

# The Jefferson 4-H School Speech Contest JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Monticello, Florida

December, 2020



## “HAPPY HOLIDAYS”

Dear 4-H'ers:

It is great to be here and start this new adventure with you. I can't wait to meet each and everyone of you.

I can't believe the year is almost over and the holidays are almost here. It has been a long year filled with uncertainty and craziness but the year is almost over. In the new year we will hopefully have a vaccine and get back to regular operation. But until then, please be safe and follow the guidelines. If you are still planning on getting together with family and friends do it at a park or outdoor facility where you have less chance of getting the virus. Just remember not everyone has someone to share Christmas with so reach out to people and show them kindness. People think that presents are the only thing we can share, but we can always lend a helping hand, share a smile or word of encouragement. Look for ways you can give rather than take. It is better to give than receive and makes you feel great too.

I hope you all have a great holiday and Happy New Year and we will see you again with new programs in 2021. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and in your emails.

Sincerely,  
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## 4-H SPEECH CLASSROOM WINNERS

**Somerset Academy Submissions**

### 4TH & 5TH GRADE Division

**1st: Jose Santillan - David Baszucki**

**2nd: Tylis Keaton-Biography of Deion Sanders**

**3rd: Jeremiah Parrish-Mammals**

### 6TH GRADE DIVISION:

**1st: Mariana Duarte-Nicaragua**

**Aucilla Christian Academy Winners**

### 4TH/5TH GRADE DIVISION:



**1st: Dalton McCormick-Being a Big Brother**

**2nd: Bailey Fletcher-Splash Mountain, Facing My Fears**

**3rd: Larrie Cherry-5th Grade Girl Extinction**

### 6TH GRADE DIVISION:

**1st: Kamrynn Johnson - New York**



**2nd: Avery Finley- My Dog Gracie**

**3rd: Olivia Tharpe-Most Dangerous Animal in the World.**

### Homeschool Winners

### 4TH/5TH GRADE DIVISION:



**1st: Sylvia Peters-The Amazing Lippizaner**

**2nd: Eddie Dorn-The Matchless Mosquito**

**3rd: Nicholas Brookins-My 4-H Experience**

### 6TH GRADE DIVISION:



**1st: Maggie Walker-North Florida Citrus**

**2nd: Allie Dollar-The story of R.A.A.**

**3rd: Tessia Brookins-Camp Cherry Fake**

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## 4H Participants



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## 4H HISTORY

There is not just one person that founded 4H, but several are credited with starting clubs in the early 1900s. The foundations began in 1902 which had the purpose of instructing rural youth in improved farming and home making practices. By the 1970s 4H broadened their programs to incorporate minorities and a wider range of life experiences. Back then adults didn't readily accept new Ag discoveries but youth did. Youth attending 4H clubs would share their experiences with their relatives and caused farms to be more productive and produce more for their families. This improved life for the rural community and provided much needed food for farming families.

The name 4H is a reference to the occurrence of the initial letter H four times in the organizations motto "head, heart, hands, and health" adopted in 1927. 4H is America's largest youth development organization which has been empowering nearly 6 million youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime. 4H believes in the power of youth; that every youth has strength, and real influence to improve this world. All the programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. This organization believes in diverse perspectives, values, and beliefs which generate better ideas to solve the complex problems of a changing world.

Today, the nearly 6 million youth are engaged in a variety of hands-on projects ranging from livestock production, to

healthy living, to environmental education, and incorporating life skills into the mix as well.

## Jefferson County Extension Office

You may have wondered, what is the Jefferson County Extension office. It is part of a nationwide informal educational system created by the federal Smith-Lever Act of 1914. This act created a partnership between state land grant universities, the USDA, and county governments.

Here, that's the USDA, the University of Florida's IFAS and the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. It is our job to provide informal, pragmatic education and informational services to anyone who wants more information and assistance regarding Agriculture, Lawn and Garden, Natural Resources, Family Resources, 4H Development, and providing learning resources. We collaborate with many stakeholders to provide you with up to date relevant information on pertinent topics to the consumer and commercial stakeholders.

Check us out at our website or on Facebook. Our hours are Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm to call us at 850-342-0187 or you can come by our office but masks are required. We look forward to hearing from you and answering any questions you might have.

## EXTENSION SERVICES, PROGRAMS & RESOURCES SERVICES

IFAS Extension provides the following services (and more!):

- ◆ Classes
- ◆ Computer networking
- ◆ Consultations
- ◆ Demonstrations
- ◆ Educational materials
- ◆ Field days
- ◆ Meetings and workshops

## PROGRAMS

IFAS Extension provides the following programs and more.

- ◆ Distance Diagnostic & Identification System (DDIS)
- ◆ Fishing for Success
- ◆ FL AgSafe Networ
- ◆ FL Bird Monitoring Program
- ◆ Florida's Forest Stewardship Program
- ◆ FL-Friendly Landscaping
- ◆ FL Lake watch
- ◆ FL Master Gardener Program
- ◆ FL Master Naturalist Program
- ◆ FL Wildlife Extension
- ◆ FL 4-H
- ◆ Green Communities
- ◆ Program for Resource Efficient Communities
- ◆ Ntl School Integrated Pest Mgmt. Information Source

## RESOURCES

IFAS provides the following resources and publications and more.

- ◆ Distance Diagnostic & Identification System (DDIS)
- ◆ Disaster Handbook
- ◆ Electronic Data Information Source (EDIS)
- ◆ For-Sale Products
- ◆ Insect Software
- ◆ Living Green



# JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS



## Working Soldiers

The Working Soldiers Club is wishing everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please wear your mask and practice Social Distancing:

It protects you from touching your face, passing respiratory germs to other people, and protects others from passing respiratory germs to you!

**Congratulations!! to all the Tropicana Speech Contest winners**

## New Programs Assistant



We are welcoming a new member to our team. His name is Bryan Danford and has taken over for Gladys Neely as the new programs assistant. He grew up in Tallahassee, Florida and went to Leon High. He has lived all over the country and lived in thirteen different states.

Bryan has worked with a variety of organizations including BLM, four nature centers, USFWS, FL DEP, a camp, and has been an assistant teacher.

Bryan went to Auburn University for a BS in Wildlife Sciences and to the University of Missouri for a masters program in Parks and Recreation.

He has been in environmental education for 16 years and loves the field and has a lot of cool unique programs for all ages. You have recently seen a survey asking what programs you would like to see in the near future which will hopefully be put online in the near future. Keep an eye out for new program offerings and some cool snippets from the North Florida area.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for programs please let him know and he will incorporate it into the future programs.

## Joy Toy Drive

JOY (Jefferson Outreach for Youth), a 501c3 non-profit organization. JOY was established in 2008 through the generosity and kindness of Wendy and David Bitner to support children and families in times of need, especially during the Holiday season. Annually, JOY has provided toys for over 120 families.

In memory of our founder David Bitner, the JOY Memorial Scholarship also provides a scholarship for local high school seniors each year. The scholarship provides \$500 per semester to cover tuition and books for up to four semesters.

## Bringing JOY to Jefferson County Youth



Members of JOY (Jefferson Outreach for Youth) are gearing up for their annual toy drive, which will provide Christmas

gifts for local youngsters. This is the time of the year when donations are solicited to help with the drive. I'm sure you have seen these boxes around town at local businesses picking up toys for area youth.

Monetary donations are also needed and can be mailed to JOY Box 25 in Monticello. The children who receive gifts are between 5 and 13 years old. Presents are not to be extravagant, mostly simple, available toys. For girls, dolls, crayons, jump ropes, sweat-shirts are suggested. For boys, board games, balls, bats, blankets, and comic books are suggested.

Parents have made applications and are currently submitting them for their children. The Joy toy distribution day is December 18th from 8 - 11am at the old high school auditorium

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Forest Ecology

Each year, 4-H youth from across the state to test their knowledge of Florida's forests. Six contest stations enable youth to test their identification skills, compass skills, and knowledge of forest ecosystems.

Juniors and Intermediates will compete in the following 4 stations: Tree identification, Forest Health, Forest Ecosystems, and Map Symbols. Seniors will compete in these 4 stations: Tree identification, Forest health, Map symbols, and Forest Management. We will not be covering Plant identification, Tree height, Wildlife, or Compass skills, and we will not have a Quiz Bowl.

Youth will compete in the county extension office at a date to be determined. More details will be available from your 4-H agent. Please register for the contest through [4-H Online](#).

## 4-H Forest Ecology Contest

**Date:** April 17-18, 2021

- Quiz Bowl is Saturday at 2:00pm and is live.
- On-line contest will be open Saturday at 7:00am to Sunday at 1:00pm
- **Cost:** \$5 for participants.

**Register:** Registration opens March 1 and closes April 1, 2021. Register through 4-Online. You can register [HERE](#)

For questions about how to get registered, contact the state office at 352-846-444 or [Click Here](#)

For information about the contest content and what participants need to learn, see the [Contest Stations](#) page..

For information on who can participate and what to expect the day of the contest, see the [About the Contest](#) page.

## 4-H University - CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Presenter registration time for 4H university, the deadline is January 31, 2021. If interested, complete the Workshop Interest Sheet and submit to Courtney Quirie. If you are not able to present and know someone who would may be a great presenter, please let me know and I will be happy to reach out or feel free to forward this e-mail on to them. ( Thank you! )

For the workshops, we have 3 criteria for presenters:

- ♦ Be Experiential – youth enjoy a hands on learning experience
- Show a Career Pathway – help them see themselves in this field in a few years
- Focus on Discovery and Learning through Research – show them how we do research and make them a part of the process

A few reminders about 4-H University Workshops:

- ♦ There are 2 types of workshops
- ♦ A 3 hour workshop (Discovery)
- o A 6 hour workshop (over 3 mornings) (Track)
- We cannot change the days or times of the workshops
- If you are coming from out of town and will need accommodations, please let me know on your request in the comments section
- Have fun with your workshop!

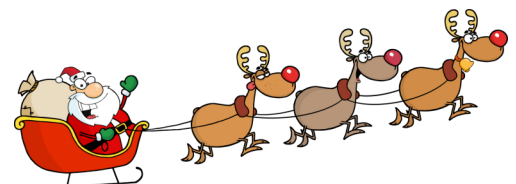
## 2021 Community Pride Grants

Thanks to the Florida 4-H Foundation, the Community Pride grant program is back, but the grant cycle has been adjusted to the following:

- January 11th, 2021 - Project Proposals Due
- February 2021 -Grant Monies Disbursed
- February to May 2021 -Project Implementation
- June 1st, 2021 - Project Reports Due

Due to the coronavirus response phases, project coordinators are asked to plan their projects with these in mind. In the updated project proposal, coordinators are asked to discuss current precautions with their local 4-H professionals. They are then asked to include a plan for completing their project with current precautions. If there are any significant changes to the response phases, project coordinators and supporting 4-H professionals will be contacted to update their project plans. For those groups awarded grant monies in 2020 and have not completed their project due to the pandemic, they will be given a chance to update their project proposals in accordance with this adjusted 2021 cycle. They will be included and judged alongside the 2021 projects. The Community Pride Leader's Guide can be found at <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/4H/4H39600.pdf>.

*Further information can be found at*  
<http://florida4h.org/youth/awards-and-recognition/group-opportunities/communitypride-awards/>.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Florida 4H Statewide Clubs

### Digital Dairy (Virtual Club)

- Virtual club learning about dairy cattle, dairy showmanship and the dairy industry.

**Club Leaders:** Dianne Spann ([fdspann@ufl.edu](mailto:fdspann@ufl.edu)) and Dr. Chris DeCubellis ([cdecube@ufl.edu](mailto:cdecube@ufl.edu))

- **Meeting Times/Dates** – Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm on Zoom

### Florida 4-H Virtual Horse Club

- Monthly virtual club meeting for youth interested in horses. For ages 8-18.

**Club Leaders:** Amanda Pittman ([amorgan133@ufl.edu](mailto:amorgan133@ufl.edu)), Kelsey Irvine

- Meeting times/dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6 on ZOOM

### Florida 4-H Virtual Poultry Club

- Meeting once per month covering topics related to the 4-H poultry project.

**Club Leaders:** Chris DeCubellis ([cdecube@ufl.edu](mailto:cdecube@ufl.edu)) and others

- **Meeting Times/Dates:** Meeting one Tuesday per month at 5:30 pm eastern on Zoom

### Florida 4-H Virtual Swine Club

- Meeting once per month covering topics related to the 4-H swine project, general animal science.

**Club Leaders:** Chris DeCubellis ([cdecube@ufl.edu](mailto:cdecube@ufl.edu)) and others

- **Meeting times/dates:** TBD on zoom

### Teen Life Ready Club (Virtual Club)

- Teaching “adulting” skills and life skills. Career presentations. Learning tangible skills for life.

**Club Leaders:** Amanda Pittman ([amorgan@alachuacounty.us](mailto:amorgan@alachuacounty.us)) & Mary Lee Sale ([msale@alachuacounty.us](mailto:msale@alachuacounty.us))

- **Meeting times/dates:** 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6-7pm on Microsoft TEAMS

### Young Leaders Club (Virtual Club)

- Empowering youth to become the leaders they were meant to be. For youth ages 13-18. Meeting once a month via ZOOM.

**Club Leaders:** Derby Sale ([sderby.sale@ufl.edu](mailto:sderby.sale@ufl.edu)) and Stacey Ellison ([staceye@ufl.edu](mailto:staceye@ufl.edu))

- **Meeting Times:** Second Tuesday of each month from 4:30-6:00pm EST

## 4H at Home

Cool programs from 4H that you can do at home like learning about the Mars Rover and making paper airplanes. Go take a look!

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>

## Revitalize Florida

The Florida 4-H State Council is proud to begin a new State Service Project – “**Revitalize Florida.**”

This project is focused on disaster preparedness and recovery.

The [State Project Guide](#) is now available with *suggested* projects you can complete. However, any service project focused on disaster preparedness and recovery will count.

### Project Completion

The Committee encourages all youth to participate in at least one disaster preparedness and recovery service project this year. Once a project is completed, please record it on the project report-back sheet found in the Revitalize Florida Guidebook linked in the toolkit below. **These record sheets will need to be submitted by July 1, 2020.**

### 4-H State Project Toolkit:

[State Project Guide](#)

[State Project Report-Back Form](#)

For more information, contact Derby Sale at [sderby.sale@ufl.edu](mailto:sderby.sale@ufl.edu).

### Insectathon

What is the 4-H Insectathon Event? It is an event that provides 4-H youth with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge of the entomology world.

Registration opens in 4-H Online on Monday, December 1, 2020, and closes on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Event may be canceled or changed to an on-line format based on safety recommendations regarding COVID-19. All registered participants will be notified and we will post updates here.

Resources: Florida 4-H Bug Club

## Volunteers

Florida 4-H relies on dedicated volunteers to promote its mission to help youth gain the knowledge and life skills they need to be productive, responsible citizens. Your time as a volunteer will provide youth a safe environment they need to pursue whatever interests, causes, and leadership roles that are most important to them. Adults who are not currently 4-H volunteers, we invite you to become a volunteer and share in the positive experiences of the Florida 4-H program.

### HOW DO I BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER

Contact the Jefferson County Extension office to learn about 4-H in your county and discuss opportunities with the 4-H Agent.

Enroll in [4-H Online 2.0](#) by completing an adult volunteer profile.\* (Online Youth Protection successful completion and background screenings may be required)

- After meeting enrollment requirements with the collaboration of 4-H Agent volunteer service can begin

\*Paper applications may be provided to those without Internet access.

\*Applicants submitting the paper application must also complete the [paper Participation Form](#)

For questions about content on this page please contact John Lilly, Jeffco Ext Agent at 850-342-0187 or [jgl@ufl.edu](mailto:jgl@ufl.edu)



# Living Off the Land

## Living Off the Land

**Description:** Self paced online project designed to enhance your land and live better with it. You will learn different components of what's here and how to get the most out of what you have. Some of the pieces will be prerecorded and others live. Worksheets and guides will be provided along the way to help you in your new journey.

**When:** Every Thursday from 4pm–5pm (can also be viewed online anytime through recordings)

**Where:** Online with worksheets



## Topics Covered Include:

- \* Who lived here & how they lived with the land
- \* Making a Plan for your Land and implementing it
- \* Skills/abilities we possess
  - \* Outside Safety
- \* What flora & fauna is here
  - \* Intro to Gardening/Landscaping
- \* Obtaining and using water
- \* Acquire food from the land
  - \* Intro to livestock
- \* Life skills: time & money management, using resources wisely, How to market products, and more



# MEET THE STAFF

## Meet Your 4-H Staff



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## 2020 4H Teen Council



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# December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Hanukkah begins 	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Hanukkah Ends	19
20	21 December Solstice 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve JCEO Closed	25 Christmas Day JCEO Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years Day Jeffco Office Closed	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MLKing Day Jeffco Office Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30