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Jackson County 4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

April is a special month as we say thank you to our 4-H volunteers. National Volunteer Week, April 7-13, 2019, is a time to thank all of our 4-H volunteers for helping in countless ways to make our program the best it can be.

Volunteers play a significant role in the success of the Jackson County 4-H program. These caring, dedicated individuals help make positive impacts in the lives of young people by providing hands-on experiences, building life skills with youth, and sharing their time, talents, and energy. We have 55 volunteers that provide 4-H experiences for the more than 210 youth that take part in the 12 community clubs across the county.

Remember to say thank you to 4-H volunteers in your clubs, projects, or groups and let them know how much you appreciate their time in helping make a difference in your life and the lives of young people.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for all that you do for the 4-H program!

Yours in continued partnership,
Sarah Tanis (Hoffman)
4-H Program Coordinator for Jackson & Trempealeau Counties

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Melrose Satellites

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 4-H MEETINGS:

On Sunday, January 13th the Melrose 4H Satellites went to Features in West Salem to bowl at 3:00 pm. Fun was had by all!! On Sunday, February 17th we had our monthly meeting from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. We went through old news and new news. We also scheduled our next meeting which will be held on Sunday, March 10th at L and M Cafe.

The Mound View Happy Workers 4H Club had a great time putting together valentine boxes filled with cookies & candy during their February meeting. The members were surprising family & friends with the delicious goodies.

Melrose Satellites reporter , Paige Spors



2019 Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon

Jackson and Trempealeau Counties had an impressive showing at the state Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Contests on Saturday, March 2, 2019! In the words of their coach Jessie Oberlin "I am soooooo proud of these kids because they work hard, they have fun, and they are a joy to take anywhere because they are so well mannered."

Jackson County had 18 youth competing: Morgan and Wyatt Berg, Frannie and Sam Everson, Luke Fischer, Doyle Hagen, Grace, Jake and Justin Kling, Austin, Jack and Trent Laufenberg, Morgan Lindow, Kaden Moseley, Austin Olson, Colby Sampson, Brewer Schlifer and Brenna Thorson. We had 3 junior teams and 1 mixed age team competing.

Out of 17 junior teams Jackson County's Junior team #1 (Jack Laufenberg, Jake Kling, Luke Fischer, Doyle Hagen and Austin Olson) placed 3rd in quiz bowl and 2nd in skillathon. Jake was 2nd high individual and Luke was 6th in skillathon. Out of 9 mixed age teams Jackson County's team (Trent Laufenberg, Kaden Moseley, Grace Kling, Wyatt Berg and Austin Laufenberg) placed 2nd in both quiz bowl and skillathon. Grace was 3rd individual, Trent was 5th, Wyatt was 6th and Kaden was 9th in skillathon.

Out of 12 senior teams Trempealeau County's team (Mara Quarne, Blake Johnson, Tyler Johnson and Joie Haines) are the State Champions in both quiz bowl and skillathon. This qualifies them to compete at national contests this fall in Louisville and Nebraska. Individually in skillathon Mara was 2nd and Blake was 6th.

To see the full results check out this press release from Wisconsin 4-H: [2019 Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon News Release](#)



Send Us Your Club News!

Club Reporters, and others, please send us your photos and club news to share in each quarterly newsletter.

The next newsletter deadline is June 21st.

Email photos, news, and club minutes to Sarah Tanis at sarah.tanis@wisc.edu

Announcements

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Get 4-H News through Text Messages with Remind

Many school districts already use a free program/app called *Remind* (<http://www.remind.com>). Jackson County 4-H has been using it too and if you aren't on it yet, we'd love you to join! With *Remind*, schools (in this case, Jackson County 4-H) house classrooms (clubs and project groups) where teachers (4-H leaders and volunteers) can share information with students (4-H members) and their families. Members and families opt in, meaning that they choose which classroom(s) to sign up for.

If you would like to receive text reminders about upcoming 4-H programs and activities, here are the lists that are available now.

- JC4H – All (Class Code: jc4hall)
- JC4H – Club Leaders (Class Code: 4Hclblea)
- JC4H – Project Leaders (Class Code: 4Hprojlead)



To sign up, you can:

- Download the *Remind* app, sign up for an account, and enter the Class Code to join.
- Or just text to "81010" with "Class Code" in the message.

Make sure to check with your club, project or other group leader about whether they will be starting a "class." Or you might be more comfortable with the technology and could consider volunteering to take the lead.

Remind will not replace all other forms of communication. Here's the plan:

- Newsletters - quarterly
- Bi-Weekly emails will continue
- Web page – Has been revamped and is continued being updated

Remind is one tool in what we believe will be a stronger communication system that reaches more Jackson County 4-H families as well as other community youth interested in our programs. Please don't hesitate to contact Sarah (sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu) at the UW-Extension office (715-284-4257) you have questions or need help getting signed up.

Science Kits Available to Check Out



If you are looking for a STEM focused activity for your club meeting or group, there are Science kits available to check out at the Extension Office! 4-H works to connect young people from around the world in an exciting, interactive learning experience in the form of a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) challenge.

The 2018 kit is called 'Code Your World' and the focus is on computer programming. If you've ever wondered how computer programming works (at the basic level), this year's NYSD challenge is for you! There are four different activities

and generally are geared more for teens, but the activities could be adjusted to work with a variety of ages. Only one of the four activities involves using a computer.

Contact Sarah at the Extension Office if your group is interested in checking out kits—or if you would like to see a county event with this event!

UW-Extension Merger

UW-Extension has now merged with UW-Madison! What does that mean for you? One change is that the Trempealeau County UW-Extension Office will now be referred to as "Extension Trempealeau County" and you will see a new logo associated with Extension slowly being rolled out. Also, please take note that the Extension office employees email addresses have now changed as well. Instead of the 'ces.uwex.edu' at the end of our emails it is now 'wisc.edu'.

We will keep you posted of any other changes throughout this process!



YQCA

YQCA Training is required for some animal projects in order for them to be exhibited at the Trempealeau County Fair. If YQCA training is required, then all exhibitors must be YQCA certified through attending an in-person training **OR** through taking the training online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Jackson County does not offer in-person trainings. However, you can look on the YQCA website to see if surrounding counties are having any in-person training sessions and attend those for credits if you do not want to complete the training online.

Please refer to the Jackson County Fair book or Jackson County Fair superintendents for guidelines as to what project needs to complete YQCA

Cow Camp 2019!

Join Us for Cow Camp 2019! Upham Wood, Wisconsin Dells • May 11-12
This year's Cow Camp will be held at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells, on May 11 & 12. Our tentative schedule is for registration to start at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and getting campers settled in. We are planning some fun and educational workshops again this year! Watch for more info on the website.

Remember that it is mandatory that youth and chaperones attending Cow Camp are members of WHA. Due to limited bed space, chaperones will need to be approved prior to camp by the WHA staff. Campers must be 9 to 13 years old as of Jan. 1, 2019. We are very excited to have another great cow camp and see everyone at this year's event.

Camp Fee - \$55/person (Junior or Chaperone) • Campers must be age 9-13 as of January 1, 2019

For more information and the registration page click [HERE](#).

Recipes are Needed for Jackson County 4-H Cookbook!

As one of our fundraisers, 4-H Parents and Leaders Board will be creating and selling a cookbook! The cookbook will be a professionally printed soft cover/spiral bound book.



That's where you come in – current 4-H Members, alumni and their family will contribute all of the recipes!

We are looking at an August deadline to have production completed in time for December delivery.

Not all recipes will be used (there will surely be repeats), so if there is something special you want included (Best of Show at Fair or Great Grandma's Banana Bread), please indicate that when you submit your recipes and we will do our best. Please submit recipes via email to JC4Hcookbook@gmail.com or drop them off at the extension off labeled "cookbook."

Volunteers will be typing the recipes in the proper format to reduce the overall cost of the printing. To keep the production price low, recipes MUST have single instructions (e.g. cannot have several parts to them - icing, then filling, then cake instructions - must be written as one process), so please take that into consideration when choosing your recipes.

It is important to do this as soon as possible - if you can, do not wait until August to submit the recipes so the team has time to get them all done! If you cannot submit recipes via email, please use the attached form and submit the recipes on paper on or before August. Please use a format similar to the hard copy form when providing the typed recipes via email.

We will be taking pre-orders. More information will be sent out later.

If all goes as planned, we will submit the order the end of August and should have the books back just after Thanksgiving, BUT THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN IF YOU GET YOUR RECIPES IN ON TIME, so please make it happen!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact JC4Hcookbook@gmail.com for more details.

Early Childhood Education Scholarships

Early childhood education (ECE) scholarships can be found nearly anywhere, from your local grocer to international professional associations. You will find teaching scholarships specifically for men, women, minorities, and disabled individuals. The majority of scholarships are for graduating high school seniors or those who have completed their GED and are about to begin their first year of higher learning. This website is a wonderful, free resource that you can utilize to learn about Early Childhood Education and also scholarships available for Early Childhood Education: <https://teachearlychildhood.org/>



Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

4-H Volunteers are valued partners in working with our youth and help make 4-H possible. In order to volunteer, previous 4-H Youth Development experience is not necessary. The most important qualification is a desire to work with young people and help them grow through educational experiences and gain positive life skills. Please consider sharing your time and talents! Adult volunteers working together with youth make a difference in the lives of young people.

Volunteers work with UW-Extension professionals to develop the life skills of youth members, thus benefiting the state, employers, and the economy. Volunteers extend the resources of UW-Extension as they work with staff to deliver educational programs. Volunteering is a privilege. How does one become a volunteer? If you have not already done so, go to Wisconsin 4HOnline and create a family profile.

If your family is already in the system, do not create a new family profile, just make sure you are entered into your family account and check that you want to be a 4-H volunteer. Then sign-up to take the Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers. After signing up for the Online Mandated Reporter Training call the Jackson County UW-Extension office at 715-284-4257 or email sarah.tanis@wisc.edu to set a time for your Volunteer In Preparation (VIP) training. Once you've completed your Online Mandatory Reporter training and VIP training, a background check will be conducted on you by the state and you will be contacted by GIS through e-mail requesting additional information needed in order for the state to conduct the background check.

Board Representatives Reminder

Representatives from each 4-H Club are needed at bi-monthly Parents & Leaders Association Executive Board meetings – January, March, May, July, and September. The Board meets on the 3rd Monday of these months at 5:30PM at the UW-Extension office. Representation is important to ensure that business can be taken care of and so information can travel back and forth between clubs and the Board. Youth and adult representatives welcome.

4-H Enrollment forms now Available in Spanish!

We now have the Spanish translation of the 4-H enrollment forms for adults and youth available now! If you are in need of a 4-H enrollment form in Spanish, please reach out to Sarah Tanis at sarah.tanis@wisc.edu and she can get you a copy of the form.

Jackson County 4-H Summer Camp

This year the Jackson County 4-H Camp takes place on July 9-11, 2019 at Lost Falls Campground (west of Black River Falls).

Explore the beautiful outdoors of Jackson County while making new friends, learning new things, and having a blast! We'll camp along the river at Lost Falls Campground in tents and listen to the owls hoot and raccoons skitter through the night. Castle Camp is for youth who have just completed 3rd-6th grade (4-H and non-4-H alike) and starts at noon on July 9 and ends at noon on July 11.

Registration this year is ONLINE!
Registration fees are \$40 for 4-H members and \$45 for non-4-H members.

Registration will open on May 1st, 2019 and be open until June 19th.
Link to register: <https://forms.gle/jZt5tFQBrQgWTmE3A>

Jackson County 4-H Cloverbud Camp

Right now Cloverbud Camp is planned for Monday, July 15, 2019. We are still looking to see what time is best based on the survey results from the Cloverbud Event registration forms from January—April.

Cloverbud-age (just finishing K-2nd grade) youth will have a chance to join in the fun during one day of Summer Camp. Cloverbud participants will have hands-on fun and adventure.

Registration will open on May 1st, 2019 and be open until June 19th.
Link to register: <https://forms.gle/uWEA6BgpHW4wTEP97>

Registration fees are \$10 for 4-H members and \$15 for non-4-H friends.

Interested in being a Camp Counselor?!

If you are interested in being a camp counselor applications go live on April 24th and are open until June 5th. You can be a camp counselor for the cloverbud camp, 4-H summer camp, or BOTH! Applications are ONLINE and can be found here: <https://forms.gle/55HYRthdf1Czyi6k8>

Annual 4-H Leader Training: Last Chance to Attend!

It is a requirement of the 4-H charter for an adult leader from each club and project to attend a training session. Of course, if more than one leader would like to attend, that is encouraged! Youth volunteers can also attend the programs.

The second 2018-2019 year training session was post-poned due to weather and will take place on Tuesday, April 16th at 6 PM at the Jackson County UW-Extension Office. The topic is: All Together, Not



Trempealeau County Extension Intern Position

Are you looking for a paid internship opportunity in a professional work environment? If so, this might be the program for you! We are hiring for a Trempealeau County UW-Extension 4-H and Youth Education Intern for the summer of 2019. Trempealeau county is conveniently located next to Jackson county and this could be a great opportunity for you!

The intern will assist in planning and implementing STEM programming in coordination with the Arcadia School District and countywide camps and activities. They will also provide support for local Latino 4-H club and other 4-H programs. Create a 4-H marketing campaign for the county through the use of video, social media, and other formats. They will work to supervise youth and plan activities for 4-H summer camp.

The start date for the intern position is June 4th and it goes until August 10th. **The Application Deadline is Midnight, April 10th**

To Apply: Submit cover letter, resume, phone number, email, and three references to:

Adam Trunzo—Youth and Families Educator at adam.trunzo@ces.uwex.edu or 36245 Main St Whitehall WI 54773

For questions call: 715-538-2311 ext 210

For more information about the position check out the website here: <https://trempealeau.extension.wisc.edu/2019/03/07/hiring-summer-intern/>



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Jackson County Caprine Day

This event is open to all goat enthusiasts, Jackson County resident or not. The event takes place on May 18th, 2019 from 9 AM—3 PM at the Jackson County UW-Extension Office (227 S. 11th Street, Black River Falls, WI). The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth (15 years and under). Lunch is included in the price.

Proceeds will be used for the purchase of new pens in the goat barn at the fair park. Clinics will be on: Emergency first aid kit for goats, Kidding, Milk (Quality, Butterfat, Pasteurization, etc.), Fencing/Pens, and Preparing for a Fair/Show.

Silent auction items will be available to bid on. For questions, the registration form, or more information please contact the Jackson County Goat Superintendent Cathy Franck. Please note that registration ends on May 10, 2019, and a late fee of \$5.00 will be added if received after May 10.

Cloverbud Event: Growing Flowers & Flower Seed Bombs

April showers bring may flowers, so let's help bring as many flowers as you can by creating a flower seed bomb! We will also learn more about how to grow flowers. This is the last of the four Cloverbud events this year and takes place on Thursday, April 11th from 6-7 PM at the Jackson County UW-Extension Office.



WI 4-H & Youth Conference Registration

Registration for the 99th Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference will be open in 4HOnline starting at 4:00pm on April 2 and will end on April 15, 2019 at midnight. Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is an opportunity for youth in 7-10th grades to participate in a wide variety of assemblies, seminars, and service projects meant to provide a pre-college experience that will focus on personal development, broadening of interests, and developing new skills. **This year's WI 4-H & Youth Conference will be held June 24-27, 2019 on the UW Madison Campus.** A Registration Handbook and more information can be found at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/>

This year's theme is "Prism of Possibilities." We hope to bring together over 400 youth leaders from around the state and when they leave conference we trust they will exemplify teamwork and the power of a united group. Just as a prism takes in white light and separates it into a rainbow, turning something one directional into an encompassing sea of color, we believe "Prism of Possibilities" encourages us to bring all of our ideas and experiences together, develop them into real-world goals, and spread them throughout Wisconsin to help better our communities.

Through participation in Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference participants will:

- Experience active learning in a safe and supportive campus atmosphere
- Strengthen life skills through new experiences that promote personal growth
- Exchange ideas and form friendships with youth and adults from around Wisconsin
- Inspire action in your organization, neighborhood, school, and community
- Learn about various youth development opportunities and explore future educational and career opportunities



Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is open to 7th-10th grade youth involved in any University of Wisconsin-Extension Programs. While many participants are 4-H members, many others are not. This is an opportunity for youth from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences to come together to exchange ideas, form friendships, and learn important life skills for contributing to their communities.

The cost for this year's WI 4-H & Youth Conference is \$300 and includes the educational program, lodging and meals from Monday afternoon through Thursday morning, bus transportation from various locations around the state, and a conference T shirt. Your local extension office will be able to provide more details on the financial arrangements available in your county. There will be need-based scholarships available for those who cost may be a barrier. Confidential requests can be made to Justin Lieck at Justin.lieck@wisc.edu.

Registration for seminars is first-come, first serve! Review the Registration Handbook prior to Registration and use the Registration Worksheet for your planning and preparation. If you have any questions, please let Justin know at Justin.lieck@wisc.edu.



4-H True Leaders in Service and National 4-H Day of Service

This April, as part of True Leaders in Service and National Volunteer Appreciation Month, 4-H'ers across the nation will pledge their hands to larger service – leading positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. True Leaders in Service will officially kick-off the first day of April, and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Join the thousands of 4-H'ers who will venture out into their communities to do what 4-H'ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others.

Sign up today to take part in True Leaders in Service: <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in->

Leadership Washington Focus 4-H Experience HAS MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Leadership Washington Focus 4-H experience is a trip for 6-8th graders and it takes place in the nation's capitol from July 14-19, 2019! The registration for this educational opportunity was previously closed, BUT IT HAS BEEN RE-OPENED FOR A SHORT TIME! **There are just four spots left for Leadership Washington Focus 4-H experience!**

Join 30 other Wisconsinites to:

- Build confidence and motivational skills to lead others in meaningful action
- Practice effective inter-personal communication skills through group discussions and public speaking
- Work with others to create and accomplish goals
- Develop a personal leadership style
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C.

Open to all Wisconsin youth in grades 6-8. Delegates will stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland just outside of Washington, D.C. The experience will include a morning on Capitol Hill, tours of famous D.C. monuments at night, and field trips to see how leaders have shaped the country.



The trip cost is \$1150 (plus spending money). Please reach out to myself or another LWF coordinator for fundraising/scholarship opportunities. Registration is open in 4-H Online through April 12. Please see the attached flyer for more information, or go

4-H Educational Grants Available!

The Parent and Leaders Association has a grant application process for clubs or groups who complete the grant application form for educational purposes. The grant application is due to the board the 2nd week in APRIL and you need to present at the board meeting in MAY. For the application please contact Sarah Tanis at sarah.tanis@wisc.edu

Day	Time	Event Title	Location
April 2019			
2-15	NA	WI 4-H & Youth Conference YOUTH Registration Open	4hOnline
6	6:00 AM	JC Small Animal Auction	Jackson County Fairgrounds Parking Lot, Black River Falls
11	6-7 PM	Cloverbud Event: Growing Flow- ers & Flower Seed Bomb	Jackson County UW- Extension Office (Downstairs)
13	10 AM - 2 PM	Quilting SPIN Club	Jackson Electric Cooperative, N6868 County Rd F, Black River Falls, WI 54615
13	8:30 AM	Spring Thaw Beef Show	TBD
15	5:30 PM	Jackson County Parent and Leaders Association Meeting	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
18		Jackson VIP Training	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
27	9 AM - 12 PM	Pig/Sheep/Goat Registration	Jackson County UW Exten- sion Office
May 2019			
1- June 1	NA	2019 National Congress Regis- tration Open	4hOnline
4	End of Day	Pig/Sheep/Goat Registration Due by Email	Email
8	7:00 PM	Livestock Auction Committee Meeting	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
14	6-7:30 PM	Small Animal Workshop	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
18	9 AM - 3 PM	JC Caprine Day	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
20	5:30 PM	Jackson County Parent and Leaders Association Meeting	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
June 2019			
9	9 AM - 12 PM	Bike Rodeo	Red Creek Elementary School
11	6 - 7:30 PM	Small Animal Workshop	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
17	5:30 PM	Jackson County Parent and Leaders Association Meeting	Jackson County UW- Extension Office
20	TBD	Jackson VIP Training	Jackson County UW- Extension Office

Jackson County 4-H Summer Camp Adult Volunteers Needed

We need adult volunteers to chaperone the annual Jackson County 4-H Camp July 9-11th. 4-H camp provides camp counselors and counselors in training with opportunities to learn and practice leadership. It also is a chance for campers to learn independence and explore more of what 4-H has to offer. **We can't do it without volunteers though!**

If you would like to be an adult volunteer for summer camp you will need to complete the 4-H Adult Volunteer training process if you have not already. This process can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

If you are interested in being an adult chaperone at 4-H camp please contact 4-H Program Coordinator Sarah Tanis at 715-284-4257 or sarah.tanis@wisc.edu

Scholarships Available for Summer and Cloverbud Camps

Camp Scholarships – Camp scholarships are available for those families (4-H and non-4-H) who need help with the registration costs. Interested families should contact Alex Galston, 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor at the UWEX office, at 715-284-4257 x500 or sarah.tanis@wisc.edu to make confidential requests.

Fair Clean-up Reminder

Be sure to save the date—
July 24th as Fair Clean-up
Day!

APRIL—JUNE 4-H FLYER

Thank you for your involvement in the Jackson County 4-H Program! Please note that this newsletter gets emailed out quarterly and is a great reference guide for all things 4-H in Jackson County, at the state level, and sometimes at the national level!

Have a question?

Contact the 4-H Program Coordinator for Jackson and Trempealeau Counties—Sarah Tanis at sarah.tanis@wisc.edu

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