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Greetings Extension Family,

Welcome to the August edition of the Jefferson County Newsletter!

We have two new faces on the Jefferson County Extension Office team, De'Anthony Price and Melanie Southerland.

De'Anthony is the new Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent. De'Anthony brings a wealth of knowledge in agricultural sustainability and soil health. De'Anthony earned a BS Degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA, and a master's degree in plant and soil science from Alabama A&M University. His official starting day was July 1.

Melanie Southerland is the new Family and Consumer Sciences Agent. Melanie is a native of Taylor County. She has worked at the UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program in Taylor County for the past five years. She has earned two degrees from Florida State University, her BS Degree in Sociology and her Master's in public health. Melanie will mainly focus on health and nutrition programs. Her official starting day Aug 1.

Please call or come by the Extension Office and give them a hearty Jefferson County welcome!

As usual, Jefferson County Extension is here to serve you!

Enjoy,

John Lilly
Jefferson County Extension Director/4-H Agent

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4-H Youth News

4-H Field - to - Fork Day Camp

The 4-H youth of Jefferson County spent five full days learning all about local agriculture and how that affects the food they see in stores. The goal of this day camp was to expose our 4-Hers to the many parts of the agriculture industry as possible because agriculture is key to feeding our country. How food makes it to our table often goes overlooked when we can just run to the grocery store for everything from fresh vegetables to different cuts of meat. It is crucial for the next generation of America to know where their food comes from. America's farmers work year-round to ensure we have those products on our forks.

We kick this camp off by learning more about each other through team-building activities and fun games! Then the campers learned how to plant a garden using a variety of different garden tools. They also got to sample different vegetables while learning more about healthy nutrition and food safety.

The second day of camp was all about animal science beginning with a tour of the Walker & Son's Dairy. We also took a tour of Johnston's Meat market to learn how the meat on our table is prepared. The 4-Hers also learned about Biosecurity within animal production and where the different cuts of meat come from that we see in the store daily.



We continued the week with a trip to Quincy, FL to visit the UF/IFAS North Florida Research Center and the FAMU Research Center. During these visits, we learned more about the vital role that university research plays in creating new and better ways to produce the food we eat.

Rounding out the week of learning, the campers were able to tour the Farmers Market to see how farmer sold their products to the general public. We ended the second to last day with a visit from Mr. Hogg, who talked to us about beekeeping and the honey industry.

The last day of this camp started with a tour of the Glendower Pig Farm and finished with a very competitive grilling contest where each camper made a signature seasoning rub and grilled a pork chop. A panel of judges ranked the chops based on food safety, presentation, and of course, taste! The top three will continue on the district 4-H grilling contest and then compete at state in Gainesville to represent Jefferson County!

For more information about 4-H activities and other Extension programs, please call or come by the Jefferson County Extension Office. The office is located at 2729 West Washington Hwy., Monticello, FL, or call us at 850-342-0187.

4-H Youth News

4-H Wildlife Day Camp was a Success!

Sixty campers between the ages of 10-15 from Jefferson and Leon Counties attended the multi-County 4-H Wildlife and Recreation Day Camp on June 28-July 1, hosted by the Jefferson County Extension Office. Twenty-four presenters, volunteers, and staff were instrumental in organizing the camp. The assembly commenced with the pledges of allegiance and 4-H Pledge by teen volunteers, followed by the thought for the day.

Youth participated in various hands-on environmental educational activities. During the morning, campers rotated through Forestry, Soil Conservation, and Wildlife. After lunch, the campers participated in quiet time activities and shooting sports disciplines.

The Forestry team consisted of Todd Schroeder, Derick Gargan, and Clint Morgan. Campers gained hands-on experience participating in tree identification and use of forestry tools. In addition, the campers played a game that demonstrated resource scarcity. Campers learned what types of products come from trees. Finally, the campers had an opportunity to see the dozer make a fire line.

The Conservation team consisted of Allison Leo, Leon County 4-H Agent, Ms. Rachel Mathes, Leon County Horticultural Program Assistant; and Molly Jameson- Leon County 4-H Ag Agent. Campers participated in hands-on activities in soil erosion & compaction, studying soil profiles & soil texture.



The Wildlife team consisted of Bryan Danford, Jefferson County 4-H Program Assistant, and Robin Will, Extension Volunteer. Campers gained hands-on experience exploring outdoor habitats with wind meters, thermometers, nets, binoculars, and identification sheets to discover what wildlife was found in the wetland and the forest. Instructors challenged them to be wildlife biologists and ecologists, looking for signs of healthy ecosystems on the Jefferson Extension Office site. The campers were very excited to see different birds, butterflies, scat of raccoons and coyotes, and evidence of small minnows, frogs, and snakes near water.

The Aquatic Day was held at Lake Lafayette Heritage Park in Leon County. The youth fished, kayaked, collected, and identified aquatic insects and plants. In addition, Mr. David Moody – US Forestry Service, demonstrated how to fillet and cook fish.

On the last day, there was competitive shooting in archery, shotgun skeet, and air rifles. Campers also had an opportunity to learn about entomology from Danielle Sprague, Multi-County Commercial Horticulture Agent. In addition, campers were highly engaged in a talk from Ben Johnson, Florida Wildlife Officer. Finally, the camp culminated with snow cones.

Special thanks to Gladys Neely & Lil Odom for volunteering the entire week. We would also like to recognize Pasture Kass Brooks and his wife for grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.

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4-H Youth News

4-H 5-7 Year Old Day Camp

Jefferson County 4-H offered three days of fun and engaged 5-7-year-old campers in positive activities during the summer. Research provided evidence youth participation in positive leisure activities reinforces positive youth development. Positive youth development is associated with the following youth characteristics: 1) Competence in academic, social, and vocational areas; 2) Confidence; 3) Connection to family, community, and peers; 4) Character; and 5) Caring and compassion. In addition to developing the above pro-social behavior skills, youth have loads of fun!

The camp begins with fun and exciting get-acquainted and team-building activities. Then the campers learned about living and non-living things in the environment. Afterward, they traveled to the Dick Bailar Library, participated in storytelling, made some awesome glow-in-the-dark slime, and all campers received a library card.

The following day, campers made crafts to fine-tune their motor skills and encourage creativity by participating in three classes: "Animal Art, A Nature Scavenger Hunt, and they made a 4-H Bag.

Our amazing 4-H campers also cooked their very own breakfast on a tin can in the outdoor cookery class. They prepared pancakes, bacon, sausage, and eggs.

Five-seven-year-old campers also participated in organized recreation, went on a nature walk, and visited the North Florida Wildlife Center to learn about exotic animals.



As you can see, each day the camp was jam pack with hands-on learning activities. Youth can build knowledge and confidence by successfully putting the knowledge they learn to test. Thanks to our counselors and campers for sharing their summer with us.

Special thanks to our partners for making the camp a success, the Jefferson County-Dick Bailor Library Staff, North Florida Wildlife Center, the Dirty Pecan Fund Raiser Event, and James Muchovej for sponsoring the field trip to North Florida Wildlife Center.

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4-H Youth News



2022 4-H Day Camps



For more information or if you are interested in having these programs in your classroom, please call 850-342-0187 or email: John Lilly at jgl@ufl.edu

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4-H Youth News

Habla
Español?



Día de Diversión Familiar

¿Cuándo? : Agosto 20th, 9am -2pm

¿Dónde?: UF/IFAS Jefferson County

Extension Office

2729 W. Washington Hwy.

Monticello FL 32344

**El transporte será incluido gratuitamente si es necesario.*

Costo: Gratis!

Se proveerá almuerzo gratis.

*Para obtener más información
contacte John Lilly a jgl@ufl.edu o
Ana Portillo por teléfono al 850-
342-0187.*

Bilingual Family Fun Day!

When : August 20th, 9am -2pm

Where: UF/IFAS Jefferson County

Extension Office

2729 W. Washington Hwy.

Monticello FL 32344

**Transportation may be available upon request*

Cost: FREE!

Lunch will be provided.

*For more information contact John Lilly at
jgl@ufl.edu or Ana Portillo by phone at 850-
342-0187.*

4-H Youth News

4-H University

4-H University is about having fun, making new friends, and learning! Florida 4-H University is a four-day and three-night event for young adults held at the University of Florida from July 25, 2022, through July 28, 2022.

4-H University is FREE for teens participating in County Events by completing a Demonstration/Illustrated Talk or General Public Speaking. For non-county event teens, the fee is (half the original price).

Jefferson 4-H brought four members (Maggie Boyd, Johnathan Youngblood, Samantha Hall, and Sha'Qaysia Mosley) to experience 4-H University in Gainesville, FL. Both Johnathan Youngblood and Sha'Qaysia Mosley competed with their Illustrated Talk, taking 1st and 3rd, respectively, in their division. Maggie and Johnathan were also able to vote for the next State 4-H Council.



We are very proud of their hard work and look forward to seeing what these bright young people can do this next 4-H year!

Working Soldiers

Teacher's Appreciation sponsored by the Barn along with Community Sponsors, Jefferson Alumni Students, Coach, school board members, elected officials, volunteers, and the Working Soldiers Club Leaders assisting with hosting.

Dr. Ann Reddick felt what a great way to start the new school year. Honoring the Jefferson County School Pre-K-12, Employees, Staff and Administration.

We appreciate the love and hard work for our children. From the past to the present. Our prayer is that this will be the best school year ever. Filled with Tiger spirit and tiger pride.



4-H Youth News

Open House!



The Life, Liberty, and Livestock Club member and their families would like to invite you to join them in learning more about this growing club!

August 9th, 2022 ,5pm - 6:30pm

**Monthly meetings will be held every first Thursday of each month from September to May.*

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For more information, please contact Emily Nolen at enolen@ufl.edu.

Fall Outdoor Adventures

Starting August 13th @ 9AM

Calling all outdoor enthusiasts. Would you like to learn new skills and be involved more in the outdoors? Come learn about different topics and get hands on with our new fall adventures.

Every two weeks a new adventure happens at our site where you can test your skills and learn new skills.

Email Bryan Danford at bryan.danford@ufl.edu for more information or visit the office for a flyer.



Jefferson County 4-H Photography Contest



Join 4H and participate in our County wide photography Contest!

Age Categories

Cloverbud: 5-7yr olds

Junior: 8 -10

Intermediate: 11 - 13

Senior: 14 - 18

Photo Categories:

- People
- Flora/Fauna/Nature
- Other - any 4h oriented activity

IMPORTANT DATES

- **AUG 3 - SEPT 30 - CONTEST DATES**
- **SEPT 27-30 - ENTRIES DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE**
- **SEPT 30 - REGISTRATION FOR THE FAIR**
- **OCT 3 - 7 - PHOTOGRAPHS JUDGED**

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9AM - JEFFERSON COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOT AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS BY EMAILING BRYAN.DANFORD@UFL.EDU

Agriculture & Horticulture News

Welcome Letter!!!!

De'Anthony Price, UF/IFAS Jefferson County

Hello,

My name is De'Anthony Price. I am the new UF/IFAS Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent for Jefferson County Extension. I am a crop scientist and science communicator from Atlanta, Ga. Being raised in an urban setting, I focus on educating underserved communities on agriculture and the importance of sustainability.

My passion for agriculture sparked during a mission trip to Honduras in 2013. While there, I realized how having a sustainable food system impacts poverty and communities. I have completed several internships and activities, including working for the Georgia Department of Agriculture and assisting small-scale farmers.

I believe that to meet the demanding population of consumers' needs, one needs to have a very diversified food system while using sustainable practices. My experience includes sustainable agriculture, crop production systems, community programming, minorities in agriculture, and science communication. I specialize in growing specialty vegetables and medicinal crops while learning more about row crops and livestock farming.

In 2020, I graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Communication. During my undergraduate studies, I focused on researching the factors contributing to the lack of black farmers in the Southeast. In 2022, I graduated from Alabama A&M University with a master's degree in plant and soil science, focusing on sustainable agronomy. I completed a master's thesis titled "Determining the Plant Nutrient Requirements for Growing Stevia in Organic and Conventional Cropping Systems."



Agriculture & Horticulture News

I am very excited to work with Jefferson County residents and become an assistance to farmers and ranchers. Promoting more sustainable agricultural practices and pesticide application is one of my primary focuses to bring to Jefferson County.

My goal is to bring back the Florida Master Gardener Program, an outreach program composed of UF/IFAS Extension certified volunteers who are trained to provide research-based horticultural education to Florida residents.

I also want to focus on bringing more technical support to our small-scale and disadvantaged farmers to promote more awareness, and specialty & medicinal crop diversified production.

When not working, I enjoy karaoke, outdoor activities, and spending time with my Fiancé and Dog.



MEET & GREET DINNER

When: August 15th, 2022, 6pm

*Where: UF/IFAS Jefferson County
Extension Office 2729 W.
Washington Hwy. Monticello, FL
32344*

*What's for dinner? :
Johnston's BBQ Catering*

Cost: FREE!

DE'ANTHONY PRICE
UF/IFAS
Agriculture and Natural
Resources Agent
Jefferson County, FL

**Meet and Greet over a provided
dinner with the
New UF/IFAS Agriculture and
Natural Resources Agent!**

**Come share your needs and goals
for the Jefferson County
Agricultural Community!**

Family & Consumer Sciences News

Hi Jefferson County,

I am Melanie Southerland the new UF/IFAS Extension Family & Consumer Science Agent. I am from Taylor County, and I graduated from Florida State University earning both my Bachelor of Science and master's degree in Public Health.

I have worked with Extension in Madison, Taylor, Lafayette, Suwannee and Columbia counties working as the Program Manager of the Family Nutrition Program for the past five years.



I am thrilled to join this community, to further educate the population on health, wellness and financial literacy. I have a passion for health, nutrition, and overall inspiring and educating others on becoming their best self. Health is a broad term but financial, physical, mental, and emotional status, all contribute to health, and I want to make sure the programs that I implement will help the community's overall "health" improve.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband, our three dogs, family, and friends. We enjoy all things outdoors together and on a sunny day love to be out boating! I look forward to meeting you.

FAMU Extension News

How can you get involved with FAMU 4-H?

NATIONAL 4-H STEM CHALLENGE— GALACTIC QUEST

Kids learn foundational STEM skills while they wrestle with the same questions as today's top aerospace scientists and engineers!

Activities can be done all at once or individually, making it great for classrooms, afterschool programs, clubs, parents, and more.



FAMU Tech Changemakers

We Want YOU!

Tech Changemakers is a program designed to pair teenagers (who are very tech literate) with older persons in the community to teach them valuable tech skills to make them more employable and confident in the ever-growing/changing workplace.

FAMU Tech Changemakers is recruiting motivated teenagers who are interested in helping close the gap of the digital divide.



FAMU

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2022 In –Person 4-H National Summits in Washington D.C

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE DIFFERENT SUMMITS BEING OFFERED THIS UPCOMING YEAR AND THE DATES.

- **STEM Summit**
 - September 15th—18th

Agri-STEM

Agri-STEM is a program that teaches students about multiple areas of agriculture that uses science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in their everyday practices.

The Areas of Agriculture Include:

- Natural Resources
- Veterinary Technology/ Animal Science
- Biological & Agricultural Systems Engineering
- Food Science
- Entomology

August

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat / Sun
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Photography Contest Starts - August 3rd
 Life, Liberty, and Livestock Club Open House - August 9th
 Fall Outdoor Activities August 13th, August 27th
 Meet and Greet Dinner with New Ag Agent - August 15th
 Bilingual Family Fun Day - August 20th
 County Council- August 22nd.

Upcoming September Events

Labor Day - September 5th
**Office Closed*
 Photography Contest Workshop - September 10th
 4-H STEM Summit - September 15th - 18th
 Photography Contest Entries Due - September 27th - 30th
 Photography Contest Ends - September 30th
 Photography Contest for North Florida Fair Registration - September 30th

Meet the Staff!



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