

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

Monticello, Florida

January, 2021



## "HAPPY NEW YEAR"



Dear 4-H'ers:

Can you believe that 2020 is over and we are now in 2021. Hope everyone had a great holiday vacation and got what they wanted for Christmas.

It's a new year but we are still dealing with a virus that just doesn't want to go away. Hopefully, we will have a vaccine to stop this pandemic and we can get back to normal, but until then please stay safe and do as the experts are telling you.

We have been working on new programs and will hopefully get them out soon. Keep watching Facebook, email, and our website for details.

Take a look at our events coming up and the cool tidbits that we have put in the newsletter. This is our attempt to make them more enjoyable while you learn about what is happening with Jefferson County 4H.

Feel free to contact us anytime and let us know how we can serve you better. We are looking for more ways and opportunities to do programs and service projects in the community.

Have a great January and see you in February.

Sincerely,  
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# 4H EVENTS

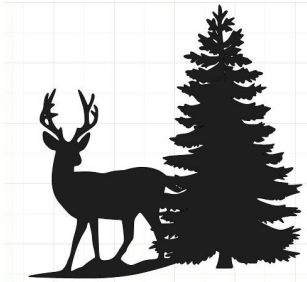
## January Wildlife Happenings

### Birds

- ◆ Ospreys, sandhill cranes, hawks, and owls nest during this time.
- ◆ Look for red-tailed hawks perched in trees along highways.
- ◆ Huge clouds of tree swallows should be visible around sunset roosting over large marsh areas.
- ◆ Don't forget, now is a great time to watch our over-wintering populations of ducks and geese.

### Mammals

- ◆ Gray foxes, bobcats, and raccoons begin breeding this month.
- ◆ Deer reach the peak of the rutting season in north Florida.
- ◆ Black bears in North Florida are inactive or in dens



### Historical Florida Dates

- ◆ Jefferson County was created on January 20, 1827 and named after Thomas Jefferson
- ◆ In January of 1861 Florida seceded from the Union, Floridians participated by supplying the food, salt, and supplies from their plantations.



## January Gardening Guide

### What to Plant

**Annuals/Bedding plants:** Cool-season annuals include pansy, viola, petunia, and snapdragon.

**Bulbs:** Crinum, agapanthus, and gloriosa lily can be planted now. Mulch to protect from cold temperatures.

**Camellias:** Select and plant camellia this month. Visit local nurseries now for the best selection of colors and forms.

**Vegetables:** Irish potatoes can be planted now. Start with healthy seed pieces purchased from a local nursery or online seed catalog. Continue planting cool-season crops, including broccoli, kale, carrots, and lettuce.

### What to Do

**Deciduous fruit:** Plant deciduous fruit trees now to give their roots time to develop before the warm, dry spring months. Prune and fertilize existing trees.

**Cold protection:** Be ready to cover tender plants to minimize damage. Frost or freezes are likely this month and next.

**Irrigation:** Water plants if temperatures remain higher than normal and rainfall is scarce.

**Shrubs and trees:** Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form.

**Arbor Day:** Celebrate Florida Arbor Day (the 3rd Friday of January) by planting a tree in your yard or community. hurricane-resistant tree, such as live oak, bald cypress, cabbage palm, or crapemyrtle.

**Crapemyrtle:** Remove seed pods, crossing branches and small twiggy growth to improve the appearance and form of the plant, if desired. Hard pruning is not required.

**Pests:** Control persistent scale insects on citrus, shrubs, camellias, and deciduous fruit trees; apply horticultural oil while plants are dormant.

## Covid 19 Mask Use

Make sure you use an approved mask and use social distancing (at least 6 feet). Remember it is an air borne virus so you could be further. Make sure you rotate masks out every few days, more often if you are in high traffic areas or where there is greater risk for transmission. If it becomes wet, soiled, or contaminated discard it and get a new one. Please see attached guidelines on next page.

## Agriculture Updates

### Master Gardener Training

A new Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course is scheduled to begin February 18, 2021 – April 29, 2021.

Location at the Taylor County Extension Office located at 203 Forest Park Dr., Perry, FL. 32348. Classes will be held on Thursday's, from 9:30AM -3:30PM.

Completed application submission deadline is Feb.8, 2021. Applications may be completed online or picked up from Extension offices. Copy and paste link below in your browser: [https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_efEecVPyFV5S74x](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efEecVPyFV5S74x)



# MASTER GARDENER

# MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS EXTENDED

With many of us feeling overwhelmed and isolated these days, volunteering can be therapeutic. “We tend to make ourselves happy when we’re doing for others”. Studies show those who volunteer live longer, experience an increase in energy, enjoy a decrease in daily stress, and are better able to manage their own health issues – even during a pandemic”. Join us, make new friends, expand your education, maybe even a career change!

Prospective Master Gardener’s, thank you for your interest in the Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program! A new Master Gardener Volunteer **Training Course is scheduled to begin February 18, 2021 – April 29, 2021. Location at the Taylor County Extension Office located at 203 Forest Park Dr., Perry, FL. 32348. Classes will be held on Thursday’s, from 9:30AM -3:30PM.**

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Taylor County will be partnering with other County Extension agents and specialist to deliver by lecture, presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and fieldtrips, covering a variety of horticultural and agricultural topics. You will receive 50-hours or more of practical horticultural training on topics such as Botany, Plant pathology & integrated pest management, Soil management & plant nutrition, growing vegetables, fruit crops, trees & turf, Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ and working with the public.

A fee of \$125.00 due by Feb. 8, 2021. This fee covers the manual and other materials you will use during training. (If you are sincerely interested in the training but fee is an issue, please contact me. Some scholarship funding may be available). Commitment of 75 hours of volunteer service your first year and 35 hours per year thereafter to remain active.

Any questions and more details regarding classes or fees please contact, Lisa Strange, Agricultural & Natural Resource Agent at (850) 838-3508 or [lstange@ufl.edu](mailto:lstange@ufl.edu).

To learn more about the program go to:

<https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/about/>





# 4H EVENTS

## 4H Demonstration Workshops

Calling all 4Hers, are you wanting to do a talk where you get to be the expert and show others how to do it. Now is the chance to do just that with our annual County Event talks. A demonstration or illustrated talk is a “show and tell” type of presentation. This presentation uses posters and visual aids to share information or ideas with others. Youth give demonstrations or illustrated talks at the county level and their presentation may proceed on to district and state level competitions’.

We will have a workshop on this very project on Wednesday **February 11th** starting promptly at **4pm via zoom**. During this workshop we will explain all the details of what is involved and get you on the right path. Come join us in this fun hands on project.

Please RSVP by February 1st. To register or if you have questions, please contact Mr. John Lilly at (850) 342-0187 or email [jgl@ufl.edu](mailto:jgl@ufl.edu). We need at least (5) five youth to join us on this workshop to make it happen. See you there!

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## County Events

The annual “county events” will be Thursday, **April 8, 2021, starting promptly at 4pm** via Zoom. This will be the platform used to perform your Demonstration Talk or do it on another topic. Other topics include public speaking, Share the Fun, or on Horse Public Speaking.

Age divisions are: *Clover Buds* (5-7 years old), *Juniors* (8-10 years old), *Intermediates* (11-13 years old), and *Seniors* (14-18 years old).

All winners will receive a ribbon the same day and a trophy at the end of the 4-H fiscal year. County Events winners will advance to compete at District Showcase.

Senior 4-H’ers (ages 14-18) winners at District will advance to 4-H University, held at the University of Florida Campus in July.

### Time allowance per category are:

*Demonstrations:* Juniors: 3-12

minutes Intermediate: 3-12 minutes

Seniors: 5-12 minutes

*Public Speaking:* Junior: 3-7 minutes

Intermediate: 3-7 minutes Seniors: 5-7 minutes

*Horse Public Speaking:* Junior: 3-7

minutes Intermediate: 3-7 minutes

Senior: 5-7 minutes

*Share-The-Fun:* Junior: 3-5 minutes

Intermediate: 3-5 minutes Senior: 3-5 minutes

If you would like to come to the 4-H Office to work on your demonstration or speeches, please feel free to use any equipment. If you need help with your project, call Mr. Lilly to set up an appointment. **PLEASE START ON YOUR PROJECT NOW!!!**



## Living Off the Land

Keep an eye out for our new program which will start in the near future. We will talk about how your land can be used differently and will look at what is already there. Most of the videos will be prerecorded and can be viewed any time. There are worksheets that go along with it and to follow along what we are learning about.

### Topics Covered:

- ◆ How did Indians and Settlers do it
- ◆ Making a Plan for your land
  - ◆ Intro to Gardening/Landscaping
- ◆ What animals are there
- ◆ What plants are there
  - ◆ Outdoor safety
  - ◆ Intro to Livestock
- ◆ **Life skills:** time & money management, using resources wisely, How to market products, and more

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

**Where:** Online with worksheets



## Your 4-H Demonstration

Most demonstrators, even those well experienced in presentations, find it helpful to prepare a written outline of the demonstration's parts. Most outlines can be divided into three parts: WHY-this is the "introduction" to the demonstration. HOW-this is the "body" of the demonstration. WHAT-this is the "summary" of the demonstration.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Be original and brief. This is your interest-getter, the follow-up of your catchy title. Make the listeners feel the subject is important, practical, and worth your time to demonstrate, and theirs to listen to and see. Tell why the topic was selected. In giving a team demonstration, one member introduces himself and his team-mate. If it is an individual demonstration, don't over-look the introduction unless already introduced.

### II. BODY OF THE DEMONSTRATION

This is the "show and tell" part. Show and explain all the necessary steps in the process. Develop thoroughly one central ideal or practice and show each logical step-in order. As each step is demonstrated, tell what is being done and why it is used in preference to other methods. If this phase or step of the demonstration is not completed, give additional information about the material or equipment being used. **EXAMPLE: ACTION:** While egg whites are being folded into the cake, tell **WHAT:** The egg whites are folded into the cake batter. **HOW:** The spoon is brought down the side of the bowl, across the bottom, up the other side, and over the top, folding the mixture. **WHY:** Egg whites are folded into the batter to prevent the breaking of air cells. **Other explanations:** Slotted spoon is an ideal piece of equipment for this purpose. Air beaten into the egg whites helps to serve as a leavening agent. (There also might be some discussion of the food value of eggs).

Include only enough explanation to fill the action time required for each phase of the demonstration. Demonstrators should always use their own words to describe the action. Material memorized from the other sources never sounds convincing. In presenting a team demonstration, divide the work and explaining, so each team member has about the same amount to do. Make the divisions where it would appear natural to shift from one process to another. The rule of thumb is that the person demonstrating should also be the one telling about it. While one partner is demonstrating, the other serves as a helper.

Correct methods and skillful work are important throughout the presentation. Equipment used should be proper for the job to be done and should be used enough to show skill in operation. Work for simplicity and attractiveness of products while avoiding the appearance of too much "housekeeping" before the audience. Build to a climax. You are demonstrating all steps of the process. Some demonstrations pose special problems, such as a long waiting interval in baking rolls, making cheese, or painting furniture. In this case, it may be best to have the material in several stages of completion, to show all steps of the process. If the process can't be finished in the allowed time show a finished product that has been prepared previously, such as a cherry pie or a chilled gelatin salad.

### III. SUMMARY

Last chance to get it across. In the summary, the points of the demonstration, the audience should remember and ways this topic can be valuable to those concerned should be emphasized.

Display the finished product attractively, so even those on the back row can see well. Allow the judges to ask questions.



# 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.
  - Online 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. Register online

For questions about how to get registered, contact the state office at 352-846-444

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!



## Adopt A Road: Lake Road

On January 23rd, the 4H youth will be cleaning up the 2 mile section of Lake Road which we adopted. This is our service initiative in which we help to cleanup our community and make it shine!



## NEW 4-H Specialty Plate

Pre-sale vouchers for a NEW 4-H Specialty Plate now available at your local tag office location. The voucher can be purchased at any time; you do not have to wait for your renewal period. To purchase you just need your Driver License number. You can also purchase a voucher as a gift from someone with the recipient's DL#.

3,000 vouchers must be sold by the state's deadline of Oct 2022, and once the goal is met the plate will be produced. 100% of the \$25 annual plate fee will support the Florida 4-H Foundation for the following statewide programs: Camping, Legislature, University and competitive event participation. With administrative processing fees the total voucher cost is ~\$33.

## 4H at Home

I know you all are tired of online programs but we just wanted to let you know of a cool 4H website that teaches you some cool things like a Mars rover and you get to make some rockets (paper airplanes). I encourage you to check it out and see for yourself. The sky is the limit.

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



# 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 Elison ([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

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# JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## JOY Toy Drive

The annual Toy Drive happened on December 18, 2020 and was successful in serving about 150 families and having many happy youth on Christmas morning. Thank you everyone who participated in making this event happen including our neighborhood businesses and all our sponsors.



One of our many community Sponsors.  
Thankyou!!!!

## Peanut Butter Drive

Jefferson County held the annual peanut butter drive and came in second in the region with 1300 jars of peanut butter. The peanut butter will be distributed to area churches, shelters, and all those that need a helping hand. Go Team!!!



## JOY Toy Drive Pictures:





# January 2020

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