

## Jefferson Ruritan Club, Inc.



"Fellowship, Goodwill, &  
Community Service

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The Jefferson Ruritan Club was chartered in December 1955 by a group of residents as a local community service nonprofit 501(c)4, focused on local needs of Jefferson, and surrounding areas. Ruritan is meant to promote fellowship, goodwill, and community service, dedicated to creating a better understanding among people and through volunteer community service, to make America's smaller communities better places in which to live and work.

Our Jefferson Club is one of the largest groups in the country with approximately 100 members. As Jefferson is an unincorporated town, the Ruritan club acts as a "quasi" oversight body, providing many services and activities for the community.

For almost 70 years we have provided annual student scholarships, sponsored Boy Scout Troop 1066, paid for Jefferson Street lights, organized Streetscape, donated to locate schools & groups, provided playground and open space, hold annual community carnival, Farmers Market, breakfasts, dinners, butcherings, created and maintain area Veterans & Honorary gardens, maintain Jefferson history & archives, and so much more!

**The Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Ruritan Center at 6:30pm with dinner, program presentation, and business meeting.**

**Come and check us out, enjoy good food, fellowship, and give back to the Jefferson community and help make future history!**

*See any member or go online for an application.*

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## *Celebrating 250 Years*



### Event Brochure

**Friday Evening - May 17, 2024  
5:30 – 8:30pm**

**“Jefferson History Mixer”  
Jefferson Ruritan Grounds**

**Saturday – May 18, 2024  
8:00am – 8:30pm  
Jefferson Ruritan Grounds  
and Throughout the Town**



Event organized by:  
Jefferson Ruritan

As the United States is gearing up for the 250th celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, two years before that time the village we now know as “Jefferson” was first established.

Initially called “New-Town” of 40 lots at an intersection of colonial roads from the Potomac River, Fredericktown and the west. Later called Newtown Trap, the village expanded by 22 more lots of New Freedom, then incorporated into the town of Jefferson in 1831, and then years later unincorporated. While the town has had many names, it is named after statesman Thomas Jefferson, who spent several nights here and commented on the maple tree line street. Today with newer housing subdivisions placed among the agricultural landscape, Jefferson is a great place for many to call their hometown.

## Schedule of Events

**Friday Evening - May 17, 2024**

**5:30 – 8:30pm**

**“Jefferson History Mixer”**

*Jefferson Ruritan Grounds*

*History Hall with many Exhibits,  
Displays, Photos and Artifacts*

*Speaker Presentations*

- 5:30pm - Jefferson in the Civil War
- 6:30pm -Bill Moran Damascus Knives
- 7:30pm – Farming in Jefferson

*6:00-8:30pm Bandstand – Park Avenue*

*5:30-8:30pm - Food Trucks – Outside*

*Parking on the Ruritan grounds and  
overflow off Holter RD behind HC Summers*

**Saturday - May 18, 2024**

**8:00am – 8:30pm**

**8:00 am – 5K Run** – Ruritan Center to Roundtree, Livingston, Horine Rd. & 180

**8:00 am – 1K Fun Run/Walk** – Valley Elem. School to Ruritan Center (shuttles available)

**8am to 8pm – Food** – Breakfast (8-11)/Lunch & Dinner - Served at Ruritan Pavilion

**9am to 7 pm – Jefferson History Displays** in Ruritan Center to include:

- Jefferson History Timeline
- Jefferson Area Maps & Photo's
- Jefferson Agriculture
- History Presentations/Theatre
- William Moran Damascus Knives

**11:00 – Noon – 250<sup>th</sup> Town Parade**

Start VES down 180 to Center (staging at 10am/Bands, floats, antique cars, truck, tractors, clowns/*180 Closed* - shuttles available)

**9am to 6pm – Demonstrations**

- Cow Milking/Hands on (9-11am & 1-3pm).
- Butter Churning
- Sheep Shearing & Wool Spinning
- Wheat Winnowing
- Blacksmithing

**9am to 6pm – Children's Activities** at Ruritan grounds to include:

- Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
- Moon Bounces & Trackless Train
- Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull (1:00pm)
- Magic Show (3:00pm) & Clowns
- Animal Balloons & Face Painting
- Little Red Barn Ice Cream
- Daisy Cakes Bakery
- SnoCones, Cotton Candy, Popcorn

### **9am to 4pm – Open Houses**

- Jefferson Vol. Fire Company (built 1967)
- United Methodist Church (built 1830)
- United Church of Christ (built 1841)
- St Paul's Lutheran Church (built 1866)
- Family Dentistry; Little Red Barn;  
Daisy Cakes, other locations

### **9am-5pm – Crafters/Exhibitors** (pavilion)

### **1:00pm – Jefferson Guided Walking Tour**

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(starts at Ruritan Center thru Town & back)

### **1:00-8:30pm – Stage Entertainment**

- 1:00 – Elvis & Spin Outs (set#1)
- 2:00 – Brushfire
- 3:00 - Elvis & Spin Outs (set#1)
- 5:30 - 8:30 – Sticktime

### **5:00pm – Time Capsule Placement**

(at Veterans/Honorary Garden)

**8:30pm – Fireworks Finale** launched from  
top of Mountville RD (large viewing area from  
Ruritan grounds, Roundtree & vicinities)

### **Jefferson History Souvenirs Available:**

(inside Ruritan Center & outside display booth)

- Jefferson 250<sup>th</sup> History Book (\$30)
- David Yontz Jefferson Print (\$50)
- 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration T-Shirts (\$15)
- 250<sup>th</sup> Collectors Mug (\$15)
- Jefferson Commemorative Bottle (\$10)
- Jefferson 200<sup>th</sup> History Book (\$15)
- 250<sup>th</sup> Wooden Nickel (Free)
- Veterans & Honorary Pavers (\$100)  
(be a part of Jefferson history)

**Thank you for your Attendance and  
Continued Support!**