Visioning Session
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? On October 23, 2014, we will be holding a visioning session at the Extension Office. 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 October 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.

Congratulations to Sharon Schweitzer
Jefferson County has named Sharon Schweitzer as the 2014 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame inductee. Sharon will be honored at the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony on November 15. Check out the Fall Forum article in this newsletter to see how you can attend this event!

Kamilla Says Farwell
Thank you to everyone in the 4-H program who helped me to grow as a leader and student this summer. I am grateful for all of the lessons that you shared with me throughout the summer. It was a wonderful experience to meet our 4-H volunteers, both adult and youth alike. Thank you to all those 4-Hers who made my time in the office, at the fair, and at camp memorable. (If any of you would like to further help me in my remaining time as your intern, I will be helping on weekends for promotional library visits!) I would encourage anyone who wants to further their education and experience in 4-H to try for the 4-H internship. The people that you get to work with and the members you meet in Jefferson County 4-H are the best I have ever known. Thanks for an amazing summer. - Kamilla Thoma

Enroll Online for 2014-15
Our enrollment process will open on September 5, 2014. Please enroll online (each family individually) at wi.4honline.com. Enrollment must be completed for returning members by November 1, 2014.
General News

Care to Share?
The Jefferson County 4-H program and the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Program are always looking for ways for leaders, parents, member, and/or supporters to provide valuable input to aid in the success of the 4-H program. With this in mind a “Care to Share” form has been added to the Jefferson County UW Extension website under the 4-H Youth Development Section.

This form is the most appropriate way for an individual or group to address an issue or concern. The form can be mailed to you if you do not have access to the internet or can be found online at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/.

Enrollment Online ONLY
This year all 4-H enrollments will be ONLINE. All members and leaders (new and returning) will need to enroll online. Go to the following website https://wi.4honline.com to start your enrollment process (enrollment opens September 5th). If you need assistance online enrollment instructions can be found at http://4h.uwex.edu/resources/mgt/4honline.cfm.

The fee for 4-H in Jefferson County will continue to be $25 with $20 going to Jefferson County and $5 going to the Leaders Association. All payments will go through your 4-H club. Please check with your club on how payments are to be made.

If you do not have access to the internet, an enrollment station is located at the Extension Office where you can sign up anytime during regular business hours.

Thanks from Judy Statz
Just another thank you to the MAP Committee, Leader’s Association and the Horse & Pony Committee for the gift card when I retired. I purchased an airline ticket to go visit my brother in Redding, CA in November over Thanksgiving. I haven’t been there in 28 years so this is a trip I’m so looking forward to. My sister is going with me and we are staying for 2 weeks.

Pizza and Pie Fundraiser
The fall fundraiser is right around the corner. Please note that forms will be available for pickup by leaders at the beginning of August. Please keep this in mind so that you can easily distribute them to your members. The sale dates are Sept. 1-28. The product will be ready for pick up on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014. Pick up times will be announced later. New this year! Clubs will have the opportunity to sell Poyer Pies as we have in the past or Pine Cone Pies. The Pine Cone Pies will be FRESH PIES. Information about this will be given at the August Leaders Association meeting.

As voted on by the Leaders Association, each club MUST participate in this year’s fundraiser. If a club does not participate, they will be required to pay an additional $10 per person in dues or create a countywide fundraiser that raises at least $10 per member of your club. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office. Detailed information will be included with order forms.

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.

Officer Training
The new 4-H year is starting which means that new officers are working hard to make meetings run smoothly. We would like to invite new officers and ANYONE who is interested in learning more about being an officer to Officer Training on October 27, 2014 at FAIR PARK. The agenda for the evening will include group activities and training for specific officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, historian and recreation). Leaders please encourage any club member who might be interested in learning more to attend, and of course your officer team should be there too. Hope to see you there!
Project Learning Day Planning
Project Learning Day is a yearly event that allows 4-H members to engage in learning about projects and activities they might be interested in. Over the past few years we have had a wide variety of offerings for 4-H members, cloverbuds, and leaders. We are always looking for volunteers to help us make this event even better. Please join the Project Learning Day Committee and attend our meeting on September 23, 2014 at the UW Extension Office starting at 6:30 pm. This meeting is open to adults and youth who are interested in helping. Anyone is welcome!

Badger State Buddies Centennial Book
The Badger State Buddies book is now available for your clubs to use to celebrate the WI 4-H Centennial and promote 4-H in a fun new way. The Jefferson County UW Extension Office recently purchased 20 books that will be donated to local libraries and used in our library promotional events.

Book readers will have a chance to meet the Badger State Buddies in a new children's book. These 3rd and 4th graders explore Wisconsin history and serve their community. While engaging in 4-H activities, they learn about themselves, their state and the value of strong relationships. Use ‘Badger State Buddies’ to promote 4-H in our communities.

If you would like your very own copy of the book you can purchase our extra copies from the UW Extension Office for $6.00 each. Check out the following website for other ways you can use the book at http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/bsb/.

Library Recruitment Events
As part of her internship, Kamilla Thoma, will be presenting programs at the library starting in September. The following dates have been established.

- September 20th at 11 am - Jefferson
- September 27th at 10:30 am - Johnson Creek
- September 27th at 2:00 pm - Lake Mills
- October 4th at 10:30 am - Watertown
- October 11th at 11 am - Palmyra
- October 25th at 10 am - Fort Atkinson

We will be reading an excerpt from the Centennial, Badger State Buddies book and also want to have demonstration, crafts, petting zoo, and other 4-H related topics to show off to the library patrons. If you can help please contact Kamilla directly with the date or dates you can help with kamilla.thoma@mail.wlc.edu or 920-988-0788 and 920-691-6033.
2014 Fair Thank You
Thank you all for helping make the 2014 Jefferson County Fair a record setting year. We continue to receive positive comments about how neat, clean, safe and orderly the Fair was this year.

Premium Checks
Premium checks are dated August 1 and available for pick up from the UW-Extension office by the club leaders. FFA and Independents checks have been mailed as well as Open & Senior. Remember to cash them ASAP. They are good for 60 days. Please don't lose them!

Review your check statement immediately for accuracy. If you think there is a mistake, please bring it to the attention of the Fair Office at 920-674-7148. No changes will be made after September 30th.

Questions about the MAP or Small Animal sale should be directed to the Extension Office.

Activity Center Banners
Have you ever noticed the clubs banners in the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fair Park? Some clubs are missing banners, some of the banners are really dirty, and some clubs might be looking for a chance to update their banners and make them even better.

Please talk about this opportunity at your next club meeting. If you would like to clean your banner or spruce it up just let Sarah know and she will get it taken down for you to work on. If your club banner is missing or you would like to make a new one here are the banner requirements. Banners are 4 feet high and 2.5 feet wide. Banners need be reinforced at the top and bottom with something that will make them stiff so when hung they don't droop. This could mean putting a sleeve on the top and bottom for a dowel or a flat piece of wood. The banners are hung using hooks so the sleeve will not be used for hanging. We have two club banners in our office that were removed because the clubs disbanded. If you would like to see those banners please stop by for new ideas.

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.

Older Member News

Junior Leader Officers Elected
Congratulations to the 2014-15 Junior Leader Officers.

President - Abby Jenks
Vice President - Courtney Kreger
Secretary - Lacey Mehltretter
Treasurer - Pauline Schlais

The Junior Leaders is open to ANYONE in grades 7-12 enrolled in Jefferson County 4-H. They will be meeting in September to plan for the new year. Watch Facebook for more information or call President, Abby Jenks, for a meeting date and time at 262-593-2490.

Space Camp
Youth in grades 6th-8th are encouraged to apply to attend Space Camp. Space Camp will be held April 16-20, 2015 in Huntsville, Alabama. The cost per delegate is $500. The Leaders Association will award two $250.00 scholarships and additional fundraising opportunities are available. The 4-H Missions in Space program is a fun-filled weekend at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center where participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about becoming an astronaut. An application can be found on the Jefferson County 4-H website at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/trip-awards/ or by contacting the Extension Office. Applications are due November 1st.
Washington D.C. Trip - CWF
Youth who are in 10th grade or older are eligible to attend Citizenship Washington Focus this summer. The trip is a 7 day experience in June. Three dates are offered and youth can pick when they choose to go. The cost is approximately $1000, and the Leaders Association will provide two $500 scholarships and additional fundraising opportunities are available. Interested youth need to apply by November 1st in order to be considered. The process includes an application and interview. Please consider applying. Applications can be found online at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/trip-awards/ or by contacting the Extension Office.

Leader News

Board and Association Meetings
All certified leaders and youth leaders are invited to attend the upcoming 4-H Leaders Association Meetings. This is the best way to find out what is going on in the world of 4-H and help in the decision making process. In addition trainings to help develop clubs and leaders will be held at some of these events. Watch the newsletter for topics and more information.

Meetings for the entire Association will be held on October 16, March 19 and May 14. The Board of Directors will meet on September 18, November 20, February 19, April 16 and June 18. All meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. If you have agenda items or questions please contact Board President, Amy Heine or Sarah Torbert.

Special Emphasis News

Special Emphasis Books Due
What has your club been doing related to the 2014 Special Emphasis theme "Dive Into Your Career with 4-H"? We want to know more about how your club has carried out this year's theme. Be sure to turn in your club Special Emphasis Book by September 5, 2014.

"Catch a Cool Career" Banquet
Plans are underway for the Special Emphasis Banquet. The "Catch a Cool Career" banquet will be held on September 21st at Fair Park in the Activity Center.

Don't miss this event. The Whitewater Chemistry club will be on hand and things will be EXPLODING! They have promised to entertain you with some fantastic reactions!

Registration will start at 5:30 pm. During this time families can visit a variety of career tables including a Large Animal Vet, Speech Therapist, Diesel Mechanic, Physician, GIS/Cartographer, Police Officer, and MORE! At 6:00 pm you will be treated to walking tacos, nacho bar and dessert. The chemistry demonstration and awards will follow. Club awards will be given based on the best activity related to the theme. The books are due September 5th!

Country Clovers and the Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association will be providing everything! All you need to do is come. Please RSVP so we can plan for food. Call 920-674-7440 or e-mail stephanier@jeffersoncountywi.gov by September 12th or register at your next club meeting.

DIVE into Your Career with 4-H

2015 Special Emphasis Theme
We know that many clubs are planning their 2014-15 4-H year and wanted to share next year’s theme with you so it can be included in your events. The Maple Street Hustlers will unveil the final Special Emphasis Book at the banquet around the theme “4-H Building Friendship and Memories.”


**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 2:30 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.

**Dairy Promotion Books Due**

Did your club participate in June is Dairy Month activities or promote the dairy industry throughout the past year? Please consider telling others about your event by participating in the Dairy Promotion Contest. A summary of events is due by October 1, 2014. Please check the website for more information. [http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/dairy/](http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/dairy/)

Books should be turned in to the UW-Extension Office by October 1st.

**Record Books Due**

New this year, Record Books are no longer mandatory, but we highly encourage members to complete their year with a Record Book. Please check with your club, as some clubs have Record Book requirements.

Youth wishing to participate in the Record Books judging must have their Record Books to the Extension Office by October 1st. Your club leader can bring it in, or you can bring it in as an individual.

Please note you can use “old” Record Book this year (listed as Option #1 on the website) or the “new” Record Book (listed as Option #2 in on the website). Stating in 2015-16 we will only be using Option #2.

**Project Awards**

As part of your Record Book you can complete a Project Award. Project Awards are given to youth who excel in a project they are enrolled in. Youth may apply for up to three projects awards per year. Project Award applications should be included in the front of your Record Book and can be found at [http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-record-books/](http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-record-books/).

Please note that in order to qualify for a Project Award you MUST have given a demonstration or talk related to that project during the year. This could be a club meeting, project meeting, public event, etc. In addition youth in grades 9-12 must have taught some type of lesson related to the project. Project Awards must be included in the FRONT of your Record Book when they are turned in.

**Clover Awards**

The Clover Award is available to all members and is a points-based award. Members get points for different things they do throughout the year like demonstration, trips and activities. There are three required activities that you must have points for: speech or demonstration at a club or project meeting, fundraising or recreation, and community service. If you have done all of these things, you should easily be able to earn the first award (green level). It often can take more than a year to earn a level. To obtain a Clover Award form, visit the following website [http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-record-books/](http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-record-books/). Awards are due to your club leader by September 8th and to the Extension Office by October 1st. If you need help or have questions please contact Sarah.
Information for specific projects is listed in this section. Projects are listed in alphabetical order.

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. If you are a leader and would like to offer a project at the county level please contact Sarah Torbert.

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

**BEEKEEPING**

**Honey Producers Poster Contest**

The Wisconsin Honey Producers Association (WHPA) invites 4-H members throughout Wisconsin to participate in this contest. The theme for 2014 is: Honey - Goodness by Nature. Divisions include: 2nd grade and under, 3rd-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades. Prizes will be awarded for each Division: 1st: $35, 2nd: $25, 3rd: $15.

Posters should be created on 11×14 inches on poster board. Print clearly on reverse side: Name, address, age and grade. Include the theme in the design. Posters become the property of WHPA. Note: most bees live in bee hives. Paper wasps live in nests hanging from a tree branch - not bees. Mail by: October 25, 2014 to Sharon Pufahl, W6435 Hwy O, Mauston WI 53948. Call: 608.847-4407 if you have questions.

**DAIRY**

**Dairy Committee Meeting**

Members, parents and leaders please join us on September 2nd for the Dairy Committee meeting at 7:00 pm. We will be discussion the fair, milk sale, auction, fundraising and new ideas for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome.

September 4-H Newsletter

4th Annual Dairy Challenge

The Cream of the Crop 4-H Club in Jefferson County will be hosting the fourth annual Dairy Challenge Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 10:00 am in Jefferson, Wisconsin. Registration will begin at 9:30 am at the Jefferson High School. This contest will not focus solely on dairy judging. The contest will require teams of four to work together to answer questions regarding different dairy related scenarios.

At the Jefferson High School teams will work through four stations... identifying common dairy cattle diseases based on symptoms and pictures, evaluating DairyComp 305 reports, identifying common dairy ration ingredient, and, there will be a 25 question multiple choice exam that will cover milk quality, reproduction and general dairy industry knowledge. The teams will head to Lundy Farms for the live animal portion of the contest where teams will have three additional stations, with a buyer scenario of registered heifers, commercial heifers, and evaluate conformation, production and pedigree of two cows to rank four sires based on pedigree and proof information.

There will be no reasons, individual scores, or different age divisions. Once everyone has rotated through the seven stations they will all return to the Jefferson High School for a Rocky Rococo pizza lunch that will be provided while scores are being tabulated. Everyone should be on their way home no later than 2 o’clock.

The contest is open to all youth, but you must not have completed high school prior to 2014. There is a $20 per team registration fee. An entry form and more information can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/dairy/. If you need additional information or have question please contact contest host Mark Lundy at markslundy@hotmail.com or (920) 563-6137.
HORSE AND PONY

2014-2015 Equine Ambassador
Congratulations to Natalie Ciciva who will be the JCHP Equine Ambassador for 2014-2015. Thank you to Holly Graffin who did an excellent job representing JCHP as Equine Ambassador this past year. Great Job girls!

JCHP Election Results
Elections were held at the June county-wide meeting. New committee members are as follows:
Chair: Penny LePak, adult; Whitney Hein, youth
Vice Chair: Cheryl Langlois, adult; Zoe Jackson, youth
Secretary: Kathy Klein, adult; Cameron Klein, youth
Reporter: Marjean Griggs, adult;
Destiny Donaldson, youth
Treasurer: Donna Ciciva, adult;
McKenzie Hansen, youth
At Large: Conner Brumm, adult;
Kathryn Warner, youth

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 Fairpark Activity Center. There are a few exceptions to meeting dates & times so please watch the newsletter for up-to-date information. The Horse project website https://sites.google.com/site/jchporg/ also has current information on meeting dates and times, and all project activities.

State 4-H Horse Expo/ Gymkhana
The Wisconsin 4-H State Gymkhana Show will be held September 6th - 7th. There are 7 kids from our County going. The Wisconsin 4-H State Horse Expo will be held September 11th through the 14th. Jefferson County will be represented by 38 members. Congratulations to Elena Kornkven who represented Jefferson County at the Wisconsin State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show in June. For more information about state 4-H events, please see http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm

New Attendance Record Keeping
JCHP will begin using "Fair Qualification Cards" & "Point Cards" this year for members to track and verify their attendance. The JCHP will no longer be responsible for keeping track of these items. Each member will be responsible. If you did not attend the August Project meeting it is highly suggested that you try to attend the September or October meetings so you can find out how the process will work. You can pick up the two different cards at the Extension Office or at the JCHP meetings. The cards are as follows:

PINK “Fair Qualification Card”: Each member will be given a pink “Fair Qualification Card” which they must bring to each meeting or activity. This card has spaces to record & verify only what is necessary for the member to qualify for Fair (2 meetings, 1 educational, 1 stall cleaning). The card must be signed by a committee member after each meeting or activity. Once the member has completed the necessary requirements to qualify to show at Fair, the card can be turned in to the UW Extension Center, or to a committee member. Cards are due no later than the 3rd Tuesday in June. It is recommended that members turn in their card as soon as they have completed their fair qualifications.

YELLOW “JCHP Point Card”: This card is for those members who would like to track their full participation in the project and accumulate points for reimbursement. The card covers participation from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015. The card must be signed by a committee member after each meeting/activity to verify participation. YELLOW cards are due to the UW Extension Center or to a committee member no later than the 3rd Tuesday in August. (They may be turned in at the August county-wide meeting)

Until the member has completed qualifications for fair, the member must obtain committee signatures on both the PINK and YELLOW cards. Cards were handed out at the August county-wide meeting to those members present. **No attendance log will be kept by the JCHP committee, so members must keep track of their cards as this will be the ONLY record of each member’s participation!!** If a card is lost, the member must “start over” with fair qualification and points. **Please remember to bring your card(s) to each meeting/activity.**
**Annual JCHP Cheese Sale**

We will be having our annual JCHP cheese sale again this year. Watch the website for more information. Order forms will be handed out at the September county-wide meeting. All orders will be due at the October County-wide meeting. Pick up of orders will be at the annual JCHP Banquet in early December. This is a great way to support JCHP - and the cheese makes a great Christmas gift!!

**Annual JCHP Banquet 2014**

The Banquet will be held December 6th at the Fair Park Activity Center. This fun annual event includes awards, potluck, DJ, and lots of fun! Watch the website and future newsletters for more information. The subcommittee will be chaired by our new JCHP Ambassador, Natalie Ciciva. Help is needed. If you would like to be on the banquet subcommittee, please contact a committee member.

**Summary of upcoming meetings:**

Sept 4 - Committee meeting, 7:00 PM @ the UW Extension Center. Note that this is a week early due to State Expo

Sept 16 - JCHP County-wide meeting, Fair Park Activity Center, 7:00PM. Cheese sale order forms handed out.

Oct. 21 - JCHP County-wide meeting, Fair Park Activity Center, 7:00PM. Cheese sale order forms due.

Dec 6 - Annual JCHP Banquet/ County-wide meeting at the Fair Park Activity Center. Pick up cheese sale orders.

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**MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT**

**MAP Committee and Officers Elected**

Congratulations to the 2014-15 MAP Officers and Representatives. The following adults and youth have been selected to be part of the MAP Board.

Chairman - Jeremy Chwala (Beef Rep)
Vice Chairman - Cathie Schoenike (Swine Rep)
Secretary - Lindsey Heideman (Swine Rep)
Treasurer - Sarah Whitley (Ag Ed Rep)
Reporter - Annah Dobson (Beef Rep)
Beef Reps - Scott Keppen, Alexis Timmel
Sheep Reps - Megan Lundy, Keith Schultz, Hannah Schutzl, and Chandler Zweig
Swine Reps - Ryan Isaacsen and Kailey Meshke
At Large - Kevin Heckert
Business Rep - Kevin Doherty

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**Record Books Due**

All MAP Record Books must be turned in by September 5, 2014 to the UW-Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Record books that are unsigned WILL NOT be accepted. You must turn in a Record Book if you weighed in an animal during the year, even if you did not participate in the sale.

**MAP Committee Meeting**

The next MAP Committee Meeting will be held on September 9, 2014 at the UW Extension Office. We will be finalizing the handbook and yearly calendar.

**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 or attend your species kick-off meeting. Dates for these activities will be available in October.

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**ROBOTICS**

**Looking for Members for First Lego League Team**

The Jefferson County 4-H program is looking to have a First Lego League (FLL) Team. In early fall, FLL releases a Challenge, which is based on a real-world scientific topic. A team of youth ages 9-14 and two adult leaders work to solve the challenge. Each Challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the Project and the FLL Core Values. Teams participate in the challenge by programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game), developing a solution to a problem they have identified (Project), all guided by the FLL Core Values.

This year's tournament is February 28, 2015 but we will need to spend some time working hard to get ready for the challenge. If you are interested in being part of the Jefferson County 4-H First Lego League Team please contact coach, Terry Richart at terryrichardt@tds.net or call the office for more information. This opportunity is open to current 4-H members or others wishing to join the 2014-15 4-H year. We will need to have a solid team in place by mid-September so please let us know if you want to be involved.
SMALL ANIMAL SALE

Committee Looking for Youth Members

The Small Animal Sale Committee is looking for youth to serve on their committee. If you are an older member in 4-H or FFA and would like to be part of the group that puts on the Small Animal Sale please let Sarah know at 920-674-7299 or sarah.torbert@ces.uwex.edu. They are looking for at least one representative from each of the three species to be part of the group: goat, poultry, and rabbits.

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.

Kim Kreger, Nicole Wright, Cindy Jaquith, Mikayla Kind, Greg Zweig, and Jean Borchardt for their service to the Meat Animal Project Committee. A huge thanks for all you have done!

The 2014 Jefferson County 4-H Livestock Judging who placed 5th at state. Team members were Alexis Timmel, Hannah Schultz, Jon Trioliia and Ryan Isaacsen. A special thanks to Michelle and Jeremy Chwala for their help with the Team.

The Junior Leader for putting together an AMAZING Cloverbud Day Camp.

Club News

Stone School

Stone School had their June 4-H meeting on June 3rd. We began the meeting by discussing our old business, the Dairy Breakfast. Overall, we think it was a huge success, and we want to give all the volunteers a huge thank you! Our club t-shirts have been purchased, and if you bought one, Crystal will notify you when they are ready, and how much they cost. We want to ask all the Stone School members to wear one of your club t-shirts on the Friday of fair.

In new business we received our fair entry tags at this meeting, and if you weren't there, you need to contact Crystal immediately. DO NOT LOSE THEM!!! The entry tags are incredibly important, and make sure to read them. You will be entered in whichever classes they say, so if they are incorrect, contact Amy at the fair office ASAP. Also, if you are a member of the swine project, get your little green cards from Crystal, and fill them out. Our next meeting will be a BBQ cookout, on August 10th (a Sunday), at 4:00. Meat will be provided, but we ask you to bring a dish to pass.

-Casey Skindingsrude

The most successful 4-H'ers are those who have the support of their parents. Parents can help by: 1) Learning about 4-H and how it operates. 2) Guiding members in selecting and carrying out 4-H projects. 3) Showing interest in 4-H—attending meetings and assisting when needed.

Being a 4-H parent has many satisfactions in helping members make their club, community, country and world a better place.
Have you ever thought about what a 4-H program needs to be successful? A few years ago a team was put together at a National level to look at what is needed to have a 4-H program that promotes positive youth development opportunities for youth. Check out the results below. Although every 4-H program might be different and even in our county ever club might be different, the Essential Elements are common to each of us.

The Four Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development

**Belonging:**
- Do you have caring adults in your life that advise, guide and mentor you?
- Do you feel like you belong to a group and others are positive and encouraging?
- Do you feel safe from physical or emotional harm?

**Mastery:**
- Are you learning new things and skills?
- Do you have opportunities to practice new skills?
- Are you able to find new resources and learn on your own?

**Independence:**
- Are you able to make your own decisions?
- Do you set your goals and then work to reach them?
- Do you see many choices for yourself in the future?

**Generosity:**
- Are you able to teach others?
- Are you giving back to members in your family, 4-H club, or community?
“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 920-647-7295.
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