Welcome New Families
We would like to welcome our new families to the Jefferson County 4-H program. Please know that if you have any questions or concerns we are here to help. The office contact information is located on the back of this newsletter along with phone numbers for the directors of the Leaders Board. Please never hesitate to call.

I hope that our veteran families will take time out of your meetings to make new members feel welcome and at home. Maneuvering through the world of 4-H can be different please help them to find the right path.

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 15th at the Extension Office 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 seasons 4-H families would like to help in planning or presenting please let Sarah know.

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.

Share Your Talent
Would you like to share your talent at the Jefferson Senior Center? 4-H adult and youth leaders are encouraged to be a guest speaker or do a presentation at the senior center. If you are interested please call 674-7728. What a great youth leadership opportunity.
**General News**

**Project Learning Day**
Project Learning Day is a great event to learn about projects, have fun, and maybe even decide to add an additional project to your list before the deadline. This year Project Learning Day will be held on February 7th at the Johnson Creek Elementary School.

We are in need of Project Presenters. There are so many interesting topics to choose from. If you or someone you know has a talent please encourage them to help us out. The following projects have been identified as interests by the Project Learning Day Committee and past participants.

Do you know a youth or adult that might be able to teach about any of the following topics: Crocheting, Knitting, Card Making, Healthy Snacks, Jewelry Making, Legos, Woodworking, Pets, Dairy, Gardening, Maple Syrup, Vet Science, Drawing and Painting, Clothing, Embroidery, Cross Stitching, Knot Tying, Macramé, Sheep, Goats, cats, Rabbits, Cake Decorating, Plant Craft, Quilting, Candy Making, Photography, Scrapbooking, Computers, Candle Making, Soap Making, Juggling, Balloon Animals, Hunting and Wildlife, and Health and Fitness. This is just a start and you can come up with your own ideas.

If you or someone you know might be willing to teach please visit [http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/](http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/) and fill out the teacher application or contact Sarah for an application.

**Leader News**

**Mandatory Club Meeting**
Per the Wisconsin 4-H program at least one member of your club must attend the annual State training as part of your 4-H charter. The training will be held on November 24th at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. Anyone is encouraged to attend, including 4-H youth leaders.

Please talk with your club leader to make sure at least one leader from your club will be there. The more people from your club that attend the more fun you will have.

**New Leader Training**
Are you new to 4-H, or finally deciding to take the plunge and enroll as a volunteer? All first year or first time volunteers must attend a 4-H Volunteer Training. This year the event will be held on November 17th at 1:00 pm OR 7:00 pm. Please contact Stephanie or Sarah at the Extension Office to let us know which session you will be attending. We need to make sure we have enough supplies and of course SNACKS!

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.

**Association Board Meetings**
The Leaders Association Board will meet on November 20th 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.

**Adults Needed For National Trips**
Adults, do you want to go to Space Camp, Washington D.C., or National Congress? Applications for 2015 state and national 4-H outreach program volunteer and staff Adult Advisors are available at [http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm).

If you enjoy working with teens, collaborating with others as part of a unified leadership team, and experiencing another part of the country, consider applying to serve as an Adult Advisor to Space Camp, Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.; or National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA. Note the new deadline of February 13, 2015, a change from previous years.

**Want to Serve on a State Committee**
The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is looking for volunteers with contacts, connections and enthusiasm to serve on committees. Most committees meet via conference call and don't require a major time commitment. Committees currently seeking members include marketing, major donors and events/meat product auction. Contact the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at brenda@wis4hfoundation.org or call the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Board President Valerie Johnson at 608.235.5595.
2015 Fair Judging Date
The Indoor Projects that were judged this year on Saturday 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, all other indoor projects will be judged on July 6th.

Score a TOUCHDOWN at the 2014 Awards Celebration
On November 9th we will be honoring the achievements of our 4-H members, leaders and supporters. The event will be an afternoon of food, fun and prizes starting at 3:00 pm at the Activity Center. We will have a program of awards followed by a tailgate party.

Those in attendance can tailgate their way through trips and activities 4-H has to offer. Youth who received trip awards in 2013-2014 will work together to prepare displays about their trips. After the awards ceremony, 4-H members and their families will have an opportunity to visit the booths and ask the youth questions about their trips. (The youth will have the opportunity to give a presentation during the awards ceremony but are not required to do so.)

Like last year, adults and youth involved in other projects are encouraged to have a booth. Suggestions include Junior Leaders, Special Emphasis, Summer Camp, Horse and Pony, MAP Committee, Foods Revue, Clothing Preview and more. Display boards are available to anyone who would like to make one. You can also bring the display you used last year. Please let Sarah know if you are planning to have something so we have enough table space.

No pre-registration is necessary for the Awards Celebration. Families are asked to bring their favorite Football Party snack to share with others. The Leaders Association will provide beverages, silverware, napkins, forks, etc. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office. A flyer has been included with this newsletter.

Join Junior Leaders
Are you in 7th grade or above? We would love to have you join the Junior Leaders Group! The Junior Leaders in Jefferson County work together to plan events like Cloverbud Day Camp. The Junior Leaders also host fun events like our November Movie Night. If you are looking for a way to hang out with 4-H members your age, have fun, learn new skills, and plan events this is the group for you. Our November meeting will be Movie Night at the Extension Office on November 7th at 6:30 pm.

Please bring your favorite snack to share and any 4-H appropriate movies you might like to watch. We will vote on the movie when everyone arrives. We will also make Christmas Cards as a community service. Card making supplies will be provided, but you can bring your own if you like. See you one the 7th! The group will not meet again until January 27th.

¡Hola! Hei! Konnichiwa!
Expand your communication skills and global understanding through a summer 2015 Wisconsin 4-H International immersion experience, a homestay that will open your world to new cultures, foods, and languages. Live with a host family as you experience their daily way of life. Youth 12-18 are eligible for homestay experiences in Japan; 15-18 for Costa Rica; and 15-19 Finland; usually participants have rural or farm experiences in Costa Rica and Finland and urban homestays in Japan but all vary. Adult leaders are also needed. Note the new application deadline is Dec. 1.

Last year Erin Walsh from Jefferson County went to Japan. She would love to tell you about her trip if you have questions about applying.

For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website http://wi4hinternational.org/; contact your County International Exchange Coordinator, County 4-H Office staff, or WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491; (608) 262-1557; or wi4hinternational@gmail.com .
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.

For those of you looking for projects that have leaders and meetings, please consider being part of the following countywide projects. Check back each month to see if additional projects have been added. Youth can enroll in projects online until March 1st in order to qualify for fair.

- Aerospace (Rockets)
- Cat
- Dog Care
- Goats
- Horse and Pony
- Junior Leaders
- Photography
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Robotics
- Exploring Your Environment (Natural Science)
- ALL Shooting Sports

### ARCHERY

**Archery to Start in January**

Hello 4-H archers! The 2015 Archery season starts in January. The following are tentative dates.

First year participants will have a special session on Sunday January 11 at Rapids Archery starting at 5:00 pm or at Watertown Archery Club January 12 starting at 6:00 pm.

Returning archers will have a mandatory safety meeting and first practice on Sunday January 18 at Rapids Archery at 5:00 pm or Monday January 19 at Watertown archery Club starting at 6:00 pm.

REMINDER: All participants must attend one of these safety meetings.

These are tentative dates so please be sure to verify all program information in the January Newsletter.

As always, contact me with any questions. Anne Walsh adwcs@tds.net or 920-699-2884.

### BEEKEEPING

**Scholarship for Bees Available**

The Dodge/Jefferson Co. Beekeepers Association are pleased to announce a Youth in Beekeeping Scholarship as a part of the club’s 2015 promotion and educational initiatives for youth interested in beekeeping.

A scholarship is available for up to 2 youth, one each from Dodge and Jefferson County, to apply for one complete hive with bees and engage in one full year of beekeeping. Winners will be selected through an application process. Applicants must be age 12-17 years old and a current member of a Dodge or Jefferson County 4-H club and taking a project in the Natural Sciences. For more information, call Louis Antonioni at (920)382-7133 or visit our website http://dodge-jeffersonbeekeepers.com. Application deadline is January 1st.

### CLOTHING

**Clothing Ideas Meeting**

Would you like to help shape the future of the clothing committee? Do you have new ideas to help make the project even better? Come and share your ideas for the Clothing Review, countywide events, fair classes, and more. The Clothing Committee meeting will be held on November 18th at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.

**Dairy Quiz Bowl**

It is 4-H & Jr. Holstein Dairy Quiz Bowl time again.

The group will meet on November 17th and 24th and December 1st all starting at 6:30 pm. If you would like to get involved and cannot make the meeting please contact Maureen DeBruin BY NOVEMBER 10th at 920-650-1020 or MDeBruin@holstein.com. You do not have to be in the dairy project or show animals to be part of Quiz Bowl. If you want to have fun and learn about dairy this would be a great opportunity for you.

### FOODS

**Mark Your Calendar**

The 2014 Foods Revue will be held on March 21st at the Extension Office. Entries will be due February 27th. Start planning now to show off your menu planning and cooking skills.
Annual Banquet
This year's annual banquet will be held on December 13 at the Jefferson County Fair Park. We ask for everyone to be there at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 p.m and the music should begin around 8 p.m. The theme this year is Winter Wonderland or "Frozen". If you want to dress up feel free to wear your winter gear or dress up as your favorite character from the movie! We are very excited to see all the costumes!

The following food assignments have been made:
Last Name A-D - Dessert
Last Name E-L - Side Dish
Last Name M-Z - Salad

Cheese Sale
The cheese has arrived! At this year's banquet remember to pick up cheese orders! If you want your points from the sale don't forget to bring your point card to pick-up for Cheryl to sign.

New Members
If you are a new member to the Horse & Pony project, please plan to attend the monthly county-wide project meetings. This is the best way to get a better understanding of the project. Meetings are generally held the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm at the Jefferson County Fair Parks Activity Center. December's banquet is an example of a meeting that begins at a different time. Please still feel free to come. All the information about the banquet applies to you too. The Horse project website [https://sites.google.com/site/jchporg/](https://sites.google.com/site/jchporg/) provides more information.

Tack Sale Volunteers Needed
We always can use extra hands to help! The January Tack Sale is approaching on January 18th, and we need people to help with Set-Up, Check-In, and Clean-Up. Feel free to go on the website or sign up at the banquet!

Equine Ambassador Program
Even though we have just crowned our current Equine Ambassador it is getting closer to next year's fair. Applications will begin to be accepted in January. We encourage people from grades 9-12 to apply.
MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT CONTINUED

Calendar of Events
November 10, 2014 - Beef Kick-Off @ 6:30 pm
December 13, 2014 - Beef Weigh-In @ 9 am
January 27, 2015 - Record Book Training @ 6:30 pm
February 9, 2015 - Swine Kick-Off @ 6 pm (veterans)
February 9, 2015 - Swine Kick-Off @ 7 pm (new)
February 16, 2015 - Sheep Kick-Off @ 6:30 pm
February 28, 2015 - MAP Camp, 9 am - 2 pm, UWEX
April 14, 2015 - MAQA Testing Night, 5-7 pm
May 11, 2015 - MAP Activity Night @ 6:30 pm
May 29, 2015 - Point Cards Due
June 12, 2015 - Buyer Cards Due

NATURAL SCIENCE

Entomology Program
Learn more about bugs on November 8th, at the Hoard Historical Museum, 10:30 am - Noon. The Insect Ambassadors will be there for the “Calling all Families” program. They will have preserved insects and talk about where they live and what they eat. This sounds like a great opportunity to see and learn about some “bugs” not in Wisconsin.

Natural Craft at the Jefferson Winter Market
On November 29th, join 4-H project leader Sharon Schweitzer at the Jefferson Winter Market any time between 9 am and 4 pm. The Market will be held at the Jefferson Business Center on Wisconsin Drive. You will have an opportunity to make an item for Christmas from natural materials. Learn what materials you can gather to make other items to share or use to decorate for Christmas.

December Activities
A Home School session at the Jefferson Library on Dec 11. Also the opportunity to join the Friends of Rose Lake for the Christmas Bird Count on Saturday December 20th. This is a great experience in observing our environment.

POULTRY

Poultry Information
Anyone interested in learning more about Poultry should attend our next meeting on 25th at the Extension Office starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit the Poultry Page on the Extension website http://jefferson.uwex.edu/poultry/. Poultry will not meet in December.

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.

* The Lucky Clovers and Buckaroos 4-H club for doing activities at Tractor Supply Company.
* The clubs that came to the October Leaders Association meeting: Duck Creek, Johnson Creek 4-H, Lucky Clovers, Stone School, Jefferson Boosters, Ideal Clever Clovers, Rock Lake Troopers, and Farmington All-Stars.
* The Pizza and Pie Committee for all of their hard work!

Club News

Farmington All-Stars
The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met Oct. 7 at the Farmington Town Hall. Jack Schoettel gave a demonstration on when he shot a bear. Tommy Naatz talked about collecting printer cartridges to benefit the Johnson Creek Public Library. In old business, Mrs. Walechka reported that the club sold over $8,200 worth of pizzas and pies. Pick up is Nov. 1. In new business, we voted to do Christmas Neighbors Adopt-a-Family again. The club decided to reduce the fee for members by $5. With about 90 members, that will cost the club about $450. The club also voted to give $100 to the new county 4-H Lego program. We also voted for new officers, who are: Libby Knoebel, president; Jamison Richardt, vice president; Emma Statz, secretary; Miranda Blake, treasurer; Nora Statz, reporter. Jesse Topel, Matthew Gruss and Alex Dettman will be the club historians. The Sunshine Committee will be Jordan Kolehouse, Jesse Horta, Kendall Lemke, Dylan Gruss, and Colleen Wilson. Upcoming activities include the county photo meeting Oct. 11, officer training Oct. 27, and the 4-H Awards Tailgate Party Nov. 9. The photo challenge for the next month will be “Signs of Fall/Halloween.”

- Colleen Wilson, Reporter

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“It’s Touchdown Time”

It’s time to honor our 4-H members and leaders for their accomplishments throughout the 2013-14 4-H year at our 4-H Awards Tailgate Party!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

November 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
Jefferson County Fair Park, Activity Center

Support your favorite football team, prizes awarded for most unique outfit.

- Award Presentations
- Slide Show of Year Events
- Tailgate through Trips and Activities
- Lots of Fun

Bring your favorite Football Party Food to share with others.

The Leaders Association will provide the drinks, plates, napkins, and silverware.

Questions? Call the University of Wisconsin Extension Office at 920-674-7295.
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Life Skill Learning

4-H is about more than doing projects and showing at the fair. 4-H is about making new friends and developing skills that will help you in your future. In last month's newsletter there was an article about the Life Skills we target through the 4-H program. A Life Skills Target can also be found in your 4-H Enrollment Guide and Handbook.

Try out this activity at your next club or project meeting. The activity is a great way to develop critical thinking, communication, sharing, teamwork, and contribute to a group effort. Watch each month for a Life Skill Learning activity.

**Commonalities**

**Materials Needed:** Markers and one poster size paper per team (you can use a pen and regular paper if you don’t have poster paper.

**What to do:**

1. Divide the group into teams of four (include members and leaders).
2. As you look at each other in your group, what do you see that you have in common with them?" Allow for answers like - “We’re both boys,” “We have the same hair color,” “We all have 3. You have a lot of visible commonalities. In this game we are going to try and find out what our hidden commonalities are. A hidden commonality is something that we cannot see that we have in common with someone. For example, we both live on Oak Street or we both live with our grandparents.” Now you cannot use these examples - come up with your own!
3. Give each team a couple of sheets of paper and markers.
4. Allow each team 5 minutes to find as many hidden commonalities as they can. A commonality is something two or more team members have in common. Select a Recorder for your group and record your commonalities on the paper.
5. Each team is trying to reach the highest score.

**Points are awarded as follows:**

- One point for something common to two people
- Two points for something common to three people
- Three points for something common to the whole team

When you’re done you can talk it over:

**Once the time is up, have each team share their lists. Start with the three-point commonalities.**

- Ask groups to share what they think is their most unique or interesting
- What was the one thing you had in common with someone in the group that surprised you? Go around the room and have each person answer.
- Is there something that all members of this group have in common?
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