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**A YEAR FROM NOW
YOU MAY WISH YOU
HAD STARTED TODAY.**
~ KAREN LAMB



A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

Goals are a great way to start a new month! What do you want to accomplish today, this month, or this year? There is no better day to begin than today! Too often we find ourselves running out of time. Goals can help us stay on track and accomplish tasks faster.

Let's use our 4-H fair exhibits as an example. Wouldn't it be a great idea to start working on an exhibit now, rather than waiting until the last minute? Time gets away from us, and sometimes we fall a little behind. It's easier to start when you have a spare moment, instead of rushing to find free time.

Take a moment out of your busy day, and create some new goals for yourself. You will feel so much better when you are able to check a task off of your list!

Chelsea Dertz

Debbie Burkman

Susan Clark

General 4-H News

Newsclip Article Submission

Does your 4-H Project Committee or 4-H Club have an upcoming event you'd like to invite our county 4-H families to participate in? One way of spreading the word is by submitting an article for the *4-H Newsclip*. Send your article to: 4Hnewsclip@co.walworth.wi.us or chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu by the appropriate deadline.

Newsclip Deadlines:

- June/July Issue – **May 19**
- August/September Issue – **July 21**
- October/November Issue – **September 22**

New Families—Major Event Guide

Sometimes 4-H staff, members, leaders, and volunteers forget that 4-H can be very confusing the first year or two. A breakdown of annual events is located on our website: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>. Click on "Major Event Guide". The events are in alphabetical order, not by date. If you have any other questions, please feel free to give our office a call at (262) 741-4951. Take a peek and see what 4-H has to offer outside of your club meetings!

Phone, Address, and Email Changes?

We know that technology changes frequently in everyone's life. If your email address or phone number changes during the course of the year, please take a moment to update your account in 4HOnline. This will help ensure that you will continue to receive the project communications you will need.

New Volunteer Enrollment

Walworth County 4-H is always looking for new adult volunteers (ages 18+) to help in club and county roles. If you are interested in stepping up to leadership, here's what you need to do to get started...

- 1) Log into 4HOnline and enroll yourself as an adult volunteer. If you already have a family account (because you have 4-Hers or other adult leaders) in your home, you can simply add yourself to the existing account. Otherwise, you'll need to start a brand new one.
- 2) Complete the on-line mandated reporter training accessible through your 4HOnline account.
- 3) Watch your email for a message from GIS asking for info to complete a background check on you. GIS is the company that the University of Wisconsin has chosen to

handle background checks for its employees and volunteers. Supply the requested info and submit it.
4) Attend a VIP Training workshop at the local UW-Extension office. The next scheduled training is **April 11** from 7:00-8:30pm. (VIP Training was formerly called "Youth Protection Training.")

Once all of these steps are successfully completed and you have a satisfactory background check, your enrollment will be "approved," and you'll be considered an official 4-H volunteer. 4-H volunteer positions are renewable annually so long as you enroll in 4HOnline each fall, maintain current background check records (must be redone every four years), and meet 4-H volunteer behavior expectations.

Literature Orders

NEW THIS YEAR! Our member-families will be responsible for ordering their own project literature. The new 4-H Project Guide indicates available literature and where it can be purchased. Families are invited to order the literature they desire whenever they would like. No literature orders will be placed by the UW-Extension office this year even if families mark literature they want in 4HOnline. Literature listed as "available" is actually available as of 9/15/16. For projects where no literature is identified as available, families are encouraged to seek out their own resources.

2017 Newsclip Paper Subscription

4-H families that wish to receive hard copies of the *4-H Newsclip* by mail may do so by completing a \$10 subscription and submitting it to the UW-Extension office. That subscription will be good through the December 2017/January 2018 issue. 4-H families with valid e-mail

addresses through 4HOnline will automatically receive an email alert when new issues of the *Newsclip* are available online. For the subscription form, please visit our website: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>

Track Your 4-H Participation

If you don't have a calendar where you're marking down your 4-H activities on a regular basis, this is a great time to start one! Mandatory project meetings are about to be in full swing, along with a host of other county events that have either just happened, or are happening soon. Make a note of each thing you do in 4-H as you do it, and filling out your 4-H record forms—particularly the Permanent Participation Record (PPR)—will be a whole lot easier in September when record books are due! Attend a club meeting? Mark it down! Club had a guest presenter who talked about wildlife? Mark it down! Attended a mandatory swine project meeting? Mark it down! Playing a trombone solo at your next 4-H meeting? Mark it down. Attended Kids' College in January? Mark it down—along with which classes you took. Attended the last three Junior Leaders' Association meetings? Mark them down!

This spring, our 4-H Awards Committee will be releasing a newly revised PPR form. Though the new form is not shorter, it has been updated to reflect the things that members and clubs across our county are doing in 4-H

RIGHT NOW! ...And it includes places to accumulate points that haven't really existed before. For example, you can earn points for attending Junior Leaders' Association meetings each month, attending camp counselor training sessions, participating in animal project meetings and trainings, and more! Plus, if your club hosts cool educational programs on any topic (STEM, Natural Science, Cooking, Safety, Leadership, etc.), and you attend, you can get points for those! In fact, there's a place to get credit for just about everything you do in 4-H, and the points you earn help you inch closer and closer to receiving your Bronze, Silver, Gold, and the new PLATINUM participation pins!

Note: 4-Hers with PPR record forms that are already partially filled out will keep their old forms in their record books behind the new ones. They'll simply transfer their existing point total to the new form and record this year's activities (and future activities) in the new form. There will be no need to rewrite info from the old form into the new one.

House of Pork News

The House of Pork (HOP) trailer is moving at the fairgrounds during fair. We will be in the same row as before, but at the top of the row, across from the grandstand, next to Squires. We are hoping to get more traffic and to have a bigger presence at the fair.

We are also exploring the option of serving the butterfly pork chop sandwich (which we serve only at the flea markets) instead of the pork tenderloin (which we serve only at fair). To do this, we would need a grill or grills from 10:00am-10:00pm for the six days of fair. If you have any ideas or know of anyone who would be willing to do this, please let us know.

We are also looking for a Chair and/or Co-Chair for the HOP. If this is your

calling, please contact the UW-Extension office or the HOP Treasurer, Laurie Giorno at (262) 903-9416.

The HOP is the major fundraiser for the Walworth County 4-H Junior and Senior Leaders Associations. Money raised is split between the two organizations and is used to fund or support 4-H Camp, State Conference, Citizen Washington Focus, Space Camp, National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, Out-of-State Exchange, Spring Fling, and various project support and education. Many of the trips require the participants to work a shift at the HOP. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in any flea market that fits their individual schedule, not just when their district is in charge.

To sign-up for flea markets, either

email the adult in charge or click on the link to sign yourself up.

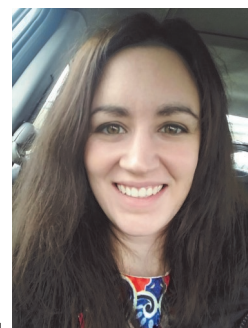
- **May 21-Central** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044cafa62da6f85-mayhouse> or email toddcaro@elknet.net
- **June 25-Southeast** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-june2> or email chelseacop@yahoo.com
- **Aug 13-Northwest** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-august2> or email lgiorno@gmail.com
- **Sept 24-Southwest** or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-september> or email mhaney628@yahoo.com

If you have any questions, please contact the UW-Extension office or Laurie Giorno, (262) 903-9416.

UW-Extension Selfie Spotlight

Robin Gleason — UW-Extension Spring Intern

Hello fellow 4-H'ers! I am very excited to have the opportunity to intern with UW-Extension and jump back into working with 4-H. I have been working in the office since the beginning of February 2017, and I am excited to continue my work through the end of the semester. I have been familiar with UW-Extension most of my life, as that is what brought my family to Wisconsin way back in 1994. My mom was the Agricultural Educator for Door County. At that time, she was one of only three women working in UW-Extension! I am also a 4-H Alumni and have taken many projects through my 4-H career ranging from cats to rabbits, and cooking to photography. I was selected as the Outagamie County delegate to go on the Citizenship Washington Focus trip and was able to participate in the 4-H WI State Fair clothing revue. 4-H and UW-Extension have always been a big part of my life, and I am eager to continue my learning this semester.



A little about myself: I have been with my husband for 9 years, and we have a wonderful and out-going 2 year-old. I love learning new things and am always up for a new challenge. I have lived in Whitewater since 2014. I enjoy watching Disney movies and crime shows, playing board games, traveling, and if you really want to know the way to my heart – come over for a campfire and bring the s'mores!

Event Recaps

Music Fest

The level of creativity was through the roof at the Elkhorn Area High School Auditorium on February 19. There were a total of 11 Music Fest acts performed during the show. Any musical talent was able to be showcased as long as it was family friendly. Five 4-H clubs signed up to participate in Music Fest: LaGrange, Sugar Creek, Sharon, Walworth, and Lake Beulah. 23 total youth went across the stage, some more than once!

A big "thank you" to the 4-H Arts Council, 4-H members, and volunteers who helped with set-up, lighting, sound, and take down of Music Fest 2017. MCs for the afternoon included: Madelyn Kleist, Kirby Roberts, and Lucy Stinebrink. Our MCs kept the crowd laughing and entertained while announcing each musical group.

Softball Mini Camp

Thanks to all the participants that came out to the 4-H Softball Mini Camp. The 11 youth that came out and had fun learned some of the basic skills and knowledge of Softball. Thanks to all the adult volunteers that helped make the day possible for the kids.

New and Upcoming Events

Communication Arts Fest and Real World Fair

Communication Arts Fest on **May 16** from 5:30-8:00pm at the Government Center is open to all Walworth County 4-H members, regardless of what projects you've enrolled in. Only youth enrolled in the communications and real world fair projects (Communications, Consumer Savvy, Creative Writing, Entrepreneurship, and Speaking) will be eligible for premium money. Entry forms are due **May 5** by 5:00pm and are [available online](#). Creative writing entries must be submitted with the entry form by **May 1 @5:00pm** to give the judge enough time to read your work.

General Guidelines:

- Judging for all divisions will be face-to-face.
- A maximum of three entries are allowed in Divisions D-F.
- A laptop will be available at judging upon request.
- Entries that do not meet the entry requirements or are entered in the wrong class will be judged and will receive a ribbon. However, these entries will be ineligible for fair premium money and special awards.
- If you sign up, plan to show up. "No shows" cause major scheduling conflicts at this event.
- Speeches, poems, etc. prepared for school, forensics, FFA, etc., are eligible for entry.
- All entries must be your work and cannot have been presented at a previous Communication Arts Fest/Real World Fair.
- Awards: Each participant will receive a blue, red or white ribbon in his/her class. Grand and reserve champion honors will be selected from eligible project members in all divisions.

4-H Softball

It's that time again to start thinking about your club team for the annual 4-H Softball League. Please designate a coach for your club—this could be a past coach, or someone new if a past coach is not willing. Each club is allowed one Junior team roster and one Senior team roster. Each player will have to sign-up through [4honline.com](#).

All youth need to be registered in [4honline.com](#) by **April 17**. To register: log-on to your [4honline.com](#) account and select "2017 4-H Softball Registration" under the "events" tab. Let your general leader or club softball coach know that you have signed-up. If you only have a few interested members, the Softball Commission will assign them to play with another club. Please encourage teams that are small to participate!

Cost for this year's program will be \$15.00 per team. In addition to the \$15.00, there is a \$5.00 per player charge. (If your club has three or fewer players on the roster, the fee is \$5.00 per team plus \$5.00 per player charge.) To explain the extra \$5.00: a \$1.00 accident insurance fee is charged for each player because the softball program is considered league play (making it a higher risk than other projects).

\$1.00 covers the cost of the official umpires at each game. The final \$3.00 is for team t-shirts. Each player will get a t-shirt with a color that represents their team! Please wear them to your games like a uniform.

\$5.00 payment is due to your coach by **April 17**. Payment and registration deadlines will be strictly enforced. No entries will be accepted at the coaches' meeting. Clubs will be billed after the Coaches' meeting.

The coaches' meeting will be held on **May 3 (DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED)** at 7:00pm at the Government Center. The coach or a representative for your team must be present at this meeting. Coaches **MUST** have attended a Youth Protection Workshop. If they have not, the team roster will not be accepted, and the team will be disqualified. The new 4-H Softball Guidelines Book will be handed out and reviewed at this meeting. Other issues will be brought up and discussed by the Softball Commission and coaches. Coaches: please know where your home field will be by the coaches' meeting. Team t-shirt colors will also be chosen at this meeting.



Lakeland School Fest

The staff at Lakeland School are starting to make plans for the annual Lakeland School Fest, which is set for Saturday, **May 13, 2017**. School Fest is Lakeland School's only fundraiser and helps to supplement expenses for programs such as prom, graduation, community experiences, and incentives for students.

In order for School Fest to be a success, we rely on others to help pass the word about specific needs for the day. Please consider helping out in the following ways:

1. Rummage Sale: Are you spring cleaning? Please consider donating your unwanted items (household goodies, decorations, lamps, adult and

children books, kitchen items, toys, etc.) to our rummage sale. No soft goods (clothes, blankets, etc.).

2. Live auction: If you have a connection to get donations or if you would like to donate, please contact Dawn McBride or Gabey Davis 741-4118.

3. Basket Bonanza: If you have a connection to get donations or if you would like to donate. The Basket Bonanza is a themed basket raffle that runs from 9:00-11:30am. Tickets are sold and people drop their tickets in containers correlating to the basket they want a chance to win. If you have any questions or need a little inspiration please contact Tanya

Knutson 741-4182.

4. Bake Sale: Love to bake? We could use baked goods for our bake sale. Please drop off at the school the week of May 8-12th.

5. School Fest gift certificates: If you would like to purchase gift certificates, that can be used the day of School Fest, please call Michelle Baugrud at 741-4182 or Anita Finely at 741-4181.

6. If you are interested in volunteering that day, please contact Colleen Lesniak at 741-4223.

Thank you so much for any help that you can provide to make this year's School Fest a success!

Family Records Training

The 4-H Awards Committee will be hosting a Family Records Training event on **Tuesday, April 11**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the County Government Center. The evening will begin with a whole group welcome and overview. Then, youth and adults will split into age appropriate tracks for more intensive training and fun! Record book layout, forms, judging considerations, and county award opportunities will be discussed. We'll also take a good look at the new *Permanent Participation Record (PPR)*

form! If you are new or recently new to 4-H, this workshop will be particularly helpful! That said, ANYONE and EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

Pre-register by **Wednesday, April 5** by emailing deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu with your name, club, number of youth and adults planning to attend, and a phone number where you can be reached on April 11. You can also call in your registration to 262-741-4951.

Drama Fest

The 2017 Walworth County 4-H [Drama Fest](#) will be held on Sunday, **April 23** at Elkhorn Area High School. The event begins at 1:00pm. Drama Fest entry forms are due in the UW-Extension office by 5:00pm on Friday, **April 7, 2017**.

All acts must pre-register using the Drama Fest registration form. Registration for this event is FREE! Refer to the score sheet for guidelines that the judges will be using to critique performances. Please note that there will be a short evaluation that will take place directly after the routine. The judges will give out their full-evaluation score sheets at the 4-H Drama Fest Awards Ceremony. Directly after the last

performance, the judges will gather their thoughts and finish their evaluations for 15 minutes while actors and their families enjoy a cookie reception! When the judges are finished, they will give out special awards, such as: "Scenery Crew Award," "Best Use of Stage," "Best Script Interpretation," and "Most In-Character." Stay until the end of the show to see if YOU or your club won an award!

NEW THIS YEAR! A Cloverbud only play will be directed by Caroline Cornelison. If you are interested in participating, please contact the UW-Extension office or Caroline (262) 949-0647. Any cloverbud from any club is welcome!

Youth Leadership Derby

Set your high school student's calendar to join PDPW Youth Leadership Derby for a two-day, overnight educational experience. The program will run **April 22-23** at Colby High School. Students must be 15-18 years old. This is a must-attend program as your child prepares for the next step in securing an education and career in the dairy industry. Youth Leadership Derby has been designed to allow

students to take a deep dive exploration in leadership, science & communication activities, while participating in dairy operation tours and hands-on breakout sessions that will benefit their future success in either an academic or work place environment. The cost is \$79/student. A brochure can be found [here](#) and a registration link can be found [here](#).

4-H Summer Camp

Add a little zest to this year's summer vacation! Plan now to attend 4-H Camp 2017 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Walworth County 4-H Camp will be held **June 21-24** and will include three days and three nights of fun, friends, and high adventure! Camp is open to youth currently in grades 3-8. Cost is \$140 per camper. No camper registrations will be accepted after May 15. The camp fee includes a t-shirt. Thanks to the Walworth County Junior

and Senior Leaders' Associations for helping to offset costs for this annual program to help make it more affordable for our 4-H families! Camp applications are available at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-h-camp-2017/>. A couple of adult chaperones are still needed for camp week, as well. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, contact Debbie at the UW-Extension office.

Favorite Foods Review

Do you love to cook or bake? Please join us for the Favorite Foods Review 2017 on **June 14** at the County Government Center, Elkhorn. The event will start at 6:00pm. It is a first come, first serve event. [Food item entry forms](#) are due to the UW-Extension office on Tuesday, **June 13** at 5:00pm.

All 4-H members and cloverbuds are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to plan and prepare a food item. There will be a judge to evaluate your food item(s). The judge will provide 4-H members valuable feedback and tips! Please enter one or more dishes!

Fur and Feather Swap

The 22nd Annual Walworth County Fur & Feather Swap is set for **Saturday, April 15** from 7:00-10:00am at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. The event connects vendors and buyers with small animals, equipment, and crafts. A lunch stand is available inside the heated Activity Center.

General admission to the Swap is \$2.00. Children under 12 enter free.

Selling spaces are available the day of the Swap on a first-come, first-served basis. Outdoor spaces are \$5 and indoor spaces are \$10.

State law requires all poultry must be accompanied by health papers. Copies will be collected before entry.

For more information contact Dale Wheelock at (262) 882-3633 or Bruce Houghtby at (815) 482-0221..

Updates are also available on the Swap's Facebook page at facebook.com/WalworthCoFurFeatherSwap.

Proceeds from the Swap support the Fur & Feather Sale at the Walworth County Fair. Since 1975, the Fur & Feather Sale has showcased blue ribbon poultry, rabbits, and goats from Walworth County 4-H and FFA members. All proceeds from the sale benefit the exhibitors, who also may apply for scholarships to further their educational goals after graduation. The sale is held every Labor Day in the Wiswell Center at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.

Gateway's Earth Day Celebration

On **Saturday, April 22**, Gateway celebrates our environment with displays, workshops, hands-on activities for people of all ages, and other environment-related activities. The FREE Earth Day event, attracts hundreds of community members to the Gateway campuses to learn and show their support for our environment.

The Elkhorn Campus (400 Highway H, Elkhorn) will host their Earth Day celebration from 10:00am-2:00pm. While you explore their many workshops and activities, you just might find a project resource or Fair exhibit along the way!

Here are some of the workshops and activities planned:

- Canning Without Turning Green! Jo Hart and Stephanie Slater. Come learn about canning food safety through the use of approved recipes, the variety of sources, and the assortment of items that can be canned. Food samples and recipes will be available. 10:30am,

South Building, Rm.112

- Native Birds! Wayne Rohde. Join Wayne as he discusses the native birds of Wisconsin and their habitats. 12:30pm, South Building, Rm.112
- Kids' Fitness Challenge: Calling all Kids! Test your skills and agility at our outdoor fitness challenge. Prizes for everyone! Ongoing, Outside
- Car Care Workshop: Justin Hoffman, Gateway Technical College. Help keep your car operating in the most environmentally friendly way possible. Ongoing, Outside
- Shop the Green/Farmers Market: Buy food, art and products that are made from recycled, or reused materials or in a more earth-friendly way.

For the full schedule of events, please visit: <https://www.gtc.edu/celebrate-earth-day#elkhorn>.

Association Updates

Junior Leaders' Association

The Walworth County Junior Leaders' Association is open to all 4-H members in grades 6-13. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the County Government Center for 75 minutes of fast-paced recreation, business, interactive programs, and refreshments! This is a great way to build your leadership skills while getting to know other youth from across the county and having fun. Come to one meeting, a few meetings, or all of the remaining meetings this program year. The choice is yours. The group meets next on **April 24** and **May 22!** The April meeting will be our **Science Night** program. Then, in May, Carl Olson (our 2016 *4-H Officer School* presenter) will be back in Elkhorn to inspire and challenge us to take the next steps in leadership. Plus, each Junior Leaders' Association meeting will include a new installment of our *Clover Journey*, with members receiving the materials they'll need to go back and tell their local clubs about cool county, state, and national 4-H opportunities just waiting to be taken advantage of. Watch your email inbox for agendas and program information!

Senior Leaders' Association

Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on **April 24** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. The **May** meeting will be held on the **22nd** of the month. If you are an enrolled 4-H volunteer in our county, you are an automatic member of this group. We hope you'll join us!

Meeting Mixer Responsibilities

April—Whitewater

May—Guest Speaker

2017 District Responsibilities

- Central: Awards Packaging and Distribution Prep
- Northwest and Southwest: Senior Leaders from District: Banquet Planning; Junior Leaders from District: Decorations
- Southeast and Northeast: County-wide Cloverbud/Exploring Workshop

VIP Training (formerly called Youth Protection Training)

The next scheduled training will be **April 11** from 7:00-8:30pm in the County Government Center. If you know of new volunteers who need to complete screening, please help spread the word about this opportunity.

June Dairy Month 4-H Window Display Contest

The theme for this year is: "The BIG Cheese!" Windows must be completed by **May 31**, entry form and picture are due to the UW-Extension office by **June 2**, and judging will take place on **June 13**. Winners will be announced in the *4-H NewsClip* and on the 4-H Website. Window display entry forms, tips, and guidelines were placed in each club's mailbox. If you need another copy, let Chelsea know. This contest is sponsored by Walworth County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Animal Project Updates

For the most up-to-date meeting dates, times, and locations, please look to the [4-H Project Meeting Guide](#)—Link located on the last page of the Newsclip.

Livestock Workshop Opportunities

Nasco (in Fort Atkinson, WI) will be presenting its 31st annual Showing and Grooming Demonstrations on **May 13**. Experienced showmen will conduct these informal demonstrations, which will touch on animal selection, proper clipping techniques, choice of grooming equipment, and showmanship. Door prizes will be given away, and each person attending will receive a valuable discount coupon for the Nasco Store. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required by **May 8** by calling (920) 568-5600. When calling, share whether you are attending just part of the day or all of

the day. Here's the schedule:

- 8:30-10:30am – Goat Demonstration
- 8:30am -Noon – Beef Demonstration
- 11:00am-2:00pm—Sheep Demonstration
- Noon-1:00pm—Lunch & Visit Nasco Store
- 1:00-4:00pm – Dairy Demonstration
- 2:00-4:00pm—Swine Demonstration

These livestock demonstrations count toward county mandatory meeting requirements for some species.

Premise ID Information

The Wisconsin Livestock Premises Registration Act requires anyone who keeps, houses, or co-mingles livestock to register their premises. Premises Registration Act rules include: bovine (bison, cattle); equine (horses, donkeys, mules); goats; poultry (chickens, turkeys, geese, duck, guinea fowl, and squab); captive game birds (pheasants, quail, wild turkeys, migratory wildfowl, pigeons, and exotic birds); sheep; swine (other than wild hogs, but including pot belly pigs); farm-raised deer (elk, moose, caribou, reindeer,

and the subfamily musk deer), camelids (llamas, alpacas); ratites (rheas, ostriches, emus, cassowary, kiwi); and fish (aquaculture farm). Rabbits, cats, and dogs are NOT included. To register, go to: <http://www.wiid.org>

Premise ID numbers are needed for our Walworth County Beef Weigh-in, Swine tagging paperwork, and Sheep Tagging Day. Please be sure to bring them along with you.

State Fair Update

Junior exhibitors planning to show at the Wisconsin State Fair will need to submit all entry information and fees directly to State Fair either online or via the mail. The local county UW-Extension office will be informed of State Fair youth entries, but will not be involved in the entry process. Junior exhibitors must be members in good standing with an approved youth organization (such as 4-H) by March 1 in order to be eligible to participate in Junior Fair programs. The Junior Show entry deadlines are:

- **June 7, 2017:** Postmark for mailed entries
- **June 7, 2017 – 7:00pm (Central Time):** Online entries close at regular fees
- **June 14, 2017 – 7:00pm (Central Time):** Late online entries with late fees close

MAQA Certification Training & Testing '17

MAQA training is conducted to help youth livestock exhibitors learn how to produce a safe, wholesome product. MAQA meets Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) requirements, which are required of all SWINE project members. Consequently, all 4-H SWINE project members must be MAQA certified, either by training or testing, in order to show at the county fair. 4-H members in the BEEF and SHEEP projects are not required to be MAQA certified, however, their participation in training (especially as 8-11 years olds) is encouraged and does fulfill mandatory meeting expectations for BEEF and SHEEP.

Because Wisconsin is transitioning to a new certification program (YQCA) for 2018, youth who train or test in 2017 to achieve certification will only receive 1-year certifications.

- Youth, ages 8-11 (by 1/1 of the current 4-H year) must TRAIN. That is the only option.
- Youth, ages 12+ (by 1/1 of the current 4-H year) may TRAIN or TEST.
- 4-H & FFA members who reach their 20th birthday while still eligible to show must complete and pass the adult PQA Plus program.

Youth who remain certified from testing during the past

couple of years (when certifications were good for up to three years) do not have to train or test this year. Call Debbie or Sue at the UW-Extension office, 262-741-4951, to find out if your certification is good through this year if you are not sure.

Want to Train?

The second and final Walworth County MAQA training is happening in the County Government Center in Elkhorn on **Thursday, April 6th** from **6:00-8:00 pm**. There will be two training sections: grades 3-7 and grades 8-13. If you wish to train to achieve current certification status, and you cannot attend this training, you will need to attend a session being conducted in a nearby county. Those options are available at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/>.

Want to Test?

Youth wishing to test may access a study guide to prepare at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/>. Individuals can take the test for their age level (intermediate or advanced) up to 3 times this year in an effort to pass. Youth, ages 12+ (by 1/1) who wish to test may contact the UW-Extension office (262) 741-4951 to set-up a time to do so.

Goat News

MEETING LOCATIONS CHANGED:

- **April 13, 7:00pm** Fairgrounds, Fair Office Conference Room, Vet Talk
- **May 9, 7:00pm** Fairgrounds, Activity Center, Entries, Show Procedure, and Records
- **June 17, 10:30am** Fairgrounds, Goat Fun Day
- **July 13, 7:00pm** Fairgrounds, Activity Center, Show Supplies and Decorations
- **August 27, 1:00pm** Goat Barn, Mandatory Meeting

Swine News

Barrow Tag & DNA Envelope Sales

As in past years, 4-H and FFA Project Swine must have official Walworth County identification tags and DNA samples on file in order to be eligible for exhibition at the 2017 Walworth County Fair. No spring weigh-in will be held.

Walworth County 4-H and FFA Swine Project families must purchase tags and DNA envelopes for any and all animals they wish to make eligible for this year's fair. Cost is \$6 per animal payable to the *Walworth County Swine Project*. Tags and envelopes may be purchased in the name of the family. Then, during fair-weigh-in, individual pigs will be linked to specific family members.

Families are responsible for tagging and collecting DNA samples for their own animals. An explanation of how to pull the DNA samples will be provided with the envelopes.

- The second and final date to purchase tags and envelopes will be **April 6 from 6:30-8:00pm** in the County Government Center.

This date coincides with MAQA training, but the start time for tag sales is a half hour after MAQA training begins. This later start time for tag and DNA envelope sales is deliberate. MAQA participants cannot skip classes to make tag/DNA envelope purchases, so an accompanying adult or non-participating youth will need to do this for them.

Complete details regarding tagging and DNA collection are at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/#swine>.

Tag Info and DNA Submission

All tag info and barrow DNA must be turned in at the Walworth County Fair Swine Barn on either **May 5** from 3:00-6:00pm or **May 6** from 8:00am-noon. These are the **ONLY** times that this information is being collected.

State Fair

State Fair barrow exhibitors may purchase their tags and DNA envelopes either through State Fair or Walworth County. If tags are obtained directly through State Fair, exhibitors will simply need to list any "state fair" pigs that they want eligible for the Walworth County Fair on the Walworth County paperwork available at county tag and DNA envelope sales. That paperwork must be turned in at the fairgrounds swine barn on either **May 5** (3-6 p.m.) or **May 6** (8 a.m.-noon).

Walworth County tag info and DNA submissions will be sent to WLIC on Monday, **May 8** and will meet the State Fair postmark deadline for animal identification should any state fair swine exhibitors wish to submit through the county.

Beef News

On March 18, we had a very successful Showmanship, Fitting, and Clipping Clinic at the fairgrounds. I want to thank Tim Atkinson, Melissa Sterken, Mark Polyock, Jeremie Siegler, Rees Beguhl, Jeff Reed, John Reed, Randy Frie, Courtney Frie, Chico Ganhs, Corey Salvorsen and Tom Cook for helping with the clinic. A special thank you to everyone who brought cattle, and to the Jeff Reed Family, John Reed Family, and Cody Miller Family for donating desserts. A big thank you also to Kegley Show Supplies for giving us a discount on show supplies and door prizes, along with rope halters for each attending member. Lastly, I really appreciate how so many of you stayed to help clean up after the clinic. Good Job!

Steak Cook-Out Reminders

The 7th Annual Steak Cook Out will take place Wednesday, **July 19**, at the fairgrounds. Every exhibitor is required to help out at this event. We will also need help on Tuesday for set up. Practice your baking skills to prepare several desserts for the dessert table and bake sale. It is an awesome time, and the money raised benefits the beef project, like the bedding for the beef barn, the clinic in March, and so much more. We are looking forward to working with you at this special event. Start getting the word out to all your friends and relatives to mark their calendars! New this year, we are planning to have a drive through, so we will need more HELP!

Merit Award Apps

This will be the fifth year that "The Friends of the Walworth County Junior Beef Project" plan to present a Merit Award to a qualifying member. If you are at least 16 years old as of January 1, 2017, and have been in the project for three years or more, please contact Doc Sterken in order to receive an application.

Preview Shows

If you are interested in getting your animals out to some preview shows, there will be one at the Rock County Fairgrounds, another in Lancaster, WI (put on by UW-Platteville), and the Spring Preview Show at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in June. These are all good shows to help you and your animals prepare for the fair.

4th of July Parade

We will once again participate in the East Troy 4th of July Parade. We pass out candy and advertisements for the Steak Cookout. Consider joining the fun! Check your June Newsclip and Facebook for more information.

Carcass Show Reminder

The Carcass Show this year will once again feature a live show. If you are participating in the Carcass Show, your steer must be broke to lead, so start working with your animals.

Best to all of you this project year,
Doc Sterken
262-949-5890

Sheep News

The annual *Walworth County Junior Sheep Project Tagging Day* will be held on Saturday, **May 13** in front of the sheep barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 7:00am and continue until 9:30am (or whenever the last animal is done). All market lambs must be tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2017 Walworth County Fair. If your lambs will be housed at a location other than your own property, please contact Junior Sheep Superintendent Tim Ehlen at (608) 676-2569 **BEFORE TAGGING DAY** for approval.

Guidelines are as follows:

- Lambs will be tagged on a family basis, rather than a member basis. Specific lambs will be linked to specific members at fair weigh-in.
- All lambs must be wethers at the time of tagging.
- Member-families must complete tagging paperwork; please be ready to share your address, the address where your lambs are being kept (if different from your address), the premise identification number for your lambs' residence, phone number, email address, club/chapter, and members' names and grades.
- Know ahead of time if you wish to make a *Carcass Contest* entry. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for carcass entries. This fee must be paid at *Tagging Day*. Checks should be payable to *Walworth County Fair*.
- During tagging, hair will be pulled from every lamb for possible DNA testing during or immediately following fair week. Cost per lamb will be \$6. Checks should be made payable to *Walworth County Meat Animal Sale Committee*. The 2017 Champion & Reserve Champion

Market Lambs and a handful of lambs drawn randomly will be tested at no cost to members. All *Walworth County Meat Animal Sale* species (beef, sheep, and swine) are participating in DNA collection and testing this year.

- Following *Tagging Day*, it is imperative that lost tags must be reported to Tim Ehlen as soon as they are noticed. Lambs will be retagged, and the UWEX office will record the new tag numbers. Be aware that lambs that arrive at fair weigh-in without an official Walworth County ear tag in their ear will be required to participate in a DNA test at the owner's expense (approximately \$100).
- State Fair lambs should be brought to *Tagging Day*, but will not be retagged and will not have new DNA samples pulled.

State Fair

If you plan to show at the 2017 State Fair, you can find information about sign-up at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>. Be aware that the State Fair DNA/Rfid identification postmark deadline for Sheep is **May 8**. Consequently, animals being shown at state fair must obtain and submit tags and DNA envelopes directly through state fair.

Upcoming Events

- Learn more about these opportunities at the links provided: Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Giveaway— <http://ustargheesheep.org/>
- Wisconsin Southdown Stars Sale— <http://www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com/stars-sale.html>

Poultry News

Please make sure to attend at least one meeting in order to show birds at the fair. Please make sure all health papers are in order PRIOR to the August meeting. These health papers need to be in YOUR NAME, not the name of the person you bought the birds from. Please contact a poultry committee member if you have any questions. If you need your birds tested, please contact a tester to set up an appointment in the spring. The testers are listed in the front of the poultry packet.

We are having a t-shirt design contest again! So get creative and make a design for the poultry project t-shirts! Submissions can be turned in at the May project meeting or submitted via email by **June 1, 2017**. Please email Pastortodd101@gmail with your submissions. The committee will vote on the designs at the June committee meeting.

Remaining meetings:

- **May 18**, 217, 7:00PM at the activity center
- **July 20**, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the small animal and sheep barns
- August TBA

Non-Animal Project Updates

Wildlife News

A Wildlife Meeting for anyone interested in planning the yearly activities will be held at People's Bank in Elkhorn on **April 22** from 9:00am-noon. Come to check out the project and participate in fun, WILD activities!

First Lego League—Renamed as 4-H Robotics

We are changing the project name to better accommodate the other robotics programs we may be expanding into. Under the 4-H Robotics project we will have separate project meetings for the different robotic leagues. Our meetings are at the People's Bank in Elkhorn in their community meeting room, unless otherwise specified.

4-H First Lego League Meetings and project fundraiser schedule:

- **Wednesday, April 12**, Papa Murphy's pizza fundraiser
- **Monday, April 17**, 7:00pm Linn Town Hall, Zenda - demonstration and talk
- **Saturday, April 29**, 9:00am to 12:00pm meeting
- **Saturday, May 6**, 9:00am to 12:00pm meeting
- **Monday, May 22**, 7:00pm senior leader meeting at the County Government Building, Elkhorn – demonstration
- **Saturday, June 3**, Brat Hut Fundraiser, East Troy Piggly Wiggly 9:45am to 2:15pm
- **Saturday, June 10**, 9:00am to 12:00pm meeting

- **Saturday, July 15**, 9:00am to 12:00pm meeting
- **Sunday, October 29**, Brat Hut Fundraiser, Elkhorn Piggly Wiggly 9:45am to 2:15pm (more info below)

4/12/17—Head out to Papa Murphy's in Delavan and buy a 'take and bake' pizza to support our 4-H Robotics group! Our project will receive a portion of the sales from that day! What a great way to support 4-H and get something yummy in the process!

Brat Hut Fundraisers –**Saturday 6/3/17** in East Troy and then **Sunday 10/29/17** in Elkhorn. The Brat Huts are open 10am to 2pm. Come out and see us! We are planning to have the competition table set up so you can see what we do!

Contact information: Chelby Daniels, 262-215-7173 or by email at chelbydaniels@gmail.com or Damian Daniels, 262-745-7233 or by email at damianrdaniels@gmail.com.

Scholarship Opportunities:

Find these and other scholarships at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/scholarships/>. You can also pick up copies at the Walworth County UW-Extension office.

Walworth County Farm Bureau

Two high school scholarships in the amount of \$500 and one post-grad scholarship in the amount of \$1000 each will be given to:

- Walworth County high school graduates or students living in Walworth County but graduating from a high school in another county
- Post graduates entering their third or fourth year at an accredited college
- Post graduates entering their second year at a vocational school or short course
- Post graduates must have graduated from a Walworth County high school or lived in Walworth County while attending a high school from another county

Applications are due back at the Farm Bureau office no later than **April 27, 2017**.

Fur and Feather Scholarship

To be eligible, you must have been actively involved in the Walworth

County poultry, rabbit, or goat project for 3 out of the last 5 years of your 4-H/FFA career and be at least a senior in high school or a college freshman with plans to continue your education at a four-year college or a two-year technical school. You may apply for the scholarship twice, but may only receive the scholarship once.

Please complete the Scholarship Application form and return it no later than **June 1** to:
UWEX/Fur & Feather Scholarship
100 W Walworth Street
P.O. Box 1001
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Junior Leaders' Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the Walworth County 4-H Junior Leaders' Association. The recipients of this award will be the applicants who demonstrate the greatest passion for leading by example through their efforts in the Junior Leaders' Association. Two awards of \$500 each will be given annually. You may drop it off in person, mail it, fax it, or scan and email it, but all applications must be received by 5:00pm on **June 15** in order to be considered.

Horse and Pony Scholarship

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must have a high school graduation date of June of current year or earlier.
- Applicant must have been a Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project member for at least two (2) years.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll as an undergraduate in a university, college, or technical school during the upcoming academic year.
- Applicant must have a current grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Selection criteria is located on the application. Applications are due in the Walworth County UW-Extension Office on or before **June 30** or they will not be considered. Recipients will be announced during the Opening Ceremony of the 4-H Qualifying Show.

Please apply to any and all scholarships you qualify for. Many scholarships go unclaimed each year! Don't let them slip away!

More on the next page



Sheila DeGrave Memorial Scholarship

To be eligible for this scholarship:

- You must have been actively involved in the Walworth County Horse & Pony project, either through 4-H or FFA.
- You must be a high school senior with plans to continue your education at a 4-year college (long or short course) or a 2-year technical school. Please include proof of enrollment/acceptance to the school.
- Please have the application at the UW-Extension office by 5:00pm on **June 30**.

Recipients will be announced during the Opening Ceremony of the 4-H Qualifying Show.

Earl Cook Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is given to students who are a high school senior or enrolled in a post-high school education program and plan to continue their education in any agricultural field at the college/technical level. Applications are due in the UW-Extension office by **June 30**.

Hafs 4-H Leadership Award

The Hafs 4-H Leadership Award is a University of Wisconsin scholarship to memorialize Oscar W. Hafs' 65 years leading the Bloomfield Township 4-H Club in Walworth County, WI. One \$2,000 award will be given annually.

The winner/s will be chosen based on two things: the content and completeness of the application and the quality of a supporting scholarship interview. Applications must be accompanied by one letter of recommendation from an adult who can attest to your 4-H leadership growth through involvement in the 4-H program. Application and letter of recommendation are due at 5:00pm on **June 30**.

More scholarships are on their way!
Please keep checking back to the scholarship page on our website for new information. Thank you!

Kudos!

Congratulations to all of the following 4-Hers who will be representing Walworth County at state and national trips this program year!

- Space Camp Participants
Jasmine Davenport, Maya Ehlen, Jacob Kleist, Owen Kramer, Mason Meiners, Millie Meiners, and Madelynn Newmann
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Delegate
Lillie Cauffman
- National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition
Jack Flitcroft and Cole Flitcroft
- Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference
Molly Wade, Emma Wade, Mason Meiners, Benjamin Bartlett, Marilyn Bartlett, Emma Jacobson, Nicole Plenty, Madelynn Newmann, Courtney Boss, Bobbie Neal, and Josie Wells

WANTED

- ♦ **Project Committee Members**—Many hands make light work! If you have a talent to share with our 4-Hers, please consider getting involved! Contact the Extension office or the appropriate committee superintendent to inquire about opportunities coming up.
- ♦ **Key Leaders**—Key leaders are needed in: aerospace, beekeeping, child development, communications, consumer education, crafts, home environment, mechanical science (tractor/small engines/bicycle/electricity), technology (geospatial/computer science/robotics/wind energy), vet science, and woodworking.

REWARDing work

LOOK BELOW FOR IMPORTANT INFO↓

Here are the links to our most popular documents:

[4-H Project Contacts](#)

[4-H Project Meeting Guide](#)

[4-H Events Calendar](#)

[Major Event Guide](#)

We were asked to make the Newsclip shorter, so we created links for your convenience. Just click on the blue words, and the link will take you right there!

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