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Greetings Extension Family:

As Christmas time nears, I want to encourage you to give this holiday season. WHAT? The old piggy bank doesn't hold that kind of funds? Don't look to the bank then. Some of the best gifts are from the heart, not the wallet.

Perhaps, you can help a relative finish a project. Maybe volunteer to distribute food at your local food bank. Give mom a day off in the kitchen or dad a free day off raking (remember the key is for them not to ask you). This idea may not be appealing to some. However, I promise that you will be overwhelmed with appreciation, love, and respect your unselfishness will bring forth.

Remember; giving of yourself is the most precious gift, yet it doesn't cost you a penny.

The Jefferson County Staff wishes you and your family good health, comfort, and prosperity this holiday season.

The Jefferson County Extension Office will be closed on December 23 & 24 to observe Christmas and December 31 to observe New Year's.

John Lilly
Jefferson County Extension Director/4-H Agent

4-H Youth News

Peanut Butter Challenge Winners!

Great job to all those who participated in the Peanut Butter Challenge! We would like to thank the following groups for their very large donations!

- Mrs. Barrinton's Classroom - Somerset
- Helsin's Classroom - Aucilla
- Working Soldiers - 4-H Club
- Mt. Morilla MBS - Church Group
- Rotary Club - Organization
- Gelling Flower Shop - Business

Mrs. Barrinton's Classroom, Helsin's Classroom, and the 4-H Working Soldiers Club have all won a Pizza Party with all the Peanut Butter they have donated! Congratulations to all our winners!



Mrs. Barrinton's Class



Rachel Helsin's Class

After School Club

Every two weeks, 4-H visits Somerset Academy and provides hands-on afterschool programs for grades 2-8.

These programs provide youth with a chance to participate in fun learning opportunities which includes:

- STEM
- Agriculture
- Nature
- Outdoor wilderness oriented topics

In the previous three sessions, the youth built and tested paper airplanes, parachutes, and participated in team building challenges.

This is an ongoing venture which will last the entire school year and will involve many topics. Keep posted for more 4-H programs coming your way!



North Florida Fair 4-H Booths

Our 4-H Clubs, pictured below, Hickory Hill and Working Soldiers displayed their wonderful booths at the North Florida Fair!



Working Soldiers 4-H Club Booth



Hickory Hill 4-H Club Booth

4-H Youth News

Ag Judging Team at the North Florida Fair!

CONGRATULATIONS! The Jefferson County 4-H Junior Ag Judging Team took home 2nd place at the North Florida Fair! Dominic Graff also took home 2nd place for Junior Individual Ag Judging! We also had our very own Riley Hayes compete in the Senior Ag Judging Division and shown her 4 heifers! Great job to everyone who competed this weekend!



4-H Exhibits at the North Florida Fair!

Jefferson County was well represented at the North Florida Fair!

The 4-H youth were eager to return to all the Fair fun and even had 50 exhibits displayed and judged, which are pictured below.

Sadly this year is over but start preparing now for the 2022 North Florida Fair, see you next year!



The American vest and yellow pants are from the Brookins youth.

The Black and white raccoon is Vania Bufano's and the middle four pictures are from the Brookins youth.



The self portrait is by Reid Brookins. The flower is also from the Brookins youth.



The second lego creation from the left was Gretchen Browns and the tractor up front on the right side.

Saturday Outdoor Programs

Jefferson County Extension office is proud to introduce **Outdoor Saturdays!**

Fun hands--on programs for youth on outdoor and wilderness topics about the area in which we live.

Topics will range from fun STEM projects to learning some wilderness skills, which includes: navigating the woods, cooking outdoors, and how to respect what is around you.

Please register by emailing: Bryan Danford, the 4-H program assistant at bryan.danford@ufl.edu.

Adults are more than welcome to attend these events!
Walk-ins are also welcome but please try to register!

When: Every other Saturday @ 9am

Where: Jefferson County Extension Office Property

Ages: 8+

Dates:

Outdoor Principles: December 4

Learn about the principles of the great outdoors and why we need them.

Survival Fires and Outdoor Cooking: December 18

Come join us as we learn about making survival fires and how to cook over them.



The Florida 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Somerset Classroom Winners



Mrs. Bellamy's — 4th Grade
First Place: Reign Carrillo
Second Place: Mariah Hagan
Third Place: (Two -Way Tie)
 Ja'Varion Ulee & Sulyria Bellamy



Ms. Saintagne's — 4th Grade
First Place: Gabrille White
Second Place: Armani Alexander
Third Place: Mathew Maier



Mrs. LoGalbo's — 4th Grade
First Place: Lani West
Second Place: Malisa Watson
Third Place: Jartavious Williams



Ms. Mack's—5th Grade
First Place: Dustin Clemmons
Second Place: Billy Clark
Third Place: Ganeia Larry



Mr. Serma's—5th Grade
First Place: Mariana Perez
Second Place: Jose Santillian
Third Place: Lillian Reinhold



Khebe Brown—6th Grade
First Place: Lexie Tuner

Aucilla Christian Academy Classroom Winners



Amy Bethea—4th Grade
First Place: Lexie Tuner (not pictured)
Second Place: Beau Bethea
Third Place: Luke Grant



Rachel Heslin—5th Grade
First Place: Trip Davis
Second Place: Savannah Dawkins (not pictured)
Third Place: Molly McNeil



Amanda Sapp—6th Grade
First Place: Baily Fletcher
Second Place: Mae McNeil
Third Place: Larrie Chery

For the past three months, students learned how to research, organize, and deliver a speech topic of their choice. Students received support at home through all stages, from selecting a topic to preparing the final speech. The program provides teachers and parents with instructional materials to facilitate the student's preparation. Public speaking builds confidence and provides a solid foundation for the students future educational and professional aspirations.

The Florida 4-H Public Speaking School Enrichment Program, powered by Florida Power & Light (FPL), introduces fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students to the concept of public speaking administered by Jefferson County 4-H.

Jefferson County students compete in the classroom and school-wide speaking contests, with winners advancing to the county competition. See the photos and names of classroom and school winners.

The county-wide program will be held at Aucilla Christian Academy auditorium on Tuesday, December 7, at 6 pm.

Somerset School Winners



4th & 5th Grade

First Place: Sulyria Bellamy—“My Favorite Dessert”
Second Place: Ja'Varion Ulee—“Speech Title: A Dive Under the Sea”
Third Place: Reign Carrillo — “Phillipino Born, American Raised”



6th Grade

First Place: Lexie Tuner-“Global Warming”

Aucilla Christian Academy School Winners



4th & 5th Grade

First Place: Trip Davis- “Moving”
Second Place: Anthony Prattini- “What Lies Beyond the Universe”
Third Place: Stella Borders - “Guinea Fowls”



6th Grade

First Place: Baily Fletcher- “The JV Football Experience”
Second Place: Mae McNeil - “A Refined Palate”
Third Place: Charlotte Brewster - “My Crazy Thoughts”

Jefferson Home School Winners



4th & 5th Grade

First Place: Emery Simon— “The American Dream”
Second Place: Adolai Scott— “The Pros and Cons of Homeschooling”
Third Place: Nicholas Brookins— “Movie Night”



6th Grade

First Place: James Boyd — “Skrrt!!! Skrrt!!!”
Second Place: Sylvia Peters— “Fly Squirrels”



CORE & Private/Row Crop Pesticide Applicator Review

December 16, 2021

8:30 – 11:30AM & 12:30 – 4PM EDT
UF/IFAS Extension Jefferson County
2729 W. Washington Hwy. Monticello, FL

Registration fee: \$15/session

Morning Session: CORE Principles (3 CORE CEUs)

8:30 AM-11:30AM - CORE Principles
11:30 - 12:30 - Lunch Break (Please plan to bring your own or leave to go pick up lunch)

Afternoon Session: Private/Row Crop Principles (4 Private/Row Crop CEUs)

12:30-4PM - Private/Row Crop Principles
4PM – Exams/CEUs Administered

To register: <https://jeffcopesticides.eventbrite.com>

This class will serve as a review for the exams needed to obtain a Private or Row Crop FDACS Pesticide Applicator license. CEUs are also available for individuals that already have obtained their pesticide applicator license. The class is broken up into a morning and afternoon session. The morning session will cover CORE principles and the afternoon session will cover Private/Row Crop principles.

For more information, contact Danielle at 850-342-0187.



Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training! Jan. 19, 2022 8AM-5PM

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety are encouraged to attend. **The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement.**

The course will provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and co-management information, FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and details on how to develop a farm food safety plan.

The cost to attend is \$40 and includes training materials, lunch, refreshments, and certificate of attendance issued by AFDO.

Please register at:
<https://psa111021.eventbrite.com>



Family & Consumer Sciences News

2021 HOLIDAY SEASON DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER CAMPAIGN

If you plan to drink, plan ahead for a safe ride home this year. The United States Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is teaming up with the local law enforcement community. The campaign will run from December 15, 2021, through January 1, 2022. Let's help the local law enforcement spread the word about the dangers of drunk driving!

SOBERING STATISTICS FROM NHTSA

- 837 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver in December 2019
- There are more drunk-driving fatalities during the Christmas and New Year Holiday
- 2019 one person was killed every 52 minutes in a drunk-driving crash in USA
- 2019 21 percent of male driver were drunk, compared to 14 percent of female drivers
- Nighttime is a dangerous time to be on the road, fatal crashes in 2019 was 3.3 times higher at night than during the day

Reference:

www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov

COST OF DRUNK DRIVING

- DUI can cause \$10,000 in attorney's fees, fines, court costs, lost time from work, high insurance rates
- Financial impact on crashes cost the USA \$44 billion yearly
- Lost of driver's license and vehicle



CELEBRATE TO THE FULLEST THIS SEASON BY PLANNING AHEAD

- It is never okay to drink and drive
- Use a community's sober ride program.
- Report a drunk driver on the road
- Make arrangements to help get people home safely
- If you are sleepy, please don't drive

Holiday Spending Avoiding the Financial Hangover !



Check out our [Facebook Page](#) and [Website](#) to watch our FCS Agent- Gretchen Thornton talk about some quick tips on how to budget through the Holidays!

Safety Through the Seasons!

December 22nd , 2021 |
3:00pm -4:00pm

Join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Live event to learn more about The Christmas Holiday Safety for both your kids and pets!



FAMU Extension News

2021 Looking Forward How can you get involved with FAMU 4-H this fall?

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.



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.

- **Healthy Living Summit**
 - February 10th–13th
- **Agri-Science Summit**
 - March 10th–13th
- **Citizenship Washington Focus**
 - June 5th–July 16th (week long programs)
- **Leadership Washington Focus**
 - July 18th–July 22nd
- **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

DECEMBER

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat / Sun
		1	2	3	4 5
6	7	8 4th Grade School Club	9 3rd Grade School Club	10	11 12
13 Teen Council Meeting	14	15 5th Grade School Club	16	17	18 19
20	21	22 Safety through the seasons!	23 Office Closed!	24 Christmas Eve!	25 Christmas! 26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve!	

Upcoming January Events

4th Grade School Club - 8th
 3rd Grade School Club - 9th
 Teen Council Meeting - 13th
 5th Grade School Club - 15th
 Safety Through the Seasons - 22nd
 Office Closed - 23rd
 Christmas Eve! - 24th * Office Closed
 Christmas Day! - 25th * Office Closed
 New Years Eve! - 31st * Office Closed

New Years Day! - 1st
 4th Grade School Club - 8th
 3rd Grade School Club - 9th
 Teen Council Meeting - 13th
 5th Grade School Club - 15th
 Produce Safety Training - 19th

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