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https://www.facebook.com/#!/JeffersonCounty4HWI

Record Book Committee Meeting

The topic of Record Books has come up frequently over the past few months. Based on a motion at the last Leaders Association Meeting we are looking at revamping the Record Books and would like your input. We will be having a Record Book meeting on January 21st at 7:00 pm (the Key Award meeting will be held at 6:30 pm). This is NOT a meeting to learn more about the Record Book process, this is a meeting where you can help in shaping what Record Books are and how they are used. Please plan to attend if you feel strongly about the process and have positive input to add.

Please note at the November Leaders Association Board meeting it was voted that Record Books will no longer be mandatory in 2014. We still plan to use Record Books and will be discussing that process at this meeting.

Weather Policy

It’s cold outside; I hope everyone is staying as warm as they can. It is suggested that club leaders discuss their club cancellation policy with members at their January meetings. The county for county meetings is as follows.

1. Meetings supported by the county should be cancelled by at least 3:30 pm the day of the meeting by calling Sarah Torbert or Judy Statz at the Extension Office.
2. If time permits a notice will go out to anyone who might be affected by the cancellation via e-mail and a note will be posted on the website.
3. Contact will be made with radio stations so that cancellations are announced on WFAW 940 AM or Kool 106.5.
4. If event is cancelled during business hours a notice will go on Judy’s voicemail at 920-674-7440. If an event is cancelled on a weekend or after hours you can call Sarah’s cell phone at 920-691-6463 to verify cancellation.

Welcome to the New Year! I hope that you are having or have had a Happy Holiday season. There is a lot going on in the upcoming months. If you have questions or need assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sarah Torbert
4-H Youth Development Agent
General News

4-H Survey
Did you recently receive a survey from the Wisconsin 4-H program via e-mail? Please fill it out and help us here in Jefferson County and the state of Wisconsin to better gauge our leaders knowledge and potential learning opportunities. If you deleted the e-mail or would like a paper copy please let Sarah know as soon as possible and we will get that information to you.

Project Learning Day
Project Learning Day will be held on February 8, 2014 at the Johnson Creek Elementary School. Please see the end of this newsletter for a complete list of sessions offered for Project Learning Day. There are sessions for everyone to enjoy from Cloverbuds to parents and adults. Sessions will be slated on a first come first serve basis so please get your form in early. Registration is due by January 24, 2014 to the Extension Office.

4-H Celebrate 100 Years in 2014
The Wisconsin 4-H program will be celebrating 100 years in 2014. Are you interested in being part of the Jefferson County delegation to the capital on March 19th. Please let me know if you, your family, or your club is interested in going.

We are also taking pre-orders for the Centennial Cows. Each cow is $10.00. Please call the office or send Judy or Sarah an e-mail to reserve your Centennial Cow. Orders must be received by January 15, 2014. Money can be paid when cows are delivered.

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.

4-H Day at the Capital Booth Application
Did you have a booth at the Awards Banquet and have an idea you would be comfortable sharing with the entire state? Apply now to have a table at 4-H Day at the Capitol in Madison on March 19, 2014. The day will feature legislative visits, a legislative breakfast and staffed tables in the Rotunda from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. They are looking for a dozen groups who can staff a table in the Capitol Rotunda; set-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. and tear-down must be completed by 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

These tables are an opportunity to show state legislators and other visitors to the Capitol the great depth of 4-H programs around the state. Tables should be interactive and engaging and showcase a new or unique program from your county or area. We will select submissions to cover the broad range of 4-H programs; priority will be given to non-traditional programs and groups that can bring youth representatives. Please contact Sarah for an application.

New Family Dinner
We would like to invite all new families (1-2 years of 4-H experience) to our New Family Dinner on January 9th at Fair Park starting at 6:00 p.m. This is a great way to learn more about how the 4-H program works and answer any questions you might have. A special letter will be going out to new families inviting them to this event. Leaders please encourage your members to attend. If any seasoned 4-H families would like to help in planning or presenting please let Sarah know.

Laptops Needed
Do you or the company you work for have old laptops they are no longer using? The robotics project is in need of laptops for their upcoming year. Laptops given to 4-H can be part of a tax deductible donation. If you have a laptop you are willing to part with please contact Sarah at the Extension Office.

Celebrating 50 Years
The Duck Creek 4-H Club would like to invite you in joining them to celebrate Ruby Betschler’s 50 years of leadership in the 4-H program. The event will be an Open House held on March 30th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Helenville Fireman’s Hall, N4751 N. Helenville Road, Helenville.
Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety Course

The UW-Extension and Agriculture Instructors from local schools are holding the 2014 Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Program. This program is for youth, 12 to 16 years of age, who plan on operating a farm tractor on public roadways or work near dangerous farm equipment.

The tractor safety course will kick off on Saturday, January 25th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A parent must attend the orientation during the first 30 minutes of the January 25th class. Parents may leave or are more than welcome to stay after the orientation. The youth will then meet for the rest of the morning in addition to the four Saturday mornings of February 1, 15, 22 and March 1 from 8 a.m.-noon for instruction. Students must complete a written exam on March 1st as part of that morning’s class. In addition, the youth must pass a driving test which will be held on April 30th from 2 -6 pm. Classroom instruction and the written exam will be held at the Jefferson County UW-Extension office and the driving exam will be held at the Jefferson County Fair Park. This certification program is offered for all Wisconsin youth age 12 -16, not specific to residents of Jefferson County.

Pre-registration for the course must be completed by January 13th, 2014. The cost is $35.00 if rec’d by the deadline. After the due date the fee will be $45.00. For more information, please call the UW-Extension, Jefferson County Office at 920-674-7440 or email judys@jeffersoncountywi.gov. You can also go to the Agriculture website at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/agriculture/tractor-safety/ to download your registration form.

Pizza and Pie
Thank you for another fantastic fundraiser! Nearly every club participated. This fundraiser enables your Leaders Association to provide 4-H members with awards, camp programs, scholarships, trip awards, and more. Club treasuries also benefit directly from the sale. Top five in sales were Ashlyn and Katelyn Primmer, Bridgett, Hannah and Lauren Hoffman, Alexis and Camden Schultz, Adriana, Lili, and Yesenia Ehrke, and Christopher Nordness. Congrats and thank you to all of our 4-H members for a job well done. If you have thoughts, ideas, suggestions about the fundraiser bring them to the Leaders Association Meeting in March.

Jefferson County Shirt Design Contest
We want all Jefferson County 4-H members to be able to show off their 4-H pride by offering an official Jefferson County 4-H t-shirt. Members could wear their shirt to fairs, contest, or other events so people know you are from Jefferson County. We need your help in creating the perfect design. Here are the rules:

Design must not be larger than 8.5" x 11". You may use any medium: from paints, photography, colors, to digital designs, etc. A design with 2 colors is idea. Your design should include the 4-H clover and the words Jefferson County 4-H, the rest is up to you. Your preferred t-shirt color will also be considered.

The winning design will receive a free t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Be sure when designing your shirt that you use the 4-H clover properly. Only use an official 4-H Clover emblem graphic from: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/youthdev_res_emblemdownload.html. You need to maintain the proper height and width proportions of the image. Text or graphics should never cross or be superimposed on top of the 4-H Clover emblem. The 4-H Clover may not be a watermark. You also may not use another clover (representing 4-H) as a graphic...needs to be the real thing. The 4-H Clover should not be rotated turned on its side or cropped in any way. The 4-H Emblem should never be screened, shaded, gradated, or appear in a multicolored hue, it has to be green, black, or white. Design ideas should be submitted to Sarah Torbert at the Extension Office or via e-mail at sarah.torbert@ces.uwex.edu. Designs are due by February 15, 2014.

Older Member News

Junior Leaders January Meeting
4-H members in 7th grade and above please plan to come to the 4-H Junior Leaders Meeting on January 28th at 7:00 pm. This is our regular monthly meeting. We will spend some time planning sessions for the Cloverbuds at Project Learning Day We hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome!
Junior Leader to Help with New Family Dinner

Junior Leaders please plan to attend the New Family Dinner on January 9 at Fair Park. We are expecting lots of new and newer 4-H families and the Junior Leaders have been asked to lead games and activities for younger members. Please plan to arrive at 5:30 pm, or as soon as you can get there. Dinner will be provided at 6:00 pm. Please let Jayne Jenks (at 262-593-2490) know if you are coming so we can plan for food.

Join a State 4-H Team

Attention all 4-H members in grades 9 -13, are you interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's State 4-H Arts Groups for 2014? 4-H Art Team, 4-H Showcase Singers, 4-H Drama Company and 4-H Press Team can all be applied for on-line at: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/State4HTeams.cfm. Information, job descriptions, photos, video and timelines can all be found there as well. 4-H members are encouraged to apply on-line, however hard copy forms are also available for those unable to access the internet. Application forms and audition materials are due January 28, 2014, so please spread the word and encourage your friends to apply!

Space Camp

This year we had EIGHT youth apply for Space Camp. They were all very qualified and four were chosen to go to Space Camp. Congratulations to Eli Schoenike, Emma Statz, Jacob Schlais, and Camden Schultz. We look forward to hearing about your Space Camp adventures when you return.

State Fair Dairy Promotion Board

Scholarships Available

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering scholarships to those already in college and high school seniors pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in ag-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives.

The application is available at www.wistatefair.com/wp/dairy-promotion-board/ or http://jefferson.uwex.edu/2263-2/. Application deadline is Friday, March 28. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

Leader News

Colors Training – February 25th

Do you want to learn more about how to work with others? Find out your personality True Color on February 25th at the Extension Office. This valuable training will be offered to 4-H Older Members and Leaders who want to learn more about different personalities that you might encounter in the 4-H program and how you can work with them. The training will start at 6:30 pm. This is a fun and informative training that you will want to be part of. Find out if you are blue, gold, green, or orange and what that really means!

New Leader Orientation – MANDATORY

We had a great turnout for our first New Leader Orientation with almost 30 new leaders. Just a reminder all first year or first time volunteers must attend a 4-H Volunteer Training. We will be holding another event on January 27th at 6:30 pm. Please contact Judy or Sarah at the Extension Office to let us know is you will be attending.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would still like to be a volunteer please let us know. All potential volunteers can register online to be leaders, however we will not approve your volunteer status until your training is complete.

Leader / Adult Trainings Offered

As part of the Chartering process at least one person from your club is required to attend an e-forum. Two trainings remain! Sessions will be held at the Jefferson County UW-Extension Office from 7:00-8:30 pm. You can attend all or one of the sessions they are stand-alone topics.

• Jan. 14th – Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience
• Feb. 3rd – Exploring the Science of 4-H Project

Session include face-to-face interaction to be facilitated locally and also a connection to a live presentation. Hope to see you January 14th or February 3rd.
Leaders Association Meetings
Just a reminder that the March Leaders Association meeting is considered mandatory. It is important that a representative from your club be on hand to learn about Fair updates and get your Fair information. The meeting will be held on March 20 at the Extension Office at 7:00 pm. We are planning on having a pizza and pie tasting that night too, so there will be really good snacks.

The Leaders Association Board will meet on February 20 at the Extension Office at 7:00 pm. Please contact President, Lois Wiedenhoeft, if you have agenda items for either of these meetings.

Special Emphasis News

Poster and Speaking Contest
“DIVE into YOUR Career with 4-H” is this year’s theme. Start now in creating your poster and speech about career exploration, workforce preparation, or anything else related to the Special Emphasis theme. With this theme you can talk about a variety of different topics. The Special Emphasis Speech registration is due February 3, 2014 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 18, 2014 at the Extension Office.

Project News

Information for specific projects is listed in this section. Projects are listed in alphabetical order.

BEE KEEPING

Bee Keeping Essay Contest
The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees has announced the topic for the 2014 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest: “Beekeeping in Colonial Times”. To the earliest European settlers in the New World, honey bees were an important part of their existence. Cargo manifests show that honey bees were among the first shipments of animals. How were they shipped? Why were they important? Why were they so important to the colonists? How does that differ from today?

Contest rules and essay requirements are available at http://honeybeepreservation.org/2013/05/2014-essay-contest-topic/ Cash prizes will be awarded to the 3 Top Winners: 1st Place - $750.00, 2nd Place - $500.00, 3rd Place - $250.00.

Each state winner will receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. The contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Wisconsin 4-H members can submit their essays to terry.boehner@cesuwex.edu. The deadline for entry is February 1, 2014.

CULTURAL ARTS

4-H Arts Lab – Grades 9-12
The 4-H Art Lab will be held January 31 - February 1, 2014, at our Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. The registration deadline is January 6, 2014. The registration fee is $50.00.

This year’s tracks include Jewelry Making, Basic Spinning, Taekwondo, Digital Storytelling, Photography, Print Making and Theatre Arts! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend. Additional information, a brochure, the registration form and other required forms are on the 4-H website at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm

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 14 and 15, 2014, 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://4h.uwex.edu/events/4-HArtBeat.cfm.
Fair Hanging Workshop
If you plan on showing Cultural Arts projects at the fair this summer please plan to attend one of the two Cultural Arts Workshops for Hanging Projects. With so many entries in one project area it is important that they come to the Fair ready to hang. The workshops will be held on February 3rd or March 4th from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Extension Office. For more information or questions please contact Fair Superintendent Terri Opgenorth at 920-285-2396. 

DOG
Join 4-H Dog Project
The dog project will be getting starting in January. The first three meetings are as follows:

• January 13th – Orientation Night (no dogs)
  New & Returning Kids at UW Extension Building Room 8 & 9 at 6:00pm
• January 20th – Veterinarian Visit (no dogs)
  First year members only at UW Extension Building Room 8 & 9 at 6:00pm
• February 10th– First Training Night with your dog at Fair Park Activity Center, Beginners 6:00 pm and Returning Youth 7:00 pm

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 10th.

The 4-H Dog Project has an attendance requirement. The rules of the project will be discussed at the orientation meeting. If you can’t attend either of the first two meetings please call Kate Anderson at 920-728-3614 for general information on the project you missed. The Dog Project guide can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/dog/

One thing you can do between now and the first meeting; take 10 minutes each day to pet and playing with your dog (whatever the two of you enjoy doing). It should be the responsibility of the 4-H’er to feed and clean up after their dog (this will help with your dog listening to you).

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.

Kate, Michele and the other trainers are looking forward to meeting you and your dog.

FOODS
Mark Your Calendar
The 2014 Foods Revue will be held on April 5th at the Extension Office. Entries will be due March 21st. Start planning now to show off your menu planning and cooking skills.

GOATS
Goat Committee and Project Meetings
The next Goat Committee meeting will be on January 7th at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. We would like to invite all older youth and project member parents to get involved with the committee. At our next committee meeting we will be discussing educational content for upcoming project meetings and the goat fun show. If you have questions please contact committee chair Stephanie Zimmerman at schadt.stephanie@gmail.com.

The next Goat Project meeting (for enrolled members interested in learning more about Goats) will be on January 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

HORSE
Monday Night Horse Education
Weekly Monday night horse education sessions will be starting up on January 6, 7 p.m., @ the UW Extension Center. All horse project members are welcome to attend. Through January and February, we will be reviewing information for the Hippology contest at our February county-wide meeting.
2014 Horse & Pony Tack Sale
The annual JCHP Tack Sale will be held Sunday, January 19, 2014, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Jefferson County Fair Park Activity Center.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. We will need help in the following areas:

- Saturday, Jan. 18, 5:30-7:30 pm set up for the sale (pizza and soda provided!!)
- Sunday, Jan. 19, 5:45-9:30 am help vendors haul in their merchandise
- Sunday, 9am-1:30 pm we need workers to sign up for 1 hour shifts at the admission table
- Sunday, 9am-1:30 pm we need workers to sign up for 1 hour shifts at the JCHP booth
- Sunday, 1:30-3:00 pm clean up

If you would like to help out, please sign up online at www.jchp.org. Contact Sally Williams at 920-206-1994, or e-mail jchptacksale@gmail.com if you have questions.

There will be a JCHP booth set up for project members who have only a few items they would like to sell. The booth is free to all members. Please drop items off Sunday morning between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 am.

Items MUST be tagged and an inventory sheet completed BEFORE you bring your items to the JCHP table. Tag MUST include your full (FIRST and LAST) name and price. The inventory list - on 8x10 lined notebook paper - should include:
- name (MUST match name on the tags)
- phone # where we can reach you in case there are questions
- item description
- price (lowest you will take if offers)

Contact jchptacksale@gmail.com with questions about the JCHP booth.

January County-wide Project Meeting
Please note that the next county-wide project meeting on January 21st will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the Activity Center and we will have a presentation on Equine Chiropractic with a live animal demonstration.

LLAMAS AND ALPACA
Get Involved with Llamas
The Llama and Alpaca project will be starting back up in February. Anyone is invite to join. If you LOVE to show animals and would like to work with the llama project please contact Barb Parsons. Our slogan is: “You don’t have to own one to show one” email Barb for more information at barbparsons1234@yahoo.com.

MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT
MAP Committee Meetings
The MAP Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. If you have a public comment or would like to get points for attending meetings anyone is welcome. The next meeting will be held on January 14th.

Important Dates
- Swine Kick-Off for Veterans, Feb 10, 6-7 pm
- Swine Kick-Off for NEWER families, Feb 10, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Sheep Kick Off Meeting, Feb 17, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Sheep Weigh-In, April 13, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Swine Weigh-In, April 13, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Badger Meats Judging Camp
Mark your calendars for the Badger Meats Judging Camp to be held on Friday, Feb. 7 at the University of River Falls Meat Lab, River Falls, WI. This camp is for youth who have completed 3rd grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with retail identification, carcass & retail evaluation. “This is the first time we have offered a meats judging clinic; we hope to increase knowledge in the meat science area for youth and adults”, according to Bernie O’Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist. There will be an additional activity in the afternoon at Sailor Meats for those that can attend. The cost of the camp is $5 per person which includes morning refreshments, materials and is limited to the first 100 people. Pre-registration is required before Feb 3.

Go to the Youth Livestock Website for a registration form and additional information. http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/badger-livestock-judging-camp/. If you have questions contact 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.
Ag Truths Not Tails Conference
Interested in learning and practicing skills to join the next generation of communicators for Wisconsin's livestock and dairy industry? Mark your calendar for the Ag Truths, Not Tails conference, coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Enrollment is open to youth ages 13 to one year past high school in dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goat project areas. The conference will be held January 24-25, 2014 (Friday night stay and social activities are optional) at the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, WI.

Bring a team of youth and adults to these interactive networking sessions focused on animal welfare, led by leaders in the livestock and dairy industry.

Enrollment closes January 15, 2014. This is a great opportunity for county educational credits. For more information, visit the conference website at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/. Registration materials can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/registration-materials/. Contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, with questions at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Livestock Learning Webinar Series
University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a FREE “Livestock Learning Webinar Series” this winter. This series is best suited for new families exhibiting livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats) however, experienced families are encouraged and invited to attend as well. These webinars can be taken from your home using a computer and your phone. These sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topics and dates are:

Jan. 16 - General Overview - Explore the general rules and policies of livestock exhibition, learn about program. This is an important session to have under your belt before the species orientated webinars.

Feb. 20 - Beef; March 27 - Swine; April 17 - Sheep; May 15 - Meat Goats
These seminars will focus more specifically of the general management of the species: nutrition, selection, well-being and much more. Some tips for getting ready for the fair, in addition a panel of experts to answer questions and provide insight.

If you wish to participate, please register by going to this website https://uwex.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bIx33PC8T5qQzNX An email address is required to receive materials and the connecting information. There are a limited number of lines available so please register early. The information for this program is at: http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/ Continue to visit the site as we confirm speakers. If you have any questions about this series please contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

NATURAL SCIENCE
Activities listed under the Natural Sciences are about nature and the environment. Activities are open to all 4-H members and families. For more information on activities in this section please contact Key Leader Sharon Schweitzer at 920-674-2544 or rwses@idcnet.com.

Wood Ducks Meeting
On Tuesday, Jan 21st at 6:00 pm George Wellenkotter will be giving a presentation about Wood Ducks in the Community Room of the Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson. His presentation will show the use of PVC pipe to create nesting boxes.

Project Ideas for January
Wildlife Look for tracts in the snow or mud. Take pictures of the tracts or make a cast of them. Identify who made them. Make a shelter using branches for small animals and birds. Make a journal listing of who comes to the shelter and when. Document the construction of the shelter to include with your fair project. Create feed and water sources for birds and animals. Keep a record or listing of the visitors to your feeders.

Winter Adventures – Go skiing, snowshoeing, or ice fishing. Keep a journal listing your plans the activity and take pictures of your experience. Use your pictures to present your winter activity for a club demonstration or project exhibit. Note how and why you selected your clothing and equipment for your activity.
**Winter Hike**

Join us at Dorothy Carens Park on Saturday, Jan 25th from 1:00-3:00 pm for a winter hike. This event will depend on the weather. Activities include watching, tracking, and photographing wildlife. We will also look at snowshoeing or cross county skiing are being considered. The Jefferson County Parks Dept Supervisor, Kevin Wiesmann, will be with us providing with a look at a career opportunity. Please RSVP to Sharon at 920-674-2544 or rwses@idcnet.com.no later than Wed, Jan 22nd, so you can be sure of updates.

**POULTRY**

**Poultry Information**

All poultry enthusiast are invited to attend the next informational meeting on January 14th at the Extension Office from 6:30-8:00 pm. The meeting will include a talk on Poultry Careers from Ron Kean, Extension Poultry Specialist at UW-Madison. There will also be discussion on using the American Poultry Association’s Standards or Perfection and the American Bantam Association’s Standards of Perfection. Please bring along a photo copy from either Standard of Perfection listing the description of a variety of bird that your currently raise or have. If you have questions contact Lori Miller at wingmann@att.net. Check out the webpage for more information on poultry meetings in Jefferson County at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/poultry/.

**ROBOTICS**

**Project Meeting Scheduled**

The next Robotics Project meeting will be held on January 21st starting at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Please plan to attend. You do not have to be enrolled in the project. We are always looking for new members!

**SHOOTING SPORTS**

**Archery Project News**

Hi everyone. I hope you are as excited as I am to start the 2014 archery season! There will be a meeting for first time project members on Sunday January 12 at Rapids Archery in Jefferson at 5 pm (with limited equipment available) and Monday January 13 at Watertown Archery (plenty of equipment available) at 6 pm. THIS IS FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS ONLY!

Practice meetings are as follows:

**Sundays from 5 pm Rapids Archery Club,**
**W5410 Rapids Rd Jefferson**
Safety meeting (mandatory): January 19
Practices: January 26; February 9, 16, 23; March 9
Fair shoot: March 16

**Mondays from 6 pm Watertown Archery Club,**
**214 Market St, Watertown**
Safety meeting (mandatory) January 20
Practices: January 27; February 10, 17, 24; March 10
Fair shoot: March 17

Participants can attend practices at either or both locations. Note though that there is a limited amount of equipment for borrowing available at Rapids Archery Club. There is a $5 participant fee / $10 max per family that is due at the Safety meeting. Everyone must attend one Safety meeting and have their Medical and Waiver Forms turned in before they can shoot. Please contact Mrs. Walsh with any questions or concerns at 920-699-2884, adwcs@tds.net. I look forward to seeing you all this winter!!!!

**Club Reports**

**Ideal Clever Clovers**

The club met on Saturday November 16th at the Fort Library. Roll call was “Who is your role model?” Shelby Banker and Courtney Kreger reported on the Awards Ceremony. We participated in the Fort Holiday Parade on Nov. 9. Tammy, Shelby, and Michaela Banker, Courtney Kreger, Hannah and Alex Nordberg, Adriana & Lilliana Reyes-Ehrke, and Sofie Jose-Ehrke were on the float. Officers Training was on October 28 at the extension office. Hannah Nordberg and Alex Nordberg attended and reported on things that they learned. We also participated in the Jefferson’s Holiday parade on Dec. 7. We went caroling Dec. 14 at Alden Estates. Attending were Shelby Banker, Hannah Nordberg, Alex Nordberg, Casey Stanley (from Stable Stompers 4-H Club), Courtney Kreger, Liliana Reyes-Ehrke, and Tristan Schultz. Afterwards we enjoyed pizza at Towne Inn. Our next meeting will be January 18, 2014.

-Courtney Kreger, Reporter
Barnyard Clovers
On October 17th, the Barnyard Clovers held a meeting at Hoard’s Dairy Farm. We discussed officer installation and training. A few of our adults attended the new leader training! Our club also passed out 3-ring folders the keep member agendas organized. The club also moved the spend $150 for Christmas charities this year. Victoria Yurs, our speaker of the month, spoke about her great experiences she has had at 4-H camp.

We also met on November 29th. Members of the club went shopping for Christmas neighbors. The club had a great time and got nice gifts for those in need this holiday season! Pictured are some Barnyard Clover members and the holiday gifts; Bethany Hartwig, Vincent Healy, Megan Klubertanz and Dawson Yurs. The next meeting will be January 19th at 6:30.

-Megan Klubertanz, Reporter

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See important dates all year long at ...
http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/jefferson-county-4h/calendar/
### Hebron Helping Hands

The club held their awards and elections meeting in October. The new officers for the club are President - Jacob Yandry, Vice-President - Joshua Yandry, Treasurer - Jessica Telfer, Secretary - Justin Telfer, Reporter - Rachael Gerondale. After the meeting members and guests went to Schuester’s for the corn maze and haunted woods. The December meeting will include Christmas caroling, cookies and hot chocolate.

- Rachael Gerondale, Reporter

### Country Clovers

The club met on October 16th. Before the meeting we went to Busy Barns. After that we went to MATC to register online with the help of Sarah Torbert. On November 2nd our club met at Koshkonong Town Hall to make decorations for our holiday parade float. Then on November 9th we participated in the Fort Atkinson Holiday Parade. The theme of our float was “Santa’s Workshop”. There was a great turnout from our club and we had lots of fun. We also met on November 20th and had officer elections.

- Anna Schoenike, Reporter
Lucky Clovers
The Lucky Clovers 4-H Club met on December 9th for a brief meeting at Marquardt Manor where Christmas Carols were sung throughout the hallways for the residents to enjoy. Gifts and donations were collected for the Christmas Neighbors program in Jefferson County. Members and their families enjoyed Christmas cookies and milk for snack. The officers will be meeting on January 5th to put together a calendar for the rest of the 2014 4-H meetings. Our next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 13th at 7:00p.m, and Cloverbuds will be meeting at 6:00p.m
-Hunter Minning, Reporter

Llovely Llamas and Alpacas
As the llama show season winds down the Llovely Llama 4-H kids turned up the heat! In mid-September we traveled to Valparaiso, IN for the Alpaca Llama Show Association Midwest Regional Show. It was a double show weekend with the International Lama Association Show Division Midwest show being held on Sunday. Kaylee Reish and CeAnna Jaeckel participated and we couldn’t be more proud of their results in the youth judging, performance and halter classes.

In November we headed to the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY. McKinly Jaeckel scored BIG by winning double first places for both show associations in youth judging. He also took first in his showmanship class. His sister CeAnna wasn’t about to be out done as she took a first place in her showmanship class as well and added many top ribbons with her llama Princess Athena throughout the weekend. Brenna Thiele took top awards with her llama, Light of the Silvery Moon in the performance and halter arena. We are happy to bed the llamas down for winter and look forward to the Llovely Llama 4-H program kicking into gear February 2014.

Why 4-H?
As current members, parents, and leaders we can attest that 4-H is great, but sometimes we have a hard time explaining why. Research shows that there are Four Essential Elements needed for Positive Youth Development. They are: belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. There are many clubs, organizations, and groups for your children to get involved in, and each of them plays a role in the lives of young people. However 4-H is unique in that it is the only youth organization based at land grant universities and often the first experience many young people have with higher education. Every state has a land grant university. UW- Madison is Wisconsin’s land grant university.

In 4-H the Four Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development are easily seen in our work at the club, county, state, and national level. Youth experience BELONGING through having a positive relationship with a caring adult, like a club or project leader. They also are provided with a safe and inclusive environment.

MASTERY is learned by being part of projects that allow youth to learn skills and in turn teach others the skills they have learned. The great part of 4-H is that a member can direct their learning by choosing to stay part of the same project for many years with the chance to learn more each year, or dabble in something new each year.

4-H give youth INDEPENDENCE by allowing them to see themselves as active participants in their future. This is why goal setting in 4-H is important. In addition 4-H offers the opportunity for self-determination. 4-H members can choose projects and other experiences they want to be part of.

4-H teaches GENEROSITY by providing opportunities for service to others. Many of our youth serve as project leaders and help other members in their club. Last year 4-H members in Jefferson County participated in over 93 different community service projects.

This is just the beginning. Watch future newsletter for more in “Why 4-H.”
Please join us for Project Learning Day. We have over 40 different sessions you can attend on a variety of projects! There are sessions for all ages. A schedule of events is included below, followed by a description of each session and a signup sheet. Hope to see you there! There are limited spaces (numbers are in parenthesis below). Also in each space see the age requirements, if any, and the cost.

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Project Learning Day Session Descriptions (in alphabetical order)

- **Basic Floral Design** - Techniques and Tools will be covered through the completion of activities and a floral design completion.

- **Beekeeping** - Come & learn about honeybees & beekeeping with this hands on class! 4-H'ers will learn about the different kinds of honeybees & their jobs in the hive, be able to see & handle tools of the beekeeper, observe real live honeybees, and learn why honeybees are so important to our food supply. At the end of the class, 4-H'ers will be able to sample honey and make a honey snack.

- **Being a Project Leader** Are you a project leader for your club or maybe just for your child? Maybe just thinking about being a project leader and want to know more? During this session you will be given some guidelines on what a project meeting should look like, resources to help you to plan project meetings, and other guidelines to make your experience successful. Bring your questions to this session we will offer solutions and resources.

- **Beginning Horse / Horseless Horse** – Learn more about how to get involved with the horse project. This session will cover horse anatomy (see how humans and horses are different and the same) and nutrition.

- **Cake Decorating - Advanced** - The members will learn the proper way to prepare a cake for decorating (including leveling), icing/filling a cake, and designer cake decorating/tips. Students will leave with a decorated cupcake. Members should some prior knowledge on cake decorating.

- **Cake Decorating - Beginning** The student will learn how to prepare a cake for decorating, icing/filling a cake and basic border/decorating techniques. Students will leave with a decorated cupcake.

- **Cake Decorating - Fondant** The student will learn the basics of working with fondant. Students will be taught several fondant techniques. Students will leave with a decorated cupcake. Students should some prior knowledge on cake decorating.

- **Cloverbud Beach Day** Cloverbuds will learn games about the beach.

- **Community Service** – Clothes for Africa – Join us to be part of a great and unique Community Service Project. Nora Statz, 4-H member from Farmington All-Stars wrote a grant to make dresses for Africa. She would love your help throughout the day making dresses to send to kids in Africa. You can sign up for this session or just show up if you have some extra time throughout the day.

- **Crocheting** - Learn the basics to begin to crochet or have a problem with a project (Bring it along). Required for class: Bring along your own Crocheting hook size G and cotton yarn.

- **Dairy** Have questions about Dairy? This would be the class to attend.

- **Deer Antler Necklace** - Use deer horn or arrow head with beads and cords. Lace horn & beads to make necklace. Participants should bring a small towel.

- **Dish Garden** Plant a small garden in a dish type planter.

- **Duct Tape Purse** Learn how to make your very own purse and flower out of duct tape.

- **Duct Tape Fun** Learn how to make your very own wallet and bookmark or pencil bag and coin pouch out of duct tape.

- **Entomology** – Learn about insects. We spend 15 minutes learning, 15 minutes viewing preserved specimens, and 15 minutes handling live specimens.

- **Face painting** Create neat designs and let someone's face be your canvas. Learn which paints work best, where to begin, how to layer your design and finish it off. Come prepared to have your face painted (or hand, etc.) by a classmate and then you will make a work of art on someone else!

- **Feathered Headband** - Use hot glue gun to attach feathers to head band. Participants should bring a glue gun.

- **Fossils** - What's a fossil? Fossils you can find.

- **Homemade Bird Seed Wreath** This is a wonderful craft to treat our special feathered friends as weather is colder. These are made simply by combining gelatin & premixed birdseed and are completely safe for the birds to snack on as food becomes scarce.

- **Horse – Stabling and Grooming** - This session will help you get more involved with your horse. Learn about topics of groundwork and movement, include horse gait.

- **Idea Sharing** Are you looking for new ideas to incorporate into your club? Join us during this information workshop to share ideas related to community service, fundraising, meeting program planning, and recreation. If your club members have been doing the same thing year after year and you are looking for some new ideas please come to this session. Session attendees will be ask to share their experience and will also be provided with ideas from throughout the nation that work for 4-H club meetings.

- **Introduction to Trapping** We will have common trap types and the animals that can be trapped locally. There will also be some tools for trapping and maybe a lure or two.

- **Learning about Maple Syrup** - Learn how to produce maple syrup.

- **Meeting Games and Activities** Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do at your club or project meetings? Attend this session and go home with games and activities that you can do with groups of all sizes. Some games require preparation and others can be done without supplies or props.

- **Pigs** Would you like to learn about pigs? This class is for you. You will learn the different breeds of pigs as well as how to show them. Also many other fun facts about pigs.

- **Plants** - Starting plants from slips and seeds.

- **Plant Watcher** - Create a friend to keep a plant company.

- **Poultry** What would you like to learn about Poultry? Showing Poultry can be fun and rewarding.

- **Rabbits** You will be learning about showing and grooming Rabbits. If you have questions bring them along.

- **Record Books** Learn how to start and keep records for your record book. Also other items that can be included in the record book.

- **St. Valentine Day Cross Stitched Card** Make a special counted cross stitch card for your valentine sweetheart.

- **Sewing Bag** Make our own sewing bag for carrying anything around.

- **Sheep** Is there anything that you would like to learn about Sheep. Attend this class with all your questions.

- **Simple Healthy Snacks** - When you get home from school are you hungry? Are you constantly looking for something in the cabinets to snack on? Come learn about different healthy foods that are good snack options. Together we will make a healthy snack that is easy for you to put together on your own! You will also learn about the 4-H Foods Review!

- **Stamping On Candles** We will be stamping on tissue paper, coloring the design you stamped and will melt it into your candle.

- **Trips and Opportunities** Have you thought about traveling to with 4-H? 4-H can take you so many places including Washington, D.C., Japan, and Finland. For those who might want to stick around home there are also opportunities right in your backyard. Come to this session to learn about trips, learning opportunities, and awards offered by Jefferson County and Wisconsin 4-H.

- **Wood Turning Hands On** Hands on Wood Turning - You will create a simple bowl.
JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H LEARNING DAY PROJECT DAY REGISTRATION
February 8, 2014 – Johnson Creek Elementary School

Name: _______________________________ Phone Number: ______________________

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FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

If your session choice has a fee it will be collected at registration. If you do not pay the fee you will be asked to leave the session. CASH ONLY.

The Junior Leaders will be offering a lunch again this year. In order to plan for enough we are asking you to let us know approximately how many sandwiches you will be ordering. Also offered will be chips, baked goods and beverage. This will help them plan on how much to make. Thanks for your cooperation.

1. Hot Dogs ______________  2. Hot Sandwich (BBQ or pulled-pork)_______________

Forms Due: January 24, 2014
Send to: U.W.-Extension Jefferson County, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson WI 53549

Sessions slated on a first come first serve basis.
Please get your form in soon to ensure your class spots!
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