

Jackson County Extension Education & Communication Committee  
FoodWise Report for 2/1/19 – 2/28/18



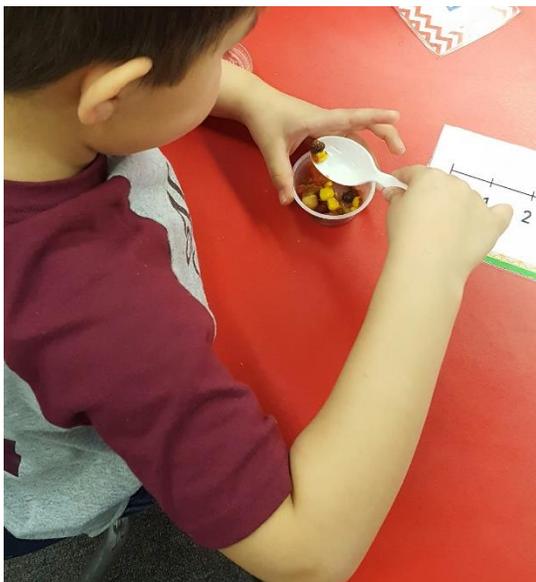
**FoodWise Projects, Events & Professional Development - April Duval, Coordinator:**

- Nutrition newsletter articles for Forrest Street and Red Creek Elementary
- 60 Forward newsletter article
- Health and Well Being Institute call
- FoodWise Monthly call
- Deans Extension Exchange calls
- Annual FoodWise Coordinators Meeting in Madison

**Education in Jackson County Schools:**

MyPlate Dairy and Protein lessons:

School	Grade	Number of Classrooms	Number of Events
Forrest Street Elementary	Kindergarten	7	2
Lincoln Elementary	Kindergarten	3	1
Lincoln Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3	1
Red Creek Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	7	2



Kindergarten student trying bean salsa:

Recipe:

- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can garbanzo beans
- 1 can corn
- 1 jar salsa

### Key Programs and Projects

#### **Melrose Grain Marketing Workshop**

This annual meeting was held in Melrose. John Heinberg from Stewart Peterson presented on grain market trends and outlook along with marketing strategies. Dr. Brenda Boetel followed with a livestock market outlook as well as an overview of the current global economy and its effects on agriculture. The final presenter of the day was Gennifer Jesunas, who covered crop insurance and farm bill updates. Attendance was slightly lower than past years due to Cargill's annual meeting being held on the same day. (22)

#### **Needs assessment**

Still ongoing-Despite several efforts to publicize the online survey I did not have much success in gaining respondents. The decision was made to mail hard copies of the survey to area producers (214 individuals). I asked for completed surveys to be returned by March 15<sup>th</sup> with the hopes that I can have results tabulated before April. As of the end of February I have received 55 responses.

### Professional Development

#### **Farm Management In-Service**

Yearly training held for farm management focused agents to address new tools and information available from the University system to assist producers. Kevin Bernhardt, farm and business management specialist, presented the newest Dairy Enterprise budget tool which was published in January. He also shared statistical data from the past 4 years showing financial and operational trends between the most and least profitable dairy enterprises. Presentations were followed by a case-study training in partial budgeting.

### Other Meetings/Projects

Updated Ag. Media Platforms

Spring UWEX Agriculture Newsletter

FARM Team-Cost of Production Zoom meeting 2/1

New Colleague Orientation (Jerry Clark) 2/4

FSA Committee Meeting 2/13

Farmers Market Board Meeting 2/13

Livestock Team-State Veterinary Update Zoom 2/15

Land Conservation Committee Meeting 2/21

Dairy Team WisLine 2/22

Industrial Hemp Educational Meeting 2/25

FFA District Speaking Contest-Judge 2/26

Dairy Promotion Committee Meeting 2/28

### Farm Visits/Consults

Laufenberg-Weigh Pads/State  
Fair 2/1

Woods-Land rent rates 2/4

Shulte- Tree Farm Leasing 2/4

Dubier-PAT vineyards 2/7

Nordgaard-Facilities 2/11

Larson-Facilities 2/11

LaBar-Community Garden 2/12

Gilbertson-On Farm meat sales 2/14

Pfaff-Financials 2/18

Friedel-Land Lease 2/19

Rhodes-Hay Price/Sale 2/20

# JACKSON COUNTY EXTENSION & EDUCATION COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

## 4-H & Positive Youth Development Team

February 1, 2019 – February 28, 2019



### 4-H HIGHLIGHTS

**Festival of the Arts** – Jackson County 4-H youth to attend the Festival of the Arts event that was held on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 11 AM. The Festival of the Arts event was a great opportunity for 4-Her's to explore their artistic, communicative, and dramatic skills and we plan to do the event again next year. We had 8 youth participate from Jackson County. Sadly, there were three other 4-H events happening in Jackson County on the same day so that did affect our numbers.

**Cloverbud Project Series** – Cloverbuds are 4-H youth in grades kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. There are two volunteers who have worked to build the 4-H Cloverbud Project in Jackson County and to do so they plan one event a month, from January through April. The January project was 'Build Your Own Waterslides' and we had ten cloverbuds participate, even though it was bad weather. The kids loved it!

**Bruce Mound Family Fun Night** – The Hixton Lucky Clovers 4-H Club invited all 4-H members in Jackson County to join them in a family fun night at Bruce Mound in Clark County on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The turn-out from the Hixton Lucky Clovers 4-H Club was higher than in past years and two families from other clubs in the county participated. It was a fun event!

### VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

**Volunteer In Preparation Training (VIP)** – This is a training required for new 4-H volunteers. We had four individuals attend the training that I held on Thursday, February 21, 2019. The training is about an hour and a half in length and covers topics such as: risk management, Jackson County statistics, being a mandated reporter, UW-Extension office information, and what 4-H looks like in our county. All four individuals are interested in being 4-H volunteers at different capacities.

### 4-H CLUB BREAK-DOWN

We have a total of 12 4-H Clubs in Jackson County with 213 youth enrolled in clubs, 53 adult volunteers enrolled, and 15 youth volunteers enrolled in Jackson County 4-H. On the back of this sheet you will find a breakdown of the 13 clubs locations and enrollment numbers as of 2/28/2019.

### KEY MEETINGS

Feb 5 – Arcadia Afterschool Program Meeting  
Feb 7 – Meeting to discuss 4-H involvement in Farmers Market  
Feb 9 – Festival of the Arts Event  
Feb 9 – Clark & Trempealeau County Bruce Mound Trip  
Feb 11 – Treasurer Meeting  
Feb 11 – Cloverbud Event: Build Your Own Waterslide  
Feb 13 – Cohort #2 Meeting: Top Tips for Interacting with Media  
Feb 15 – Jackson County Bruce Mound Trip  
Feb 18 – Jackson County P & L Board Meeting  
Feb 19 – Jackson County EEC Meeting  
Feb 19 – Jackson County EEC Meeting  
Feb 19 – Working Session: Volunteer Role Descriptions



Checking out the Arts & Craft projects at the Festival of the Arts.



Watching the Photography judge and checking out the beautiful photos!



The speeches, interpretive readings, and story telling portion of the day drew large crowds.

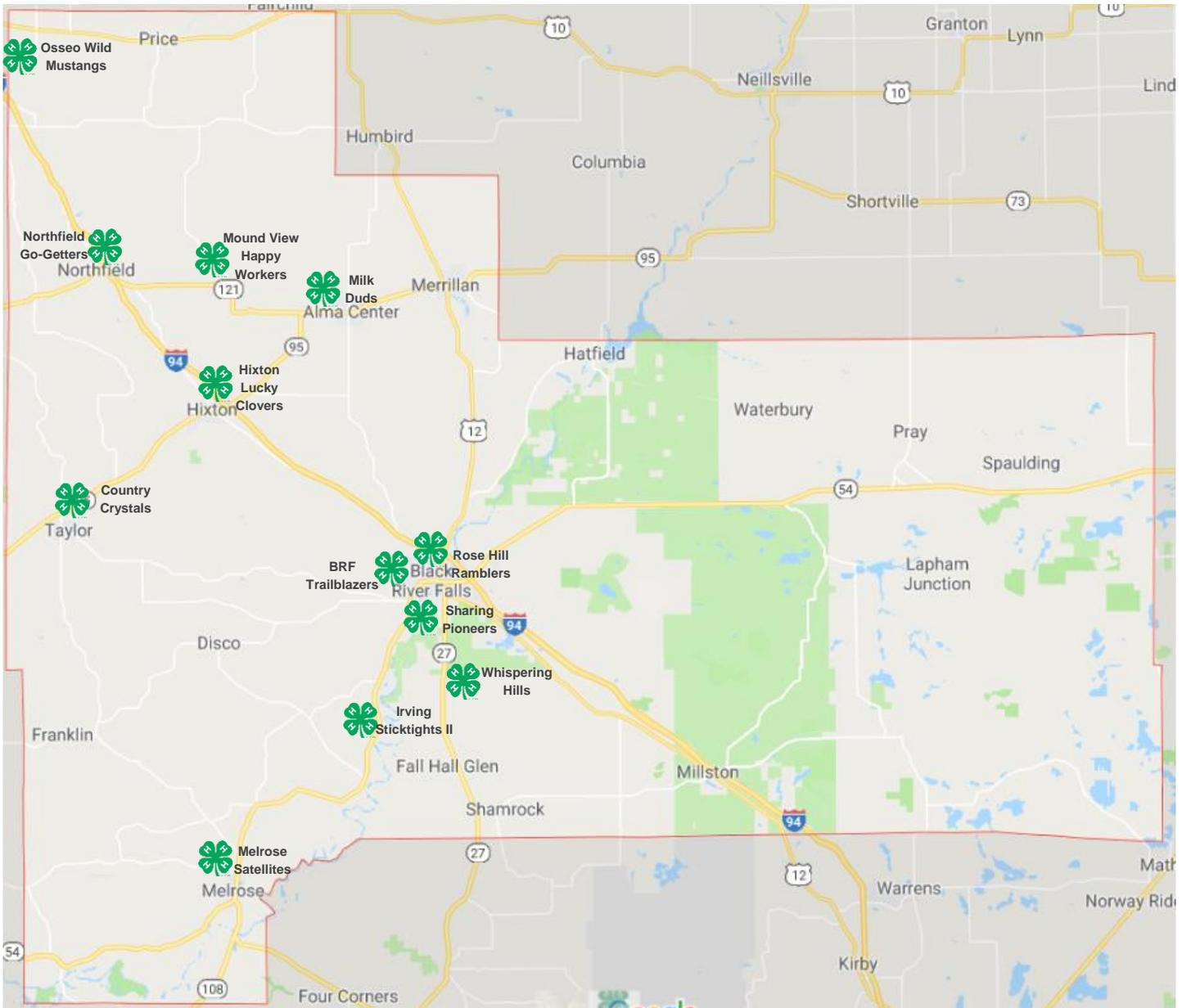


The event was re-schedule to February 15<sup>th</sup>, due to weather, but there was a pretty good turn-out and the families who attended had a blast!

Feb 21 – Jackson County Volunteer in Preparation Training  
Feb 21 – Meeting with Trempealeau County Livestock President  
Feb 22 – Phone Meeting with Jackson County P & L Board President  
Feb 25 – Trempealeau County P & L Board  
Feb 26 – Jackson County Parent Meeting  
Feb 26 – New Colleague Meeting with Pat & Jamie  
Feb 27 – Working Session: Volunteer Role Descriptions  
Feb 28 – Working Session: Volunteer Role Descriptions

# JACKSON COUNTY

# 4-H Club Break-down



- **BRF Trailblazers**
  - Club Leader: Natalie Cogswell
  - Club Enrollment: 14 youth, 5 adult volunteers
- **Country Crystals**
  - Club Leader: Karen Kling
  - Club Enrollment: 21 youth, 2 adult volunteers
- **Hixton Lucky Clovers**
  - Club Leader: Stacy Shramek
  - Club Enrollment: 27 youth, 6 adult volunteers
- **Irving Stickights II**
  - Club Leader: Kara Wensel and Craig Kubaskie
  - Club Enrollment: 24 youth, 12 adult volunteers
- **Melrose Satellites**
  - Club Leader: Tricia Waughtal
  - Club Enrollment: 38 youth, 4 adult volunteers
- **Milk Duds**
  - Club Leader: Mary Giese and Alisa Johnson
  - Club Enrollment: 29 youth, 6 adult volunteers
- **Mound View Happy Workers**
  - Club Leader: Todd Erickson and Linda Moseley
  - Club Enrollment: 12 youth, 7 adult volunteers
- **Northfield Go-Getters**
  - Club Leader: Carolyn Mann and Stephen Smith
  - Club Enrollment: 3 youth, 2 adult volunteers
- **Osseo Wild Mustangs**
  - Club Leader: Cathy Franck and David Franck, Sr
  - Club Enrollment: 11 youth, 4 adult volunteers
- **Rose Hill Ramblers**
  - Club Leader: June Johnson
  - Club Enrollment: 4 youth, 1 adult volunteer
- **Sharing Pioneers**
  - Club Leader: Deb Johnson
  - Club Enrollment: 8 youth, 1 adult volunteer
- **Whispering Hills**
  - Club Leader: Ellie Hurlburt and Melissa Schaub
  - Club Enrollment: 12 youth, 3 adult volunteers