



Walworth County 4-H Newsclip

February/March 2020

General News

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 getting into full swing on top of a host of club and county activities. 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 piece of cake in the early fall 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 the last three Junior Leaders' Association meetings? Mark them down!

4-H Record Books are optional, but 4-Hers are strongly encouraged to complete a record book annually as a means of keeping track of accomplishments and participation. This will come in very handy when it comes to applying for college scholarships and writing college and job resumes during high school and beyond. Additionally, record books help make you eligible for special county awards (plaques, pins, and bragging rights) that have a long, rich history in Walworth County. Some 4-H Association-sponsored national trip scholarship applications also require content

pulled directly from 4-H Record Books.

Youth Leader Project Opportunities

If you are in 6th grade or older and looking to take your 4-H experience up a notch, consider enrolling as a 4-H Youth Leader. You can do this one of two ways: 1) Enroll in the *Youth Leadership 4-H Project* OR 2) Enroll as a Youth Leader in a 4-H Project of your choosing.

The *Youth Leadership Project* is designed for 4-Hers looking for some general leadership experiences helping out their local club leaders, assisting with club or county event planning, or providing general leadership topic workshops/trainings for fellow members (e.g. leading ice breakers, helping with pre and post meeting programs, etc.).

4-Hers who are passionate about a particular project area can sign up as Youth Project Leaders in those areas to provide project-based learning opportunities at their club level, support county 4-

H Project Committees (e.g. the Rabbit Project, Goat Project, etc.), teach project workshops at the county level, or even help the Extension staff with outreach efforts that are project-based.

Either way, you can build your soft skills so you'll be as prepared as you possibly can be when you graduate from the 4-H program and head out into the real world. Plus, there's special awards for top youth leaders who complete and submit 4-H Record Books documenting their efforts.

Sign up for the *Youth Leadership Project* or to be a Youth Project Leader in your 4HOnline account by May 1 to be eligible for corresponding fair exhibit classes. For more information about specific youth leadership opportunities, contact the Extension office.

Tools for New Families

The first couple of years of 4-H can be very confusing. A couple of tools that can help new families get some clarification are the *Major Event*

Guide, the *Great Beyond Handout*, and the *2019-2020 Year-at-a-Glance*. The *Major Event Guide* lists popular events and provides a brief explanation of each. The *Great Beyond Handout* provides greater detail about some “not-to-be-missed” opportunities you’ll want to keep on your radar. The *Year-at-a-Glance* provides a very basic seasonal overview of what 4-Hers should be doing in their project experience, along with a listing of important events/dates to be aware of. All three are located at this link: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/01/Major-Event-Guide-2020.pdf>. 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!

4-H Ag Technology Day Volunteers Needed

On May 19, Extension will be conducting a *4-H Ag Technology Day* event at the fairgrounds for 4th and 5th graders from the Delavan-Darien School District, Elkhorn’s West Side School, and homeschool families. During this event, classes of students

will travel to 40-minute hands-on stations to learn about a wide variety of agricultural topics. The overall goals of the event is to expand students’ understanding of the breadth of the agriculture field, expose them to agriculture-related careers, and help them understand how agriculture plays a part in their daily lives, even if they never visit a farm.

We are looking for a few youth and adult volunteers to assist with the day’s workshops and general coordination tasks. We will be reaching out to some specific project groups/leadership for help, but would also welcome any individuals who would be interested in a leadership role to contact us directly to express interest. This is a great opportunity for youth project leaders and parents to team up to do some teaching! For more info, or to express interest, please contact Debbie Harris at 262-741-4959 or deborah.harris@wisc.edu.

Music/Drama Fest

The Music/Drama Fest committee has set the dates for the two fests. Music Fest is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2020. Drama Fest, TBA.

Please watch your email for more details as they become available.

4-H Educational Experiences/Trips

Mystery Trip Opportunity

Our Walworth County 4-H Out-of-State Exchange Committee would like to invite 4-Hers, currently in grades 6-13, to participate in this year's Mystery Trips! These 3-day, 2-night trips are a fabulous way for participants to explore interesting places in Wisconsin and nearby states in-depth. Mystery trips pack in site seeing and fun while 4-Hers build friendships with peers from across our county. Participants will conduct a couple of fund-raisers to help keep out-of-pocket costs low. In the past, member cost has been around \$100 per member. Parents

ultimately have a trip itinerary and know where their youth are going to be at all times. Members, however,

learn this information on the fly. Thus, the "mystery."

Mystery Trip 1: Expected to happen the last weekend in April or first weekend in May for grades 9-13; out-of-state trip

Mystery Trip 2: Expected to happen either July 24-26 or July 25-27 for grades 6-8; in-state trip

Express interest in participating by next Friday, February 14, by contacting Nancy Lee (262-724-5330 or tenofus.lees@gmail.com). Please share your member's name, grade, and contact info. Note that space for both trips is limited.

A planning meeting for participants and their parents/guardians will be held on February 25 in the Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center

at 6:30 p.m. to discuss trip options, dates, and fundraisers.

WI 4-H & Youth Conference

UW-Madison Campus, Madison, WI
June 22-25, 2020

Approximately 400 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 communities. In 2020, WI 4-H & Youth Conference will be celebrating 100 years. This is a great opportunity for youth and adults to join together

on campus for learning and fun. Delegates must be in 7th-10th grade at the time of registration. Members of Wisconsin Leadership Council, State Art Team, State Communications Team, and Drama Company may be in 9th-13th grade. Delegates must be 4-H members or members of another UW-Madison Extension program.

This year's conference interviews will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at the Walworth County Government Center starting at 4:30pm. If you are in grades 7-10 and are interested in attending WI 4-H State Conference please watch your email for more information coming soon.

Leader News

Mandatory Leader Training

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 clubs/groups on a similar path.

The first training of this year was designed primarily for project

leaders and project groups and was held on January 22. The second and final training for this year is set for February 20 (Thursday) in the County Government Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The evening will be directed primarily towards youth and adult club leaders and will follow the theme, *Making the Most of the Project Experience*. During the program, we will consider creative ways that clubs can support members' project efforts through resource sharing and program efforts. Opportunities for leadership to share past successes with project work will also be built in, and we will also enjoy a PIZZA/SALAD dinner and door prizes both nights! Sign-up through your 4HOnline account by February 17 at noon.

Senior Leaders' Update

Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center. This month's program will include a fun,

interactive workshop led by our adult Fall Forum delegation. If you are an active, enrolled 4-H volunteer in our county, you are an automatic voting member of this group. However, all 4-H family adults (parents, guardians, and friends of 4-H) are welcome to attend!

The March meeting will be held on 23rd of the month.

Meeting Mixer/Activity/Hot Topic Responsibilities

February Hot Topic—Elkhorn 4-H

March Mixer—TBA

April Activity — TBA

2020 District Responsibilities

Southeast: Awards Packaging and Distribution Prep

Northeast & Central: Senior Leaders from District: Banquet Planning;
Junior Leaders from District: Decorations

Northwest & Southwest: County-wide Cloverbud/Exploring Workshop Day

4-H Camp

Walworth County 4-H Camp will be held **June 14-17** at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. 4-H Camp is open to youth currently in grades 3-8. It will include four days and three nights of fun, friends, and adventure. Registration materials are available from club

leaders and on the Extension website

at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp-2020/>. The cost is \$120 for early bird registration (deadline is March 13); \$140 for regular registration (March 14-May 8). The fee includes a t-shirt. Pay at least half by the early bird deadline to lock in the \$120 rate. Full payment must be turned in by May 8



or camper

spot(s) will be forfeited.

Financial assistance is available on a limited basis. Contact Debbie Harris at the Extension office for information.

A limited number of adults are needed to fill open chaperone spots. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please complete a chaperone application at the link above and send it to deborah.harris@wisc.edu at your earliest opportunity. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and active, screened 4-H volunteers in the 4HOnline system.

Project News

Poultry

Hello Poultry project members! Our March meeting is possibly our favorite meeting of the year. It's Family Fun Night! So please come prepared to play lots of poultry-related games and learn more about our fine feathered friends.

Remember, in order to show animals at the 2020 Walworth County Fair, you need to attend one meeting.

Meetings Dates

Thursday, March 19, 2020, starting at 7:00 pm at the Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center

Thursday, May 21, 2020, starting at 7:00 pm at the sheep/small animal barns

Thursday, July 16, 2020, starting at 7:00 pm at the sheep/small animal barns

August 2020, TBA

Horse and Pony

The Horse and Pony project would like to welcome anyone interested in the project to join us for our project Orientation meetings. It is required to attend one of these Orientation

meetings to participate in the project.

Orientation

Thursday, February 20, 2020, at the Elkhorn Area High School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm. Registration will begin at 6:15 pm.

Saturday, March 21, 2020, at the Elkhorn Area High School Cafeteria at 8:30 am. Registration will begin at 8:15 am.

*A fee of \$20 will be collected to cover insurance costs, please come prepared.

Meet and Greet

Sunday, May 3, 2020, more information to come.

Sheep

The annual *Walworth County Junior Sheep Project Tagging Day* will be held on Saturday, May 9 in front of the sheep barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 9:00 a.m. (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 2020

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 608-201-0776 BEFORE TAGGING DAY for approval. Full details about the county *Sheep Project Tagging Day* will be available by February 15 at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/projects/sheep-project/>. (Refer to this link for an explanation of the “*.”)

Educational Project Meetings Set

Two educational project meetings have been set for members. They are:

- March 31, 7 p.m., Elkhorn High School Ag Room. Topic will be “Selecting Project Animals”
- June 23, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds Sheep Barn. Topic will be: “Getting Show Ready.”

Please keep in mind that all Sheep Project members must attend at least one educational project meeting in order to show in the county *Junior Sheep Show*. The

March and June meetings count towards this requirement, as did participation in the *2019 Lamb Carcass Contest Results Meeting* at Elkhorn Area High School during fair week. Participation in the *2020 Lamb Carcass Results Meeting* will count towards your educational meeting requirement for 2021.

YQCA certification is also required of all members planning to exhibit at either the *Walworth County Junior Sheep Show* or *Wisconsin State Fair Junior Sheep Show*.

Opportunities to Check Out

Learn more about these opportunities at the links provided...

Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Giveaway—
<http://ustargheesheep.org/>.

Wisconsin Southdown Starter Ewe Contest --
<https://www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com/starter-ewe>

Beef

Beef Project Clinic

A Beef Project Fitting, Clipping, and Showmanship Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30am–12:00pm in the Activity Center at the fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to learn more about working with your animal from other experienced members and adults. At the end of the clinic, we will host an informal show to practice using some of the things you learned during the day. Parents are 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 21 was passed out at *Beef Weigh-in* and is also located at:

<https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/projects/beef/>. If you would like to donate items for our snack or door prizes, please call Doc (262-949-5890) or Mary (262-949-5743).

We strongly encourage exhibitors to bring their animal, a halter, and a show stick. Animals must be broke and clean (not clipped), as there is no water available. If you bring your steer or heifer, you will also need to bring bedding, and please plan to stay after the show to help clean up.

Steak Cook-out

July 22nd is the STEAK COOK-OUT this year. Star the date on your calendar! This is a major fundraiser and mandatory for all junior beef members. Thanks to the wonderful past members and their families, the previous events have been huge successes! This year we also need help the day before the event as well as during the steak cook-out.

Questions?

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

Wildlife

Join the *Wildlife Project* on Saturday, March 14, for a workshop happening from 9-11:30 a.m. at Advia Credit Union (837 N Wisconsin St., Elkhorn, WI 53121). This workshop is open to enrolled Wildlife Project members and ANYONE else, grades 3-13, who is interested. For more information, contact Wildlife Key Leader Kathy Tober at 262-642-5857.

Swine

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 2020 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 \$5 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 validation 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 10, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

April 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

These are the dates of YQCA training, but the start time for tag sales is a half hour after YQCA training begins. This later start time for tag and DNA envelope sales is deliberate. YQCA participants cannot skip classes to make tag/DNA envelope purchases, so an accompanying adult or non-participating youth will need to do this for them, OR they will have to make the purchase at the conclusion of the training.

Complete details regarding tagging and DNA collection are available at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/01/Walworth-County->

[Swine-Tagging-DNA-Guidelines-2020.pdf](#).

First Year Swine Project Member?

Behhart Showpigs is giving two lucky first year Walworth County *Swine Project* members a barrow. The two individuals will be able to choose their animal from purebred and crossbred animals. The giveaway application period opened on February 1 and will end on February 28. To apply, each applicant must send a 250 word essay explaining why they want to be a part of the swine project, what they hope to get out of the project, and what they will do to give back to their swine project community. The essay must be accompanied by a cover letter including the applicant's age, address, phone number, year in 4-H, and one fact about swine the applicant finds most interesting. For complete details about this contest, including where to send application materials, visit <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/projects/swine/>.

YQCA Training '20

4-Hers who are in the *Beef, Sheep, and Swine Projects* must be YQCA-certified in order to show at this year's fair. To achieve certification, youth must visit <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> to create or log into their account and either sign-up for a face-to-face training or complete the on-line training for their age level (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. For youth, ages 12, 15, and 19 only, there is also an option to test instead of completing the training. Anyone not passing the test with 80% or better will automatically be redirected to the trainings. The cost to test is the same as the cost to take the on-line training, however it costs more up front, since you test out of multiple years so you must pay for all of them at once.

Walworth County is offering two face-to-face trainings for youth, ages

8-18: March 10 and April 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the County Government Center. Youth must pre-register and pay to participate through their YQCA account by March 6 for the first training and March 30 for the second.

4-Hers should plan to have their training complete by mid-April so they are ready to register for the county fair with their certification number in hand. Full details and sign-up info are available at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/01/Walworth-County-YQCA-Guidelines-for-2020.pdf>.

Premise ID's Required for Most Animals

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 potbelly 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: https://wiid.org/premises_registration/.

Premise ID numbers are needed for our upcoming *Walworth County Swine Tagging Sales* nights and *Sheep Tagging Day*. Please be sure to bring them along with you to these events.

Club News

Spring Prairie 4-H Club



Fellow Mortals Wildlife Rehabilitation presented to the Spring Prairie 4-H Club in January. FellowMortals, Elkhorn, WI, cares for wild animals. People who find an injured wild

animal can make an appointment to see if Fellow Mortals can accept the animal. The presenter brought two owls so the members could hear about their injuries and rehabilitation stories.

The club members collected items from the organization's "wish list" to donate. For more information visit <https://fellowmortals.org/>.

Linn 4-H Club

Linn 4-H Club will be hosting it's annual 4-H Countywide/Club Skating party on Monday, March 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Traxside Roller Skating Rink, 637 South Kane St. Burlington, WI 53105. All Walworth County 4-H members, families and friends are invited to participate. The cost is \$5.00 per person (adults and youth) which includes cost of skates. No charge to non-skaters.

Other Opportunities



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1 Friday, February 28 Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 1222 9th Street SE • Dyersville, IA 52040	4 Sunday, March 1 Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 1525 South Ryan Road • Jefferson, WI 53549
2 Saturday, February 29 Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1800 51st Street NE • Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	5 Monday, March 2 Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 3000 S. Black River Street • Sparta, WI 54656
3 Saturday, February 29 Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 602 Iowa Avenue West • Marshalltown, IA 50158	

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Fur and Feather Committee

The Walworth County Fur and Feather Committee has an opening for an adult member. This is open to anyone not just 4H or FFA parents. The committee meets about five times a year in Darien or Delavan. 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 dalewheelock@gmail.com by March 10th 2020.

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