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## A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

Every year we have new members join the Walworth County 4-H family. Some of them have siblings already in the program, some have parents who were 4-Hers, but some of them are brand new to 4-H. Make sure to talk with new members and get to know them. You may find that you easily connect with them through a project, activity, or the school you go to.

Start a new member's 4-H experience out on a positive note. Lend a helping hand. Ask if they need clarification. Explain a little further. You never know; your help today could make a new member's entire year better. Make it a goal to talk to a new member this month. Who knows? They could be your new best friend!

Everyone benefits when you help someone!

*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](mailto:4Hnewsclip@co.walworth.wi.us) or [chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu) by the appropriate deadline.

#### Newsclip Deadlines:

- April/May Issue – **March 18**
- June/July Issue – **May 20**
- August/September Issue – **July 22**
- October/November Issue – **September 16**

### Enrolling as a new member or leader

For new family enrollment, you will need to access the website <http://wi.4honline.com> and follow the instructions for "Enrolling in 4HOnline as a NEW family." These instructions are available from your General Leader or at <http://walworth.uwex.edu>. 4HOnline is easy to use and will give your family the opportunity to review and update your information as needed. Your account will be available for viewing 24-7 year round. You may enroll members of your family in 4-H using this system anytime **between October 1\* and March 1**. (This time frame is the required enrollment period in order for members to be eligible to participate in the 2016 Walworth County Fair Junior Department.) After March 1, new families are welcome to enroll, but will not be eligible to show at the fair. To enroll after March 1, contact the UW-Extension office at 262-741-4951 for help. (\*This date is incorrectly listed as December 1 in the *2015-2016 4-H Project Guide*.)

## Enrollment Reminders

The enrollment deadline for re-enrolling 4-Hers wishing to show at the 2016 Walworth County Fair has now passed. However, members can still add or drop projects until **March 1**. So, if you find yourself wishing you'd have signed up for something you didn't sign up for, there is still time to fix it!

Also, if you are suddenly realizing that you may have bitten off more than you can chew, you can fix that, too! Keep in mind that any projects you're signed up for after March 1 are your responsibility to finish—all the way through to submitting records on them. Add or drop projects by logging into your [4HOnline](#) account.

## Member Expectations

4-Hers are expected to do several things during the course of the year to finish in "good standing."

1. Enroll in a 4-H club and pay the required program fees by the enrollment deadline pertaining to you.
2. Sign up for at least one project.
3. Attend at least 50% of your club's regularly scheduled meetings (effective from the time of enrollment).
4. Follow the guidelines set in the Walworth County 4-H Family Behavior Agreement.
5. Complete the minimum required elements of a 4-H Record Book.
6. Actively participate in club activities, including one community service project.

Each 4-H club has its own policies or "bylaws" that explain what is expected of members at the local club level. If you haven't seen a copy of your club's bylaws yet, ask your general club leader for a copy. Club bylaws are also posted on the UWEX website for easy reference. You can find them under the "Clubs & Enrollment" tab. Updated bylaws will be posted after the first of the year for the handful of clubs that have submitted recent changes.

Be aware that if you have not participated in 50% of your club's regularly scheduled meetings, you may be declared ineligible to participate in the county fair junior shows this summer. If you anticipate a problem making half of your club's meetings, talk to your club leaders NOW.

## Literature

When you are enrolling for your project, you will have the option to choose the literature that is offered for that project. Be aware that if you order literature, it will automatically be purchased, sent to your club's General Leader, and then passed on to you. The cost of your literature will be added to your club's bill for enrollment. Depending on how your club handles literature costs, you may be responsible to reimburse your club.

## Program Fees

Each year, the county 4-H program collects a "program fee" from each of its youth members. This fee is collected to help cover programming costs, insurance, and materials.

The \$12 county fees for 2016 4-H members will be divided as follows:

- \$3 — Senior Leaders' Assn.
- \$3 — Junior Leaders' Assn.
- \$1.50 — WI 4-H Foundation

\$2 — 4-H Insurance Fees  
\$2.50 — UWEX (for program materials and printing)  
4-H Cloverbuds pay \$6 fees, which are divided up as follows:

- \$2 — 4-H Insurance Fees
- \$2.50 — UWEX (program materials and printing)
- \$1.50 — WI 4-H Foundation

In some cases, clubs add on their own fees to cover additional needs at the local level.

## 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!

## Winter Cancellations

Occasionally, travel conditions force county 4-H event cancellations. During the winter months, you can check for cancellations by calling 262-741-3193. We will also try to send an e-mail when applicable and possible. Be aware that club cancellations will not be available at this number.

## 2016 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 2016/January 2017 issue. A subscription form is included in this *Newsclip*. 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/>

# UW-Extension Selfie Spotlight

## Kristine Ely—Agriculture Educator

Kristine Ely is one of the Agriculture Educators in the Walworth County UW-Extension office. You can find Kristine doing a variety of things, but her main focus and passion is dairy and livestock production. She focuses her work on helping local adults and youth with all aspects of raising livestock. She also teaches classes about tractor safety, farm financial management, and loves teaching about horses. This summer, Kristine will help run the community garden in Elkhorn and is on the planning committee for the 2016 Farm Technology Days Equine Area.

Projects that may find Kristine a helpful resource are: Horse and Pony, Horseless Horse, Equine Education, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Veterinary Science, Dairy, Goats, and Poultry.

For more information, you can contact Kristine at [kristine.ely@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kristine.ely@ces.uwex.edu) or (262) 741-4968. To stay up to date about upcoming programs, "like" the Walworth County [UW-Extension Facebook page](#).



# Event Recaps and Updates

## Spring Fling

Spring Fling is a 3-day, 2-night trip for youth in grades 8 and above to experience another city. Past destinations have been places like Platteville, Grand Rapids, and St. Louis! Activities are planned for each day to ensure a FUN, social, sight-seeing, and educational opportunity, geared specifically for all participants. Travel with old friends, make new friends, and explore a destination you might not have ever been to! Maximum participation: 20 youth.

This year, the trip will be a mystery! Only chaperones and parents will know where the youth are going. Youth will find out when they get there. Where are you going? Only time will tell! More information will be sent out after registration.

The cost will be \$125 per youth for 3 days and 2 nights. Youth can bring additional spending money for souvenirs and non-included food if they desire. Form will not be accepted without payment.

[Reservation Form](#): Due to the UW-Extension office on or before the Feb. 22 Junior Leaders' Meeting

## Kids' College

Kids' College 2016 was held on January 30 to give potential members the opportunity to join 4-H and enrolled members the ability to add projects from Kids' College before the March 1 deadline. There were many new classes added this year including: What's Your Story?, D.I.Y. Dairy Products, Photography 101, Paper Beading, Paper Making, and B.O.G.O. Tie Blankets. There were also crowd favorites back for another year like: Soap Making, Painting Landscapes, Equine Edibles, Creative Card Making, Drama, Leather Crafting, Scale Model Basics, Rocketry, Cake Decorating, Mystery Wildlife, Miniature Gardens, and Cloverbud Adventure! A total of 133 youth participated in Kids' College. Numbers are up from last year! If you have a class idea for next year, please let Chelsea know (262) 741-4960. All are welcome to teach or help!



Add a little zest to this year's summer vacation! Plan now to attend 4-H Camp 2016 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Walworth County 4-H Camp will be held **June 29-July 2** and will include three days and three nights of fun, friends, and high adventure! Camp is open to youth currently in grades 3-8. Register early for the cheapest camper rate. Cost is \$105 per camper on or before **March 28 at 5:00pm** and \$115 per camper after March 28. No camper registrations will be accepted after **May 23**. 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-youth-development/activities-events/>.

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.

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# New and Upcoming Events

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## Drama Fest

The 2016 Walworth County 4-H [Drama Fest](#) will be held on Sunday, **April 24** 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 8**, 2016.

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 NEW! 4-H Drama Fest Awards Ceremony. Directly after the last performance, the judges will gather their thoughts and finish their evaluations for 15 minutes. 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!

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## 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 19**. To register: log-on to your [4honline.com](#) account and select "2016 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 19**. Payment and registration deadlines will be strictly enforced. No entries will be accepted at the coaches' meeting. No entries will be accepted without payment.

The coaches' meeting will be held on **April 21** 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.

NEW THIS YEAR! Attached to this e-mail is a flier for the new [4-H Co-ed Softball Mini Camp](#). The event will be held on **March 13** from 1:00-4:00pm at the Activity Center, Fairgrounds. Youth will learn and enhance their softball skills with stations working on batting, fielding, pitching, throwing, catching, and other game skills. The event is FREE but registration is required. 4-H Co-ed Softball Mini Camp is an event for any 4-H member who is interested in or signed-up for the 2016 4-H softball season. No prior experience needed.

# Linn 4-H Hosts Annual Skating Party

Linn 4-H Club will be hosting its Annual 4-H County-Wide Club Skating Party on March 14 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Traxside Skating Roller Skating Rink, 637 S. Kane Street, Burlington, WI. All Walworth County 4-H members and their families are invited to participate. The cost is \$5.00 per person (adults and youth) which includes the cost of skate rental.

## 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. Upcoming meetings are set for **February 22** and **March 28** at 7:00pm. The February meeting will feature a member-led ice breaker and scavenger hunt. March will feature a hands-on, member-led "Pinterest Pizzazz" workshop.

Meeting Date	Scheduled Program
<b>February 22</b>	"Find a Pal" Scavenger Hunt
<b>March 28</b>	Pinterest Pizzazz Workshop
<b>April 25</b>	Tips for Making a Strong College Application (guest presentation)
<b>May 23</b>	Crazy Origami Workshop
<b>June 27</b>	Super Mega Hula Jumping Contest
<b>July 25</b>	Fireworks & Pyrotechnics (guest presentation)
<b>September 26</b>	Sundaes on Monday! (Ice Cream Bar Activity)

### Senior Leaders' Association

#### Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on **February 22** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. The **March** meeting will be on the **28**. 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

February—Springfield 4-H  
March—Troy Center 4-H

#### District Responsibilities

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

#### Mandatory Leader Training

Each year, the state requires every chartered 4-H club or group to send at least one adult leader to participate in mandatory leader training. This year, our county will be

offering this training on Tuesday, **February 9**, and Thursday, **March 3**. Both trainings will be held from 6:30-8:30pm. in the County Government Center in Elkhorn, and leaders need only attend one or the other as the program will be the same both nights. If it's possible for you to do so, plan to attend with your co-leaders so that you all have a common experience to build off of. Pre-register by February 5 for the first training night and by February 29 for the second. This year's topic will be "Making Meetings Mean More," and will help us to keep moving forward in our journey to make meetings (both club and project group) as fun, engaging, and welcoming as they possibly can be for our member-families.

#### New Volunteer Orientation, aka Youth Protection Workshops

The next New Volunteer Orientations of the program year will be held on **February 10** at 10:00am and **April 25** at 5:45pm in the UW-Extension office. If you know of new volunteers who need to complete screening, please help spread the word about this opportunity. The April 25 training is the last scheduled training of this program year. Future trainings will be set if the need arises.

# Scholarship Opportunities:

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2016. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, and future educational goals. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have been a 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the 2016-2017 academic school year. Applications can be found at: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/support-4-h/538-2/>. They are due **March 15, 2016**.

## Walworth County HCE Scholarship

The Walworth County Association for Home and Community Education (WCHCE) is pleased to announce that it will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a Walworth County resident who is a high school senior intending to enroll as a full-time student in a Bachelor's Program at any college or university, or an Associate Degree Program at any technical college. For complete details or the scholarship form, take a look at the [2016 WCHCE Scholarship](#).

The deadline for applications is **March 15, 2016**. Late and/or incomplete applications will automatically be disqualified. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny Wehmeier at the Walworth County UW-Extension at (262) 741-4962 or [jenny.wehmeier@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:jenny.wehmeier@ces.uwex.edu).

## State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships for use during the second semester of the 2016-17 school year to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be made available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities, or students studying in a two-year technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>. Application deadline is Friday, **March 25**. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or [katzman@idcnet.com](mailto:katzman@idcnet.com).

## Nationwide Scholarship Opportunity

High school seniors whose parents, grandparents, or legal guardians actively contribute to a 457(b) plan offered through the NACo Deferred Compensation Program are encouraged to apply for a \$2,500 college scholarship. Interested applicants will be asked to complete an essay question on "What would convince you to start saving now for retirement". For more information, high school seniors should visit [www.nrsforu.com/scholarship](http://www.nrsforu.com/scholarship) between January 4 and March 6, 2016. Deadline for entries is **March 6**.

# 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.*

## 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.

## Wisconsin Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference

The UW-Extension Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference is scheduled for **March 11, 2016** at UW-Platteville. Topics covered will focus on engaging consumers through social media and animal care practices. Youth are encouraged to attend, as this will be the first conference to offer a separate youth track with hands-on and interactive activities by conference speakers. Early bird registration for both adults and youth is \$45 before Feb. 19, and goes up to \$55 after that date. Go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/animalhusbandryconference/> for the program agenda and registration information.

## Livestock Workshop Opportunities

Nasco (in Fort Atkinson, WI) will be presenting its 30th annual Showing and Grooming Demonstrations on **May 7**. 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 2** 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:

8:30-10:00am – Sheep Demonstration  
10:15am-Noon—Beef Demonstration  
Noon-1:00pm—Lunch & Visit Nasco Store  
1:15-2:30pm – Dairy Demonstration  
2:45-4:00pm—Swine Demonstration

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

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## Horseless Horse News

Horseless horse meetings will start **February 17** at 6:30pm at Como Community Church. Other meetings will be held on **3/16, 4/20, and 5/18**. Farm meetings start after that on the third Wednesday of each month at the Kundert farm. Come to first meetings for more info!

Thanks!  
Donna Kundert

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## Poultry News

One meeting is required to show at the fair. Poultry meetings are at 7:00pm on the following dates:

- **March 17, 2016:** at the Activity Center. Game night featuring fun-filled, poultry-related games.
- **May 19, 2016:** at the Sheep Barn. Information on raising ducks and how to wash birds for the fair.
- **July 21, 2016:** at the Sheep Barn. Showmanship clinic and information on how to prepare birds for the fair.
- **August 18, 2016:** 6:30 at the Sheep/Poultry Barns. Cage set-up for the fair.

If you have any questions about the project or fair entries, please contact a member of the poultry committee.

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## Small Pets News

One meeting is required to show at the fair.

- **March 8** --- 7:00pm at the Activity Center This will be an Informational meeting.
- **April 12** --- 7:00pm at the Activity Center
- **May 10** --- 7:00pm at the Activity Center
- **June 14** --- 7:00pm at the Small Animals barn
- **July 12** --- 6:00pm at the Small Animals barn We will be having a PIGNIC. Bring a dish to pass.

Other meetings and events:

- **February 9** --- 7:00pm at Elkhorn Culver's. We will be having a Small Pets Leaders Meeting.
- **February 14** --- Lakeland Rabbit and Cavy Show Open/Youth (Contact Cindy Stelloh [arba600@aol.com](mailto:arba600@aol.com) for times) Located at the Activity Center.
- **March 19, 20 & 26** --- Cheep, Cheep Easter Celebration at the Elegant Farmer. Bring your guinea pig for the petting zoo. 11:00am-3:00pm.
- June TBA and July TBA ----Working at the Brat Hut at Frank's Piggly Wiggly in Elkhorn
- **August 19** --- Pre-fair judging of other pets
- **August 23** --- 6:00pm at the Small Animals barn. We will be cleaning the cages and the small animals area.
- **August 29** --- 10:00am at the Small Animal barn. We will be decorating for the fair.

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## Dog News

Dog Project Pre-Training Meetings - Attendance at one of the two meetings is required to be eligible to show your dog at the fair. All rules of the project and equipment needs will be covered. This is your chance to get questions answered as well. Meetings will be held at the Gateway Elkhorn campus, room 112 in the South Building. Please - NO dogs.

- **March 19** - 9:00am
- **April 14** - 7:00pm

## MAQA Trainings Set

MAQA training is conducted annually 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 to 11-year-olds) is encouraged and does fulfill mandatory meeting expectations for BEEF and SHEEP.

MAQA certification is available to youth, ages 8-11 (by 1/1 of the current 4-H year), by training only. MAQA certification is available to youth 12 years and older (by 1/1 of the current 4-H year) by training or testing.

Participation in training results in one year's certification, but a youth who

successfully passes a certification test will not have to test again until he reaches the next age bracket, or more than 3 years have passed since testing. Testing age brackets are 12-14 (Intermediate) and 15-19 (Advanced). Because testing results in a longer-lasting certification status than training, older members are strongly encouraged to pursue testing. A study guide to prepare for the test is available at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/>. Youth can take the test for their level up to 3 times annually in an effort to pass. 4-H & FFA members who reach their 20th birthday while still eligible to show must complete and pass the adult PQA Plus program.

All Walworth County testing and training will be done in the County Government Center in downtown Elkhorn at the times specified below. If you cannot attend one of these sessions, 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/>.

### Monday, February 29

MAQA Training, 6:00-8:00pm (Grades 3-8)

MAQA Testing & Training, 6:00-8:00pm (Grades 9-13)

All participants grades 9-13 will test AND train. Those who pass the test will be eligible for multi-year certification depending on their age.

### Tuesday, March 15

MAQA TESTING ONLY 4:00-6:00pm

### Thursday, April 7

MAQA Training, 6:00-8:00pm (Grades 3-8)

MAQA Testing & Training, 6:00-8:00pm (Grades 9-13)

All participants grades 9-13 will test AND train. Those who pass the test will be eligible for multi-year certification depending on their age.

## Swine News

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

Walworth County Junior Swine Project families must purchase tags and DNA envelopes for any and all market hogs they wish to make eligible for this year's fair. Cost will be \$5 per animal payable to the Walworth County Swine Project. Tags and envelopes may be purchased in the name of the family. 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 official envelopes. A maximum of eight animals per exhibitor can be identified. All market hogs must be barrows.

Tags and envelopes will be available for purchase at the County

Government Center in conjunction with MAQA trainings on **February 29** and **April 7** from 7-8:15pm. Be aware that MAQA participants cannot skip classes to make their purchases, so an accompanying adult or non-participating youth will need to do this for them, or they will have to plan on buying tags and envelopes immediately following MAQA training. February 29 and April 7 are the ONLY dates/times that tags and envelopes will be sold. You must purchase 2016 tags and envelopes for use this year. You may not use envelopes and tags leftover from 2015.

Complete details regarding tagging and DNA collection are explained in a letter being emailed to Swine Project members. That letter is also available at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/swine>.

### State Fair

State Fair market hogs may be identified using Walworth County tags and DNA envelopes; however, State Fair exhibitors are responsible for

sending their own DNA directly to State Fair by the state's **May 9** postmark deadline. Visit: <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/> for details.

State Fair animals must also be listed on the Walworth County Market Hog Identification Form, which must be turned in at the Extension office in accordance with DNA drop-off times.

### Project Meeting

A Swine Project Meeting will be held on **March 21** at 6:30pm at Lake Geneva Country Meats. Participation at this meeting will fulfill your 2016 mandatory meeting requirement.

### WSPA Symposium

Get ready for the upcoming show season by attending the 2016 WSPA Show Pig Symposium on **February 27** at the Great Wolf Lodge in Wisconsin Dells. [Visit http://www.wisconsinshowpigassociation.com/](http://www.wisconsinshowpigassociation.com/) for more information.



## Beef News

The annual Walworth County Junior Beef Project Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **February 6** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 11:00am. (The snow date is February 13.) All steers must be weighed and tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2016 Walworth County Fair. Steers will be weighed on a family basis, rather than a member basis. The steers will then be identified by exhibitor at fair weigh-in. A letter including weigh-in guidelines has been emailed to member-families and FFA advisors. It is also posted at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/beef>. Please review this information carefully. DNA

collection will be done at weigh-in. If you have any questions, please contact Junior Beef Superintendent Doc Sterken at (262) 949-5890 or (262) 949-5743. If travel conditions are questionable on February 6 and you suspect a cancellation, please call the UW-Extension winter cancellation number (262-741-3193) before heading out.

### Beef Project Clinic—March 19

A Beef Project Clinic will be held on Saturday, **March 19** from 8:30am–12:30pm in the Activity Center at the fairgrounds. During the clinic, the Friends of the Junior Beef Project Committee will be working with members on showmanship, fitting, clipping, and more. At the end of the session, they will host an informal

“show.” Parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Snacks will be furnished, and a drawing for door prizes will be held. The waiver for participating members to complete and submit at check-in on March 19 is located at the link above. Please refer to the beef weigh-in letter previously cited for complete workshop details. We strongly suggest (not require) that exhibitors bring their animal. Animals must be broke and clean (not clipped) as there is no water available.

### State Fair

If you plan to show at the 2016 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 Beef is **February 8**, 2016.

## Sheep News

The annual *Walworth County Junior Sheep Project Tagging Day* will be held on Saturday, **May 14** in front of the sheep barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 7:00am and continue until 10:00am (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 2016 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 \$5. Checks should be made payable to *UW-Extension*. The 2016 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.

### Project Meeting Set

A *Sheep Project* meeting will be held on **March 9** at 7:00pm at Pinn Oak Ridge Farm, N5784 Johnson Road, Delavan, WI. We will be learning about marketing and meat quality. This meeting will count towards your mandatory meeting requirements for the *Sheep Project*. See the current *4-H Project Meeting Guide* for other upcoming meeting opportunities and to review what counts.

### State Fair

If you plan to show at the 2016 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 9**, 2016.

### Upcoming Events

Learn more about these opportunities at the links provided: Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Giveaway—<http://ustargheesheep.org/> Wisconsin Stars Sale—[www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com](http://www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com)

# Non-Animal Project Updates

## Shooting Sports and Wildlife News

### American Legion Postal Match

There is still time to sign-up for the [postal shoot](#) on **February 21**. The event is open to all Walworth County 4-H members who are currently enrolled in the Shooting Sports project, participated in a Walworth County Shooting Sports event in 2015, and are in good standing. If interested, please send the following information and payment to:

- Email: [Chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu)
- Fax: (262) 741-4955
- Mail or Drop-Off:
  - UW-Extension 4-H Shooting Sports
  - 100 W. Walworth Street
  - P.O. Box 1001
  - Elkhorn, WI 53121
  - Participant:
  - 4-H Club:
  - Age: (as of 2/21/16)
  - Relay Time: (Please choose your preferred time, but also note if you are able to make both.)
    - \* Relay 1: 12pm – 2pm
    - \* Relay 2: 2pm – 4pm
  - Gun Type: (Make and model)
  - Registration Fee: (\$10.00 per individual shooter, checks can be made out to Walworth County 4-H Shooting Sports)

Payment is required with registration. Sign-up and payment deadline is **February 10**, 2016 at 5:00pm. This is a strict deadline – targets need to be ordered immediately following. Participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a maximum of 45 participants. Late registrations will NOT be accepted. NO EXEPTIONS.

Any questions about the event, please contact Curtis Rushing at [carushin@gmail.com](mailto:carushin@gmail.com) or (262) 325-5850.

### Shooting Sports Orientation

83 shooting sports members attended the Shooting Sports orientation on February 2. If you were not able to attend the orientation, please take a look at the distributed information on the [4-H shooting sports website](#). Youth and their families are responsible for the information from the meeting.

### Wildlife Meeting

A Wildlife Meeting for anyone interested in planning the yearly activities will be held at People's Bank on **March 19** at 9:00am. Come to check out the project and participate in fun, WILD activities!

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## Scale Models News

2016 Meeting Dates (Saturdays and \*Wednesdays)

- **January 16**
- **February 20**
- **\*March 21**
- **\*April 13**
- **May 21**
- **June 18**
- **July 16**
- **August 20**
- **September 17**
- **\*October 12**
- **November 19**
- **December 17**

The Scale Models Project meets monthly at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Meetings are split between the Activity Center and Wiswell Building. Saturday meetings are 10:00am-2:00pm, and Wednesday meetings are 6:00-9:00pm. Check the [Butchers Model Car Club Facebook page](#) for meeting locations, as they are apt to change last minute.

### Why should I attend meetings?

The 4-H Scale Models Project is sponsored by The Butchers Model Car Club. Their members have many years experience building models and are there to share their wealth of knowledge.

Scale Model Project members receive a 10% discount from Hobby Town USA in Lake Geneva. You must attend a meeting, and bring proof of registration in the project, to get the discount club card.

A communal toolbox and selection of paints and brushes are available for Scale Model Project Members' use. The toolbox contains tools to help complete any project. Some of these are tools that Scale Model Project members may not otherwise have access to.

Butchers Model Car Club members sometimes have models for sale at the meetings.

### Project leaders:

Keith Reimers: (262) 728-1483  
Bob Carey: (608) 207-9223

# Arts and Crafts News

Open Art Studio is an opportunity for Arts and Craft project members (3rd grade and up) to bring their ideas, develop and learn new skills and techniques, work on their fair projects, and share their art adventures with other artists and guest artists. Each night will focus on an arts or craft specialty, with a learning project/basic techniques presented and supplies available. Basic supplies such as paper, paint, colored pencils, glue, scissors, paint shirts, etc. will be available each time, plus specific art supplies for the specialty of the night. Members working on a specific project different from the specialty focus may bring in their own supplies and ideas as well. Drop-ins are welcomed, however all art supplies will not be guaranteed to be available to drop-ins.

Open Art Studio is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at East Troy Village Hall, 2015 Energy Dr., East Troy, Room A (follow Meeting Room signs to park) from 6:00-7:30pm

- February 23—Painting (Supply fee \$10, RSVP by Feb. 15)
- March 22—Printing (Supply fee \$10, RSVP by March 14)
- April 26—Paper Art (Supply fee \$10, RSVP by April 18)

Any questions? Contact Sara Geuder 262-684-5096 or [sgeuder@wi.rr.com](mailto:sgeuder@wi.rr.com).

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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!

[Walworth County 4-H Facebook](#)



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# 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.
- ◆ **Youth Project Leaders**—If you are in 6th grade or older, you might consider taking the Youth Leadership Project! Challenge yourself and step into a leadership role on the club or county level. You can choose many different types of roles, from helping one-on-one to leading a large group. If you'd like to specialize your leadership efforts in a project area, you can do that, too, by signing up as a Youth Project Leader when you enroll on 4HOnline. Add the Youth Leadership Project or sign up as a Youth Project Leader by 2016 in order to show off your accomplishments at the fair!
- ◆ **Key Leaders**—Key leaders are needed in: aerospace, beekeeping, child development, communications, consumer education, crafts, mechanical science (tractor/small engines/bicycle/electricity), technology (geospatial/computer science/robotics/wind energy), vet science, and woodworking.

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