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Jefferson County Board Members

FARMER'S SHARE BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone who came out for our 7th Annual Farmer's Share Breakfast! We served over 200 meals through dining in and carrying out. The Jefferson County Board members prepared a delicious meal of biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and scrambled eggs. The \$1.00 charge represents the estimated portion of each food dollar that farmers receive in America. This event was a great way to celebrate National Ag Week while promoting agriculture in the county and beyond.

4-H GRANT RECIPIENTS

We would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2026 Jefferson County 4-H Project Grants! A total of 8 outstanding 4-H members were selected this year.

The 4-H Project Grant program is designed to encourage youth to explore new project areas by helping remove potential barriers, while also inspiring continued involvement and growth within the Jefferson County 4-H program.

Each recipient will complete their project and share their progress along the way. We look forward to highlighting their hard work and accomplishments in the near future!

Congratulations to our 2026 Jefferson County 4-H Project Grant Recipients!

2026 4-H Project Grant Recipients

- Cooper Degenhart • Saige Hanes
- Rebessa Hanes • Sierra Mellott
- Corin Hargett • Paisley Thouvenin
- Savanna Mellott • Hudson Rodgers

FFA SAFETY DAY



Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Lucille Schlabach talking to the kids about Ag Safety.

Ag in the Classroom had a wonderful time at Mt. Vernon FFA Safety Day! We truly enjoyed the opportunity to engage with students and share the importance of farm safety through hands on learning and discussion. It's always rewarding to see such enthusiasm and curiosity from the next generation. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success!



Jefferson County Board, Manager Associate Courtney Gideon, NewMed Diagnostics

NEWMED DIAGNOSTICS AWARDED RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO EXPAND RURAL HEALTH ACCESS

Jefferson County Farm Bureau helped recognize NewMed Diagnostics for being awarded a Rural Development Grant, aimed to improve access to healthcare services in rural communities. The grant will support NewMed Diagnostics innovative program, LabReach, a mobile diagnostic initiative designed to bring essential lab testing and prevention health services directly to underserved rural areas. By eliminating transportation barriers and increasing access to early detection and routine screenings, LabReach is positioned

to make a meaningful impact on community health outcomes. Rural residents often face unique challenges when it comes to accessing healthcare, including long travel distances and limited availability of medical services. Programs like LabReach help bridge that gap by delivering services directly to local communities. Looking ahead, Jefferson County Farm Bureau is eager to collaborate with NewMed Diagnostics on future efforts that promote health and wellness across the region.