To all members, leaders, and families of the Jefferson County 4-H Program:

It is with a heavy heart and also excitement of my next life phase that I officially announce my retirement from U.W. Extension and 4-H. My last day in the office will be Monday, March 3, 2014.

Over the last 13 years with U.W. Extension and the 4-H community of Jefferson County I have had many joys and memorable moments with so many of you; and prior to that 2 years as part of the Jefferson County Zoning Department. I have worked with several Youth Development Agents throughout it all: Sue Pleskac, Jill Tingey, Gail Roberts and our newest addition, Sarah Torbert. All very committed, determined to make 4-H the best; I have been lucky to work alongside them in this common goal.

Being in 4-H myself as a youth, I have understood the importance of what 4-H brings to involved families, as you all do as well. It’s not just the youth that gains but the entire family, becoming closer with the trials of winning and losing. As we all learn in life it’s not always about “winning the blue ribbon” but the experiences that we have in all the challenges from learning how to sew that first seam, how to clean and feed a calf, taking and framing pictures, accepting constructive criticism from judges, to keeping records of time, costs, what was learned, and organizing all the wonderful information into a record book of your 4-H year. There has been planning for Family Project Days, Foods Review, Clothing Preview, Fair, Camp, Special Emphasis, Awards; the list is endless. This could not be successful without the help of all the amazing volunteers and mentor youth who participate to make the best even better. It’s called team work! I am grateful for everything that you have done over the years to help me help you. All of these activities are wonderful memories and experiences that will last for a lifetime and I am thankful for the opportunity over the last several years to share in them with you and your families. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your 4-H family for the last 13 years. I have treasured your children: watching them grow in character and knowledge, participate in the local community, and gaining the confidence needed for their futures.

While I am stepping down from my official role, I will continue to be involved with the Jefferson County 4-H program in a personal sense, along with 3 of my granddaughters. I look forward to an ongoing relationship with each of your families and will count on seeing all of you at future 4-H events. Again, thank you 4-H Family for allowing me to serve you.

Sincerely,

Judy Statz
Jefferson County 4-H Secretary

An Open House will be held in honor of Judy’s Retirement on February 28, 2014 at the UW-Extension Office from 3:30-5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Spring is around the corner, I hope! Fair information will be handed to leaders at the March Leaders Association meeting. Please be sure to read the newsletter and stay informed on what is going on in the world of 4-H. We don’t want you to miss out on a great opportunity!

Sincerely,

Sarah Torbert
4-H Youth Development Agent
**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.

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**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.

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**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 (this limit is for base camp only). 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 3-6 grade youth and Outpost Camp will be offered for 7-8 grade youth. Sorry about the age confusion in the February newsletter.

Applications can be turned in via mail, e-mail, or in person. We will date/time stamp the applications as they come in. The cost of camp this year is $195 (this includes the bus, camp overnight, meals, shirt, snacks, and all programming). The Leaders Association will give a $25 scholarship to all youth. If you have more than one child going to camp the amount will increase by $10 for each child. This cost is much higher than it has been in the past. If you would like to know more about the cost increases please call Sarah or attend the March Leaders Association meeting.

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

**Club Fundraising Opportunity**

Is your club looking for a fundraising opportunity this summer? The Jefferson County Farmer’s Market is looking for someone to run their food stand. The first Market will be held on April 5th from 9 am to 4 pm. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Market coordinator Cheryl Ann at jfmmanager2012@gmail.com.

**Copy Machine and Sorting Machine Available**

We are looking for new homes for our older copy machine and the page sorting machine. If you are interested in either of these machines please call Sarah and let her know.
**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.

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/](http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-camp-2/) and are due by March 7th to the Extension Office.

**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](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).

**Leaders Association Scholarship**

The Jefferson County Leaders Association will be offering scholarships to high school seniors and/or college freshman. A scholarship application can be found at [http://jefferson.uwex.edu/youth-scholarships-grants/](http://jefferson.uwex.edu/youth-scholarships-grants/).

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**I Want to Know Technology Camp**

Are you a middle school that likes science, technology or engineering? If so, then I Want To Know! Camp is for you. The camp will be held May 2-3, 2014 at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The camp is for youth in grades 6-8 and the cost is $55 which includes meals, lodging, t-shirt, and supplies.

Youth will explore food science, computer animation, forensic chemistry, exploring DNA and more through cool, hands-on experiments. Space is LIMITED! Registrations will be taken on a first come basis with a waiting list if necessary. Sign up TODAY! Registrations due March 28, 2014. Special financial circumstances will be handled on an individual basis. For more information, contact Joanna Skluzacek, UW-Extension 4-H STEM specialist at 608.265.2949 or [Joanna.Skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Joanna.Skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu). Applications can be found at [http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/Iwantoknowcamp14.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/Iwantoknowcamp14.cfm).

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**Join Junior Leaders**

Anyone in 7th grade and older is invited to come and be part of the fun. Our March meeting will be on March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will have a hot dog supper. Feel free to bring your snacks to go with our hot dogs. Please note the date change due to Spring Breaks. Sarah will be there to provide us with some leadership games and we will start planning for our next event.

In addition we will be headed to Country Springs Waterpark on April 5th. Learn more about this opportunity at our meeting.
New Leader Training Offered
We still have some new leaders who have signed up for the year, but have not attended New Leader Training. Our last training for this 4-H year will be held on March 25th at the Extension Office starting at 6:30 pm. Camp Adult Staff who have not been through the training must attend this event. A letter will go out to those of you who need to attend, anyone is welcome.

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/](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.

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.

Leaders Association Board Elections
Each year the Leaders Association elects new members to serve on the Board of Directors. These nine individuals help to make policies that guide the 4-H program in Jefferson County. In April we will publicize names and bios of those interested in running. Please send a letter of intent to run to Sarah Torbert or Crystal Hoffman. The letter should include your name, club, and a brief bio about why you feel you are qualified. If you have questions or need help writing your bio please do not hesitate to contact Sarah or Crystal.

April Leaders Board Meeting Date Change
Due to the Easter Holiday the April Leaders Association Board Meeting will be held on April 15th at the Extension Office starting at 7:00 pm. If you have questions or agenda items please contact Sarah Torbert or Lois Wiedenhoeft.

Special Emphasis News

Special Emphasis Winners Announced
Congratulations to all of our 4-H members who participated in the Special Emphasis Contest. Many compliments were given on a successful evening. A special thanks to the County Clovers 4-H club for the work they did in organizing this event. Our speech Award of Excellent winners were Oliver Small, Bailey Behm, Megan Brown, and Kristina Gruenwald. Our poster winners were Mariah Eichenberg and Colleen Wilson.

How Can You Participate in Special Emphasis?
Special Emphasis may seem confusing. Each year a club in Jefferson County picks a theme for the 4-H year, we call this Special Emphasis. The theme is a great place to start when choosing guest speakers for your meeting, activities and recreation, trips, community service, and so much more. A Special Emphasis theme gives us a way to keep our meetings and events new and different each year. There are two main events associated with Special Emphasis. The first is the Poster and Speaking Contest. This event will be held in September. At the banquet we honor clubs who have planned or participated in activities related to the theme for the year. Even if you have not started you and your club have plenty of time to “Dive into your Career with 4-H” yet this year. Invite someone to your club to talk about their career, tour a college, or use the Special Emphasis Booklet to play games at your meetings related to careers [http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/special-emphasis/](http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/special-emphasis/). Get involved in this fun activity and be part of learning more about careers through 4-H!
Reserve Your Campsite Today

The Year of the Steer
Help us in celebrating the Wisconsin Beef Industry during the 2014 Jefferson County Fair.

Jefferson County FAIR
July 9-13

The Fairbook is almost ready and each section is being posted as it is finished. Please visit the Jefferson County Fair website for more information. http://www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com/fairpark/fairsite.

The Fair Camping Form for 2014 can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/files/2014/01/CampsiteForm2014.pdf. The deadline for turning in Camping Forms this year is May 1, 2014. All Camping Forms should be turned into the Fair Office and will be assessed a $50.00 late fee after May 1st. This year the Family Five Pack pricing has also changed. Five Packs will remain $30.00 until May 1st and will increase to $35.00 from May 2nd – July 8th. Please call the Fair Office with any questions. (920) 674-7148.

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

ARCHERY

Archery Project News
We are off to a great start everyone! Hope you are enjoying the program and getting plenty of practice.

The remaining practice dates are: Rapids Archery at 5 pm on March 9 and Watertown Archery Club at 6 pm on March 10. Remember if you want additional indoor practice time, Watertown Archery Club has open shoot time Sundays from 1 pm till 4 pm for $3 per youth. Contact Mrs. Walsh with any questions at adwcs@tds.net or 920-699-2884.

CATS

No Cat Project Meetings This Year
The cat project will NOT be meeting this year. We currently do not have a countywide key leader. If you would like to serve in this role (youth or adult) please let Sarah know and she will help you in getting started.

CULTURAL ARTS

Fair Hanging Workshop
If you plan on showing Cultural Arts projects at the fair this summer please plan to attend one of the two Cultural Arts Workshops for Hanging Projects. With so many entries in one project area it is important that they come to the Fair ready to hang. The final workshop will be held on March 4th from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Extension Office. For more information or questions please contact Fair Superintendent Terri Opgenorth at 920-285-2396.

DAIRY

Committee Meeting
The next Dairy Committee meeting will be held on March 6, 2014 at 7 p.m. Come and get involved. We will be discussing upcoming clinics and fun events to keep our dairy youth excited and active.

Subway Fundraiser - Your Help Needed
Attention all youth dairy Exhibitors! The Dairy Youth committee is asking all dairy youth exhibitors to help with our Subway Fund Raiser that will take place during the months of March and April. During this time we are asking all exhibitors to help us sell Subway Discount Cards for $10 each. As a reminder this money goes toward the showmanship jackpot that is divided among everyone that participates in the 2014 showmanship contest at the fair. We would like at least one representative from each club to attend the Dairy Youth committee meeting on March 6, 2014 at 7 pm at the Extension Office to receive information on the fund-raiser.

Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Clinic
You are invited to the Nickels Farm, W7478 Provimi Road in Watertown on Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 am—3:00 pm for a “hands on” clipping/showing clinic. Please come to learn about: fitting, showmanship, bedding, washing, and what to put in your show box! Older youth can come for tips or lend your leadership skills by helping younger youth with clipping and showing.
DAIRY CONTINUED

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.

Milkhouse Volunteers Needed
The Wisconsin Holstein Association & the Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee is looking for volunteers to help work in the milk house at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds April 16-19 during the Midwest National Spring Show. Those who work in the milk house are invited to help Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 4:30 to 7:00 am and evenings at 4:30-7:00 pm (1:00-5:00 pm Saturday) If you work Wednesday, we are asking that you come right after school to clean milk cans before your initial shift starts.

The jobs you would be asked to do is a quick morning wash down (rinsing out the parlor and the bulk tank with a hose, as well as rinsing out milk cans), collecting milk cans from around the fair grounds, and discarding milk from cans through the milking system. This is open to all 4-H Dairy members, family or friends available. The Wisconsin Holstein Association is willing to pay up to $500 to The Dairy Youth Group for helping but we must have at least 3 per shift covered.

The Dairy Youth Committee is willing to divide $250 to the individuals who volunteer and the other $250 to be deposited into the Dairy Youth Fund at the UWEX for the showmanship jackpot. We need your help. Fill in the time lots you would like to volunteer in and send to the UWEX or email to clee@jefnet.com by April 15, 2014. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ehrke at (920) 563-7541. A sign up sheet can also be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/dairy/.

Nominations Needed For Crowley Award
The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award. We are pleased to name the award in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member(s) in each county for their accomplishments in 2013-14. These winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques and the top two youth in the state competition will each receive $500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

Selection: Selection of the Leadership Award will be done by evaluating the County Application by members of the Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee. The county winner(s) will be submitted to the State Extension by March 31, 2014 and they will be forwarded further information for the state application which is due May 15, 2014.

Eligibility: 1. Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in it.
2. Must be in 10th - 12th grades as of January 1, 2014
3. Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project

The Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee would like to encourage all eligible dairy members to please fill out the application and turn it in to the UWEX office by March 24, 2014. We can select 2 dairy youth for this award from Jefferson County. The individuals will be notified by March 31, 2014 and the award will be presented at the Jefferson County Fair. For any questions please contact Linda Wright at 699-5435 or email at marlinda@jefnet.com. Applications can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/dairy/.
DAIRY CONTINUED

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.

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.

FOODS

Foods Revue
It’s time for the Foods Revue. This is a pre-fair event where you get judged on your food items plus how you present it—you need a place setting to go along with your food and a menu that includes the food you are bringing. If you are in the older group (middle school and up) and you are entering a whole meal, remember you MUST include a place setting AND a centerpiece to go along with your meal. A complete set of rules can be found at http://www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com/fairpark/fairste. Some things have changed, hopefully the changes make it easier for you to decide what you can bring. If you are enrolled in the Foods Project, why not consider trying this event and getting a project out of the way BEFORE the fair?

The event will be held on Saturday, April 5th starting at 9:00 am at the Extension Office. Deadline for entering the revue will be Friday, March 21st. An entry form can be found at the end of this newsletter or online at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/home-family/.

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.

DOGS

Dog Movie Marathon
The Annual Dog Movie Marathon will be held on March 14th at Kate’s House in Lake Mills. The address is W7058 Hwy V. In addition to the Movie Marathon we will continue to meet on Mondays in March and April. Don’t forget to call Kate ahead of time so they know how much food to make. Members are asked to bring soda, chips, or a snack for the group to share (hamburgers and hot dogs provided). If you have questions please call Kate at 920-728-3614.

GOATS

Goat Project Meeting
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. Youth will have the chance to make a Goat Mobile. Please bring 10 pictures with you to make your mobile.

Goat Committee Meeting
The Goat Committee is working hard to plan the summer show and look for more educational opportunities for youth in the goat project. We welcome new members (youth or adults) to our meetings. The next meeting will be held on April 14th at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.
Horseless Horse

Horseless Horse meetings are being held from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of the month in March and April. Meetings are 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.

Monday Night Horse Education

Weekly horse education sessions are currently being held @ the UW Extension Center every Monday night from 7 to 8 pm. In March we will begin to cover material for the State Horse Bowl in May. The focus topic for this year’s competition is nutrition and feeds. These sessions will continue through the first Monday in May. All horse project members are welcome to attend. Contact Sally Williams for more information (920-206-1994).

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. Must sign up by March 10! Teeth floating will be available upon request.

March County-wide Meeting

The March 18th meeting will begin at 6:30 in the Activity Center. Art, photography, poster, & writing entries should be turned in on March 18 between 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/2013EducationalEventsLeaderSupplement.pdf

Entries can also be entered in county fair in the appropriate department and at State 4-H Horse Expo.

MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT

Important Dates

- Sheep Kick-Off, March 10, 6:30-7:30 pm
- MAP Camp, March 22
- MAQA Test, April 8
- Sheep Weigh-In, April 13, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Sheep Kick-Off Rescheduled

If you are planning on selling a lamb this summer in the Meat Animal Project Auction please plan to attend Sheep Kick-Off on March 10th at the Extension Office starting at 6:30 pm. If are a swine exhibitor and were unable to make sheep kick-off this meeting might also be of value to you. If you are unable to make it and have questions please contact your Sheep Representatives.

MAP Committee Meetings

The date for the MAP March meeting has been changed. The next MAP meeting will be held on March 4th at 7:00 pm. If you have a public comment or would like to get points for attending meetings anyone is welcome.

Swine Changes

For those of you who did not make the Swine Kick-Off Meeting please note that there are extreme changes this year for the swine project. Final details are being worked out and an e-mail with more information will be sent to each swine family. The changes include NO WEIGH-IN, each person will be required to self-tag and identify their animals.

In regards to the Jefferson County Fair the show will be TERMINAL. This means that if your pig steps foot on the Fairgrounds it will not be able to go home with you.

If you have MAP related questions please contact your MAP Swine Representatives Cindy Jaquith or Cathie Schoenike or President, Kevin Heckert. If you have fair related questions please contact the Fair Office at 920-674-7148.
MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT CONTINUED

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.

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 by 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 the February newsletter or on the Jefferson County 4-H website.

MAQA Certification Required
Please note that in order to show swine at the county and state fair you must be MAQA certified. MAQA stands for Meat Animal Quality Assurance, it used to be called PQA. Anyone ages 8-14 must attend a class every year. In Jefferson County classes are offered at MAP Camp on March 22nd and an alternative class on May 12th. You ages 15-19 can take a class on the dates mentioned or take a test on April 8th at the Extension Office. If you have MAQA questions please contact Sarah Torbert or your MAP Representatives.

Jefferson County 4-H Members, it is time to start getting ready for the Fair! Use this coupon to receive 10% off your purchase at the Nasco Farm Store.

Nasco

10% OFF FOR 4-H MEMBERS
Must be used before the 2014 Jefferson County Fair.
NATURAL SCIENCE
Activities listed under the Natural Sciences are about nature and the environment. Activities are open to all 4-H members and families. For more information on activities in this section please contact Key Leader Sharon Schweitzer at 920-674-2544 or rwses@idcnet.com.

Native Plant Order
We can start thinking Spring! Are you interested in ordering native plants order from the Land Trust Network. They are working to be “partners in land preservation”. Look at their website www.landtrustnetwork.org to see and/or order native plants. Order plants by March 23 and pick them up May 3rd. The Native plants provide food and protection for many different wildlife species. You can create a small garden patch for butterflies and birds by planting that provide food for them. This is also a way you can learn to identify native plants.

Project Meeting
We will hold a project meeting on March 22nd at 1:00 - 3:30 pm at the Schweitzer’s, W4240 US Hwy 18, Jefferson. We will enjoy an afternoon together hiking the bike trail, weather permitting, and look for the signs of spring. Then focus on creating a wind chime from natural and recycled items.

We will be taking a look at our environment by enjoying it and then consider how we can make it better by Reusing, Recycling and Pre-cycling. If you would like to bring items for making a wind chime, consider tomato paste cans or similar (small narrow cans to create a bell) or metal lids from frozen juice.

POULTRY

Poultry Information
All poultry enthusiast are invited to attend the next informational meeting on March 11th at the Extension Office from 6:30-8:00 pm. The meeting will include a speaker on marketing poultry and eggs as a commodity and weighing and measuring eggs. Please bring along one average egg from your backyard poultry flock to be used to determine size and weight of your eggs at home. 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/.

Poultry Photo Contest
Jefferson County Poultry Enthusiasts start taking photos now to be part of the 1st Annual Poultry Photo Contest. The contest offers three unique categories, photogenic poultry, ugly chicken, and cool coops. The entry deadline is June 30, 2014. Please visit the Poultry Web Page for a complete list of rules. Please note you must photograph domestic poultry or eggs and no humans can be in the photos. This contest is open to both youth and adults. Questions can be directed to 920-912-2412. Complete rules are at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/files/2014/01/2014-Photo-Contest-Final-1.28.2014.pdf.

RABBITS

Project Meetings Starting
The rabbit project will be getting started. The first meeting will be March 20th 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.
SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports News

Howdy Shooting Sports Participants. We're looking forward to another safe, informative and productive project season. Major changes this year include moving the traditionally Wednesday evening meetings to Monday evenings. We will also be physically moving! Monday evening meetings will move from Watertown Conservation Club to Milford Hills. Milford Hills has a roof that will afford us the ability to continue a project meeting, even in rain. Something that was sorely needed last year! Please reserve dates as follows.

The Mandatory Safety Meeting will be held on April 6th we are still working on a location. Watch your email for details.

Sunday afternoon project dates at Watertown Conservation Club (Shotgun, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle): April 13 and 27, May 4 and 18, June 1 and 8

Monday evening project dates at Milford Hills (Air Pistol, Muzzleloading, .22 Pistol): April 14 and 28, May 5 and 19, June 2 and 9

Fair Shoot at Watertown Conservation Club will be on June 22nd. Fair Shoot at Milford Hills will be on June 23rd.

Only 6 project days in each location this year, and spread out over a longer duration of time because of the holidays, but still completed over two weeks before the fair.

If you have question regarding the above shooting sports projects please contact Joe Walsh at 262-894-1652 or Joseph.Walsh@med.ge.com.

SMALL ANIMAL SALE

New Sale Rules

The Small Animal Sale Committee is working to finalize the rules for the Small Animal Sale. A copy of the rules for anyone planning on selling poultry, rabbits, or goats during the Jefferson County Fair should familiarize themselves with the rules. The rules can be found at http://jefferson.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/small-animal-sale/. If you do not have internet access you can request a copy from the Extension Office.

Club Reports

Barnyard Clovers

On Sunday, February 16th, the Barnyard Clovers held a meeting at the Hoards Dairyman Visitors center. Old business of the Jefferson County shirt design, and special emphasis was discussed. The speaker of the month was Vincent Healy. Vincent spoke about AirSoft and even brought in examples of his collection! It was very informative and neat for the club to learn about his favorite hobby. The next meeting is March 30th.

-Frank Klubertanz, Reporter

Farmington All-Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met Feb. 4 at the Farmington Town Hall. The club collected scraps of fabric, thread and sewing materials for Little Dresses for Africa as a community service effort. Colleen Wilson gave a demonstration on "Marshmallow Science 101." Club member Nicole Wright got the Gold Clover Award. In old business, the club reviewed recent activities, including the petting zoo, the food drive, Adopt-a-Family, caroling at Bethesda, bell-ringing for the Salvation Army and Family Promise. For Family Promise, the club prepared food for a homeless family and played games with them. The club decided to do this again. In new business, the club decided to give two $300 scholarships. Upcoming activities included Family Learning Day Feb. 8, the club sledding party Feb. 9, and the Special Emphasis Poster and Speaking Contest Feb. 18. The photo challenge for February will be "Signs of Winter" and "Snow Sculptures."

-Colleen Wilson, Reporter
Ideal Clever Clovers
The Ideal Clever Clovers 4-H club met on Saturday February 15th at the Fort Atkinson Library. The roll call was “What is your favorite 4-H project and what career could it become? Jefferson Shirt Design, Special Emphasis Contest, and Project Learning Day were discussed. Adriana & Lilliana Reyes-Ehrke, Sofie Jose-Ehrke, and Courtney Kreger attended a sewing meeting. New business for Fair Hanging Workshop and Feeding your animal was discussed. Then Shelby Banker did a discussion about Foods Review. She explained about what to think about before the review and then what was needed to display that day. She also had a lot of pictures of previous foods review.
-Courteney Kreger, Reporter

Hebron Helping Hands
The Hebron Helping Hands Club met on February 4th. Valentine’s Day boxes were made for people in the area to be delivered by club members. The boxes included fruit, cookies and candy. February 22nd members will be helping with bingo at Golden Living Center. The fleece blankets made by the members will be prizes. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm.
-Rachael Gerondale, Reporter

Lucky Clovers

The Cloverbuds were busy at our February meeting. They are pictured above with their Valentine Heart Wreaths which will be donated to Marquardt Village and Golden Living Center in Watertown. Pictured back Row: Katie Hanus, Nicholas Zerjav, Aquila Palacios, Megan Doherty and front row, Sinai Palacios.
-Hunter Minning, Reporter

Stone School
On February 4th, Stone School met at Cold Spring Town Hall, in Whitewater. We talked about our January bowling party, where we collected food pantry donations. Then we discussed our upcoming woodworking workshop. One of our club members decided that she didn’t want to procrastinate on her children’s woodworking projects, and chose a day in the winter to do it instead. She has invited any Stone School family to join them, on March 8th, at 10:00 am. There will be a potluck lunch, and it is bring-your-own materials.

We also discussed 4-H’s upcoming birthday: April 13. Katy Katzman, another club member, came up with the idea to send 100 birthday bags to the food pantry. These bags will each have “birthday” things, like cake mix, frosting, etc. Each basket will also have a different theme. We plan to discuss these bags more at our next meeting, on March 4th, 2014.

We also want to remind families to check the monthly newsletters, for there are many important meeting and dates coming up. Make sure to check for any mandatory meetings for projects you are entering at the fair.

Clovers to…

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.

鞍山 Clovers to Kim Kreger and Jone Walechka for their amazing work on Project Learning Day. A extra huge thanks to all of our presenters. What a great day!
鞍山 Clovers to the Country Clovers 4-H Club for a well-run Special Emphasis Poster and Speaking Contest.
Food Revue
April 5, 2014 • 9:00 am • Extension Office

Registration Due March 21st to Extension Office, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549

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

Name: ___________________________ Grade _________________________

4-H Club: ___________________________ E-mail Contact: ___________________________

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

Class E: Cloverbuds (K-2)
_______1. Any Item (Examples: Nutritious Snack or appetizer, favorite dish hot or cold, breakfast item)
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Class F: Grades 3 - 5
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____4. Simple Meal (Remember "My Plate" for serving size and type of food items)

Class G: Grades 6 - 8
____1. Any Single item (Nutritious snack/Appetizer, favorite dish hot or cold, nutritious breakfast item)
____2. Additional item from Examples in Lot #1
____3. Any Meal (Simple meal, theme meal, picnic meal) Remember "My Plate" for serving size / food items.
____4. Additional item from examples Lot #3

Class H: Grades 9 & Up
____1. Any prepared meal (Examples: Favorite Meal, Picnic Meal, Formal Dinner Meal, theme meal, budget meal - Include itemized card showing your costs per serving - staying at $3.50 per serving or under).
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1-Wisconsin Youth Forum Applications Due
-Equine Ambassador Apps Due
-Horse Showmanship Clinic, Noon - 2 pm, JB Ranch
-Nature Science Career Talk, 10 am - Noon, Jefferson

2-3-Dog Project Meeting, Fair Park
-Horse Education Meeting, 7 pm, UWEX

4-MAP Committee Mtg., 7 pm, UWEX

5-Dairy Committee Meeting, 7pm, UWEX

7-4-H Camp Counselor and Adult Staff Applications Due

6-Horse Committee Mtg, 7 pm, UWEX

8-Dog Project Movie Marathon, Kate’s House, Lake Hills

MAP Camp Registration Due
- RSVP for Natural Science Project Meeting

9-10-Archery, 5 pm, Jefferson

13-Horse Project Meeting, Fair Park
-Archery, 6 pm, Watertown
-Horse Education Meeting, 7 pm, UWEX
-Reg. Due for Horse Vaccination Clinic

14-15-April Newsletter Items Due

16-17-Archery Fair Shoot, Jefferson

19-20-4-H Day at the Capital

21-22-Food Revue Entries Due

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Mark Your Calendars for the 1st Annual “4-H Club Challenge” at Busy Barns Adventure Farm on May 17th! Get a group together and join us for the 4-H Club Challenge. Your club has a chance to win $250 for participating in this activity. The “4-H Club Challenge” winners will be based off of the number of entries each club brings into the event. When a 4-H club member, family member, friend or 4-H club supporter enters the farm (pays the $5 admission) they will be asked who they are here to support. The 4-H club with the most FFC entries will be the winner. Proceeds from the Fort Farm Challenge Day will be given to Jefferson County 4-H, Jefferson County FFA, and Eat Here Eat Well of Jefferson County. What a great way to enjoy family fun and support location organization. For more on the events and how your family can participate visit http://fortfarmchallenge.com/. Watch the April Newsletter for more details!
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