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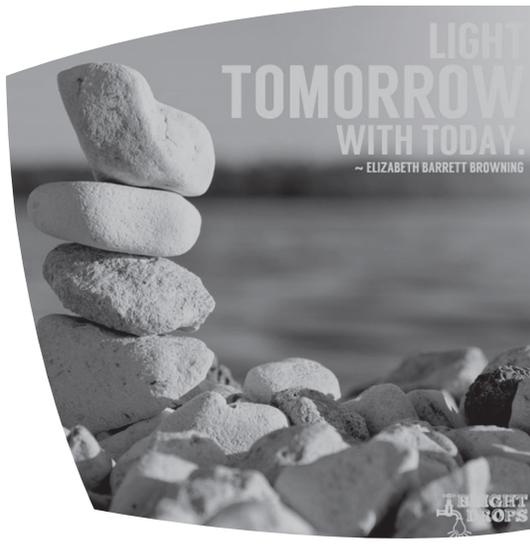
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A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

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

Start a new member's 4-H experience out on a positive note. Lend a helping hand. Ask if they need help or explain a little further. You never know—your help today could make a new member's entire year better. It may also be the deciding factor if they come back next year. Make it a goal to talk to a new member this month!

Sincerely,

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

- April/May Issue – **March 16**
- June/July Issue – **May 18**
- August/September Issue – **July 20**
- October/November Issue – **September 21**

Enrolling as a New Family

For new family enrollment, you will need to access the [Wisconsin 4HOnline website](http://www.wisconsin4honline.com) 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.

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 2018 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

New Volunteer Enrollment

Prospective new 4-H volunteer should follow these steps for becoming official, active enrollees in our county 4-H system.

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 trainings are for March 15 & April 19 from 6:30-8:00p.m. in the County Government Center.** Please notify Susan Clark if you are planning on attending @ 262-741-4954 or sclark@co.walworth.wi.us.

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

Literature Orders

Member-families will be responsible for ordering their own project literature. The 2017-2018 *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.

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 4HOnline 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*? Mark it down—along with which classes you took. Attended the last three Junior Leaders' Association meetings? Mark them down!

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.

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.

4-H Expansion & Review Committee Members Needed

Our new 4-H Expansion & Review Committee could use a few more teen and adult members. This group will meet 4-6 times annually to take a look at the ways that we are currently reaching youth across the county AND develop ideas for reaching new youth audiences with creative 4-H programming efforts.

The group had its first meeting of 2018 in January and discussed initiating a countywide Cloverbud Club as one

option!

If you are an enthusiastic 4-H member or volunteer who enjoys thinking creatively, meeting new people, and helping others, please consider joining us! The next meeting is **February 26** from **5:45-6:45 p.m.** in the County Government Center—immediately preceding the monthly Association meetings. Call Debbie at the UW-Extension office for more information.

UW-Extension Selfie Spotlight

Susan Clark— UW-Extension Support Staff

I have been working in the UW-Extension Office for 10 years, and have just started my 33rd year working for Walworth County. Wow how time flies when you are having fun! In the office, I support all aspects of the 4-H Program and teach VIP Training, I also handle some of the financial things as well.

Like many of you I bleed green! I was raised in Walworth County 4-H and was a member of the Sugar Creek 4-H Club. Many of the youth that I met in 4-H are my friends today and I cherish them all. As the years have passed, I have seen so many youth grow and develop into leaders and amazing young adults, it warms my heart that I can support something that I am passionate about.

Outside of the office, I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my grandchildren, reading, watching old movies and being outside. I am active in the Calvary Community Church where I teach 3-year old Sunday School. I guess it's safe to say "I LOVE KIDS." Good Luck to all of you in the 4-H year ahead, and remember, a friend you make today could be a friend for the rest of your life!!



Upcoming Events

Kids' College '18

Kids' College '18 is scheduled for February 24th in the County Government Center. Registration will run from 8:30-8:50 a.m. Classes will begin at 9 a.m., and the event will wrap-up at 2:30 p.m. See the event flier at <https://walworth.uwex.edu/files/2018/02/Kids-College-Promotional-Flier-18.pdf> for details. **Registration closes Thursday, February 15th at 4:30 p.m.**

Several teen and adult workshop helpers are still needed to make the day run smoothly. If you are willing to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Debbie at the Extension office.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who has agreed to teach a class or assist with the Cloverbud Workshop! This event would not be possible without your kind willingness to step up.

4-H Summer Camp

Add a little zest to this year's summer vacation! Plan now to attend *4-H Camp 2018* at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. *Walworth County 4-H Camp* will be held **June 18-21** 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 8 at 5:00 pm** and \$140 per camper **March 9 –May 8**. No camper registrations will be accepted after May 8. 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-2018/>. 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.

Mystery Trip Opportunities

Each year, our Walworth County 4-H Out-of-State Exchange Program plans a couple of "4-H Mystery Trips" if enough youth are interested in attending. The fun in this is that parents/guardians will know where the youth are going, but the youth participants won't know until they arrive! Thus, the "mystery!" These trips are a super fun way for our older 4-Hers to spend a long weekend with friends! Here are this year's opportunities...

Mystery Trip #1

Traveling Out of Wisconsin
May 5-7
Open to 4-Hers in grades 8-13

Mystery Trip #2

Traveling within the state of Wisconsin
July 12-14 or July 13-15
Open to 4-Hers completing grades 6-8 this school year

Cost for both trips is approximately \$100 which covers room, transportation, admissions, and some meals. Participants will need to bring their own spending money.

If one or more 4-Hers in your household are interested in participating, please contact Nancy Lee, the trip coordinator, at 262-724-5330 or tenofus.lee@gmail.com **by February 12 at 5 p.m.** Be sure to tell Nancy the 4-Her(s) name(s), email address, phone, and specify which trip they are interested in.

Annual Mandatory Leader Training

Each year, at least one representative of each of our chartered 4-H clubs and groups is required to participate in an educational "Mandatory Leader Training." These sound painful because of the "mandatory" terminology, but they are actually a fantastic opportunity for our 4-H leadership to share ideas and get on the same page to ensure overall programming quality. As a result, all volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate!

This year's trainings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 20 and Thursday, March 15. Both trainings will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the County Government Center in Elkhorn. The same program will be given both nights, so participants can choose the evening that best suits them.

Pre-register by February 16th for the February 20th session and by March 12th for the March 15th session to ensure that enough materials are prepared for each evening and you get on the list to be contacted in case inclement weather forces cancellation/rescheduling.

This year's theme will be "Uniquely YOUth" and will challenge leaders to think about their club and individual uniqueness, the youth they serve, and ways that clubs and groups can reach out to grow their programs!

A big thank you to Linda Giorno for her willingness to assist in delivering this program!

4-H Softball

It's once again time 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.

All youth need to be registered in 4HOnline by **4:30 p.m. on April 17**. To register: log into your 4HOnline account and select "2018 4-H Softball Registration" under the "events" tab. Let your general leader or club softball coach know that you have signed-up. If your club only has a few interested members, the Softball Commission will assign you to play with another club. Everyone is encouraged 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.

The coaches' meeting will be held on **April 25** 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 (or VIP) Workshop. If they have not, the team roster will not be accepted, and the team will be disqualified. The *2018 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.

2018 Fair Entry Procedures

This year's entry process will be like last year's. Important things to be aware of include:

1. Entries will open on-line for families by the end of April. (Exact date TBA) Explicit directions will be provided so that families can obtain an immediate confirmation of which classes they entered for each child. If the confirmation does not come, it will be the family's responsibility to immediately contact the Fair Office to obtain one.
2. Entries close on June 15 at 11:59 p.m. and are made via a link on the Walworth County Fair website, not in 4HOnline.
3. Leaders will be asked to cross check the club members who entered the fair with projects enrolled during the June 25 Senior Leaders' meeting. Any leaders who do not attend that night will have to complete this task by the end of the day on July 6 in the UW-Extension office. Print-outs for completing the check will be provided. County project leaders will have the opportunity to review entries in specific departments during this time frame, too. Club leaders will not have to do an on-line review of members' entries this year.
4. Families will be responsible for making any corrections needed directly with the Fair Office at 262-723-3228 or peggy@walworthcountyfair.com. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after 5 p.m. on July 13. (*Understand that these changes can be made any time after the entry confirmation message has been received.*)
5. Fair entry tags will be available for pick-up, at the July 23 Senior Leaders' Meeting. Because clubs must make payment at the time of entry tag pick-up, fair office staff will be present to receive payments. Any tags not picked up on July 23 must be picked up in the Fair Office during regular business hours by club leaders.

Linn 4-H Hosting Annual Skating Party

Linn 4-H Club will be hosting its annual *4-H Countywide Club Skating Party* on Monday, **March 12** 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. Non-skaters-no charge.

Upham Woods Family Camp: May 5-6, 2018

Looking for a fun way to spend quality family time in the outdoors? Consider attending *Family Camp* at Upham Woods. Everyone in your family, any age, can attend to experience some of the quality camp experiences 4-Hers enjoy during 4-H Camp Week: canoeing on the Wisconsin River, hiking on Blackhawk Island, testing your archery skills, sharing campfire songs and stories, and more! There's multiple registration options. Pay \$42 per person to stay in a cabin; pay \$165 to stay in a cabin as a family (up to 5 people); or reserve dorm rooms at \$175 each (housing up to 4 people). If your group is big enough that you want a whole cabin to yourself, you can contact camp for pricing. For more info, or to register, go to: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/family-camp/>. 4-H affiliation is not required to sign-up for this program.

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 7:00 p.m. 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
February 26	Guest Speaker: Kikkoman Foods (Tentative); & Hands-on Workshop led by Fall Forum Delegates
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 **February 26** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. The **March** meeting will also be held on the **26th** 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—Linn 4-H Club
March—Springfield 4-H Club
April — Sharon 4-H Club

SOS Responsibilities

February—None, due to Fall Forum Workshop
March—Laura Hack from Broadstrokes (Guest Presenter)
April—Ray Schilz, 4-H Poultry Project Spotlight

2018 District Responsibilities

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

- Central & Northeast: Cloverbud/Exploring Day Camp

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 at the Extension office if you are interested in joining the Awards Committee.

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**. Please contact Susan Clark 262-741-4954 or sclark@co.walworth.wi.us for any 4HOnline questions.

HOUSE OF PORK

The HOP is the major fundraiser for the Walworth County 4-H Junior and Senior Leaders Associations. Money raised is split between the two organizations and is used to fund or support 4-H Camp, State Conference, Citizen Washington Focus, Space Camp, National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, Out-of-State Exchange trips, 4-H record book awards, member participation pins, and various educational project workshops. 4-Hers who receive scholarships towards trips are expected to work a shift at the HOP (if they are old enough), send an older youth or adult to work on their behalf, or assist with set-up.

Teen (14 years old and up) and adult volunteers are encouraged to participate in any flea market that fits their individual schedule. To sign-up for flea markets, either email the adult in charge or click on the link below to sign yourself up.

May 20th <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-mayhouse> or email Lisa Brockman at lidon90@yahoo.com

June 24th <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-june3> or email Chelsea Police at chelseacop@yahoo.com

August 12th <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-august3> or email Kelly Hayden at lizzylq04@yahoo.com

September 30th <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ba4a628a1fb6-september1> or email Todd Cauffman at toddcaro@elknet.net

The HOP Committee is also looking for a Chair and/or Co-Chair for the HOP. If this is your calling, please contact the UW- Extension office or the HOP Treasurer, Laurie Giorno at (262) 903-9416.

Scholarship Opportunities:

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2018. 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 scholarships, 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 2018-2019 academic school year. Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **March 15 at 5 p.m.** They are available at: <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 2018-19 school year, to third and fourth-year college students and high school seniors who will be first-year college students. To be eligible, applicants must be Wisconsin residents attending or planning to attend a two or four-year Wisconsin school or short course program and pursuing a dairy-related or food science degree. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed and recipients will be recognized at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair. Application deadline is Friday, **March 23**. 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.

Pre-fair Judging Dates

This year, pre-fair judging week will consist of three days of judging instead of four. Here's what you can expect...

August 14 (TUES)—Judging for *Foods & Food Preservation* (including *Cake Decorating*)

August 16 (THURS)—Judging for *Arts & Crafts, Home Environment, Knitting/Crocheting, Clothing, Child Development, Exploring, and Cloverbuds*

August 17 (FRI)—Judging for all other static exhibits (*Photography, Woodworking, Computers, Animal Science, Mechanical Science, Natural Science, Youth Leadership, Aerospace, Scale Models, International, Robotics, etc.*)



Youth exhibitors who are in the Beef, Sheep, and Swine Projects must be YQCA-certified in order to show at this year's Walworth County Fair.

YQCA stands for *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* and this national program has replaced what we used to call MAQA training here in Wisconsin. While MAQA training was required only of Swine exhibitors at past Walworth County Fairs, YQCA training is required of all three species which sell at the county fair *Meat Animal Sale*.

How to Certify

To achieve certification, youth must visit <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> to create an account and either 1) sign-up for a face-to-face training, or 2) complete the on-line training for their age (as of January 1). This must be done annually. Cost is \$3 for the face-to-face training or \$12 for the on-line training, both of which must be paid on-line. The on-line training is estimated to require about 60 minutes.

Face-to-Face Training for 8-11 Year Olds ONLY

Walworth County is offering **one face-to-face training** for youth, ages 8-11 years old ONLY as of 1/1/18. That training will be held on **Thursday evening, March 22, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center**. Youth planning to attend should sign-up by March 19th to ensure that adequate materials will be available. The face-to-face program will include both a slide show and hands-on activities.

Certification Deadline for Walworth County Fair '18

You must be certified in order to register Junior Department Beef, Sheep, and Swine for this year's Walworth County Fair. Fair registration will be open from late April (date TBA) through June 15. Exhibitors must enter their YQCA certification number as part of the on-line registration process.

Limited Number of MAQA Certifications "Grandfathered In"

A very limited number of youth across the county who had earned multiple years of certification by taking and passing an MAQA test in 2016 or before were "grandfathered in" with automatic YQCA certification. **YOUTH WHO WERE GRANDFATHERED IN RECEIVED A LETTER STATING THIS FACT AND IDENTIFYING WHEN THEIR CERTIFICATION WOULD EXPIRE.** If you did not receive a letter, you were not grandfathered in. If you are not sure whether or not you received a letter, but you believe that you should have, contact Debbie or Sue at the UW-Extension office (262-741-4951) and they can double check for you.

Wisconsin State Fair YQCA Requirements

If you are planning to exhibit animals at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair, be aware that YQCA certification is required at the state level for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry.

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 DNA envelope sales dates, and Sheep Tagging Day. Please be sure to bring them along with you to these events.

Livestock Workshop Opportunities

Nasco (in Fort Atkinson, WI) will be presenting its 32nd annual Showing and Grooming Demonstrations on **May 12**. 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 7** 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:

- 8:30am -10:30am – Goat Demonstration
- 9:00am –3:30pm – Beef Demonstration
- 10:00-1:00pm – Dairy Demonstration
- 10:30am– 12:30pm—Sheep Demonstration
- 12:30pm -1:00pm—Lunch & Visit Nasco Store
- 1:00-3:00pm—Swine Demonstration

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

Beef Project News

New YQCA Requirement for Beef Exhibitors

Beginning this year, all BEEF project members are required to become YQCA certified in order to be eligible to show at the Walworth County Fair or Wisconsin State Fair. Refer to the YQCA information page in this newsletter or view it on-line at: <https://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/beef/> for complete details.

One face-to-face YQCA training option is being offered locally for project members, ages 8-11 years, on March 22. All others must participate in the on-line training or participate in face-to-face trainings held in neighboring counties.

Beef Project Clinic

A Beef Project Clinic will be held on Saturday, **March 17** 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 17 is located at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/beef/>. We strongly suggest (not require) that exhibitors bring their animal. Animals must be broke and clean (not clipped), as there is no water available.

Questions?

If you have questions throughout the year, contact your district leader or Doc Sterken (Jr. Beef Superintendent) at 262-949-5890.

State Fair

If you plan to show at the 2018 State Fair, you can find information about sign-up at: <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>. Be aware that the State Fair DNA/Rfid identification postmark deadline for Beef is **February 13**. State Fair animals tagged at the Walworth County Beef Weigh-in on February 3rd will make this deadline.

Poultry Project News

YOU'RE INVITED TO
WALWORTH COUNTY POULTRY PROJECT
FUN NIGHT
MARCH 15, 2018
@ 7PM

Activity Center-Fair Grounds- Elkhorn

REASONS TO ATTEND

Games – Prizes –

Will count as a required meeting

Get your questions answered

Meet other youth in the project

FUN to be had by all!!

All games are fun and educational.

One meeting is required to show birds at the Walworth County Fair.

We will be having a t-shirt contest again this year and entries are due at the May meeting, so start drawing now!

Upcoming meetings:

March 15—Game Night

May 17 @ 7p.m. in the Activity Center

July 19 @ 7 p.m. In the Sheep Barn

Swine Project News

YQCA Requirement for SWINE Exhibitors

All SWINE project members are required to become YQCA certified in order to be eligible to show at the Walworth County Fair or Wisconsin State Fair. Refer to the YQCA information page in this newsletter or view it on-line at: <https://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/swine/> for complete details.

The YQCA certification requirement replaces the old MAQA certification requirement that Swine project members had.

One face-to-face training option is being offered locally for project members, ages 8-11 on March 22. All others must participate in the on-line training or attend face-to-face trainings in neighboring counties.

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 2018 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 \$10 per animal payable to the *Walworth County Meat Animal Sale Committee*. 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:

- **March 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**
- **April 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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

Tag Info and DNA Submission

All tags info and barrow DNA must be turned in at the Walworth County Fair Swine Barn on either **April 27** from 3:00-6:00pm or **April 28** from 8:00am-noon. These are the ONLY times that

this information is being collected.

State Fair

State Fair barrow exhibitors may purchase their tags and DNA envelopes either through State Fair or Walworth County. If tags are obtained directly through State Fair, exhibitors will simply need to list any "state fair" pigs that they want eligible for the Walworth County Fair on the Walworth County paperwork and submit it according to county deadlines.

Project Meeting Set

A Swine Project meeting has been set for **Sunday, February 25th, at 1 p.m.** in the Fairgrounds Activity Center. Come to this meeting to meet your educational project meeting requirement and to learn about the new PRRS and SECD testing requirements and other medical requirements of your show pigs! One more educational project meeting opportunity will be offered later this year.

WSPA Symposium

Get ready for the upcoming show season by attending the 2018 WSPA Show Pig Symposium on **February 17** at Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells. Learn more at: <http://www.wisconsinshowpigassociation.com/>

Sheep Project News

New YQCA Requirement for Sheep Exhibitors

Beginning this year, all SHEEP project members are required to become YQCA certified in order to be eligible to show at the Walworth County Fair or Wisconsin State Fair. Refer to the YQCA information page in this newsletter or view it on-line at: <https://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/sheep/> for complete details.

One face-to-face YQCA training option is being offered locally for project members, ages 8-11 years, on March 22. All others must participate in the on-line training or participate in face-to-face trainings held in neighboring counties.

Sheep Tagging Day '18

The annual *Walworth County Junior Sheep Project Tagging Day* will be held on Saturday, **May 12** in front of the sheep barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 7:00am and continue until 9:00am (or whenever the last animal is done). All market lambs must be tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the *2018 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 \$10. Checks should be made payable to *Walworth County Meat Animal Sale Committee*. The 2018 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 22** at 7:00pm at the Walworth County Government Center. We will be learning about "Feeding the Lamb" during a guest presentation. 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 2018 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.

Rabbit Project News

Hoppy New Year 4-H Rabbit Wranglers! We are looking forward to a fun year with our rabbits. Our meetings are the first Mondays of the month, the dates as follows: 3/5/18, 4/2/18, 5/7/18, 6/4/18, 7/2/18, August dates TBD.

Rabbit Hopping starts at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting is at 7 p.m. Our meetings will be in the Activity Center at the Fairgrounds until May.

Project Start Up!! Rabbit Agility – watch for updates!

Don't forget Lakeland Rabbit Breeders Association is having a show 2/11/18! If you are available and able to come out to help volunteer, we run their concessions area. Sign-up sheets will be available at the February meeting. Dessert donations are also needed for the show on the 11th.

Elegant Farmer Easter Train days... Community Service opportunities dates are: 3/24/18, 3/25/18 and 3/31/18. There are 2 shifts each day: 9 a.m.-noon and noon-3 p.m.

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

Non-Animal Project Updates

Shooting Sports 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) was held on **February 6** at 6:30pm in the Elkhorn MIDDLE School. Shooting sports instructors from each discipline were present to explain where and when district shooting workshops will be held this year. Shoot-off registration forms and the 2018 project rules were distributed. (Copies of all of these documents are available at <https://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/shooting-sports-project/>.)

Members who were not able to attend must call one of the instructors ASAP in order 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 enrolled for a Shooting Sports project yet, it is not too late! 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 wish to compete.

4-H Robotics Project News

A general 4-H Robotics Project & Committee Meeting will be Saturday, March 10th, at 9 a.m. at Advia Credit Union, Elkhorn. We will be discussing the different project opportunities available this year!

First Lego League Team Meeting

Team Possible, our Walworth County 4-H First Lego League Team, will be meeting on Saturday 2/10/18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Advia Credit Union in Elkhorn. This meeting will be our Potluck and end-of-season gathering! The March meeting time will be after the general Robotics Project Meeting on the 10th. We look forward to seeing you all come back for the next year!

First Tech Challenge Team Starting Up!

Team Start-up!! Calling all robotics enthusiasts, ages 14 to 18! We are starting a First Tech Challenge Team!! This is a step up in robotics and programming from the First Lego League. There are NO Legos in the First Tech Challenge group. If you are interested in being part of the group, please email Damian Daniels at walco4hrobotics@gmail.com, or come to the March 10th meeting. We need a minimum of 3 youth participants to make a team. The challenge will come out in September, so we are hoping to start monthly meetings over the summer to prepare!

Enrollment Reminder

If you want to be on the First Lego League Team or the First Tech Challenge Team, you have to enroll in the Robotics project in 4HOnline (not the Legos project).

R/C Car, R/C Drones, & Model Railroading Project News

The R/C Cars Project is listed on the 4HOnline web site as Remote Controlled Cars, but will fall under *Robotics* for the fair book. Please make sure if you are planning on joining the R/C Car Project that you enroll in the project as listed on-line. We had our first meeting and it was a success!! What fun we had racing cars around the track and learning about racing. Upcoming practices and races are: Mar 3rd, Apr 8th, May 5th, June 9th, July 7th, and Aug 4th at Hounds Hobbies in Burlington, 10 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in joining us, email Damian Daniels at walco4hrccars@gmail.com.

Project Start Up!! Model Train/Railroad Project: If you are interested in model trains and want to join the fun in building your own working scale model display, enroll in the Model Railroad Project on 4HOnline. We will be working with N Scale trains for examples, but you can choose your own scale. Email Damian Daniels at walco4hRR@gmail.com. Watch this space in future *Newsclips* for meeting times and activities! Register for the scenery class at this year's *Kids' College!*

Project Start Up !! Drone/Fixed Wing Project – under *Aerospace* in 4HOnline. If you are interested in joining the project or have questions, email walco4haero@gmail.com. Don't forget to sign up for Aerospace in 4HOnline. Watch this space in future *Newsclips* for updates!

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 March 1, 2018 in order to show off your accomplishments at the fair!
- ◆ **Key Leaders**—Key leaders are needed in: *beekeeping, child development, communications, consumer education, mechanical science (tractor/small engines/bicycle/electricity), vet science, and woodworking*. Key leaders are adult volunteers who apply for three year terms to serve as county project contacts, plan and conduct educational workshops for members, and, in some cases, assist with pre-fair judging responsibilities. The current *Key Leader Application* is available at: <https://counties.uwex.edu/walworth/files/2011/02/Key-Leader-Application-2017-2018.pdf>.

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