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A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

Although December 12 is my last day as your 4-H Coordinator, I will be taking many lessons learned in 4-H with me to my new adventure in Chicago.

4-H has taught me to work with youth and adults toward common goals, more about agriculture than I ever thought I would know, and to find something to laugh about each day. If you spend your days doing what you love, you honestly never have to work. I am lucky that I can say I loved my time in Walworth County.

Thank you for accepting me into your 4-H family and helping me grow as a professional. I will dearly miss Walworth County and will be taking many fond 4-H memories with me. It has been a pleasure working with you all, and I hope to see you at the 2018 Walworth County Fair!

All the best, *Chelsea Dertz*
Chelsea Dertz

**MAKE EACH DAY
YOUR MASTERPIECE.**

— JOHN WOODEN



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 sclark@co.walworth.wi.us by the appropriate deadline.

Newsclip Deadlines:

- 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: <https://walworth.uwex.edu/files/2011/02/Newsclip-Subscription-Form-2017-2018.pdf>.

Closed for the Holidays

The UW-Extension office will be closed December 25 and 26 for the holiday and January 1 and 2 for New Year's. The office will be open December 27, 28, and 29 and will resume regular scheduling on January 3.

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.

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.

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 *2017-2018 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 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 Re-Enrollment

Any adults who served as Walworth County 4-H volunteers during the past year are asked to re-enroll as soon as possible. To accomplish this, you must log into your [Wisconsin 4HOnline website](#) account and click on the button that says "Enroll for 2016-2017." Be sure that you complete all of the screens, choose a club (if you wish to be affiliated with one), and choose any project(s) that you wish to be considered a "project leader" for. Additionally, check your years as a volunteer to make sure that the figure that appears is accurate. Years as a volunteer does not include your years as a 4-Her; it only refers to years in the adult leader capacity. If you have trouble re-enrolling, please contact Sue Clark at the 4-H Office at 262-741-4951.

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.

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 **January 31, 2018** from 6:30-8:00pm. (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.

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.

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!

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.

UW-Extension Selfie Spotlight

Amanda Kostman—Family Living Educator

Amanda happily joined the Walworth County UW-Extension Office in February as the Family Living Educator! Her work focuses around Family Financial Security but she also coordinates the Strong Women program and offers programming around health and wellness, food safety, inter-generational relationships, etc.

Like you, Amanda bleeds green! She has been a life-long 4-Her. 4-H has affected her life since Kindergarten in the Raymond 4-H Club in Racine County. She grew up in 4-H serving in leadership roles on the Junior Leaders’ and Adult Leader Associations in Racine County. Additionally, for the last 12 years, Amanda held the 4-H Program Adviser/Family Living Educator positions with UW-Extension in Lincoln County!

Amanda can be reached at amanda.kostman@ces.uwex.edu.



Event Recaps

“Wear a 4-H Shirt to School” Day

Congratulations to the following youth who will be receiving prizes for their participation in our National 4-H Week Wear a 4-H Shirt to School Day: Emily Beinert, Lakeland 4-H; Kate Flitcroft, Sugar Creek 4-H; and Lauren Glos, Sharon 4-H!

4-H Officer School

A number of youth participated in this year's 4-H Officer School! In addition to attending role-based sessions, participants played games they can share at their club meetings, engaged in workshops focused on serving as youth leaders, parliamentary basics, and club ceremonies, and conducted a mock meeting. A big thank you goes to presenters: Jodi Baumgartner, Chris Jones, Susan Clark, Diane DeBaere, Caroline Cornelison, Linda Giorno, and Josie Wells. Thanks, also, to the Jones Farm for sponsoring the pizza lunch that was provided.

If you are currently serving as a 4-H club officer or youth leader and were unable to attend this year's Officer School, please take a few minutes to check out the helpful resources at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/officertoolbox/>. Clubs whose secretaries and treasurers were unable to attend received a folder of helpful monthly fill-ins and guidelines in their club mailbox.

Junior/ Senior Leader' Banquet

The Junior/Senior Leaders' Banquet was held on November 5. A number of individuals were honored for outstanding service and achievement. Some individuals recognized were:

General Leader Milestone Anniversaries

Madison VanderVeen, 1 year
Jodi Aron, 5 years
Jeff Kleist, 5 years
Christie Pogreba, 5 years
Julie Thomas, 5 years
Brenda Warrenburg, 5 years
Brenda Harkness, 10 years
Rita VanSchyndel, 10 years
Linda Giorno, 15 years
Donna Kundert, 30 years

Volunteer Milestone Anniversaries

Lisa Doane, 25 years
Dan Morgan, 30 years
Gary Ellsworth, 35 years
Bonnie Cornue, 40 years
Kathleen Tober, 45 years

Retiring General Club Leaders

Susan Earle
Jodi Swatek
Jodi Aron
Lisa Kendall
Brenda Harkness
Stacy Jacobs
Betty Baerwald

Space Camp

Owen Kramer, Jasmine Davenport, Madelynn Newmann, Jacob Kleist, Mason Meiners, Millie Meiners and Maya Ehlen.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Lillie Cauffman

Friend of 4-H Award

Kathie Benhart

4-H Outstanding Achievement Awards

Grades 3-4: Jacob Frodl, Alaina Sorg
Grades 5-6: Ella Storlie, Josiah Reinholz, Meg Roselle, Eloise Rohloff
Grades 7-8: Madelyn Kleist, Marilyn Bartlett, Maya Ehlen, Kaitlyn Guanci
Grades 9-10: Claire Schilz, Jaden Henneman, Josephine Wells, Melissa Konkell
Grades 11+: Erin Sorg, Braden Kundert, Amaya Bisabarro-Hudoc, Katelyn Rosenow

Special Awards

Intermediate Agriculture—Emma Frodl
Intermediate Miscellaneous—Jacob Kleist
Senior Agriculture—Cheyenne Sweitzer
Senior Home Economics—Hannah Koss
Senior Miscellaneous—Leo Ehlen
Elaine Papcke Memorial Award—Paige Prager
Florence Sweno Leadership Award—Jared Wells
Cornelison Arts Communication Award—Madelyn Kleist
Key Award—Nicole Plenty, Paige Prager, Taylor Bikowski and Lillie Cauffman

Volunteer of the Year Award

Angie Ehlen

Walworth County 4-H Meeting Excellence Award

Linn 4-H

Foundation Community Servant Award

Claire Schilz

Softball Junior Teams

Elkhorn/Sugar Creek/Harvesters
Spring Prairie/LaGrange/Springfield/Troy Center

Softball Senior Teams

Elkhorn, LaGrange, Whitewater, Harvesters,
Sugar Creek, Spring Prairie, Springfield

Happy Holidays from the UW-Extension Office!

Leaders' Banquet Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle

Thank you to all of the clubs and businesses that donated to the silent auction. This year more clubs participated than ever before. Your donations helped raise \$1,092 for the 4-H program! A big congratulations to Diane Burtness (Elkhorn) for winning this year's quilt. Tickets sold for the quilt raised \$2395. Thank you to the Future's Committee for putting together these two 4-H fundraisers!

New and Upcoming Events

Kids College Cancelled

In the absence of the 4-H Coordinator, Kids' College 2018, originally scheduled for January 27th, will be cancelled. The office may reschedule later in the year.

4-H Summer Camp

Walworth County 4-H Camp will be held **June 18-21** at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. 4-H Camp is open to youth currently in grades 3-8. It will include three nights and three days of fun, friends, and adventure. Registration materials are available now on the 4-H camp portion of our [UW-Extension website](#) and from club leaders. The cost will be \$120 for regular registration; \$140 for late registration. The fee does include a t-shirt. Limited financial assistance is available.

Camp counselor applications will be accepted until **January 27**, and candidate interviews will be held at the County Government Center on **February 7**. Counselor candidates must be 4-Hers in grades 9-13 and at least 15 years old at the start of camp. Camp counseling is a blast! If you like camp and kids, consider giving it a try! Adults interested in chaperoning should contact the UW-Extension office ASAP.

New Family Orientation

If your family is a new or recent addition to our Walworth County 4-H Family, please consider joining us on **January 18** for New Family Orientation! This action-packed program will run from 6:00-8:00pm at the County Government Center in Elkhorn. The evening will begin with a whole-group session during which parents and children get a brief overview of the 4-H program. Then, we'll divide into adult and youth groups for a more age-appropriate look at 4-H. Parents will get the scoop on membership expectations, resources available, and other important things families need to know for a successful Walworth County 4-H

experience. 4-Hers will enjoy fun, purposeful hands-on activities led by members of the Junior Leaders' Association.

Pre-registration is required by **January 16**. Sign up by calling 262-741-4951 or by emailing deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu with "New Family Orientation" as your subject line. Please identify how many adults and youth (including youth ages) will be attending and provide a phone number where you can be reached on January 18 in case of inclement weather.

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

Now that the weather has turned colder, plans for the Walworth County Health and Human Services Holiday Care program are starting to ramp up. Holiday Care helps over 450 families in need during the holidays with gifts for their children and gift cards for groceries. The program is run entirely on donation and volunteer power. If you would like to donate to the program, you can bring an unwrapped gift or toy to the Government Center. Collection bins will be in the front lobby from **November 27 until December 15**, or you can drop items off at the UW-Extension office. We are especially looking for new toys, books, family games, stuffed animals, outerwear and gifts for children 8 and up. You can also give the gift of your time and volunteer during the event—please call Colleen Lesniak, Walworth County Volunteer Services Coordinator at 262-741-4223 or email clesniak@co.walworth.wi.us for more details. Must be 18 and older to volunteer.



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Mandatory Leader Trainings

Each year, leaders from each of our chartered clubs and groups are required to participate in a *Mandatory Leader Training* session in order to meet state 4-H guidelines. In Walworth County, a single mandatory leader training program is offered twice annually, and each club/group must ensure that it is represented by at least one screened active 4-H volunteer on one of the training nights. Training details will be announced soon. General Club Leaders and County Project/Activity Leaders are asked to note the dates from which they can choose, and put one of them on their calendars now. Our 2018 Mandatory Leader Training dates will be **February 20th** and **March 15th**. Both trainings will run from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** and will be held in the **County Government Center**.

Association Updates

Junior Leaders' Association

Our Walworth County Junior Leaders' Association is made up of 4-Hers from clubs across the county who are in grades 6-13. All 4-Hers in that age range are welcome to participate in the group's meetings and activities as often as they'd like. This is a great way to make new friends, work on leadership skills, have a say in county 4-H events, and have fun!

Junior Leaders' meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the County Government Center in downtown Elkhorn. (No meetings in December or August.) Meetings are a lot like club meetings, but are very fast-paced, including a member-led ice breaker, a fun or interesting program, a short business meeting, and refreshments—all in about 75 minutes! Meeting minutes are available at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/leaders/>. See pics of Junior Leaders' activities on our Walworth County 4-H Facebook page.

Using the group's crazy brainstorming session info from the October meeting, the plans for 2018 follow. Note that guest speakers and tours are tentative.

Meeting Date	Scheduled Program
January 22	<i>Crazy Craft Night</i>
February 26	Guest Speaker: Kikkoman Foods (Tentative)
March 26	<i>International Fair</i>
April 23	Guest Speaker: Andes Candies
May 29	<i>Green Thumb Night</i> or L.G. Museum Tour (Location TBA)
June 25	<i>Weird Animal Extravaganza @ the Fairgrounds Activity Center</i>
July 23	<i>Game Night @ the Fairgrounds Activity Center</i>
September 24	Taco Night & Elections

Senior Leaders' Association

Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on **January 22** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. There is no December meeting. 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

December— No meeting
January— Flame Throwers 4-H

2018 District Responsibilities—

- Northwest: Awards Packaging and Distribution Prep

- Central & Northeast: Cloverbud/Exploring Day Camp
- Southwest & Southeast: Senior Leaders from District: Banquet Planning; Junior Leaders from District: Decorations

Election Results

At the October meeting, the associations had their election of 2017-2018 officers and district representatives. The following people were elected to positions:

- Vice-President: Tim Boss
- Secretary: Diane DeBaere
- Northeast Rep: Lisa Brockman
- Northwest Rep: Linda Giorno

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.

YQCA Certification Now Required for Beef, Sheep, & Swine Exhibitors

Beginning this year, Walworth County Junior Department exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified in order to show at the Walworth County Fair. YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification replaces the MAQA certification that Swine Project members had to have previously.

YQCA Certification is required of most animal species for Wisconsin State Fair Junior Exhibitors beginning this year, and counties were strongly encouraged to expand local requirements, as well. Walworth County has opted to extend the requirement to its Meat Animal Sale species for 2018—Beef, Sheep, and Swine.

YQCA certification must be completed annually from now on, and it may be achieved either by participating in face-to-face training or by completing on-line training. Face-to-face training may be completed at a cost of \$3 per youth. On-line training may be completed at a cost of \$12 per youth. The on-line training is estimated to require about 60 minutes of a member's time each year. More details will be released regarding Walworth County's certification plans in early 2018.

Wisconsin State Fair is requiring YQCA certification of Junior Department exhibitors of the following species in 2018: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Rabbits, Poultry, and Goats.

Beef Project News

Beef Weigh-In

The annual Beef Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **February 3** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 11:00am. The snow date is **February 10**.

All steers must be weighed and tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2018 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 weigh-in during fair week.

Weigh-in Guidelines

- For everyone's safety, all steers must be broken to lead at the time of this weigh-in.
- Each exhibitor can weigh up to 8 steers.
- All steers must be dehorned prior to weigh-in, or they will not be weighed or identified.
- Steers brought to weigh-in with bull leads or wires through noses will not be allowed to weigh.
- Exhibitors must report to the recording table while their steer is in the chutes. Make sure all information on the weigh-in forms you turn in is accurate.
- If someone other than you will be bringing your steer/s, be sure that person knows your address, grade, club/chapter, phone number, etc. They have to fill forms out for you.
- Know ahead of time if you wish to make a Carcass Contest entry and the breed of the

carcass animal. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for carcass entries. Carcass steers count as one of the 8 steers you can weigh. Dairy beef and dairy steers are also eligible for Carcass Contest and must be identified at the weigh-in.

- Walworth County steers will be DNA tested at weigh-in with costs being covered by the Beef Project.
- Following weigh-in, any lost tags must be reported to Superintendent Doc Sterken as soon as they are noticed. Steers will be retagged, and the UWEX office will record the new tag numbers.
- If weigh-in must be cancelled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be recorded on the UW-Extension winter cancellation line—(262) 741-3193.
- Breed animals will require registration papers in the exhibitor or family name. Papers will not be required for commercial animals—honor system.
- Tattoos will be read prior to the show.

A Spring Junior Beef Clinic is being planned for **March 17** at the fairgrounds. Please watch the next *Newsclip* for details!

The 8th Annual Steak Cookout will be held at the fairgrounds Activity Center on **July 18**. Details will be announced as they become available.

Rabbit Project News

Our first meeting of the next project year will be Monday, **February 5, 2018**. Hopping will start at 6:00pm, and the regular meeting will start at 7:00pm in the Activity Center at the Fairgrounds. We are working on getting Rabbit Hopping Agility going this year as well. If you would like to donate an item for Agility or the funds to purchase/ make an item, please contact Chelby Daniels at chelbydaniels@gmail.com, or (262) 215-7173. We have several of the needed Agility items already, but need the rest of the items to complete the course.

Meetings have changed to the first Monday of each month. Meeting dates are: **2/5/18, 3/5/18, 4/2/18, 5/7/18, 6/4/18, 7/2/18**, 6:00pm Hopping, 7:00pm regular meeting. Meetings are scheduled in the Activity Center through May. If it is warm enough, we can move to the Small Animal Barn for the May meeting, but if it isn't warm enough we have the Activity Center booked.

Elegant Farmer Easter Train Days Community Service dates are:

- **Saturday, March 24**, 2018 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- **Sunday, March 25**, 2018 9:00am to 3:00pm
- **Saturday, March 31**, 2018 9:00am to 3:00pm.

We are asking for two shifts of volunteers from 9:00am to noon, and noon to 3:00pm.

We will have sign-up sheets at the February and March meetings, so we can plan for the dates and make sure we have coverage at each shift.

Lakeland Rabbit Breeders Association show will be Sunday, **2/11/18**. Hope to see you there showing your rabbits! We are looking for volunteers to help serve in the kitchen, and baked goods to sell! We will have a sign up sheet at the February meeting.

Poultry Project News

Hello Poultry Project Members!

Below is a list of our meetings. One meeting is required to show birds at the fair.

Everyone should consider attending our March meeting, as that is our game night! All games are fun and educational!

We will be having a t-shirt design contest again this year. Entries will be due in the spring, so start your drawing now!

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

Non-Animal Project Updates

Scale Models Project News

4-H members interested in the Scale Models project are invited to participate in the **December 16** meeting of the Butchers Model Car Club. This meeting will be held in the Walworth County Fair Office Conference Room from 10:00am to 2:00pm and will include a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass and a model to work on. This will be a working meeting where members can work on their models with experts on hand to assist with questions and offer insights on technique. The Butchers will also be auctioning off some model cars and die cast model cars that day. For more info, or to express interest in attending, please contact 4-H Scale Models Key Leader, Keith Reimers, at (262) 728-1483.

Here are the 2018 meeting dates for the scale models project: We meet in the fair office conference room from 10:00am to 2:00pm. All dates are Saturdays: **JAN. 20 - FEB. 17 - MAR. 17 - APRIL 21 - MAY 12 - JUNE 30 - JULY 21 - AUG. 18 - SEPT. 15 - OCT. 13 - NOV. 17 - DEC. 15**. Changes to the meeting location will be posted on the BUTCHERS MODEL CLUB Facebook page. Attendees are asked to bring a project to work on, snack to pass and a drink for themselves. Any questions can be directed to Keith Reimers at (262) 728-1483, or Bob Carey (608)207-9223

Arts and Crafts Project News

More details to come, but please save the date for these Arts and Crafts Workshops!

Tuesday, February 27, 6:00-7:30pm, Block Printing Workshop

Tuesday, March 27, 6:00-7:30pm, Pastels Workshop

Tuesday, April 24, 6:00-7:30pm, Watercolors Workshop

Lego League/Robotics Project News

Meeting schedule:

First Lego League, Team Possible – We will be having our party and first meeting on:

- Saturday, **February 10, 2018** at Advia Credit Union, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Emails will be sent coordinating food, etc.
- **March 10, 2018** 9:00am to noon, Advia Credit Union, Elkhorn, WI.
- April and May dates are still to be scheduled.

If you would like to join the First Lego League Team, please plan on coming to our monthly meetings. The team is open to children ages 9 to 14. We will be working on robot programming, challenges and team building until the next challenge release in August 2018.

First Tech Challenge – we are working toward starting a team for 2018. If you are age 14 to 18 and are interested, please contact us at Chelbydaniels@gmail.com so we can add you to the email group for our start up meetings. If you want to know more about the First Tech Challenge, please check out this web site. <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc>.

Shooting Sports & Wildlife Project News

A project orientation for all youth enrolled in Shooting Sports projects (wildlife, rifle, shot-gun, archery, muzzle loading, air rifle, or air pistol) will be held on **February 6** at 6:30pm in the Elkhorn MIDDLE School cafeteria. Shooting sports instructors from each discipline will be present to explain where and when district shooting workshops will be held this year. Shoot-off registration forms and the 2018 project rules will be distributed. This is an important meeting, particularly for members new to the project. Members not able to attend must call one of the instructors to get started in the project. For more information, contact the UW-Extension office or Al Iseppon, President of the Shooting Sport Committee, at (608) 201-5032.

If you have not yet signed up for Shooting Sports, it is not too late! If you intend to sign-up, plan to attend the orientation. To be eligible to participate in events at the county and state level, you must be enrolled by **March 1** in each discipline for which you will be competing.

Kudos!:

National 4-H Hall of Fame

Mary Kaye Merwin—Wisconsin's first female 4-H educator, whose career would later take her to Texas and New York, was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame Oct. 6 in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Mary Kaye Merwin credits her entire professional career to personal development through 4-H — a 65-year experience that began at age 10. The 12-year member of the Linn 4-H Club — Wisconsin's first, formed in 1914 — has served at the county, state and national levels. Now retired, Merwin continues as a Wisconsin 4-H volunteer and advocate from her current home of Linn Township in Walworth County. Congrats, Mary Kaye!

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