule if there is a snow storm (three or more inches/icy roads or blowing snow) that evening we will not have training/meeting. If in question, stay home and call and let us know it was weather related. Once we have emails from the project members we will email to cancel meetings, when the weather looks threatening.

**FOODS**

Foods Revue Coming to a County Near You

Are you in the Foods and Nutrition Project? Do you have a favorite food you would like to “show off” or a recipe for something yummy you’ve wanted to try? Do you like to help set the table and make things look appealing at the dinner table? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, you are in luck… sign up for FOODS REVUE!! Even if you are not in foods there is still time to enroll!

This is a pre-fair event where you get judged on your food items plus how you present it. You need a place setting to go along with your food and a menu that includes the food you are bringing. If you are in the older group (middle school and up) and you are entering a whole meal, remember you MUST include a place setting AND a centerpiece to go along with your meal (check the fairbook rules please).

Over the years we have seen many theme meals; patriotic, animals, ethnic, birthdays, holidays, etc. It is so much fun to see what members come up with and then to see the food that goes along with it! What is the date you might ask? It will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00- 12:00ish at the Extension Office. Deadline for entering the revue will be Friday, February 27th. Please look on line for the most up-to-date rules for the Revue in the Foods & Nutrition Division of the Fairbook (Dept. 25, classes E-H). The categories to enter are pretty wide open, so use your imagination and try something different! If you are enrolled in the Foods Project (which you can do until March 1st), why not consider trying this event and getting a project out of the way BEFORE the fair?

So put your thinking caps on; check out the fairbook, talk to others that have participated in Foods Revue in the past, talk to your Foods Leader or call one of us on the committee with questions you might have. We welcome everyone that is interested in showing off their cooking skills, Cloverbuds included! An entry form can be found at the end of the newsletter.

The next Foods Committee Meeting will be Thurs. March 5th at 6:00 pm at the Extension office; anyone interested in participating on this committee come see what it is all about!

**GOATS**

Goat Project Meeting

Feb. 26th - Guest Speaker - Veterinarian, 7 pm
April 23rd - Goat Skill-a-thon, 7 pm

Watch your email, as more information about each of the educational meetings will be sent out before the meetings.

We are also looking for parents and older youth to assist with different parts of the upcoming educational meetings, as well as help plan the upcoming goat fun show, tours and clinics. Please contact Stephanie Zimmerman at schadt.stephanie@gmail.com or 920-285-8489 if you are interested in assisting.
HORSE AND PONY

2015 Equine Ambassador Contest
The Equine Ambassador Contest is open to all horse project members 9th grade and above. This program offers a unique opportunity for youth to develop leadership, public speaking, marketing and communications skills. The Equine Ambassador acts as a role model and mentor, provides youth leadership, and actively serves on the project committee. The ambassador also promotes the project at the county, state, and national levels. For more details, please go to the JCHP website or contact Sue Zimmerman at 920-723-9465. The application deadline is March 1st.

Horseless Horse Meeting Planned
If you are enrolled in the Horseless Horse project please plan to attend our first meeting of the year on February 28th at Flying G Ranch, 852 Clarkson Road, Marshall, WI. The meeting will include get to know you activities, a tack presentation, and hands on ground work with horses. If you plan on attending please call or text Natalie Ciciva for more information, at 608-628-8968.

Spring Vaccination Clinic
Badger Vet will host a Coggins/ vaccination clinic on March 28 from 9 a.m. - noon in the indoor arena at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The discount price of $70 includes physical exam, coggins test, vaccinations (EWT/WNV, influenza/rhino), fecal egg count, and a tube of quest. Contact Badger Vet to sign up or sign up on jchp.org. Must sign up by March 10! Teeth floating will also be available.

Monday Night Horse Education
Weekly horse education sessions are currently being held @ the UW Extension Office every Monday night from 7 to 8 pm. These sessions will continue through the first Monday in May. All horse project members are welcome to attend. In February, we will be reviewing information for the Hippology contest at our February county-wide meeting. Contact Sally Williams for more information (920-206-1994)

February Countywide Project Meeting & Hippology Contest
The next countywide project meeting will be on February 17 @ 6:30 pm in the Activity Center. The annual Hippology contest will take place immediately following the meeting.

Spring Open Show
Mark your calendars for the spring open show at the Jefferson County Fair Park. It’s Memorial Day Weekend - Monday, May 25th. The show will be going on, rain or shine. Show bills are posted on the website! Please share this information with others you know!

March Countywide Meeting & Contests
The poster, speech, demonstration, photography, creative writing and drawing contest will take place during our March meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 in the Activity Center. Art, photography, poster, & writing entries should be turned in on March 17 from 6-6:30 pm prior to the meeting. Speech and demonstration entries are presented after the meeting. Guidelines for entries can be found in the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook at: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinepro/documents/2015EducationalEventsLeaderSupplement_000.pdf. Entries can also be entered in county fair in the appropriate department and at State 4-H Horse Expo. Get your projects started early!

MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT

MAP Committee Meeting
The next MAP Committee Meeting will be held on February 10 at the UW Extension Office at 7:00 pm.

Kick-Off Meeting Sheep / Swine
Please plan to attend the Swine Kick-Off meeting on February 9th. Members who have been in the project should attend from 6-7 pm and newer families should attend from 7-8 pm. The Sheep Kick-Off will be February 16th at 6:30 pm. Both meetings will be held at the Extension Office. If you cannot attend, please contact your species representatives.

Meat Judging Team
We will continue to practice on Wednesdays at 5 pm. The contest for Meats is on February 14th in Madison. Contact Lindsay Knoebel, meat judging coach, to get on the email list and receive updates about learning opportunities. Contact information: lindsay.knoebel@gmail.com.
Livestock Quiz Bowl Team
We are looking to get together a group of youth who would be interested in participating in the State Livestock Quiz Bowl Team. The contest will be held in March so we will start practicing soon. Watch Facebook and your e-mail for more information. The contest will be held on March 7, 2015 in Madison.

MAP Camp
Just a reminder this year - ALL species will be required to complete their MAQA certification. One way to do this is by attending MAP camp. Camp will be held on February 28th. The camp is divided by age this year NOT by species. We will try to provide more challenging activities for our older members and FFA students. If you have siblings who want to attend together you can come to any session you want, please mark the appropriate box on your registration form. The camp will be held at the EXTENSION OFFICE. Check out the registration form at the end of this newsletter for more information or register online at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/map-pages/.

MAQA Required for ALL SPECIES
New this year! MAQA will be required for anyone planning to sell in the 2015 MAP Sale, no matter what species. In the past this was only required for Swine members. MAQA can be done at Livestock Camp, Livestock Activity Night or by taking a test. Check out the 2014-15 MAP Handbook for more information.

Show Ring Success Clinic
Frontier-Servco FS will again be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Show Ring Success Seminar to be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2015 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The Seminar will be open to all exhibitors and anyone interested in learning more about the feeding, fitting, showmanship and management of their livestock animals. Registration for the event will begin at 9 AM with sessions starting shortly after. Please contact Lynette Miller with any questions at 920-988-9559 or lmiller@frontierservoafs.com. MAP exhibitors can receive one point by attending this event. Watch the March newsletter for more detailed information.

NATURAL SCIENCE
Natural Science Activities are about nature, the environment, its care and enjoyment. Activities are open to all leaders, 4-H members and families. You are welcome to come! Call or email Sharon Schweitzer (920-674-2544 or rwses@idcnet.com) if you would like more information.

Project Learning Day
Have you signed up to learn more about Natural Sciences at Project Learning Day? Project Learning Day is February 7th. What do Owls eat? and Do you eat rocks? Are two sessions planned for Natural Sciences. Please see the General News section or the website to learn more about how to sign up for these sessions.

Galapagos Island Presentation
Join us on February 11th at 6 pm in the Community Room of the Fort Atkinson Library. 4-H member Marta Huss-Lederman will be sharing her experiences when her family recently traveled to the Galapagos Islands. Marta was awarded binoculars by the Friends of Rose Lake for her exhibit at the 2014 Fort Atkinson Regional Science Fair. You are welcome and encouraged to join the members of the Rose Lake Friends for Marta’s presentation.

Science Fair
Visit the 2015 Science Fair at the Hoard Museum on February 21st from from 1 to 3:30 with the awards presentation and speaker from 3:30 to 4:30. More information about the Science Fair can be found at www.fasciencefair.org.

Natural Sciences Game Night
The Natural Science project will be hosting a Game Night on February 23rd at 6:30 pm at the UWEX. Have you ever played Earth, Nature, or Wildlife Bingo? Come and see if you have the right answers or spaces to the questions or clues given. Everyone can be a winner! The games are fun and full of information and ideas for your projects. They will tell about animals, trees, minerals, conservation, the atmosphere and energy. Also ideas can be gathered for the hands on activity in March.
POULTRY

**Poultry Project Meeting February 24**

The Poultry Project will have its next meeting on February 24. This meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about poultry. The meeting will be held at the UWEX Office at 6:30 pm. Even if you are not enrolled in poultry come and check out this meeting to learn more about an exciting project.

RABBITS

**Rabbit Project to Start in February**

The Rabbit project will be starting in February. The first meeting will be held on February 19 at the Fair Park starting at 7:00 pm. They will be talking about care of rabbits and rabbit health.

We will also be meeting on March 19 at 7:00 pm. At this meeting we will be going over the Rabbit Meat Classes and talking about the Small Animal Sale.

SWINE

**Pig Project Help Available**

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is offering Youth Pig Project scholarships, designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a $50.00 scholarship, to be used to offset costs associated with their 2015 pig project. Up to ten $50.00 scholarships will be awarded. Age divisions are as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2015).

In the application, youth must provide project goals for the year; MAQA certification date; a simple project budget; future goals and how they relate to the pork industry; and “why should the WPA select you for the scholarship.” To receive a copy of the application, please contact the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or download the application from the website at [www.wppa.org](http://www.wppa.org).

Interested youth must complete and mail the Youth Pig Project application form no later than Feb. 15, 2015, to: WPA, P.O. Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813. Youth who receive a scholarship will be asked to complete a follow-up questionnaire after their project year is complete.

Club News

**Farmington All Stars**

The Farmington All Stars met on January 7th at 6:30 at the Farmington Town Hall. We welcomed three new members to our club. The “photo moments challenge” for February, will continue January’s theme, “Signs of Winter.” In old business, we talked about our Holiday party held in December where we made cards for area senior citizens. These were delivered by 4-H members and leaders throughout the month. The club received a $500 Thrivent Mini Grant to help our community service work. We voted to use it on our Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project and to help with Family Promise throughout the year.

In new business, we talked about setting up a Little Free Library somewhere in the community. We decided to look into some possible locations in the month ahead and talk more about it at the February meeting. Congratulations go to Turner Hombsch for receiving a club scholarship.

Upcoming Farmington All-Star Club Events: Jan 25 - Swimming Party at Country Spring Hotel, 1 - 4:30 pm; Feb 3 - next club meeting, 6:30 at Farmington Town Hall; Feb 3 - Swine Project meeting after club meeting

~Nora Statz, reporter
Food Revue
March 21, 2015 • 9:00 a.m. • Extension Office

Registration Due February 27th to Extension Office, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549

Rules:
1. Open to members enrolled in Foods & Nutrition projects (you can enroll until March 1st).
2. Enter in your grade and choose one or more exhibits from options. Cloverbuds are limited to two entries.
3. Cloverbuds will be expected to have a basic place setting.
4. All Age groups should present a menu to include their one item/meal and typed recipe card(s) for the item(s) they are bringing. The menu should be displayed on an 8 ½ x 11” paper.
5. Remember when dishing up your item; refer to “My Plate” for portion sizes.

Name: __________________________________________ Grade ______________________
4-H Club: ______________________________ E-mail Contact: _______________________

Put an “X” next to all classes you will be entering.

Class E: Cloverbuds (K-2)
________ 1. Any Item (Examples: Nutritious Snack or appetizer, favorite dish hot or cold, breakfast item)
________ 2. Additional item from Examples in Lot #1

Class F: Grades 3 – 5
Lot#
________ 1. Any Single item (Nutritious snack/Appetizer, favorite dish hot or cold, nutritious breakfast item)
________ 2. Additional item from Examples in Lot #1
________ 3. Additional item from Examples in Lot #1
________ 4. Simple Meal (Remember “My Plate” for serving size and type of food items)

Class G: Grades 6 – 8
________ 1. Any Single item (Nutritious snack/Appetizer, favorite dish hot or cold, nutritious breakfast item)
________ 2. Additional item from Examples in Lot #1
________ 3. Any Meal (Simple meal, theme meal, picnic meal) Remember “My Plate” for serving size / food items.
________ 4. Additional item from examples Lot #3

Class H: Grades 9 & Up
________ 1. Any prepared meal (Examples: Favorite Meal, Picnic Meal, Formal Dinner Meal, theme meal, budget meal – Include itemized card showing your costs per serving – staying at $3.50 per serving or under).
________ 2. Additional item from Examples in Lot #1
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# Project Meeting Calendar

County sponsored projects and events are listed below in alphabetical order. Please check the Projects section of the newsletter for more information about the events below.

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MAP CAMP REGISTRATION
MAP Camp February 28, 2015 • UWEX Office in Jefferson
3rd – 5th Grade Camp 9:00 – 10:30 am • 6th – 8th Grade Camp 10:30 am –Noon • 9th – 13th Grade 12:30 – 2:00 pm

If you cannot attend MAP Camp, a similar activity will be held on May 11th at 6:30 pm. The MAQA (formerly PQA) test date will be April 14th from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Please complete this information and return to the UW-Extension office by fax, mail, drop-box, or email (sarah.torbert@ces.uwex.edu). Due February 20, 2015.

Name: _______________________________ Grade: ___________________ Birthdate: __________________

4-H Club or FFA Group: ____________________________ Phone: __________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________

E-mail to send Certification to: _________________________________________

Check the Species you plan to show this year: □ Swine □ Beef □ Sheep Age as of 1/1/15______________

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Sincerely,

Sarah Torbert, 4-H Youth Development Agent

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**Clovers too...**

It is important to honor our 4-H members for their accomplishments both in and out of the 4-H program. If you have something to add to this section please send a note to sarah.torbert@ces.uwex.edu.

- Jessica Telfer for being selected to serve as a Space Camp Counselor. Congratulations to all who applied, we hope that if you did not get selected this year you try again in the future.
- Pauline Schlais for being selected to represent Jefferson County and Wisconsin 4-H at National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.
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