Like us on Facebook!
Communication is important when it comes to 4-H. Please like Jefferson County 4-H Wisconsin on Facebook to keep up to date on what is going on in our program. Daily updates (including weather cancellations), photo sharing, and much more will happen on our Facebook site. Please become a fan and share the site with your family and friends.
https://www.facebook.com/#!/JeffersonCounty4HWI

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. The policy for county meetings is as follows.

1. Meetings supported by the county should be cancelled by the meeting host (project leader, committee chair, etc.) by 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.

Please consider your safety first and foremost. If your family does not feel safe traveling due to snow or cold please do not put your safety at risk.

Consider a Gift to the Jefferson County 4-H Endowment Fund
Did you know that Jefferson County has an established Endowment Fund to help support 4-H scholarships? Donations and memorials to the Endowment Fund are always welcome. Supporting the Endowment Fund today helps the 4-H youth of Jefferson County for years to come.

4-H families are encouraged to consider memorials as well as "In Honor" donations to recognize birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and other significant achievements. Donations are welcomed from business friends and alumni, civic organizations, and 4-H clubs. All contributions are tax deductible. To contribute, checks may be made payable to the Jefferson County 4-H Endowment Fund and mailed to UW-Extension, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549. You can also donate online at http://www.supportuw.org/, be sure to indicate it is for Jefferson County 4-H.

So much is happening in Jefferson County. Read your newsletter closely to find out what opportunities there are for your family. Don’t forget posters and speech entries for Special Emphasis are due February 3rd. Dive into your career this year with 4-H!

Sincerely,
Sarah Torbert
4-H Youth Development Agent
Be Part of 4-H Day at the Capitol
Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development will celebrate its 100th birthday with 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. 4-H members, volunteers, staff, alumni, friends and supporters are invited to Madison to connect with legislators and tell their stories about how 4-H has changed their lives and communities. 4-H Day at the Capitol will include a legislative breakfast, staffed displays about 4-H programs and projects in the Rotunda, and legislative visits. The registration deadline for legislative visits is February 10th.

Delegations will arrive at the Madison Concourse Hotel by 9:30 a.m. on March 19. Kick-off speakers, visit practice and lunch will take up the rest of the morning. We'll head to the Capitol just before 12:00 for a 4-H Rally in the Rotunda and a large group photo, after which delegations will move around the Capitol for their scheduled legislative visits. 4-H Day at the Capitol is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the positive impacts 4-H has had on Wisconsin over the last 100 years and strengthen the relationship between Wisconsin 4-H and its important partners in the state government. Please consider being part of a delegation to Madison on March 19, 2014.

If you're interested in being part of 4-H Day at the Capitol please contact the Extension Office by February 10th so we can make plans to set up visits. More information can be found at http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hcentennial/calendar/wisconsin-4-h-day-at-the-capitol/tools-for-scheduling-legislative-visits/.

Statewide Service Month
April 2014 is the 4-H Centennial Statewide Service Month! We want to celebrate the great community service activities that 4-H clubs and groups take on around the state. If your 4-H group has a service activity planned for April, or completed a community service activity in the last 12 months, fill out the form at: http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hcentennial/calendar/statewide-service-month/ and send a few pictures to: jackie.askins@ces.uwex.edu to be featured on this website and the Wisconsin 4-H Facebook page!

4-H Day at the State Fair
Mark your calendars for August 5th as 4-H will be honored at the Wisconsin State Fair. The day will celebrate 100 years of 4-H and bring together youth from throughout Wisconsin who are part of the 4-H program. Please plan to attend or even come to work. This will be an awesome day of Green and White throughout the State Fair Park.

General News

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.

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.

CELEBRATE! At 4-H Camp
Mark your calendars now! 4-H camp will be held July 30th – August 2nd at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. New this year we will be camping with Sauk and Columbia counties. Due to space we will only be taking the first 100 campers to register. Camp applications will be on the web starting March 17th. Camp will fill on a first come first serve basis. Junior Camp will be offered for 3-5 grade youth and Outpost Camp will be offered for 6-8 grade youth. Watch the March newsletter for more information including cost and the application process.

Adults and High School students check out the Older Member and Leader sections to find out how you too can join us at camp.
Looking for Summer Intern

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

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. We only have ONE entry so far!! 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. See the January newsletter for a complete set of rules or call Sarah for more information. Designs are due by Feb. 15th.

Ag Essay Contest

4th and 5th grade 4-H members are encouraged to enter the Wisconsin Farm Bureau- Ag in the Classroom essay contest. This year’s contest essay is “Wisconsin gardens provide many food choices…” Share your thoughts, feelings and information about where food comes from, understanding how plants grow, and making healthy food choices. Contest information, lesson plans, resources and sample activities are located on the Agriculture in the Classroom website at www.wisagclassroom.org or by contacting Darlene Arneson at 608-828-5719 or darneson@wfbf.com. Essays must be submitted by April 1, 2014 to Patti Hurtgen at 600 W Blackhawk Drive, #4, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 or email to jeffersoncountyagessays@gmail.com. Check the website above for a complete list of contest rules.

Congratulations

Congrats to Isaac Elsen and Mikayla Kind for being chosen to represent Jefferson County at Citizenship Washington Focus this summer. Check out this section of the newsletter to learn more about trips you can attend this year!

International Host Opportunities

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

In the summer of 2014, more than 70 youth from Argentina, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Finland will spend a month living with Wisconsin host families and learning about American culture. If you are between 10-18 years old and want to take part in a month that will stay with you for a lifetime, apply now. Chaperone hosts are also needed for two week periods during these time frames.

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

Applications are due by February 15th or till all delegates are assigned. Hurry, since assignments will begin in late February! For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website at wi4hinternational.org/host. Contact your County International Exchange Coordinator, County 4-H Office staff, or call WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491 or 608-262-1557 or e-mail wi4hinternational@gmail.com
Attend 4-H Youth Conference
Join over 600 other 4-H members from throughout Wisconsin on the UW-Madison campus this summer for the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference. They even include amazing educational seminars and assemblies. Youth can learn more about their favorite project or rock climbing, there is a huge variety of sessions to choose from. Participant must be in 7th to 10th grade when they turn in their applications. The cost is $235.00. The amount of scholarship that is being provided to members is part of the upcoming Leaders Association Board meeting. Some type of scholarships will be offered for youth to attend this event. Even if you have gone before you can attend this event again, giving you a chance to try new sessions. Check out the 4-H website at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/trip-awards/ for an application, deadline to apply is March 1.

Camp Counselor Needed
New this year we will be camping with Sauk and Columbia counties! Camp is a great experience for older 4-H members to show their leadership skills, meet new people, and have fun planning and leading at camp. We would love for ANYONE in grades 9-13 to serve as a camp counselor this year. Camp will be held July 30th - August 2nd at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. In addition to attending camp all counselors will be required to attend a camp counselor training and interview process on May 10th. This is a mandatory date, so please check your calendars before you apply. Applicants will pay a $25.00 application fee to cover training costs. With three counties, it is possible an applicant will not be chosen to serve as a camp counselor.

The training will be somewhere that is convenient for all three counties, possibly even at Upham Woods. Camp Counselor Applications are available online at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-camp-2/ and are due by March 7th to the Extension Office. New this year we will be camping with Sauk and Columbia counties! Camp is a great experience for older 4-H members to show their leadership skills, meet new people, and have fun planning and leading at camp.

State 4-H Scholarships Available
The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation plans to award more than $9,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing undergraduate degrees in 2014. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 31, 2014. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, financial need and future educational goals with specific criteria for designated awards. Applications can be found at www.Wis4HFoundation.org.

Join Junior Leaders
Because of the cold weather we had to postpone our January meeting. We will now be meeting on February 4th at 7:00 pm to plan Project Learning Day. On February 8th we will be serving food at Project Learning Day and leading a session. Anyone in 7th grade and older is invited to come and be part of the fun. Our March meeting will be on March 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

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 Training Rescheduled
Due to the cold weather we did not hold New Leader Training in January. The next date for New Leader training will be February 12, 2014 at the Extension Office starting at 6:30 pm. If you cannot make this event but would still like to be a leader please let Sarah know. Pre-registration for this meeting is suggested so that we know how many handouts will be needed.
Looking for Camp Adult Staff
Do you love camping? Maybe you are looking for some great bonding time with your child and 99 of their closest friends? Join us for 4-H Camp July 30th - August 2nd in scenic Wisconsin Dells. We need people to serve in the capacity of snack coordinator, arts and crafts, cabin adults, and more! Please consider applying to help us at camp. New this year we will be camping with Sauk and Columbia counties! Adult Camp Staff application are available at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-camp-2/. They are due by March 7th. We will review applications and see how you can best fit with our camp experience.

Come Explore Science
Science is a huge part of what we do every day. This e-forum will help you use science in your 4-H meetings and events. Exploring the Science of 4-H will be held on February 3rd from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Jefferson County Extension Office. The session includes a face-to-face interaction that is facilitated locally and also a connection to a live presentation.

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. The Special Emphasis Speech registration and your posters are due February 3, 2014. Information and rules can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/jefferson-county-4h/special-emphasis/ Poster result and the speaking contest will be held on February 18, 2014 at the Extension Office.
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Hoard’s Dairyman Cow Judging Contest
This contest is in its 84th year and has entries from more than 800 4-H clubs. Prizes are $100-$75-$50-$25. If your Dairy Leader has not received the entry information for this year, please contact Sarah at the UWEX Office for entry information.

Each 4-H member who enters on a group entry blank with their club is automatically eligible for individual cash prizes. Members may enter with their clubs and also with their families. Official placing’s and reasons will be published in the May issue as well as on the website: (www.hoards.com/youth/cowjudgingcorner). Winners will be announced in the May 10th issue. Entry deadline is March 20, 2014.

Feeding your Fair Animal
The Rock River Laboratory is hosting a nutrition workshop on March 29, 2014 starting at 9:00 AM. This workshop is an opportunity for dairy and livestock members to come and learn about different feed components as well as nutritional information to help members raise the best animals to present at the Jefferson County Fair. Please contact Tabitha Kelman at Rock River Laboratory with any questions or to sign up at 920.261.0446 or tabitha_kelman@rockriverlab.com. The clinic is located at 710 Commerce Drive in Watertown. See the MAP section for more information.

Nasco Showing & Grooming Clinic
Dairy exhibitors are encouraged to attend the Nasco Showing and Grooming Clinic on May 10th. Topics for discussion will include: animal selection, proper clipping techniques, choice of grooming equipment and showmanship. Questions may be freely asked during the demonstrations. During each demonstration, door prizes will be given away and each person attending will receive a valuable discount coupon, which may be used at the Nasco Store. The dairy demonstration will be held from 1:15-3 pm and lunch will be from Noon-1. Nasco will provide lunch. There is no charge for attending these informational demonstrations. Pre-registration is due by May 5 by calling the Nasco Store at 920-568-5600. Please include which session you will be attending (addition sessions in Livestock Section) and if you’ll be staying for lunch.

DOG

4-H Dog Project Meetings
February 10th will be the First Training Night with your dog at Fair Park Activity Center, Beginners 6:00 pm and Returning Youth 7:00 pm. Trainings will be held on February 17th and 24th. 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.

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

FOODS

Foods Revue
The Foods Revue will take place on April 5th at the Extension Office. This judging is done face-to-face. The judge will look at the appearance, taste of the food, the place setting, center pieces (for older members) and how everything fits together. In addition members will be asked to share about the food preparation and how that fits into the proper food groups with the judge. You can ask anyone that has participated in the past, talk to your Foods Leader or call someone on the Foods Committee if you have any questions. Entries forms will be in the March newsletter.

Foods Committee Meeting
We are looking for new adults and older members to serve on the Foods Committee. This group helps to plan the Foods Revue and other food related project ideas. Please join us on March 27th at 6:00 pm as we get ready for the 2014 Foods Revue.
**GOATS**

**Goat Committee and Project Meetings**

The next Goat Committee meeting will be on February 19th 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 March 27th at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office.

**HORSE**

**2014 Equine Ambassador Contest**

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

**March Showmanship Clinic**

Jim Bound has offered to host a free 2-hour Showmanship Clinic for 4-H & FFA members and leaders in Jefferson County and the surrounding counties on March 1 from Noon to 2 p.m. The clinic will be held at the JB Ranch, W6856 Christie Ct, Fort Atkinson. Four world-title winning professionals will be on hand to give information on how to take your showmanship up a notch - regardless of where you are right now. Bring your own horse or share a horse on-site. There will also be a vet on site from 10 a.m.-Noon for Coggins & vaccinations at a special price for 4-H and FFA members.

If interested, please contact Jim or Lisa by phone (920) 568-7000 or email JBRanchLLC@gmail.com. RSVP is needed for vet appointments and to estimate clinic attendance.

**Horseless Horse**

Horseless Horse meetings will be held from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of the month in February, March, and April. Meetings will be at Blue Thunder Stables, W3448 Saucer Rd, Watertown. Topics covered will include grooming, safety, tack, showmanship, Please contact Pam Seidl 920-220-9260 for more information or if you are interested in being a “buddy” to a horseless horse member.

**Spring Vaccination Clinic**

Badger Vet will host a Coggins/ vaccination clinic on March 29 from 9 a.m. - noon in the indoor arena at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The discount price of $70 includes physical exam, coggins test, vaccinations (EWT/WNV, influenza/rhino), fecal egg count, and a tube of quest. Contact Badger Vet to sign up or sign up on jchp website. Must sign up by March 10! Teeth floating will also be available.

**Monday Night Horse Education**

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

**2014 JCHP Budget**

The 2014 JCHP budget will be posted on the website @ www.jchp.org. The membership will vote on approval of the budget at the February county-wide meeting. If you have any suggestions for amending the proposed budget, please contact a committee member prior to the February meeting.

**February County-wide Project Meeting & Hippology Contest**

The next county-wide project meeting will be on February 18 @ 6:30 pm in the Activity Center. The annual Hippology contest will take place immediately following the meeting.
March County-wide Meeting & Contests

The poster, speech, demonstration, photography, creative writing, and drawing contest will take place during our March meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 in the Activity Center. Art, photography, poster, & writing entries should be turned in on March 18 from 6-6:30 pm prior to the meeting. Speech and demonstration entries are presented after the meeting. Guidelines for entries can be found in the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook at:

http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/documents/2013EducationEventsLeaderSupplement.pdf. Entries can also be entered in county fair in the appropriate department and at State 4-H Horse Expo. Get your projects started early!

State Scholarships Available

The Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association scholarship is due March 1st. For Scholarship Application and Information visit http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm. The Wisconsin Horse Council scholarship is due February 15th. The application can be found at http://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

LLAMAS AND ALPACA

Get Involved with Llamas

The Llama and Alpaca project will be starting back up in February. Anyone is invited 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

2014 Market Steer Identification Updates

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit JUNIOR MARKET BEEF at the 2014 WI State Fair will need to self-identify their animals with an official RFID identification tag and submit a DNA hair sample between January 1st and February 10th. Visit http://www.wistatefair.com/wp/news-and-updates/ for more information.

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 February 11th.

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

MAP Camp Registration Available

All MAP members are encouraged to sign up for MAP Camp on March 22, 2014. The event will be held at the Fairgrounds. Camp will be broken down for species. Swine Camp will be held from 9-11 a.m. and Beef and Sheep Camp will be held from Noon - 2:00 p.m. Registration for each will start 30 minutes before camp starts. This year's topics are Animal Health and MAP Record Books. MAP camp will satisfy for MAQA (formerly PQA) requirement for youth to show swine at the Jefferson County Fair and the Wisconsin State Fair. Registration for camp is due March 14th and can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the Jefferson County 4-H website.

Feeding your Fair Animal

The Rock River Laboratory is hosting a nutrition workshop on March 29, 2014 starting at 9:00 AM. This workshop is an opportunity for dairy and livestock members to come and learn about different feed components as well as nutritional information to help members raise the best animals to present at the Jefferson County Fair.

This is a great opportunity to talk to experts in the agriculture industry about any nutrition aspects you may have questions or concerns about. This is not only an opportunity for members but parents as well! This is a hands-on learning experience that will be very helpful in raising dairy and livestock. Please contact Tabitha Kelman at Rock River Laboratory with any questions or to sign up at 920.261.0446 or tabitha_kelman@rockriverlab.com. The clinic is located at 710 Commerce Drive in Watertown.
Nasco Showing & Grooming Clinic

All livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend the Nasco Showing and Grooming Clinic on May 10th. Topics for discussion will include: animal selection, proper clipping techniques, choice of grooming equipment and showmanship. Questions may be freely asked during the demonstrations. During each demonstration, door prizes will be given away and each person attending will receive a valuable discount coupon, which may be used at the Nasco Store. The schedule for the day will be:

8:30—10:00 a.m.: Sheep Demonstration
10:15—noon: Beef Demonstration
Noon—1:00 p.m.: Lunch and visit Nasco Store
1:15—3:00 p.m.: Dairy Demonstration
3:15-4:30 p.m.: Swine Demonstration (NEW)

Nasco will provide lunch. There is no charge for attending these informational demonstrations. Pre-registration is due by May 5 by calling the Nasco Store at 920-568-5600. Please include which session you will be attending and if you’ll be staying for lunch.

MAP Points earned: 1 point per species, 2 points maximum. Take your point card with you. When ordering through the Nasco Farm & Ranch catalog, please use coupon number 9800229AD and 5% of your total order will be donated back to Jefferson County 4-H. Watch for a special Nasco coupon in a future newsletter.

Natural Science Career Opportunities

Join us on March 1st from 10-Noon as Kevin Weismann will share his experiences as the Jefferson County Parts Supervisor. We will meet him at 1555 S. Industrial Drive, Jefferson. He will also give us the opportunity to see and learn about the logs being used in the reconstruction of the Mason Log House. There will be a chance to examine a piece of the landmark oak tree cut down for the Hwy 26 Bypass.

Outdoor Winter Experiences

On February 8th, the Glacial Heritage Area Friends are offering a day of great day of outdoor winter experiences at the Waterloo Regional Trailhead Facility, 760 McKay Way, Waterloo. If you’re not signed up for the Family Project Day session you might consider this county event. The day will include skiing, snowshoeing, wolf track casting, skull identification, ski clinics, and more. Visit glacialheritagearea.org or email friendsofgha@gmail.com for a complete list of events.

Poultry Information

All poultry enthusiast are invited to attend the next informational meeting on February 11th at the Extension Office from 6:30-8:00 pm. The meeting will include a talk on Showing at Amateur and Professional Exhibitions by Butch Gunderson and 4-H member Madison Kraft will tell about her experiences in showing. There will also be discussion on showing at the fair by Lori Miller. Please bring along your show supplies bag/box with all of your show supply items inside. If you have questions contact Lori Miller at wingmann@att.net. Check out the webpage for more information on poultry meetings in Jefferson Co. at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/poultry/.

Rabbits

Project Meetings Starting

The rabbit project will be getting started. Our first project meeting will be on February 20th at Fair Park starting at 7:00 pm. The second meeting will be March 20th also at 7:00 pm. Please come to learn about rabbit health, meat sale changes, and fair preparation. If you have questions please call project leader Sue Wilpolt at SWILPOLT@amfam.com.
Win a Targhee Starter Flock

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association will be giving away a starter flock of three Targhee ewes in 2014 to a lucky Wisconsin youth. Applicants must be aged 12 to 17 as of January 1, 2014, must be a resident of Wisconsin, and must not currently raise Targhee sheep. The winner must also be eligible and agree to exhibit their animals at both the 2014 Wisconsin State Fair open sheep show and Wisconsin Junior State Fair sheep show. The winner will receive a combination of ewe lambs, yearling ewes and/or brood ewes, and take ownership of the animals before any 2014 State Fair ownership deadlines.

Applications are available on-line at the US Targhee Sheep Association website http://www.ustargheesheep.org/ and are due no later than April 1, 2014. For more information or questions, please contact Leslie & Jeff Nevens at 608-592-7842, or AandJNevensLivestock@frontier.com.

Archery Project News

Hello fellow archers! We are well into the 2014 season. I hope you all are enjoying the practices, and the new participants are starting to get comfortable with archery and the 4-H program.

Our next practices include:
Rapids Archery Club at 5 pm on February 9, 16, 23
Watertown Archery Club @ 6 pm on Feb. 10, 17, 24

Contact Mrs. Walsh with any questions at adwcs@tds.net or 920-699-2884

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

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a $50.00 scholarship, to be used to offset costs associated with their 2014 pig project. Up to ten $50.00 scholarships will be awarded. Age divisions are as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2014).

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

Interested youth must complete and mail the Youth Pig Project application form no later than Feb. 15, 2014, to: WPA, P.O. Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813. Youth who receive a scholarship will be asked to complete a follow-up questionnaire after their project year is complete.

Hebron Helping Hands

In December, members made fleece blankets. The blankets will be donated to nursing homes in the area. The January meeting was cancelled because of the cold weather.
-Rachael Gerondale, Reporter

Country Clovers

The November meeting was held on November 20, 2013. We voted for new officers. Our new president is Olivia Brandenburg; the Vice President is Austin Kind, the Treasurer is Signe Kind, the Reporter is Anna Schoenike, and the Photographer is Tawney Hadler.

The December meeting was held on December 18, 2013. During the meeting we discussed the donations we made to Christmas neighbors. After the meeting we made Christmas cards for Blackhawk Senior Center.
-Anna Schoenike, Reporter
Farmington All-Stars
The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met December 14th at the Concord Community Center for the club’s Christmas party. Activities included a show by magician Jim Mitchell, a balloon pop competition, other games, and awesome food. We also did a gift/ornament exchange and a crazy hat contest. Before the party, we collected food, presents and bedding to help out our Adopt-a-Family through Christmas Neighbors. Members also collected pillows and toiletries for Family Promise, where the club served a meal December 17. Upcoming activities include bell-ringing for the Salvation Army on Saturday and caroling at Bethesda Lutheran Homes December 26th. Next month’s photo challenge is Dive into Your Career with 4-H.
-Colleen Wilson, Reporter

Hubbleton Hustlers
On Sunday, January 5th, the Hubbleton Hustlers met at 2 pm. Old Business included our Christmas caroling at Wellington Manor, changing our date and time of our meetings, and our food pantry collection. New business included info for poster and speaking contest on Feb 18th, record books, and registration for 4-H projects. We also discussed going sledding as a club for a fun activity. The next meeting will be February 2nd.
-Jon Lenz, Reporter

Ixonia Victory
The Ixonia Victory 4-H Club had a short meeting on December 2nd. After our meeting the club went Christmas Caroling along the streets of Ixonia. The club held a Christmas Bowling Party at Watertown Bowl North on Sunday, December 15th. Bowling, pizza, and a gift card exchange we enjoyed by all. Due to the bitter cold our January meeting was held a day late, on January 7th. Posters for the Special Emphasis poster contest were handed out to all club members. Everyone is encouraged to hand in a poster at our next meeting. The club will be helping at the Ixonia Fireman’s Breakfast on Sunday, March 2nd. Our next meeting, on February 3rd, will start at 6 pm and Casserly Vet Clinic from Ixonia will be speaking to us about the veterinarian career.
-Oliver D Small, Reporter

Lucky Clovers

Holiday Thanks
A huge thank you to the Country Roamers 4-H club for decorating the office for the holidays. Be sure to stop by next year to admire the new tree that the club purchased for the office. We are also looking at sponsoring a club and individual ornament contest. Start thinking now about what you might want to create!
MAP CAMP REGISTRATION
MAP Camp March 22, 2014 • Fair Park, Jefferson

Swine Camp 9:00 – 11:00 am • Beef and Sheet Camp Noon – 2:00 pm

If you cannot attend MAP Camp a similar activity will be held on May 12th at 6:00 pm. The MAQA (formerly PQA) test date will be April 8th at 6:00 pm.

Please complete this information and return to the UW-Extension office by fax, mail, drop-box, or email (sarah.torbert@ces.uwex.edu). Due March 14, 2014.

Name: ____________________________________   Grade: ________________Birthdate: ________________

4-H Club or FFA Group: ___________________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________________________

Please check one: □ Swine 9-11 a.m. □ Beef/Sheep 12-2 p.m. Age as of January 1, 2014: ________________

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On behalf of Jefferson County Cooperative Extension, I want to thank you for collaborating with UW-Extension on educational programs. We appreciate your support and partnership as we provide education designed to meet the needs of the diverse residents of Jefferson County.

Sincerely,

Sarah Torbert, 4-H Youth Development Agent

February 2014 4-H Newsletter
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Why 4-H?

Last month’s we focused on why our children or the members are part of the 4-H program. As parents and volunteers it is sometimes hard to put into perspective why we spend our time driving to meetings, preparing project lessons, answering the phone late at night, and other overlooked tasks that our volunteers perform. In a county that serves over 750 4-H members volunteer are the reason things happen. Recently the Wisconsin 4-H State Program Leader, Dale Leidheiser, shared this important message about “What Children Teach Us.” Next time your phone rings at night or you are driving to Jefferson for the fifth time week think not only about what your children gain from the 4-H program, but what we gain from being involved with them.

--What Do Children Teach Us--

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds taking over my yard. My grandchildren see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at a street person and he smiles at me, I see someone who probably wants money and I look away. My grandchildren see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can’t carry a tune and don’t have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously and listen. My grandchildren feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don’t know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My grandchildren close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I see a mud puddle, I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My grandchildren sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

When I see a snowfall, I regret having just washed the car and cringe at the prospect of shoveling snow. Again. My grandchildren see a blank canvas to make snow angels and play fox and hounds.

Are we given children to teach, or to learn from?

As we move into the year ahead think about the miracle of discovery seen primarily through the eyes of children, and promoted through lifelong learning and transformation. Let’s focus on the community of young people in our program and give them voices to be a catalyst for change. Let’s focus on inclusiveness and ensuring that children feel like they belong to a group. Let’s focus on relationships and the power of connection that enhances 4-H in Jefferson County. And, let’s focus on respect. None of us have the power to get respect, but we can all give it. It is one of the most powerful gifts we can share throughout the year.

Thank you to Dale for sharing this message. I think we can all learn something from the perspective it brings.
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