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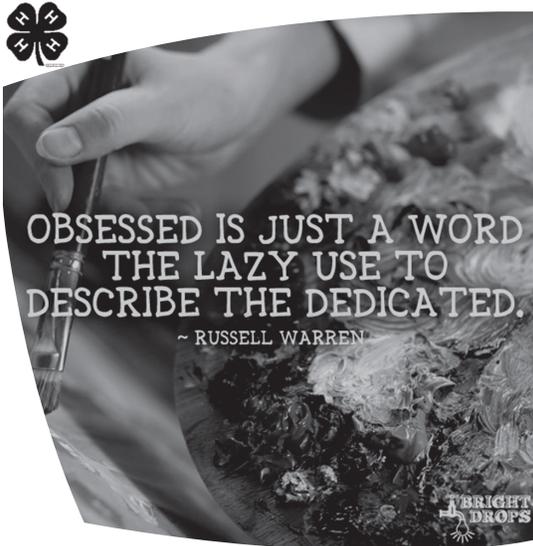
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A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

Here in the office, we eat, sleep, and breathe 4-H! We are so excited to get this year started, the three of us can hardly contain ourselves! There are a lot of fun events, meetings, and trips to be a part of this year, including: 4-H Softball, Drama Fest, New Family Orientation, Junior Leaders, State Youth Conference, Spring Fling, the Walworth County Fair, and more!

We have been working with your Project and General Leaders over the past year to give them new ideas to make your meetings fun, inviting, and inclusive. Many of our Walworth County clubs made it a goal on their yearly paperwork to make FUN a priority at meetings. If your leaders are going above and beyond to make sure your 4-H experience is fabulous, please let our office know! We would love to recognize your leaders for a job well done. Happy new 4-H year!

Chelsea Dertz

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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:

- April/May Issue – **March 17**
- June/July Issue – **May 19**
- August/September Issue – **July 21**
- October/November Issue – **September 22**

Enrolling as a New Family

For new family enrollment, you will need to access the [Wisconsin 4HOnline website](#) and follow the instructions for "Enrolling in 4HOnline as a NEW family." These instructions are available in the 2016-2017 4-H Project Guide and 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 2017 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.

Enrolling in 4-H is a Two-Step Process

Enrolling in 4-H requires two things: 1) Paying your individual 4-H program fees to your club and 2) enrolling as a member in 4HOnline. Both of these things must occur by **March 1 for new enrollees**. Check with your local club leader to find out how much the program fees are for your club. County enrollment fees are \$12 annually for members in grades 3-13 and \$6 for Cloverbuds (grades K-2). However, some clubs have additional fees to offset club expenses or cover known annual expenses.

The \$12 county fees for 2017 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 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 **March 16** from 5:45-7:15pm. (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.

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

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!

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.

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 UW-Extension 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.

UW-Extension Selfie Spotlight

Gonzo Vega— UW-Extension Support Staff

Greetings to all enthusiasts of 4-H! I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with UW-Extension and have an affiliation with 4-H. I have met several of you since October 2016, and I am very excited to meet many more in 2017. I have been learning about all the impactful events, clubs, and history of 4-H. I can tell you that I'm very proud to be a new face in the office, and you can consider me a friendly helper to anything UW-Extension. I just started immersing my family in 4-H, and we are already in love and considering a rabbit!

A little about me: I am a stepdad to five awesome kids. Those who have met me have probably noticed that I am very outgoing. I love meeting new people, and I will always try to remember your name. I have been a citizen of Elkhorn since 1997. My passions are cooking, singing, chess, martial arts, video games, and board games. If you ever want to know any useless information you can come to me. I am a trivia machine, especially in history. I am a sponge and love learning new information! Thank you very much for your support and let's make 2017 a fantastic year of development for all!



Event Recaps

Kids' College 2017

Kids' College 2017 was held on January 28 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: Green Science Energy, Rabbit Habits, Cartooning Basics, Recycled Art, Kids in the Kitchen, No-Sew Flower Headbands, Harry Potter Fun, Crafting Pinwheel Wreaths, and Wet Felted Necklaces. There were also crowd favorites back for another year like: B.O.G.O. Tie Blankets, Paper Beading, Painting Landscapes, Creative Card Making, Drama, Scale Model Basics, Rocketry, Cake Decorating, Mystery Wildlife, Miniature Gardens, and Cloverbud Adventure! A total of 130 youth participated in Kids' College. If you have a class idea for next year, please let Chelsea know (262) 741-4960. All are welcome to teach or help!

New and Upcoming Events

Spring Fling Mystery Trip

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 Minneapolis, 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.

The trip will be **May 5-7**, and the destination will be a mystery again! 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.

Registration forms will be available on the 4-H Website soon! If interested, call Nancy Lee: (262) 724-5330.

4-H Summer Camp

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 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. Register early for the cheapest camper rate. Cost is \$120 per camper on or before **March 15 at 5:00pm** and \$140 per camper **March 16 –May 15**. 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.

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.

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.

4-H Co-ed Softball Mini Camp—Save the Date!

The event will be held on **March 12** from 1:00-3:00pm, location TBA. 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 2017 4-H softball season. No prior experience needed.

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!

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 13** 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.

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](#).

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 27** and **March 27** at 7:00pm. Watch your email inbox for agendas and program information!

| Meeting Date | Scheduled Program |
|---------------------|--|
| February 27 | State & National Opportunities Through 4-H |
| March 27 | International Fair |
| April 24 | Hunting, Fishing, Wildlife, & Birds Presentation |
| May 22 | Science Night |
| June 26 | Amazing Race Challenge |
| July 24 | How to Run a Dairy |
| September 25 | Taco Night & Elections |

Senior Leaders' Association

Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on **February 27** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. There is no December meeting. Happy Holidays! The **March** meeting will be held on the **27th** 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

February—Springfield
March—Sharon

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

Awards Committee Members Needed

The Awards Committee meets only a few times a year. One project they work on is record book judging. It is important to have representation from all districts. All districts are looking for new Senior Leaders to help. Please contact Debbie if you are interested in joining the Awards Committee.

Mandatory Leader Training

Our mandatory leader training dates for 2017 are Tuesday, **February 21** and Thursday, **March 16**. 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 for each night so that we know how many materials we'll need for each session. This year's topic will be "Telling Our Story," and will once again allow us to keep moving forward in our plight to make our meetings (both club and project group) as fun, engaging, and welcoming as they possibly can be for our member-families. **Pre-register by February 17** for the February 21st session and by **March 13** for the March 16th session. Keep in mind that at least one enrolled 4-H organizational leader or committee leader is required to attend Mandatory Leader Training on behalf of your club/group each year. This is a state requirement in order for your club/group to re-charter the following year.

VIP Training (formerly called Youth Protection Training)

The next scheduled training will be **March 16** from 5:45-7:15pm in the County Government Center.

4-H Enrollment Reminders

Please make every effort to have all of the remaining re-enrolling and new members of your club accepted ASAP. All members may add or drop projects until **March 1**. New members must be enrolled by **March 1**. Final date to approve new enrollees is **March 15**.

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.

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.

Beef News

The annual Walworth County Junior Beef Project Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **February 11** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 11:00am. (The **snow date is February 18**.) All steers must be weighed and tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2017 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 11 and you suspect a cancellation, please call the UW-Extension winter cancellation number (262 -741-3193) before heading out.

Beef Project Clinic

A Beef Project Clinic will be held on Saturday, **March**

18 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 welcomed 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 18 is located at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/beef/>. 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 2017 State Fair, you can find information about sign-up <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>. Be aware that the State Fair DNA/Rfid identification postmark deadline for Beef is **February 13**.

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?

All Walworth County 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/>.

- **Wednesday, February 8**

MAQA Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Two sections: grades 3-7 and grades 8-13

- **Thursday, April 6**

MAQA Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Two sections: grades 3-7 and grades 8-13

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.

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 will be \$6 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 envelopes. Tags and envelopes will be available for purchase at the Walworth County Government Center during the following times ONLY:

- **February 8**, 6:30-8:00pm
- **April 6**, 6:30-8:00pm

These are the dates of 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 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>.

Tag Info and DNA Submission

All tags 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.

Extra Mandatory Project Meeting

All SWINE project members are expected to attend a Veterinary Feed Directive 101 meeting on **February 21** at 7:00pm at the County Government Center. This meeting is mandatory and does NOT count towards the educational meeting requirement. The meeting will focus on the new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) and what it means for your operation.

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 on **February 8** and **April 6** 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.

WSPA Symposium

Get ready for the upcoming show season by attending the 2017 WSPA Show Pig Symposium on **February 18** at Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells. Learn more at: <http://www.wisconsinshowpigassociation.com/>

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.

Project Meeting Set

A *Sheep Project* meeting will be held

on **March 21** at 7:00pm at the Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center. We will be learning about "Animal Health" during a guest presentation given by Dr. Geoff Stevens from Stateline Veterinary Clinic. 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 as they are announced and to review what counts.

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>

Horse and Pony & Horseless Horse News

The mandatory meeting dates for Horse and Pony and Horseless Horse are:

- **February 18 @ 10:00am**, Senior Center
- **March 16 @ 6:00pm**, Elkhorn Middle School

You must attend one of the meetings to be in good standing in the project. Important project information will be handed out.

Horseless Horse Meetings

Horseless Horse meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, starting on **February 15** and ending in August. The meetings will begin at 6:30pm at a **NEW LOCATION**: Zenda Town Hall basement (3728 Franklin Walsh St, Zenda, WI 53195). Come to first meeting for more information! Any questions or need directions? Call Donna Kundert (262) 275-5155.

Goat News

MEETING LOCATIONS CHANGED:

- **March 7**, 7:00pm Fairgrounds, Activity Center, Introduction Meeting
- **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

Non-Animal Project Updates

First Lego League

First Lego League is starting meetings again, once a month until summer starts. The next challenge will be released at the end of August, so we are working on previous challenges for more practice!

If you know a child between the ages of 9 and 14 that would like to come see the group and join, we are meeting **Saturday, February 4** from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the People's Bank in Elkhorn on North Wisconsin Street.

Here is a link to the First Lego League web site for general information: [First Lego League](#).

We are also hoping there might be a parent that would be interested in helping start a First Lego League Jr. Team. The

age group for that competition is 6 to 10. If you have a child interested in that age group and would consider helping facilitate that, please let us know!

These are fun opportunities. When the challenge hits, it is busy, but so very rewarding to see the kids learn, grow and work together!

We are hoping to see you at our next meeting. If you are interested, but can't make the meeting, watch the *Newsclip* for project information, or email chelbydaniels@gmail.com. With enrollment coming to a close on **March 1**, please make sure your child is enrolled in the Robotics project for their age group.

First Tech Challenge

We are starting up a team for First Tech Challenge for ages 12-18. It is a STEM robotics program. Due to the start up cost, we need to know who would be interested. We would also need to set up fundraisers to fund the start up costs for the team.

For additional information on the First Tech Challenge, please visit the web site:

<http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc>

The registration for teams opens in May and the challenge is released early September. If you are interested in starting up a team with us, please email us at chelbydaniels@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Chelby and Damian Daniels

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!

Scholarship Opportunities:

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. 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 2017-2018 academic school year. Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **March 15**: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>.

State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship
The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering

\$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017-18 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 offered 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 2017 Wisconsin State Fair. Application deadline is Friday, **March 24**. The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

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 2017 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, home environment, mechanical science (tractor/small engines/bicycle/electricity), technology (geospatial/computer science/robotics/wind energy), vet science, and woodworking.

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