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# Walworth County

## 4-H Newsclip



<http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/>

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

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 December, 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!



## General 4-H News

### Newsclip Article Submission

Does your 4-H Project Committee or 4-H Club have an upcoming event you'd like to invite our county 4-H families to participate in? One way of spreading the word is by submitting an article for the *4-H Newsclip*. Send your article to: [4Hnewsclip@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:4Hnewsclip@co.walworth.wi.us) or [janel.heidelmeier@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:janel.heidelmeier@ces.uwex.edu) by the appropriate deadline.

#### Newsclip Deadlines:

- December/ January issue — **November 16**
- February/ March issue — **January 18**
- April/ May issue — **March 15**
- June/ July issue — **May 17**
- August/ September issue — **July 19**
- 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 2019/January 2020 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/>

### Closed for the Holidays

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

## 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.

## 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 2018-2019.” 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 a background check, VIP training, mandatory reporter training, and online enrollment will be considered 2018-2019 volunteers.**

## Enrolling as a New Member or Leader

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 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 2019 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.

## 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.

# NEW LEADER 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.

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.

## \*VIP TRAININGS:

The next VIP Training is on February 6, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the County Government Center. The final VIP Training for this 4-H Program year is on April 10, 2019 (date was changed from original date) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the County Government Center. If you are planning to attend either training, please contact Susan Clark @ 262-741-4954 or [sclark@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:sclark@co.walworth.wi.us).

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## 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, parli pro basics, and club ceremonies, and conducted a mock meeting. A big thank you goes to presenters: Marlene Schoenbeck, Chris Jones, Ray Schilz, Diane DeBaere, Caroline Cornelison, and Linda Giorno.

- 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/officerstoolbox/>. Clubs whose secretaries and treasurers were unable to attend received a folder of helpful monthly fill-ins and guidelines. Those folders can be found in club mailboxes.

## Leaders' Banquet Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle

Thank you to all that sold tickets for the quilt raffle and donated items to the silent auction. The winner of this years quilt was Barb Sommers. This years quilt raffle raised \$2,739.00 and the silent auction raised \$1,354.00. The following clubs donated wonderful baskets: Sugar Creek, Linn, Springfield, LaGrange, Walworth, Flamethrowers, Whitewater, Spring Prairie, and Big Foot Pioneers.

# New and Upcoming Events

## Kids College Cancelled

Due to lack of presenters this years Kids' College will be cancelled. The office will resume Kids' College in 2020.

## Mandatory Leader Trainings

Each year, Wisconsin 4-H requires *at least one active enrolled leader from each of its chartered clubs and groups* to participate in a "mandatory leader training." Sounds scary, but it's actually a fun, interactive, and hopefully thought-provoking educational opportunity intended to keep our Walworth County 4-H groups on a similar path. This year's trainings are set for February 21 (Thursday) and March 12 (Tuesday) in the County Government Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The same program will be held both nights, so you can decide which one best fits your schedule. Your experience will be most effective if you can attend with at least one other adult leader from your club/group, as you'll be able to build off of the experience together in the months ahead. This year's training will follow an *Escape Room* format, adding a bit of problem solving to the fun, and there will be a door prize drawing at both programs. Pre-registration is required to ensure adequate materials for each night. To sign-up for either session, please register through 4HOnline. Registration will open on Monday, December 3 and pre-registration is due by February 15<sup>th</sup> for both sessions. When registration is open, an email will be sent with instructions to register for the Mandatory Leader Trainings.

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

Like last year, Walworth County Junior Department exhibitors showing BEEF, SHEEP, and SWINE will be required to be YQCA certified in order to show at the Walworth County Fair.

YQCA certification must be completed annually, 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. Details regarding Walworth County's face-to-face meeting options will be released in early 2019.

Wisconsin State Fair is requiring YQCA certification of Junior Department exhibitors of the following species in 2019: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Rabbits, Poultry, and Goats.

## 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 22** for New Family Orientation! This action-packed program will run from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the County Government Center in Elkhorn. The evening will begin with a whole-group session during which parents and children will 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 adult volunteers, 4-H staff, and members of the Junior Leaders' Association.

Please pre-register through 4HOnline **by January 17**. Registration will open on Monday, December 3 and will close on January 17<sup>th</sup>. When registration opens, an email will be sent with instructions to register to all first year families and general club leaders. Questions about New Family Orientation? Call 262-741-4951 or email [deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu).

# Out-of-State Exchange

## INTERESTED IN TRAVELING?

Each year, the group plans multiple trips. Currently they are planning:

Trip 1: Mystery Trip for members in grades 8-13  
A 3 day-2 night trip over a long weekend in late April or early May. Cost: about \$100. (Out of Wisconsin)

Trip 2: Mystery Trip for members in grades 6-8  
A 3 day-2 night trip in June or July. Cost: about \$100 (In Wisconsin).

Trip 3: There is a possibility that we may do an exchange. This would involve us hosting 4-Hers in WI for a week and the following year we would travel to their state.

Trip 4: There is a possibility that we may do a day trip in WI for all 4-H members in the summer.

Watch for more information as these trips get finalized.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Nancy Lee at (262)724-5330 or [tenofus.lee@gmail.com](mailto:tenofus.lee@gmail.com). When sending an email please include your member's name, grade, contact info, and the trip they are interested in.

## Summer Camp

Walworth County 4-H Camp will be held **June 11- 15** at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. 4-H Camp is open to youth currently in grades 3-8. It will include four nights and four days of fun, friends, and adventure. Registration materials will be available by early January on the UW-Extension website and from club leaders. The cost will be \$150 for early bird registration (deadline is March 9); \$175 for regular registration (deadline is May 1). The fee does include a t-shirt. Financial assistance is available on a limited basis. Pay at least half by the early bird deadline to lock in that rate. Full payment must be turned in by May 1.

Camp counselor applications will be available in mid-December. Application deadline will be **January 28**, and candidate interviews will be held at the County Government Center on **February 6**. 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.

# 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 Janel Heidelmeier at (262)741-4951 or email [janel.heidelmeier@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:janel.heidelmeier@ces.uwex.edu).

### 2018-2019 Officers

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

President—Leo Ehlen, Sugar Creek 4-H

V-President—Lillie Cauffman, Sugar Creek 4-H

Secretary – Amanda Harder, Walworth 4-H

Treasurer – Josiah Harder, Walworth 4-H

Reporter—Anna MacLeod, Sharon 4-H

Parliamentarian—Josie Wells, Sharon 4-H

Jr. Leaders JR. Advisor—Anna Haney, Walworth 4-H

District Reps – Mason Meiners, Whitewater 4-H (NW Rep); Maya Ehlen, Sugar Creek 4-H (Central); Rebecca Wells, Sharon 4-H (SW Rep); Robert Thomas, Spring Prairie 4-H (NE Rep) and Amelia Guanci, Flame Throwers 4-H (SE Rep).

## Fur and Feather Committee

The Walworth County Fur and Feather Committee has an opening for an adult member. The committee meets about five times a year in Darien. It is responsible for the Fur and Feather Sale on Labor Day, the Fur and Feather Swap in April, and awarding scholarships to 4-H and FFA exhibitors in Poultry, Rabbits, and Goats. To apply, please send a letter of interest via email to [dalewheellock@gmail.com](mailto:dalewheellock@gmail.com) by January 21, 2019

## WI 4-H and Youth Conference

Approximately 500 youth attend this pre-college program in Madison, WI each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

Participants must be in grades 7-10 at the time of selection. Members of Wisconsin Leadership Council, State Art Team, State Communications Team, and Drama Company may be in grades 9-13.

# Animal Project Updates

## Beef News

### Beef Weigh-In

The annual Beef Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **February 2** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 11:00am. The snow date is **February 9**.

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. Costs may be covered by the Beef Project. Final plans will be emailed to families by the end of December AND posted on the UW-Extension website.

- 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](tel:2627413193).

- 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.

Spring Junior Beef Clinic is being planned for March 16 at the fairgrounds. Please watch the next *Newsclip* for details!

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Steak Cookout will be held at the fairgrounds Activity Center on July 17. Details will be announced as they become available.

## Poultry News

Hello Poultry Project members!

Do you love ducks, chickens, turkeys/ or geese? Do you like to have fun? Then come join us in the Poultry Project! You need to make one of the following meetings in order to be eligible to show at the 2019 Walworth County Fair. If you are new to the project or are just thinking about joining, the December meeting is an important one. We go over breeder lists and where to get your birds.

December 6, 2018 7PM at the activity center

January 17, 2019 7PM at the activity center

March 21, 2019 7PM at the activity center—this is family fun night!

May 16, 2019 7PM at the sheep/poultry barn

July 18, 2019 7PM at the sheep/poultry barn

August 15, 2019 6PM at the sheep/poultry barn

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## Rabbit News

Our FIRST meeting of the next project year will be MONDAY, January 7, 2019, 6PM Hopping, 7PM regular meeting in the Activity Center at the fairgrounds. Please plan to attend the meeting as project requirements will be changing and will be discussed at the meeting. Please add this email address to your address book. Check your email before meetings to make sure they aren't canceled due to weather. Emails will be coming from walco4hrabbitproject@gmail.com.

We are hoping to get Rabbit Agility going this year. If you would like to donate an item for Agility, or the funds to purchase or make an item, please contact the project at walco4hrabbitproject@gmail.com. We have several of the needed Agility items already, but need the rest of the items to complete the course.

Meeting dates are: 1/7/19, 2/4/19, 3/4/19, 4/1/19, 5/6/19, 6/9/19, 7/1/19, August TBD. 6pm Hopping/Agility, and 7pm regular meeting. Meetings are scheduled at the Activity Center through May.

Elegant Farmer Easter Train Days... this even is currently under review and may change.

Lakeland Rabbit Breeders Association show will be Sunday, 2/10/19. 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.

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# Non-Animal Project Updates

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## Scale Models

### 2019 MEETING DATES

**JAN. 19, FEB. 16, MAR. 16, APR. 20, MAY 18,  
JUNE 15, JUL. 20, AUG. 17, SEPT. 21, OCT. 12,  
NOV. 16, DEC. 21**

Starting in 2019, the Scale Models Project will be meeting in the TOWN BANK COMMUNITY CENTER - 826 GENEVA ST., DELAVAN, WI. Meetings are 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Check the Butchers Model Car Club Facebook page for meeting updates.

### PROJECT LEADERS

KEITH REIMERS: (262) 728-1483

BOB CAREY: (608) 207-9223

### WHY SHOULD I ATTEND MEETINGS?

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

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

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

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

# YOUTH TRACTOR & MACHINERY SAFETY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The UW-Extension and Agriculture Instructors from local schools are holding the 2019 Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Program. This program is for youth, 12 to 16 years of age, who plan on operating a farm tractor on public roadways or work near dangerous farm equipment. After successful completion, students aged 14-16 will receive a certificate. Without certification, Wisconsin law prohibits any youth under age 16 from operating a tractor (or self propelled implement of husbandry) on public roads and Federal law prohibits youth from working near dangerous equipment on farms other than their parents. This course is essential in contributing to the safety of our youth in agriculture.

The tractor safety course will kick-off on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for youth to come with a parent and learn about the tractor safety program. Parents may leave or are more than welcome to stay after the 45 minute class orientation. The youth will then meet for the rest of the morning in addition to the Saturday mornings of January 19, January 26, February 2, 9 and 16 from 8 a.m.-noon for instruction. Students will complete a written exam on February 16 as part of that morning's class. In addition, the youth must pass a driving test which will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6 p.m. Classroom instruction and the written exam will be held at the Jefferson County UW-Extension office and the driving exam will be held at the Jefferson County Fair Park. This certification program is offered for all Wisconsin youth age 12-16, including those from neighboring Counties.

Pre-registration for the course must be completed by January 2, 2019. To obtain registration forms, please go to: <https://jefferson.uwex.edu/agriculture/tractor-safety/> The fee is \$35 for those registered no later than January 2. After that date the fee will be \$45.

For more information please contact Kim or Katelyn at the UW-Extension, Jefferson County Office at **920-674-7295** or email [kimb@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:kimb@jeffersoncountywi.gov).

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Here are the links to our most popular documents:

[4-H Project Contacts](#)  
[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!

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