A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

You have the ability to start new every day, every moment. What a gift! Your life can take any turn you would like it to. "Every moment is a fresh beginning," - T.S. Eliot. Choosing to help a youth with a project can change their future. Putting aside feelings about a person from the past can help heal a relationship. Listening to others can make a meeting run more smoothly. Our daily choices in 4-H and life shape the future of our growing program. Make each day great!

Here is a challenge: Befriend. Let go. Forgive. Give advice. Start again. Try something new. You just might see a positive change in yourself and others with a fresh outlook and new beginning!

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 by the appropriate deadline.

Newsclip Deadlines for 2014-2015

- June/July Issue – May 22
- August/September Issue – July 24
- October/November Issue – September 18

Phone, Address, or Email Changes?

We know that technology changes frequently in everyone’s life. If your email address or phone number changes during the course of the year, please take a moment to update your account in 4HOnline. This will help ensure that you will continue to receive the project communications you will need.

NEW TracFones

Running late? Need to cancel? Emergency? Now, you can tell 4-H staff when they are at an event! 4-H has a cell phone that will reach 4-H staff during a 4-H event. The number is (262) 374-0547. The phone accepts calls and texts. When we have a moment during the event, we will check the phone. The phone will be off when we are at our desk or off for the day.
Event Recaps

Keys to Communication

On March 7 at the Government Center in Elkhorn, 16 youth who joined Keys to Communication attended three, one-hour classes on: Creative Writing, Demonstration/Speech, and Consumer Education/Entrepreneurship. The workshop was created for 4-H youth preparing for Communication Arts Fest, an event that provides youth opportunities to participate in public speaking and creative writing, along with consumer education, workforce development, and entrepreneurship contests.

Prior to this year, 4-H Communication Arts Fest was self-guided and did not have any workshops to help youth get ready for the event. The new, annual Keys to Communication event helps 4-H youth prepare for all aspects of Communication Arts Fest. A big “thank you” goes out to our volunteer teachers: Carol Paur (Delavan), Terri Williams (Delavan), and Cindy Laatsch (Franklin).

Music Fest

The level of creativity was through the roof of the Elkhorn Area High School Auditorium on February 15. There were a total of 27 Music Fest acts performed during the show. Any musical talent was able to be showcased, as long as it was family friendly. Nine 4-H clubs signed up to participate in Music Fest: Big Foot Pioneers, Elkhorn, Sugar Creek, Sharon, Springfield, Lakeland, Spring Prairie, Lake Beulah, and Linn. 56 total youth went across the stage, some more than once!

A big “thank you” to the 4-H Arts Council, 4-H members, and volunteers who helped with set-up, lighting, sound, and take down of Music Fest 2015. MCs for the afternoon included: Gina Henningfeld (East Troy), Brandan Constable (Elkhorn), Madelyn Kleist (Elkhorn), and Emily Beinert (Elkhorn). Our MCs kept the crowd laughing and entertained while announcing each musical group.

New and Upcoming Events:

4-H Softball Update

It’s that time again to start thinking about your club team for the annual 4-H Softball League. Each club is allowed one Junior team roster and one Senior team roster. Each player will have to print their 4Honline.com assumption of risk page, or fill out an “assumption of risk” form. Likewise, players will also need to print their 4HOnline.com health form. Please designate a coach for your club—this could be a past coach, or someone new if a past coach is not willing.

Completed rosters, assumption of risk forms, 4Honline.com health forms, and payment are due by April 15 to the UW-Extension office no later than 5:00pm. No entries will be accepted without payment.

If only a few interested members, the Softball Commission will assign them to play with another club. Please encourage teams that are small 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. NEW THIS YEAR: $3.00 has been added 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 23 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 Workshop. If they have not, the team roster will not be accepted, and the team will be disqualified. The new 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. Team t-shirt colors will also be chosen at this meeting.

| Chairman:  | Mark Worland-Big Foot Pioneers 4-H |
| Vice Chairman: | Dan Hegeman-Whitewater 4-H |
| Directors: | Brenna Constable-Sugar Creek 4-H |
| Steve Constable-Sugar Creek 4-H |
| Senior Leader Reps: | Nancy Lee-Harvesters 4-H |
| Barb Dowty-Sugar Creek 4-H |
| Junior Leader Reps: | Brandan Constable-Sugar Creek 4-H |
| Madeline Eggert-Elkhorn 4-H |
| Lillie Cauffman-Sugar Creek 4-H |
Communication Arts Fest and Real World Fair

Communication Arts Fest will be held on **May 12** from 5:30-8:30pm at the Government Center and is open to all Walworth County 4-H members, regardless of what projects you’ve enrolled in. Only youth enrolled in the communications and real world fair projects (Communications, Consumer Savvy, Creative Writing, Entrepreneurship, and Speaking) will be eligible for premium money. **Entry forms** are due **May 1** by 5:00pm.

**General Guidelines:**

- Judging for all divisions will be face-to-face.
- A maximum of three entries are allowed in Divisions D-F.
- A laptop will be available at judging upon request.
- Entries that do not meet the entry requirements or are entered in the wrong class will be judged and will receive a ribbon. However, these entries will be ineligible for fair premium money and special awards.
- If you sign up, plan to show up. “No shows” cause major scheduling conflicts at this event.
- Speeches, poems, etc. prepared for school, forensics, FFA, etc., are eligible for entry.
- All entries must be your work and cannot have been presented at a previous Communication Arts Fest/Real World Fair.
- Awards: Each participant will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon in his/her class. Grand and reserve champion honors will be selected from eligible project members in all divisions.

Cancer Assault Challenge Opportunity

On **May 17**, 2015 a 5K obstacle course run benefiting the American Cancer Society will be held at Lutherdale, N7891 US Highway 12, Elkhorn. The first heat begins at 9:00am. What a great way to get your club together!

CAC is more than fitness, motivation, or making anyone “better”. CAC is 100% attitude. The event is designed to get YOU OFF the couch, out of the house, and having fun together. In groups. In costumes. In mud. Training or any level of athleticism is not required. Instead, we encourage you to “come as you are”. Proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society Relay for Life 2015. Volunteers needed!

To register, go to cancerassaultchallenge.org or to learn more, contact Julia Lopez, Chairperson, at (262) 742-4372 or cac@tds.net.

4-H Volunteer Reception

The Walworth County Junior and Senior Leaders’ Associations & county 4-H Awards Committee will be hosting an informal cake reception on **April 27** from 6:30-7:00pm in the County Government Center to honor the many 4-H volunteers who have shaped our county program over the years and subsequently stepped down from their posts. This reception will precede the monthly Association meetings which begin at 7:00pm.

If you are a former Walworth County 4-H Community Club Organizational Leader or County 4-H Project Key Leader, we hope you will join us. Please RSVP on or before **April 20** by calling 262-741-4951. Share your name, former role, years of service, and phone number. We hope you will join us! Here is the invitation: http://walworth.uwex.edu/files/2011/02/Past-Volunteer-Reception-Invitation.pdf.

4-H Camp News

Add a little zest to this year’s summer vacation! Plan now to attend 4-H Camp 2015 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Walworth County 4-H Camp will be held **July 5-8** 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 $105 per camper on or before **April 15** (postmark deadline) and $115 per camper after April 15. No camper registrations will be accepted after **June 2**. 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!

Walworth County 4-H Camp applications and info are available at: http://walworth.uwex.edu/2015/01/05/4-h-camp-2015/

The 2015 4-H Camp Counselor Team has chosen “Superheroes” as this year's camp theme!
**Lakeland School Fest**

The staff at Lakeland School are starting to make plans for the annual Lakeland School Fest, which is set for Saturday, **May 9, 2015**. School Fest is Lakeland School’s only fundraiser and helps to supplement expenses for programs such as prom, graduation, community experiences, and incentives for students.

In order for School Fest to be a success, we rely on others to help pass the word about specific needs for the day. Please consider helping out in the following ways:

1. **Rummage Sale**: Are you spring cleaning? We could use rummage sale items starting Monday, April 6. We are taking decorative items, kitchen supplies- utensils, pots and pans, books- adult and children, household goods-lamps, candles, kids toys, etc, but no clothing.

2. **Live auction and silent auction (theme baskets)**: If you have a connection to get donations or if you would like to donate, please contact Dawn McBride or Rosemary Gardner at 741-4118.

3. **Bake Sale**: Love to bake? We could use baked goods for our bake sale. Please drop off at the school the week of May 4-8th.

4. **Raffle Tickets**: If you would like to help sell raffle tickets, please call Michelle Baugrud at 741-4182.

5. **School Fest gift certificates**: If you would like to purchase gift certificates that can be used the day of School Fest, please call Michelle Baugrud at 741-4182 or Anita Finely at 741-4181.

6. If you are interested in volunteering that day, please contact Colleen Lesniak at 741-4223.

Thank you so much for any help that you can provide to make this year’s School Fest a success!

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**Drama Fest**

The 2015 Walworth County 4-H Drama Fest will be held on Sunday, **April 26** at Elkhorn Area High School. The event begins at 1:00pm.

All acts must pre-register using the Drama Fest registration form. Registration for this event is FREE! Refer to the score sheet for guidelines that the judges will be using to critique performances. Please note that there will be a short evaluation that will take place directly after the routine. The judges will send their full comments to the directors at a later date.

Drama Fest entry forms are due in the UW-Extension office by 5:00pm on Friday, **April 10, 2015**.

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**New Family Orientation—Part II**

New and recently new 4-H families are invited to participate in the second installment of 4-H orientation on **April 23** in the County Government Center from 6:30-8:00pm. During this action-packed session, we’ll talk about 4-H record books, fair sign-up, opportunities beyond the club level, and re-enrollment. Both a youth and adult track will be offered, allowing 4-Hers to engage in hands-on fun, while parents and guardians get the scoop on summer and fall 4-H details. Pre-registration is required by 8:00am on **April 20**. Sign-up by calling the UW-Extension office at 262-741-4951 or by emailing deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu. Please share your family name, number of youth and adult participants, and a phone number where you can be reached.

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**Lakeland School I-Can Bike Camp**

Because of the wonderful volunteers, the 1st annual I-Can-Bike Camp at Lakeland School was a huge success! The Autism Society of SE WI has offered to sponsor another bike camp at Lakeland this June. Think about volunteering this year! The camp will run from **Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19**. [http://icanshine.org/ican-bike-elkhorn-wi/](http://icanshine.org/ican-bike-elkhorn-wi/) No prior experience with people with disabilities is necessary.

Age requirement: volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

Please contact Chelsea for the volunteer form if you are interested in helping. Please feel free to make copies of the form and talk your friends and family into joining you. 10 volunteers per session are needed, so if you would like to get a group together, indicate that on your form so the office can schedule your group members in the same session.
**MAQA Training**

MAQA training is conducted annually to help youth livestock exhibitors learn how to produce a safe, wholesome product. MAQA meets Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) requirements, which are required of all SWINE project members. Consequently, all 4-H SWINE project members must be MAQA certified, either by training or testing, in order to show at the county fair. 4-H members in the BEEF and SHEEP projects are not required to be MAQA certified. However, their participation in training (especially as 8-11 years olds) is encouraged and does fulfill mandatory meeting expectations for BEEF and SHEEP.

MAQA certification is available to youth, ages 8-11 (by 1/1 of the current 4-H year), by training only. MAQA certification is available to youth 12 years and older (by 1/1 of the current 4-H year) by training or testing.

Participation in training results in one year’s certification, but a youth who successfully passes a certification test will not have to test again until he reaches the next age bracket, or more than 3 years have passed since testing. Testing age brackets are 12-14 (Intermediate) and 15-19 (Advanced). Because testing results in a longer-lasting certification status than training, older members are strongly encouraged to pursue testing. A study guide to prepare for the test is available at [http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/](http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/). Youth can take the test for their level up to 3 times annually in an effort to pass. 4-H & FFA members who reach their 20th birthday while still eligible to show must complete and pass the adult PQA Plus program.

All Walworth County testing & training will be done in the County Government Center in downtown Elkhorn at the times specified below. If you have not gone to MAQA and cannot attend this last session, you will need to go to a session being conducted in a nearby county. Those options are available at: [http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/](http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/).

**Tuesday, April 14**

MAQA Training, 6:00-8:00pm (Grades 3-8)
MAQA Testing & Training, 6:00-8:00pm (Grades 9-13)
All participants grades 9-13 will test AND train. Those who pass the test will be eligible for multi-year certification depending on their age.

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**Youth Tractor Safety Certification Course**

The Tractor Certification Course is a 24-hour program designed to teach safety as it relates to driving farm implements on public roads, offering both classroom and hands-on tractor driving experiences, for youth under the age of 16 and over the age of 12. Registration forms are found on our website: [http://walworth.uwex.edu/files/2010/11/2015TractorProgramFlyer.pdf](http://walworth.uwex.edu/files/2010/11/2015TractorProgramFlyer.pdf)

- **When:** June 15-19 and June 22, 2015
- **Time:** 8am – Noon
- **Where:** Burlington High School
- **Cost:** $50/participant

This course meets the Wisconsin Act 455, Section 10, Section 346.925 “Operation of agricultural machinery by youthful operators” law that states…”After April 30, 1996 no person may direct or permit a child under the age of 16 years to operate a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on the highway unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery operation safety-training course.”

For More Information Contact: Kristine Ely, Walworth County UW-Extension:(262) 741-4968, kristine.ely@ces.uwex.edu

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**Farm Safety Contest**

Walworth County Farm Bureau is presenting an opportunity for Walworth County high school students interested in agriculture to create an educational video on one of the following subjects relating to farm safety:

- Tractor & PTO Safe Operations
- Chemical Dangers
- Fire Prevention
- Livestock Handling
- Skid Steer Safe Operation

There will be a prize offered for the best video in each category of $150. The video will then become property of the Walworth County Farm Bureau to use at its discretion. Students can create a video for each category or a single category in which they have a specific interest, but each video can only be submitted in one category – a different video must be made for each category. Here are the links to the [entry forms](#), [consent form](#), and [informational letter](#).
Scholarship Opportunities:

Find these and other scholarships at: http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/scholarships/. You can also pick up copies at the Walworth County UW-Extension office.

**Walworth County Bankers Association Scholarship and Outstanding Youth Award**

Conditions:
1. Be a high school junior or older in 4-H or FFA.
2. Applicants must be a senior or older to apply for the scholarship.
3. All applications will be reviewed and applicants interviewed.
4. All questions should be answered in full; incomplete or late applications will be rejected.
5. Applications should be completed using a computer and either printed and mailed or emailed to the Walworth County Bankers Association.
6. Illegible applications will be rejected.
7. Remember you are demonstrating yourself as a leader in your organization and/or preparing yourself for your post-secondary education therefore professionalism should be exercised.
8. There are extra pages attached for sections. You are not required to fill them up. Applicants will be considered based on the quality of their application, not the quantity of text.
9. Applications must be received and/or postmarked by **June 15, 2015**!

**Award Amounts:**
- $1,000 Scholarship
- $750, $500 & $250 Outstanding Youth Awards
- WCBA reserves the right to add additional awards/scholarships.
- All applicants will be invited to a post-interview party, details TBD.

**Horse and Pony Scholarship**

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:
- Applicant must have a high school graduation date of June of current year or earlier.
- Applicant must have been a Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project member for at least two (2) years.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll as an undergraduate in a university, college, or technical school during the upcoming academic year.
- Applicant must have a current grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**Selection Criteria**
- Demonstrated personal growth and development through Walworth County 4-H projects and activities.
- Held leadership roles in Walworth County 4-H and other organizations.
- Academic record.
- Sense of direction in future educational goals.

Applications are due in the Walworth County UW-Extension Office on or before **July 1** or they will not be considered.

**Fur and Feather Scholarship**

To be eligible, you must have been actively involved in the Walworth County poultry, rabbit or goat project for 3 out of the last 5 years of your 4-H/FFA career and be at least a senior in high school or a college freshman with plans to continue your education at a four-year college or a two-year technical school. You may apply for the scholarship twice but may only receive the scholarship once.

Please complete the Scholarship Application form and return it no later than **May 1** to:
UWEX/Fur & Feather Scholarship
100 W Walworth Street
P.O. Box 1001
Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Earl Cook Memorial Scholarship**

This $500 scholarship is given to students who have, in good standing, completed one year of post-high-school education and plan to continue their education in any agricultural field at the college/technical level. Applications are due in the UW-Extension office by **May 1**.

**Richard Stephan Memorial Dairy Scholarship**

One scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior or college freshman active in the dairy program. Eligible candidates must be planning to continue their education in any agricultural field at a 4-year college (long or short course) or a 2-year technical school. Recipient is honored at the Bankers’ Night Award Program on Sunday evening of the Walworth County Fair. Applications are due in the UW-Extension office by **May 1**.

More scholarships are on their way! Please keep checking back to the scholarship page on our website for new information.

Thank you!

Please apply to any and all scholarships you qualify for. Many scholarships go unclaimed each year! Don’t let them slip away!
Association Updates:

Junior Leaders’ Association

All 4-Hers in grades 6-13 are invited to participate in our Junior Leaders’ Association meetings! These meetings are a great way to meet new people from across the county, build your leadership skills, have a say in county activity and event plans, and have fun! Each meeting consists of a member-led icebreaker, a quick business meeting, a member-chosen program, and refreshments! A lot gets packed into our 60-75 minute time frame. Upcoming meetings are set for:

- April 27, 7:00pm at the County Government Center
  - We’ll have a guest speaker at this session, topic TBA!
- May 26, 7:00pm at the County Government Center
  - This month’s program will be a hands-on cookie decorating workshop!

On April 19, the Junior Leaders’ Association will be hosting Frank’s Brat Hut at Piggly Wiggly in Elkhorn from 10:00am-approximately 2:30pm. We’ll be selling brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken! Come out and support Junior Leaders by enjoying a delicious lunch!

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Senior Leaders’ Association

Next Meeting
The next Senior Leaders’ Association meeting will be held on April 27 at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. 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! Because Memorial Day is on a Monday, the May meeting will be held on the 26th of the month. This is a Tuesday.

Meeting Mixer Responsibilities
April– Walworth 4-H
May– Springfield 4-H

New Volunteer Orientation aka Youth Protection Workshops
The next Youth Protection Workshop of the program year will be held on April 16 at 5:00pm in the UW-Extension office. If you know of new volunteers who need to complete screening, please help spread the word about this opportunity. This is the last scheduled training of this program year. Future trainings will be set if the need arises.

District Responsibilities
At the October meeting, the association voted to accept the new district responsibilities for the year.
- Southeast: Awards Packaging and Distribution Prep
- Northeast and Central: Senior Leaders from District: Banquet Planning, Junior Leaders from District: Decorations
- Northwest and Southwest: County-wide Cloverbuds/Exploring Workshop

District Rep FOUND
Bonnie Kruizenga agreed to fulfill the two-year term representing the SW District. The SW District includes Big Foot Pioneers, Sharon, and Walworth 4-H clubs. District Reps serve as voices for the clubs in their district, assist with House of Pork coordination, partner with the UW-Extension staff to coordinate annual county programs, and serve as members of the county Executive Board.

June Dairy Month 4-H Window Display Contest
The theme for this year is: “You Are What You Drink”. Windows must be completed by May 30, entry form and picture are due to the UW-Extension office by June 5, and judging will take place on June 10th. Winners will be announced at the Dairy Breakfast on June 20. Window display entry forms, tips, and guidelines were placed in each club’s mailbox. If you need another copy, let Chelsea know. This contest is sponsored by Walworth County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee.
Animal Project Updates

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), camels (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 Weigh-in, and Sheep Tagging days. Please be sure to bring them along with you.

4-H Livestock News

Nasco (in Fort Atkinson, WI) will be presenting its 29th annual Showing and Grooming Demonstrations on May 9. 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 4 by calling 920-568-5600. Here’s the schedule:

8:30-10:00am – Sheep Demonstration
10:15am-Noon—Beef Demonstration
Noon-1:00pm—Lunch & Visit Nasco Store
1:15-2:30pm – Dairy Demonstration
2:45-4:00pm—Swine Demonstration.

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

State Fair Update

Junior exhibitors planning to show at the Wisconsin State Fair will need to submit all entry information and fees directly to State Fair either online or via the mail. The local county Extension office will be informed of State Fair youth entries, but will not be involved in the entry process. Junior exhibitors must be members in good standing with an approved youth organization (such as 4-H) by March 1 in order to be eligible to participate in Junior Fair programs. The Junior Show entry deadline for those wishing to enter by submitting a paper entry and pay fees with a check/money order is June 3, 2015. The entry deadline for those wishing to enter online and pay with a credit/debit card is June 17, 2015. More news will be coming regarding lodging in the Tommy Thompson Youth Center for both exhibitors and chaperones.

Cat Project

- New member informational meeting—April 7
  - 6:00-8:00pm, Government Center, Elkhorn

- Lakeland Animal Shelter—May 14
  - 6:00-8:00pm, Activity Center, Fairgrounds.
  - Bring an item to donate (food, bleach, etc…)
  - Please R.S.V.P. by May 11 to Ashley VanSchyndel at (262) 210-6229.

- Project help—June 1
  - 6:00-8:00pm, Government Center, Elkhorn

- Cat Show—August 22, Elkhorn Fairgrounds
Beef Project

Dear Project Members and Families,

On March 14, we had a very successful Showmanship, Fitting and Clipping Clinic at the fairgrounds, with over half of our members attending. I want to thank Tim and Tammy Atkinson, Jason Yates, Melissa Johnson, Emma Brost, Savannah Siegler, Mark Polyock, Jeremie Siegler, Lance Ellsworth, Rees Beguhl, John Reed, and Tom Cook for helping with the clinic. A special thank you to everyone who brought cattle, and to everyone who donated desserts. We also really appreciate Kegley Show Supplies for giving us a discount on our door prizes and rope halters for each attending member.

And last but not least, I really appreciate how so many of you stayed to help clean up after the clinic. Good Job!

Thanks again,

Doc Sterken

Beef Project Reminders

The 5th Annual Steak Cook Out will take place Wednesday, July 15, at the fairgrounds. Every exhibitor is required to help out at this event. We will also need help on Tuesday for set up. Practice your baking skills to prepare several desserts for the dessert table and bake sale. It is an awesome time, and the money raised benefits the beef project, like the bedding for the beef barn, the clinic in March, and so much more. Looking forward to working with you at this special event.

This will be the third year that “The Friends of the Walworth County Junior Beef Project” plan to present a Merit Award to a qualifying member. If you are at least 16 years old as of January 1, 2015, and have been in the project for three years or more, please contact Doc Sterken in order to receive an application.

If you are interested in getting your animals out to some preview shows, there will be one at the Rock County Fairgrounds, another in Lancaster, WI, put on by UW-Platteville, and then the Spring Preview Show at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in June. These are all good shows to help you and your animals prepare for the fair.

The Carcass Show this year will once again feature a live show. If you are participating in the Carcass Show, your steer must be broke to lead, so start working with your animals.

Best to all of you this project year,

Doc Sterken
262-949-5890

Sheep Project

The annual Walworth County Junior Sheep Project Tagging Day will be held on Saturday, May 16 in front of the sheep barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 7:00am and continue until 10:00am (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 2015 Walworth County Fair. DNA collection will be NEW at Tagging Day this year. During tagging, hair will be pulled from each lamb for possible DNA testing during or immediately following fair week. Cost per lamb will be $5. Please refer to the February/March Newsclip for complete details about tagging day. You can also visit http://walworth.uwex.edu/files/2011/02/2015-Sheep-Tagging-Day-Guidelines.pdf.

Swine Project

Swine Project members are reminded that they must purchase tags and DNA bags for any and all animals they wish to make eligible for this year’s fair. There is only one more opportunity to make this purchase. It is April 14 from 6:30-8:00pm in the County Government Center. While sales on that evening are being conducted in conjunction with MAQA training, be aware that MAQA training participants cannot skip classes to make the purchase. Consequently, an accompanying adult or non-participating youth will need to be on hand. Visit http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/#swine for complete information about the tagging/DNA process.

Horse and Pony Project—Equine Education

Upcoming dates:
- April 4—Brat Hut Fundraiser, Elkhorn Piggly Wiggly
- April 9—Equine Education Meeting, Elkhorn Middle School
- April 17—Midwest Horse Fair, Madison
- April 23—Equine Education Meeting, Elkhorn Middle School
- April 26—Brat Hut Fundraiser, Elkhorn Piggly Wiggly
- May 7—Equine Education Meeting, Elkhorn Middle School
- May 9—State Horse Quiz Bowl, Wausau

Join us for fun and games! For more information, contact Torell Geffers at (920) 527-1500 or torellgeffers@yahoo.com
Rabbit Project
- **April 9**, 7:00pm—Meeting, Activity Center Fairgrounds
  - Meat Rabbits and Breeding
  - T-shirt designs due for contest
- **May 14**, 7:00pm—Meeting, Activity Center or Rabbit Barn
  - Litters and weaning, Natural Remedies
- June will be pelting, be sure to sign up
  All members need to attend at least one meeting to show at fair.
  Please contact Margaret Vacula with any questions at (262) 613-4045.

Poultry Project
You still have a couple of weeks to get your t-shirt entry in. Please e-mail it to: tom@crosshairsacademy.com. It must be submitted by **April 16**. You may also give it to your General Leader.

If you have any questions regarding health papers, please contact Bill Marquart at (608) 295-9473.

The remaining poultry meetings are:
- **May 21**, Activity Center Fairgrounds
- **July 18**, Field Day, Schmalfeldt's Home, 2:00pm
- August, cage set-up, Small Animal Barn Fairgrounds

All poultry that will be shown at the 2015 fair MUST be in your possession by June 1, excluding Broilers & Roasters.

Fur and Feather Swap
On behalf of the Walworth Fur & Feather Committee, “thank you” to the following organizations for their donations to the kitchen and all of the help for the swap.
- Goat Project
- Poultry Project
- Rabbit Project
- Hometown Sausage
- Wilson Farm Meats
- Lake Geneva Country Meats

Non-Animal Project Updates:
Food Preservation Project
The 4-H Food Preservation Project will be hosting the first of three hands-on workshops on **April 22** from 6:00-8:00pm at the County Government Center. This hands-on Dehydration Workshop is specially designed for project members, but ALL 4-Hers in grades 3 and up are welcome to attend if they are interested. Cost will be $5 to cover supplies. The workshop will be given by Key Leader, Marlene Schoenbeck, and Youth Project Leader, Claire Schilz. To sign up, call (262) 741-4951 or email deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu. Share the participant's name, phone number, email address, and school grade. Registration deadline is **April 15**.

Check the 4-H Project Meeting Guide at [http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/](http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/) for information about the canning and freezing workshops set for summer. Plus, learn more about food preservation with classes being offered by our Family Living Educator, Jenny Wehmeier at [http://walworth.uwex.edu/2015/02/19/2015-food-preservation-workshops/](http://walworth.uwex.edu/2015/02/19/2015-food-preservation-workshops/).
Wildlife Project

Join us on Thursday, April 16 at the County Government Center from 7:00-8:00pm for a fun wildlife project informational meeting. Anyone in an environmental sciences project is welcome! We’ll learn a little and discuss what kinds of things you are interested in doing and exploring this spring and summer. Bring your calendar and ideas! Call Natural Science Key Leader Kathy Tober at 262-642-5857 if you have any questions!

Shooting Sports Project

Shooting Sports Orientation
A project orientation for all youth enrolled in Shooting Sports projects (wildlife, rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery, muzzleloading, air rifle, or air pistol) was held on February 3 at 6:00pm in the Elkhorn High School cafeteria.

Shoot-off registration forms, permission slips, and the 2015 project rules and regulations are available on the website. If you did not attend the meeting, you are responsible for reading all materials.

If you have shooting sports-specific questions, please contact Al Iseppon, President of the Shooting Sport Committee, at (608) 201-5032.

American Legion Postal Shoot Recap
This year was the second time Walworth County has participated in the American Legion Postal Shoot. Youth from all over the state of Wisconsin competed in this match. Walworth County was one host site. The 19 competitors from Walworth County shot 3-position rifle: standing, kneeling, and lying down.

Nathan Schmalfeldt (score:135-1) and Emma Robers (score:135-0) tied for second place in the beginner category. Fin Weber placed third in the intermediate category with a score of 229-3. All will be receiving trophies!

International Project

Host an International Teen this Summer!
In the summer of 2015, youth from Argentina, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Costa Rica will spend a month living with Wisconsin host families and learning about American culture. If you are between 12-18 years old and want to take part in a month that will stay with you for a lifetime, apply now. Chaperone hosts are also needed for two week periods during these time frames. For an application, please visit: http://wi4hinternational.org/.

Call for 2015-16 High School Exchange Host Applications
If you have enjoyed a short term hosting experience, or simply love working with students from other cultures, consider hosting a Eurasian student through the C.S.I.E.T. approved 4-H Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) High School Programs. Students arrive in August and depart in June. A host brother or sister of high school age is not a prerequisite, and young or retired couples involved as 4-H leaders are also urged to apply. Applications are accepted until all delegates are assigned.

If you are interested but unsure, please contact one of our International Program coordinators: Caroline Cornelison at (262) 742-4315 or Betty Barr at (262) 470-3317. They can answer all of your questions from experience.

Scale Models Project

Youth in the 4-H Scale Models Project must attend one meeting to be eligible to show their models at this year’s fair and earn a 10% discount card for Hobby Town USA in Lake Geneva. The next project meetings are set for Wednesday, April 8 from 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, May 9 from 10:00am–2:00pm. Both will be held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center. Aerospace Project members are also welcome!

Scale Models Project questions? Call Key Leader Keith Reimers at (262) 728-1483. Learn more about upcoming meetings and project-related opportunities by visiting the Butchers Model Car Club on Facebook.
Kudos!

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- **Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Delegate**
  Braden Kundert

- **National 4-H Congress Delegate**
  Devon Frederick

- **National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition**
  Kieran Bieneman, Bailey Bleser, Charles Dowty, Jack Flitcroft, and Leslie Reinberg

- **Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference**
  Sydney Anderson, Bryce Bigelov, Madalyn Bigelow, Emily Cadman*, Lillie Cauffman, Anna Featherstone, Darren Fitch, Lauren Fitch, Chayton Gilbert, Amelia Hayden, Anna MacLeod, Katelyn Rosenow, Lauren Russel, and Nathan Welsh (*State Youth Leader Council Delegate)

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**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.

- **Key Leaders**—Key leaders are needed in: art, child development, consumer education, crafts, home environment, mechanical science, technology, vet science, and woodworking.

- **Homes for Chicks and Ducklings**—Walworth County 4-H is once again conducting its Eggsploring Incubation program in area schools. As a result, we will have a few baby chicks and ducklings that will need homes. If you are a 4-H family that would be interested in raising some of these babies, please call the UW-Extension office and let us know! Share your name, a phone number where you can be reached, and the minimum and maximum number of chicks or ducklings you’d be interested in. You will be contacted on or just before pick-up days if we will have birds for you. Birds will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis with 4-H members using them as project animal getting priority. Baby chicks will be available the afternoon of **May 15**. Baby ducklings will be available on the afternoon of **May 26**. All birds must be picked up in the UW-Extension office before 4:45pm each day.

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**LOOK BELOW FOR IMPORTANT INFO**

**UPDATE!**

Here are the links to our most popular documents:

- 4-H Project Contacts
- 4-H Project Meeting Guide
- 4-H Events Calendar
- Major Event Guide

We were asked to make the Newsclip shorter, so we created links for your convenience. Just click on the calendar name, and it will take you right there!

Walworth County 4-H Facebook

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