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A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

A new 4-H year is a fresh start, and what could be more exciting than that? Clear your plate, and take on a new project. Decide what projects don't bring you as much joy anymore, and maybe take a break. Make room for something new! You have the power to change. 4-H is about YOU!

What can you do today that would make your 4-H year the best one yet? Would you sign-up for a new project, try Junior Leaders in October, or maybe go on a trip outside of Walworth County? The possibilities are endless in 4-H! The beauty of this organization is, if you don't like it, you can change it. Why not try something new, when you can't fail? You can learn from your mistakes, and be true to yourself. As 4-H staff, we can't wait to meet the person you are. We hope to see you learn, grow, and change into your best YOU this year!

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:

- December/ January issue — **November 17**
- February/ March issue — **January 19**
- April/ May issue — **March 16**
- June/ July issue — **May 18**
- August/ September issue — **July 20**
- October/ November issue — **September 21**

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 2018/January 2019 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/>

Thank you for a GREAT 2017 Walworth County Fair!

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 **December 1 for re-enrolling members** (who were members of 4-H last year) and 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.

Literature Orders

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. For projects where no literature is identified as available, families are encouraged to seek out their own resources.

Re-Enrolling in 4-H

With the start of a new 4-H year, your RE-ENROLLMENT in 4HOnline will be much faster and easier. All of the information you entered before will remain, and you will simply need to update things that have changed (address, email, phone number, health info, etc.). Your years in 4-H and school grade level will have automatically increased a year. 4HOnline officially opens for Walworth County 4-H families on **October 1**. Re-enrolling members must sign up **no later than December 1** to be eligible to show in the Junior Department at our 2018 Walworth County Fair. However, re-enrolling members may add and drop projects until **March 1**. After March 1, 4HOnline will close down so that you will still be able to look at your account, but not make changes to it. To re-enroll on-line, follow the directions in the *2017-2018 4-H Project Guide*: “Re-enroll Members/Leaders.” These instructions are also available on our website at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/4h-enrollment/>. Everyone that enrolled in 4-H last year is considered a “re-enrollee” this year.

Enrolling as a New Member or Leader

For new family enrollment, you will need to access the [Wisconsin 4HOnline website](http://walworth.uwex.edu) 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 2018 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.

Volunteer Enrollment

Adults who are planning to serve as 4-H volunteers this year are required to complete their annual enrollment on 4HOnline.com. Enrollment help is available from your general club leader if you are “affiliated” with a club. If you are not “affiliated,” please call Sue at the 4-H office if you are having trouble enrolling: (262) 741-4951. Continuing leaders are asked to complete enrollment online no later than **December 1**.

In accordance with state policy, only those volunteers who have completed the 4-H screening process and file their annual enrollment online will be considered 2017-2018 volunteers. If you need to complete the training, please contact Debbie Burkman at (262) 741-4959 or deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu.

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!

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 2018 4-H members will be divided as follows:

\$3 — Senior Leaders’ Association
\$3 — Junior Leaders’ Association
\$1.50 — Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

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

\$2 — 4-H Insurance Fees
\$2.50 — UW-Extension (program materials and printing)
\$1.50 — Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

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

“Thank You” to All Meat Animal Sale Runners!

Each year during the Meat Animal Sale, 4-H and FFA members who are selling beef, sheep, and swine are asked to serve as runners. This entails greeting buyers and getting their signatures on the invoices that correspond to the purchases made. It is an awesome way to catch the eye of buyers prior to selling your own animals and speaks volumes to potential buyers about the caliber of members participating in the sale.

A huge thank you goes to all of the youth who helped out this year: Willy Pinnow, Kyle Ellsworth, AnnMarie Cates, Megan Gostomski, Nolan Schmalfeldt, Joey Stilling, Lucy Stinebrink, Lofton Rehberg, Cody Miller, Kelsie Kuehl, Brittany Bruhn, Erin Sorg, Keegan Kreft, Myles Lois, Teagan Ward, Brody Kynell, Olivia Lois, Lainey Popp, Olivia Peterson, Landon Rieck, Abby Rieck, Tyler Ellsworth, Isabella Atkinson, Nicole Miller, Colby Atkinson,

Lilly Atkinson, Sarah Reed, Ben Reed, Sarah Frederick, Jacob Huff, Nathan Huff, Connie Haacker, Nathan Schmalfeldt, Lane Schweitzer, Hannah Koss, Cheyenne Schweitzer, Max Meiners, Teddy Bellrichard, Toby Bellrichard, Danny Kniep, Julia Bikowski, Mason Smith, Emily Ellsworth, Makalyn Peterson, Callee Gilfoy, Aubrey Gahns, Blayne Kreft, Kaylee Butt, Emma Syverson, Ella Spies, Preston Ward, Addy Popp, Chris Mansfield, Jackson Braden, and Holly Kynell.

There’s a chance that we may have missed a handful of youth who did not sign in. In that case, they were pinch hitting when we were desperate for help. While their names may go unlisted here, their services that day were tremendously appreciated.

School Supply Drive “Thank You”

Dear 4-H Members and Families,

Thank you to all of you who donated to the Walworth County Health and Human Service’s “Back to School” supply drive. Because of your generous donations, we were able to help over 125 families in need. Students were given new backpacks with basic supplies that they need to succeed in school. We also teamed up with St. John in the Wilderness Church, and they gave away donated clothes to families as well.

Often times, the first day of school is a source of anxiety for a child, but especially for those who are below the poverty level. A new backpack and the needed supplies adds to their confidence and makes them look like everyone else. Again, a big thank you for being part of our school supply drive—you made a difference.

Colleen Lesniak, Walworth County Volunteer Services Coordinator

2017 Dairy Promotion Window Winners

Each year the Walworth County Farm Bureau holds a contest for the most creative dairy promotion window display in Walworth County. This year, the theme was “The BIG Cheese.” Congratulations to all clubs that participated!

- 1st Place: Elkhorn 4-H
- 2nd Place: Sharon 4-H
- 3rd Place: Lakeland 4-H

Honorable mention: Spring Prairie 4-H, Sugar Creek 4-H, Troy Center 4-H, Flame Throwers 4-H, and Big Foot Pioneers 4-H.

Thank you to all of the clubs that joined in on the fun and promoted dairy around the county!

2017 4-H Graduates

Congratulations, and thank you for your dedication to Walworth County 4-H! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Elkhorn 4-H:
Emily Partington
Jessica Pohl
Courtney Sharp
Caroline Terry

Big Foot Pioneers 4-H:
Emily Newell
Makalyn Peterson

Harvesters 4-H:
Brittany Bruhn
Haley Mueller

Lake Beulah 4-H:
Alexandria Malicki
Jessica Marschner
Shannan Pogreba

Lakeland 4-H:
Gabryella Pinnow

Linn 4-H:
Keven Quast

Springfield 4-H:
Connie Haacker
Andrew Slack

Spring Prairie 4-H:
Adam Fitch
Kaylee Stowell

Walworth 4-H:
Justin Wells

Sugar Creek 4-H:
Katelyn Gonzalez
Avonlea Odling

Flame Throwers 4-H:
Katie Brewer

Whitewater 4-H:
Mary Hegeman
Max Meiners

Sharon 4-H:
Jessica Trzebny
Katlyn Decker
Josh Ohrwall

Richmond 4-H:
Austin Knoll
Thomas McManaway
Anna Yeazel

UW-Extension Selfie Spotlight

Colleen Lesniak—Volunteer Services Coordinator

My main responsibility is the recruitment and placement of volunteers and interns in any program or facility that the government of Walworth County operates. That includes: Lakeland Health Care Center, Lakeland School, Health and Human Services, Public Works, Walworth County Jail, Sheriff's Office, and Courthouse. I also work with offices and programs at the Government Center, including the UW-Extension office. The Volunteer Services office is located at the Government Center and is a one-stop shop for matching people who want to volunteer with sites that are looking for help. After a background check and application, I match their skills and interests to a volunteer opportunity.

You might have seen some of my recruitment articles in this very newsletter! I appreciate the partnership that I have with our local 4-H groups/parents and truly am grateful for all the wonderful response that I receive. You are teaching young people about how important it is to give back through community service. So, I guess this would be a good time to let you know my current needs...

- Holiday Care (**December 18-21**) Set up of toys/clothes will be during the day of Dec 18 and 19 and the "Day of Giving" will be Dec 20, in which adult volunteers are needed to escort parents through the maze of donated items. Groups are also encouraged to donate new toys like: children's books, stuffed animals, sport balls, etc.
- I am also looking for a group to help sew small pillows. We recently received a donation of pillow slips from PFI Fashions and need a group to get the pillows stuffed and sewn. These will be given out to families during the Holiday Care program above.
- County Park Work Day (**October 6**) at White River, Lyons Township, 8:00am to noon
- County Park Work Day (**October 13**) at Price Park, north of Elkhorn

- County Park Work Day (**November 4**) from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Natureland on Whitewater Lake, volunteers 14 and older are welcome.
- We have many clerical volunteer opportunities for adults who want to freshen up on their clerical skills or want to try their hand at "working" in an office. Currently, we have a need for several volunteers to help with scanning historical paper files into computer files. This can be done a few hours during the work week and is very flexible.
- Lakeland School, the county's school for students with special needs, is in need of weekly volunteer help in their library.
- Lakeland Health Care Center (LHCC), the county's long term care facility, is in need of volunteers for the gift shop on Wednesdays or Fridays, 10:30am to noon.
- 4-H groups are always welcome to schedule a visit at LHCC. Would you like to perform, sponsor a bingo, have a checkers tournament, or bring in animals? We welcome all ideas!
- Meals on Wheels is always in need of volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors during the week (Monday-Friday) at the lunch hour.



As you can see, the volunteer needs for Walworth County programs and offices keep me busy every day. It is an ever changing, fun job that I love because I get to meet wonderful, good-hearted people who expand the programs that we offer to people of all ages that need help. If you would like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities listed here, or volunteerism in general, please give me a call at (262) 741-4223 or email me at clesniak@co.walworth.wi.us.

New and Upcoming Events

Senior Leaders' Association Budget Committee Meeting

The annual Senior Leaders' Association Budget Committee meeting will be held on **October 18** from 7:00-8:00pm in the County Government Center. During this meeting, budget requests will be considered and a budget proposal will be drafted for approval at the October 23 Senior Leaders' Association business meeting.

4-H groups wishing to request funding consideration for educational activities/events during the 2017-2018 project year must submit their requests at the UW-Extension office by 4:30pm on **October 13**. Budget request forms are available from the UW-Extension office and are also on the website at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/files/2011/02/Sr.-Leader-Budget-Request.pdf>.

Kids College Presenters Needed

Kids' College is a day full of fun workshops for all ages. Try a new project, learn from the experts, and have fun with your friends! The annual event will be held on **January 27, 2018**. More information will be in the December/ January *4-H Newsclip*. If you or someone you know would like to teach a class about ANY 4-H project, please let Chelsea know! (262) 741-4960 or Chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu. Workshop rooms fill up fast!

Trip Portfolio Deadline Approaching

To any 4-Hers who have attended State 4-H Conference and are now interested in applying for trips to Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, or National 4-H Conference, portfolios will be due in the UW-Extension office by **November 3** at 5:00pm. Interviews for trips are TBA to applicants. If you need a folder full of information on how to complete a portfolio, please contact Chelsea Dertz at (262) 741-4960 or chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu. Portfolios will not be complete without all information from the folder, so make sure to contact Chelsea to get one!

Out-of-State Exchange

The Out-of-State Exchange program in Walworth County is a longtime 4-H tradition. Each year, the group plans multiple trips around the United States. Currently they are planning:

- Multi-day trip for youth in grades 8 and up
- Multi-day trip for youth in grades 6-8
- Day trips for all ages to explore the state of Wisconsin

The group is led by leaders Kathie Benhart and Nancy Lee with support from a number of adult volunteers.

The cost per trip is always reasonably priced. We also have a few fundraisers to supplement or possibly cover all travel expenses. If you want to be a part of this adventurous group, please call Nancy Lee at (262) 724-5330 for more information.

“Wear a 4-H Shirt to School” Day!

National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2017! To celebrate, the 4-H staff is challenging Walworth County 4-Hers to “Wear a 4-H Shirt to School” on Friday, **October 6th** as part of a county-wide effort to spread the word about 4-H and share 4-H pride. As part of the challenge...

1. Take a picture in your 4-H shirt
2. Post it on Facebook (with parent/guardian permission; yes, parents/guardians can post your picture for you)
3. Mention your club in the post
4. Tag “Walworth County 4-H”

Everyone that tags “Walworth County 4-H” with their picture will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of four prizes! Parents and 4-H volunteers are welcome to join in on the fun!

Not a Facebook user? No problem! Just email your picture to deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu or mail it to the UW-Extension office at 100 West Walworth Street, POB 1001, Elkhorn, WI 53121 by **October 13**. Mailed/emailed pictures will NOT be posted in social media. They'll just be included in the drawing.

Winners will be drawn and announced on October 20!

Back-To-4-H Night

New and recently new 4-H families are invited to participate in Back-to-4-H Night '17 for a chance to learn more about the Walworth County 4-H program and its project opportunities! This fun, free open house style event is scheduled for Thursday, **October 5** from 6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Center at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Participating youth and adults visit project stations to complete simple, hands-on activities and learn a little about project opportunities from project leadership. Visit four or more stations, and youth will win a prize bag to take home! Participating project areas this year include: Horseless Horse, Cats, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, Arts & Crafts, Cloverbuds, Natural Science, Food Preservation, Robotics, Shooting Sports, International, and more! A Spanish/English language interpreter will be present throughout the event.

Please pass info about this event on to families you know of that may be interested in attending. Though pre-registration is not required, the first 20 families to pre-register by **October 4** at 4:30pm will receive a participation prize at the door. Pre-register by calling (262) 741-4951.

2017 Junior and Senior Leaders' Banquet

Join us as we honor the successes and achievements of the past program year and get an official start to the new one!

We'll enjoy the 2017 photo slideshow, recognize outstanding county records award winners, and install our 2017-2018 Association officers. We'll have the opportunity to bid on a variety of fun and useful items to raise money that will help offset 4-H program costs in the coming year. We'll also find out who the lucky winner of the annual

Heart in Hand 4-H Quilters' Guild quilt will be!

Each participating family is asked to bring a dish to pass. Meat, dessert, and beverages will be provided.

Please **RSVP by October 27** at 5:00pm by emailing lgiorno@gmail.com or using the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-county1>. Let us know what you plan to bring (ex:

vegetable, fruit salad, casserole, bread, etc.) and how many people will be attending.

What: Potluck, Recognition Program, & Silent Auction

When: Sunday, **November 5**, 2017
1:30 - Lunch
2:30 - Awards

Where: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 415 Devondorf Street, Elkhorn

4-H Officer School

An action-packed workshop event will be held for ALL 4-H CLUB OFFICERS, YOUTH LEADERS, and ADULT LEADERS on Saturday morning, **October 28** at the County Government Center. Check-in will run from 8:00-8:25am. Officer School will start at 8:30am, and a PIZZA lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the workshop at high noon.

This is the event for youth and adults in leadership roles to gain confidence in their abilities to initiate ideas, conduct fun, efficient business meetings; and create a club meeting environment that

other youth will be drawn to and want to stick with!

This year's program will include a quick review of parli-pro basics and in-depth breakout sessions during which participants will focus on their specific roles within the club: Presiding Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers, Reporters/ Historians, general Youth Leaders, and Adult Volunteers. We will also have time for participants to share ideas for making meetings fun and community service efforts that work. Plus, we'll look at specific ways that youth leaders can step up in the club

setting and county project meeting setting to inspire younger members!

Participation is free, but pre-registration is required by noon on **October 23** at 4:30pm. When registering, please share 1) your name 2) club; 3) phone number; and 4) your specific interest in the workshop: adult leader, youth leader, or club/county officer (including which office). Email registrations to deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu OR call (262) 741-4951.

A big thank you goes to the Jones Farm for sponsoring the pizza!



National 4-H Week: October 1 - 7, 2017



Annual Holiday International Trip

Families with 4-Hers enrolling in the International Project this fall and all 4-H families who wish to experience the Windy City are invited to participate in the annual International Project Holiday Outing as Walworth County 4-H travels to Chicago on **December 9** to enjoy the Christkindlmarket.

Christkindlmarket Chicago is a German tradition that has made its way to Chicago. This Christmas holiday market takes place in Daley Plaza and offers unique crafts and gifts for sale, a variety of entertainment, as well as German food.

Participants in this outing will start their day by jumping aboard the Harvard train at 10:30am sharp. Please provide your own transportation to the train. Train fare is \$8.00 per person (round trip), but children under 12 are free with an adult ticket purchase. The participants are estimated to arrive back in Harvard at 8:30pm.

Join in on the fun of this memory-making adventure! Please register with Caroline Cornelison (262) 949-0647 at 10:00am before boarding the train. No pre-registration is needed, but you must check-in before the train leaves.

Space Camp

Space Camp 2018: 4-H Missions in Space is set for **April 26-30** at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, and learn about becoming an astronaut.

Space Camp is open to all enrolled 4-H members in good standing in their counties who are in grades 6-8, maximum age of 15 at the time of program. Wisconsin participants will leave the state on Thursday and return on Monday. WI participants will travel by motor coach to Huntsville. Tentative registration fees, including transportation, are

\$625 per person. The final fee will be confirmed and announced later on.

Priority selection will be given to first time applications. Space Camp alumni are welcome to apply, and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis after registration closes. If you are interested in attending Space Camp, let the UW-Extension office know anytime between now and **November 6**. We will then instruct you on how to register on *4Honline*. Scholarships from both the Junior and Senior Leaders' may be available to help offset costs.

Association Updates

Junior Leaders' Association

Join Us!

Want to ramp up your 4-H experience a little? Make new friends? Work on your leadership skills? ...And have some fun? Check out our Walworth County Junior Leaders' Association! The Junior Leaders' meet the fourth Monday of the month at the Walworth County Government Center at 7:00pm. (No meetings in December or August.) These meetings are a little like club meetings, but are exclusively for older 4-Hers! Besides business, each one features member-led ice breakers, an engaging program on a topic, and refreshments! Come to one meeting, or come to many! It's up to you. Got questions? Call Debbie at 262-741-4959 or email deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu.

2017-2018 Officers

Congratulations to the following individuals elected to serve as our county officers this year:

President—Connor Hessman, Linn 4-H

V-President—Josie Wells, Sharon 4-H

Secretary – Owen Kramer, Spring Prairie 4-H

Treasurer – Leo Ehlen, Sugar Creek 4-H

Reporter—Lauren Glos, Sharon 4-H

Parliamentarian—Marilyn Bartlett, Spring Prairie 4-H

District Reps – Molly Wade, Whitewater 4-H (NW Rep); Paul Laskowski, Spring Prairie 4-H (NE Rep); Lillie Cauffman, Sugar Creek 4-H (Central); Anna Haney, Walworth 4-H (SW Rep); and Jasmine Ford, Linn 4-H (SE Rep).

October Meeting

Our next meeting will be happening on **October 23** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. During this meeting, we'll enjoy an ice breaker led by Jasmine Ford, brainstorm awesome programs for our 2018 meetings, and enjoy an autumn-inspired activity TBA! The Junior Leaders' Assn. Budget Committee will meet at 6:15pm immediately preceding the meeting.

Senior Leaders' Association

Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on **October 23** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. The November meeting will be on **November 27**. 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

October— Elkhorn 4-H

November— Fall Forum adults

District Responsibilities—

- Central: Awards Packaging and Distribution Prep
- Northwest and Southwest: Senior Leaders from District: Banquet Planning; Junior Leaders from District: Decorations

2017-2018 Budget Requests

Budget time for the association is fast approaching. Project committee budget requests must be in writing on the [Budget Request Form](#) available on our website under [Junior & Senior Leaders' Associations](#), and should be submitted to the UW-Extension office or Treasurer Kristi Plenty by **October 13**. The annual Senior Leaders' Association Budget Committee meeting will be held on **October 18** at 7:00pm in the Government Center. Budget requests will be considered and a budget proposal for approval at the October 23 Senior Leaders' meeting will be developed.

Chartering Reminder

Chartering season is just around the corner for the vast majority of our 4-H clubs and groups across the county.

This is the time when financial records for the fiscal year just ending are audited, summarized, and documented, AND the opportunity for clubs and groups to set goals for next year, identify their officer teams, and share a schedule of what is to come. The final piece is due on **October 30**.

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.

Halloween Candy Donations

Last year, Senior Leaders helped the Lakeland Health Care Center annual Trick-or-Treating event by donating bags of candy. The residents spend most of the early morning of their day getting ready for the kids to arrive and hand out candy. LHCC relies heavily on candy donations. Please consider bringing a bag (or two) of Halloween candy to the next Senior Leaders meeting on **October 23**. Donations can also be dropped off at the UW-Extension office (in Chelsea's office) anytime from now until the meeting. Thank you for your support!

Nominating Committee Report

Please contact Vice-President Tim Boss (262) 215-9907 if you are interested in any of the following Senior Leaders' Positions: Vice-President, Secretary, NW District Rep, or NE District Rep.

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.

2017 Herdsmanship Winners

This year, volunteers were asked to evaluate the animal exhibits in the beef, sheep, and swine barns to determine which 4-H/FFA District group would earn the honor of 2017 Top Herdsmen and a small cash donation from the Walworth County Business Association (which can be used towards decorations at next year's fair).

Herdsmanship Award winners were also chosen in a number of other animal areas as the result of a beautiful plaque being donated by the Rock Valley Veterinary Medical Association. This plaque will hang in the Fair Office year round with plates to commemorate the winners of many species. A banner or placard honoring each of the 2017 herdsman winners will also hang over their areas at next year's fair.

Top herdsman honors go to individuals or districts (depending on the species) that are most attentive to their animal exhibits, maintain clean pens/stalls, are welcoming to fair goers, and positively represent their commodity and the 4-H/FFA programs. Congratulations to this year's winners:

Sheep—Central District

Beef – SW District

Swine—NE District

Dairy—NW District

Rabbits—Courtney Boss, Elkhorn 4-H

Poultry—Josiah Harder, Walworth 4-H

Goats—Clayton Flies, Big Foot Pioneers 4-H

Cavies—Paul Laskowski, Spring Prairie 4-H

Beef News

Walworth County Fair

The 2017 Walworth County Fair and project year is now over, and it was awesome! We have many people to thank, but especially our families and all the wonderful volunteers who make the Junior Beef Project such a success!

Members and their families would like to thank David Scott, Charlie Scott, Wood Products, Steve Scott, and Gifford Tree Service for once again providing the bedding for our barn. This generous donation benefitted the animals and members/families in the beef project and made the barn uniform, clean, and neat looking. Thank you so much!

7th Annual Steak Cook-Out

On July 19th, the "Friends of the Walworth County Junior Beef Project," the Beef Committee, project members, and families held the 7th Annual Steak Cook-Out in the Activity Center at the fairgrounds. This year, 2,200 people attended and were treated to excellent rib eye steaks, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, beverage, and homemade desserts. New this year was a drive-thru option which was very much appreciated by about 820 people on that very warm day. We want to thank all those who came, gave many generous donations, and volunteered their time to make it a success. We are already planning the 2018 event, so mark your calendars for **July 18**, and watch for advertising!

Mandatory Meeting

November 7, 2017, 7:00pm- Government Center, Elkhorn

Notice to all Junior Beef Members

REMEMBER—There are two mandatory activities in order to show and sell at the 2018 Walworth County Fair: one mandatory meeting or clinic and helping with the Steak Cook-Out in July.

There are several ways to fulfill the first requirement:

- Attending the meeting on Tuesday, **November 7**, 7:00pm at the Government Center. This meeting is very important. We introduce new members, evaluate the 2017 project year, discuss the steak cook-out, and plan for 2018! Newer members: this is an excellent meeting for you to attend. Expectations are discussed and questions are answered about your project. Presentation plans are still being developed.
- Attending the carcass evaluation that was held at the Elkhorn High School during this past fair
- Showing in a preview show
- Attending a clinic, such as the one held last spring at the fairgrounds
- Attending a MAQA workshop
- And other opportunities approved ahead of time by the Junior Beef superintendent

The second requirement is to help with the Steak Cook-Out on **July 18**. Every family helps the day before, during set up, or on the event day. If you can help with both days, we can use all the help we can get!

Watch your 4-H *Newsclip* for important information and dates! If you have any questions about the project throughout the year, please call Doc Sterken at (262) 728-9749 or cell (262) 949-5890.

Poultry News

Hello present and future Poultry Project members!

If you are thinking about signing up for the Poultry Project, please come to our December or January meetings. Attendance at one meeting is required to show birds at the fair next year. Here is a list of our 2017-2018 meetings:

- **December 7**, 2017. 7:00pm at the Activity Center
- **January 18**, 2018. 7:00pm at the Activity Center
- **March 15**, 2018. 7:00pm at the Activity Center
- **May 17**, 2018. 7:00pm at the Sheep Barn
- **July 19**, 2018. 7:00pm at the Sheep and Poultry Barns
- **August 16**, 2018. 6:30pm at the Sheep and Poultry Barns

Rabbit News

Our monthly meetings will be moved to the first Monday of the month. Our first meeting for the new project year will be in February. Check back in the next *Newsclip* for more project information.



Non-Animal Project Updates

Art and Photography Chosen for State

The following 4-Hers had projects selected for the state art show or the photography display.

Art Show at State Conference in Madison:

- Adam Fitch, Spring Prairie 4-H
- Taylor Bikowski, Sugar Creek 4-H

State Photo Display:

- Kaylee Stowell, Spring Prairie 4-H
- Erin Sorg, Harvesters 4-H
- Anna Featherstone, Big Foot Pioneers 4-H

Robotics News

First Lego League meetings are at Advia Credit Union (formerly known as People's Bank) in Elkhorn, unless otherwise indicated.

- Friday **10/6**, 6:00-9:00pm
- Saturday **10/7**, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Friday **10/13**, 6:00-9:00pm
- Saturday **10/14**, 9:00am to 12:00pm – Trinity Church, W775 Geranium Rd, Genoa City, WI 53128
- Friday **10/20**, 6:00-9:00pm
- Saturday **10/21**, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Brat Hut Fundraiser Sunday **10/29**, Frank's Piggly

Wiggly-Elkhorn, 10:00am to 2:00pm

- Friday **11/3**, 6:00-9:00pm
- Saturday **11/4**, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Friday **11/10**, 6:00-9:00pm
- Saturday **11/11**, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Friday **11/17**, 6:00-9:00pm
- Saturday **11/18**, 9:00am to 12:00pm – Trinity Church, W775 Geranium Rd, Genoa City, WI 53128

R/C Car Project has met on 9/30. Watch future *Newsclips* for information or contact the Key Leader, Damian Daniels at (262) 745-7233 or damianrdaniels@gmail.com.

Kudos!:

Scholarship Recipients

Fur and Feather

- Kaylee Stowell
- Katlyn Decker
- Victoria Hodkiewicz
- Devon Frederick
- Victoria Miller

Hafs Leadership

- Devon Frederick

Robert O. Jones Memorial

- Makalyn Peterson
- Makena Ekman

Junior Leaders

- Jared Wells

Earl Cook Memorial

- Makalyn Peterson
- Katlyn Decker

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[4-H Project Contacts](#)
[4-H Project Meeting Guide](#)
[4-H Events Calendar](#)
[Major Event Guide](#)

We have created links for your convenience. Just click on the blue words, and the link will take you right there!

[Walworth County 4-H Facebook](#)

