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"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

~ Abraham Lincoln



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A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

It doesn't matter how long you have been in 4-H, but how much you have accomplished during your time in the program. Some youth start 4-H in kindergarten, but some join our organization in high school. We are so grateful to have all of our members, new and old! At times we can get caught up in the years, and not so much by great achievements.

Abraham Lincoln lived to be 56 years old, but was able to pack a lot positive change into his time here. Take his advice, and make your 4-H years count—no matter how many years you have been (and will be) in the 4-H program!

Chelsea Dertz

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General 4-H News

Enrolling as a New Member in 4HOnline.com

All new 4-H members have until **March 1** to enroll in 4HOnline.com. Enrollment instructions are on the 4-H website: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/4h-enrollment/>

All members have until March 1 to add/drop projects. 4-H Project Guides

and Family Behavior Agreements are available from your General Leader or on the county 4-H website: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/4h-enrollment/>

NEW THIS YEAR:

1. Family Behavior Agreements must

be turned in to the General Leader when paying your enrollment fees. Your enrollment will not be approved until your Behavior Agreement is received. This has always been part of the enrollment process and policy and will be strictly enforced starting this year.

New Families—Major Event Guide

Do you find yourself asking questions like: What is Kids' College? What does CWF stand for? Can anyone participate in 4-H Camp?

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/files/2011/02/Major-4-H-Event-Guide.pdf>. 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!

2015 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 Extension office. That subscription will be good through the December 2015/January 2016 issue. A subscription form is included in this *Newsclip*. 4-H families with valid e-mail addresses through

4HOnline will automatically receive an email alert when new issues of the *Newsclip* are available online. We hope the new layout will be easier to read, print, and keep up with. For the subscription form, please visit our website: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/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

- April/May Issue – **March 20**
- June/July Issue – **May 22**
- August/September Issue – **July 24**
- October/November Issue – **September 18**

Badger State Buddies Come to Walworth County

The Walworth County 4-H Senior Leaders' Association donated two copies of *Badger State Buddies* by Noreen O'Brien to each library in Walworth County. The book promotes 4-H and its goal of youth development. If you see this book, please thank the librarian for displaying it. Check it out, and let the UW-Extension office know what you think!

Author Noreen O'Brien was working for UW-Extension

when she learned about 4-H. "I thought the clubs were just about farm life," she said, "but today they have robotics, music festivals, and travel opportunities. In fact the most popular 4-H project around here is photography, so one of the characters signs up for that. Another one has a project in training her dog to behave." The timing of her book coincides with the 2014 4-H centennial in Wisconsin.

Enrollment Reminders

The enrollment deadline for re-enrolling 4-Hers wishing to show at the 2015 Walworth County Fair has now passed. However, members can still add or drop projects until **March 1**. So, if you find yourself wishing you'd have signed up for something you didn't sign up for, there is still time to fix it!

Also, if you are suddenly realizing that you may have bitten off more than you can chew, you can fix that, too! Keep in

mind that any projects you're signed up for after March 1 are your responsibility to finish—all the way through to submitting records on them. Add or drop projects by logging into your 4HOnline account.

Brand new 4-H members have until **March 1** to make their project selections.

<https://www.4honline.com/>

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 UWEX website for easy reference. You can find them under the "Clubs & Enrollment" tab. Updated bylaws will be posted after the first of the year for the handful of clubs that have submitted recent changes.

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.

Event Recaps

Junior Leaders' Bowling Tournament

This year's annual Walworth County 4-H Junior Leaders' Bowling Tournament was a success achieved by the involvement of all bowlers, leaders, and parents. This year, the tournament was held on January 10, 11, 17, and 18 at Hawk Bowl in Whitewater, Delavan Lanes, and Lake Geneva Lanes to make traveling easier for clubs. It was great to see 4-H clubs get involved in the tournament. There was a total of 128 bowlers that participated.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the

Junior Leader Bowling Committee and tournament helpers for your hard work! The committee worked hard this year to provide more unique and awesome incentives! During the third, fifth, and seventh frames of each game, bowlers could win prizes. 64 bowlers found out that spares earned them coupons for ice cream and other treats! 42 bowlers who had strikes in those frames will receive a \$1 bill.

Of the total 128 bowlers, 13 of them were cloverbuds. Cloverbud participation is up from last year!

Although cloverbuds were not able to collect prizes because the group is non-competitive, they are still being rewarded for their participation with coupons, which they will receive from their club leader soon!

Bowling coupons and money are ready for distribution. Club leaders can pick them up at any time in the UW-Extension office. Otherwise, it will be available at the next Senior Leaders' meeting.

Kids' College 2015

Kids' College 2015 was held on January 24 to give potential members the opportunity to join 4-H and enrolled members the ability to add projects from Kids' College before the March 1st deadline. There were many new classes added this year including: Painting Landscapes, Miniature Gardens, Soap Making, Equine Edibles, Mystery Science, and WET Felting with Wool. There were also crowd favorites back for another year like: Fresh Floral Arranging, Creative Card Making, Drama, Leather Crafting, Recycled Art, Scale Model Basics, Rocketry, Dry Felting with Wool, Cake Decorating, Mystery Wildlife, and Cloverbud Adventure! This year, youth were able to choose three classes instead of the normal two. A total of 115 youth participated in Kids' College 2015. Numbers are up from last year! If you have a class idea for next year, please let Chelsea know (262) 741-4960. All are welcome to teach or help!

New Events:

4-H 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**.

Linn 4-H Hosts Annual Skating Party

Linn 4-H Club will be hosting its Annual 4-H County-Wide Club Skating Party on **March 9** 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.



4-H Softball

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 taken after this time. Payment and registration deadlines will be strictly enforced. No entries will be accepted at the coaches' meeting. No entries will be accepted without payment.

If you only have 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

Keys to Communication Workshop

Have you ever wanted to participate in 4-H Communication Arts Fest, but did not know how to prepare for the event?

Look no further! Keys to Communication, hosted at the Government Center in Elkhorn on **March 7**, is designed to prepare youth for all aspects of Communication Arts Fest. There will be classes on: Creative Writing, Demonstration/ Speech, Consumer Education/ Entrepreneurship, and an optional Workforce Readiness class (for youth wanting to work on resumes, cover letters, and interview tips). Classes will be divided by age (grades 3 and up), depending on event registration.

This event is \$5.00 for the entire morning, including snack. We hope you are able to join us for a fun day of communicating! To register, please contact Chelsea Dertz at (262) 741-4960 or chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu. Registration and payment are due by **February 27** at 5:00pm in the UW-Extension office.

Schedule: 8:40-9:00—Check-in, 9:00-10:00—Class 1, 10:00-11:00—Class 2, 11:00-12:00—Class 3, 12:00—Check-out
(Optional: Workforce Readiness Class @ 12:00)

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 the 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!

A few adult chaperones are needed for camp week, as well. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, contact Debbie at the UW-Extension office.

Camp applications and info will soon be available on our 4-H website.



MAQA Trainings Set

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/>. 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 cannot attend one of these sessions, you will need to attend a session being conducted in a nearby county. Those options are available at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/>.

Thursday, March 5

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.

Tuesday, March 24

MAQA TESTING ONLY 4:30-6:00pm

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.

Scholarship Opportunities:

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2015. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by **March 15, 2015**. 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 scholarship, 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 2015-2016 academic school year. Contact your 4-H office for an application.

Walworth County HCE Scholarship

The Walworth County Association for Home and Community Education (WCHCE) will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a Walworth County resident. Applicant must be a high school senior intending to enroll as a fulltime student in a Bachelor's Program at any college or university or a two-year Associate Degree Program at any technical college. The applicant must plan to pursue further education throughout the next school year.

This scholarship can be used for any

field of advanced study, with a preference given to those pursuing a career in a Home and Community Education field.

Applications are due on **March 15, 2015**. Please call the UW-Extension office for requirements and application (262) 741-4951.

Find these and other scholarships as they become available at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/scholarships/>. You can also call the Walworth County UW-Extension office to get more information.

Association Updates:

Junior Leaders' Association

- The Walworth County Junior Leaders' Association is open to all 4-H members in grades 6-13. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the County Government Center for recreation, a business meeting, and a fun program! This is a great way to build your leadership skills while getting to know other youth from across the county.
- Upcoming meetings are set for **February 23** and **March 23** at 7:00pm. The February meeting will feature an ice breaker led by Oliver Kozak and Valentine's Bingo coordinated by Brandan Constable. Both Brandan and Oliver are from Sugar Creek 4-H Club. The March meeting will feature an ice breaker led by Brandan Constable and a hands-on leadership workshop led by our 2014 Fall Forum delegation (Amelia Hayden, Sharon 4-H; Lillie Cauffman, Sugar Creek 4-H; Braden Kundert, Linn 4-H; Emily Cadman, Spring Prairie 4-H; and adults Caroline Cornelison and Bonnie Kruizenga)!
- Special thanks goes to Walworth County Master Gardener Margo Potter for leading a terrarium workshop during the January meeting.

Meeting Date	Scheduled Program
February 23	Bingo Night with Valentine's Day themed prizes
March 23	"Taste of Fall Forum" Hands-on Workshop led by our 2014 delegation
April 27	UW-Faculty Presentation, Details TBA
May 26 (Tuesday)	Hands-on "Cookie Decorating Workshop"
June 22	Hands-on workshop led by our 2015 4-H Camp Resource Counselors
July 27	Local Government Presentations, Details TBA
September 28	Outdoor Olympics (Tug-O-War, Egg Relay, Scarecrow Contest, and more!)

Senior Leaders' Association

Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on **February 23** 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! The **March** meeting will be held on the **23rd** of the month.

Mandatory Leader Training

Each year, the state requires every chartered 4-H club or group to send at least one adult leader to participate in mandatory leader training. This year, our county will be offering this training on Tuesday, **March 10**, and Wednesday, **March 25**. We will be following a "Meetings That Move!" theme to go over concepts that were covered with youth leaders during 4-H Officer School '15 in an effort to get everyone on the same page. Adults and teen leaders (particularly those who did not attend 4-H Officer School '15) are invited to participate together! Training will be held in the County Government Center from 6:30-8:30pm both nights. Pre-register for the date of your choice at least three business days beforehand.

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

Meeting Mixer Responsibilities

February– Whitewater 4-H
March– Flame Throwers 4-H

New Volunteer Orientation aka Youth Protection Workshops

The next New Volunteer Orientation of the program year will be held on **March 23** at 5:45pm in the 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.

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 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.

Small Pets

Meeting—**March 10** at 7:00pm. It will be held at the Activity Center on the Fairgrounds. We will be explaining the Small Pets Project, getting to know each other and our pets, and distributing informational hand-outs and the schedule for the year.

Our yearly visits to Elegant Farmer are tentatively scheduled for **March 28** and **April 4**, but please watch for an e-mail or snail mail confirming those visits. If you don't receive any information by mid-March, please call a leader.

Meeting—**May 12** at 7:00pm. It will be held at the Activity Center on the Fairgrounds. We will be talking about and Small Pets Projects that can be shown during pre-fair judging. Now is a good time to start planning for and working on them.

Meeting—**June 9** at 7:00pm in the Small Animal Barn on the Fairgrounds. Guest speaker is TBA.

Brat Hut fundraiser—**June 13**, Frank's in Elkhorn.

—For more information, contact Alice Gott (262) 642-5434.

Beef Project

The annual Walworth County Junior Beef Project Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **February 7** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 11:00am. (The snow date is **February 14**.) All steers must be weighed and tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2015 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 fair weigh-in. A letter including weigh-in guidelines has been emailed to member-families and FFA advisors. It is also posted at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/#beef>. Please review this information carefully, as there have been changes, including

the fact that DNA collection will now be done at weigh-in. If you have any questions, please contact Junior Beef Superintendent Doc Sterken at (262) 949-5890 or (262)949-5743. If travel conditions are questionable on February 7 and you suspect a cancellation, please call the UW-Extension winter cancellation number (262-741-3193) before heading out.

Beef Project Clinic—March 14

A Beef Project Clinic will be held on Saturday, **March 14**, from 10:00am-3:00pm 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

day, they will host an informal “show.” Parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Lunch 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 14 is located at the link above. Please refer to the beef weigh-in letter previously cited for complete workshop details.

State Fair

If you plan to show at the 2015 State Fair, you can find information about sign-up at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock>. Be aware that the State Fair DNA/RID identification postmark deadline for Beef is **February 9**, 2015.

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. 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*.

- **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. Checks should be made payable to *UW-Extension*. The 2015 Champion & Reserve Champion Lambs, the 2015 Champion & Reserve Champion Carcass Lambs, and two 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 **April 16** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. Tom Johnson, Kent Feeds, will be conducting a presentation on “How to Feed Your Animals.” This meeting will count towards your mandatory meeting requirements for the *Sheep Project*.

State Fair

If you plan to show at the 2015 State Fair, you can find information about sign-up at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock>. Be aware that the State Fair DNA/RID identification postmark deadline for Sheep is **May 11**, 2015.

Upcoming Events

Learn more about these opportunities at the links provided...
Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Giveaway— <http://ustargheesheep.org/>
Arlington Sheep Day – www.wisbc.com
Stars Sale & Starter Ewe Program – www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com

Poultry Project

- **March 19** Activity Center (AC)
- **May 21** (AC)
- **July 18** field day, Schmalfeldt's, 2:00pm
- **Aug. 20** Small Animal Barn /cage-setup scratch night

Do you have a creative talent and love all things poultry? We want your help to design a t-shirt for the poultry project. Here is all you need to know before you get those artist gears spinning.

Designs must be submitted before **April 16** using one of the following methods:

- Directly to your project/ general leader as a hard copy or electronic file
- E-mailed to tom@crosshairsacademy.com

Your design must include : "Walworth County Poultry Project" and the use of a poultry theme.

On a separate piece of paper or file:

Name

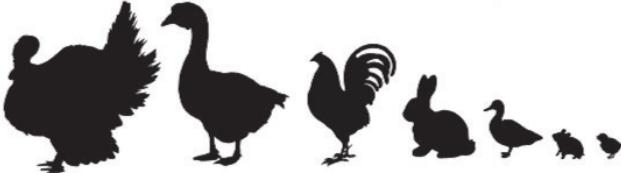
Club

Age/Grade

Parent's name and contact phone number

The winner will be selected by a committee at the April 16th meeting. The winner will receive a free t-shirt. Thank You and GOOD LUCK !

20th Annual Walworth County Fur & Feather Swap



**Saturday, April 4, 2015
7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

Walworth County Fairgrounds, Hwy 11 East, Elkhorn, WI
General Admission \$2, Children under 12 enter free

Small Animals – Crafts – Equipment – Lunch Stand
Outdoor and indoor selling spaces available for a minimal fee

For information:

Dale Wheelock 262-882-3633 dalewheechock@gmail.com
Bob Kretschmer 414-254-6853 bk_rooster@yahoo.com

**State law requires all poultry be accompanied by health papers.
Copies will be collected before entry.**

Swine Project

Swine Tagging & DNA Collection '15

As in 2014, 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 2015 Walworth County Fair. No spring weigh-in will be held as per the instructions of the State Veterinarian.

Walworth County 4-H and FFA Swine Project families must purchase tags and DNA bags 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 Swine Project. Tags and bags 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 bags. Tags and bags will be available for purchase at the

County Government Center during the following times ONLY:

- **March 18**, 6:00-7:00pm
- **April 14**, 6:30-8:00pm in conjunction with MAQA training (MAQA participants cannot skip classes to make this purchase, so an accompanying adult or non-participating youth will need to do this for them)

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

Project Meeting

A Swine Project Meeting will be held on **March 18** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. The program will consist of a representative of Stateline Veterinary Clinic, a feed representative, and a swine breeder.

State Fair

State Fair barrows will not require

Walworth County tags or additional DNA sampling. However, they must still be accounted for in the Walworth County paperwork your family submits. If you are not tagging any pigs beyond those your family is tagging for State Fair, you will just need to complete your Walworth County paperwork on either **March 18** or **April 14** at the time specified above. Note that the 2015 State Fair DNA/RFID identification postmark deadline for swine is Monday, **May 11**. Visit <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/> for details.

WSPA Symposium

Get ready for the upcoming show season by attending the 2015 WSPA Show Pig Symposium on **February 21** at Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells. Watch for more details on the Wisconsin Show Pig Association's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Wisconsin-Show-Pig-Association/.

Rabbit Project

February:

- Sunday, **February 8**: Lakeland Rabbit Breeders 45th Annual Open and Youth Show in the Activity Center at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.
- Thursday, **February 12**: Rabbit Project Meeting in the Activity Center at the Walworth County Fairgrounds at 7:00pm. Focus of the meeting will be First Aid/Diseases. Guest Speaker is Dr. Amanda Tucker from the Elkhorn

Vet Clinic.

March:

- Saturday, **March 7** and Sunday, March 8th: Badger Rabbit Show at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.
- Thursday, **March 12**: Rabbit Project Meeting in the Activity Center at the Walworth County Fairgrounds at 7:00pm. Focus of the meeting will be breeding and genetics.
- Saturday, **March 28** and Saturday, **April 4**: Elegant Farmer Rabbit

Days

Other Announcements:

Junior Leaders please check in with Margaret Vacula at mjvacula3@gmail.com

If you have signed up for the project and haven't received any emails, please contact Margaret Vacula at mjvacula3@gmail.com

Horse and Pony Project—Equine Education

As we wrap-up the 2014 4-H year, it is time to start thinking about 2015. I have set the dates for the Equine Fun Study Nights. Let's pull out those calendars, and mark them down so we don't miss them!

February 5 and 19
March 5 and 19
April 9 and 23
May 7

At these meetings, we will play games, brush up on our equine trivia, and get to know other 4-H horse lovers. All are welcome, so come and check it out! We will meet in the cafeteria of the Elkhorn Middle School from 6:30-8:00pm. Hope to see you there!

For more information contact: Torell Geffers at (920) 527-1500 or torellgeffers@yahoo.com.

Horse and Pony Project—Horseless Horse

All youth in the Horseless Horse Project are welcome to join in on the fun meetings on the third Tuesday of every month, starting in February (**February 17**) at 6:00pm at the Como Community Church in Lake Como. The March date is **March 17**. For more information, contact Donna Kundert at (262) 275-5155.

Horse and Pony Project

- Brat Fundraiser for Horse and Pony Gymkhana Saturday, **May 2**, 2015 10:00am-2:00pm (Elkhorn)
- Brat Fundraiser for Horse and Pony Gymkhana Saturday, **July 25**, 10:00am – 2:00pm (East Troy)
- Brat Fundraiser for Horse and Pony Gymkhana Sunday, **August 9**, 10:00am-2:00pm (Elkhorn)
- Brat Fundraiser for Horse and Pony Sheila Degraves memorial East Troy **May 23** (East Troy)

- **July 7,14,21,28**
- **August 4,11,18,25**
- Horse and Pony Tack Sale **March 22**, 9:00am-1:00pm Activity Center, Fairgrounds

Horse and Pony Fun Show, Horse Barn, **June 20**. 2015

Riding Clinics at Fairgrounds Horse Barn 6:30 (last Wednesday of the month is trail practice)

- **May 6,13,20, 27** trail patterns
- **June 3,10,17,24** trail patterns
- **July 1,8,15,22,29** trail patterns
- **August 5,12,19,26** trail patterns

Gymkhana 6:30

- **May 12,19,26**
- **June 2,9,16,23,30**

Horse and Pony Mandatory Meetings:
February 28 at the Darien Senior Center at 10:00am and **March 19** at 6:00pm, Elkhorn Middle School.



Non-Animal Project Updates:

Scale Models Project

- Hobby Town USA Discount
- Hobby Town USA in Lake Geneva is offering a 10% discount to youth signed up in the 4-H Scale Model or Aerospace Projects. To receive a discount card, bring proof of registration in either project to a meeting. We would like to thank Margie and John Danno of Hobby Town USA for their support.

Food Preservation Project

FOOD DEHYDRATION WORKSHOP OPEN TO ALL 4-HERS

A 4-H Food Dehydration Workshop is set for **April 22** from 6:00-8:00pm in the County Government Center. This hands-on workshop is designed especially for 4-H Food Preservation Project members, but is open to all 4-Hers in grades 3 and up that are interested. Specifics about what members will make and do at this workshop will be forthcoming. Cost will be \$5 per participant to cover supplies. Pre-registration will be required by **April 15**. Watch your email and the April/May Newsclip for full details and sign-up info. This workshop will be led by county 4-H Food Preservation Key Leader Marlene Schoenbeck and one of our county 4-H Food Preservation Project youth leaders.

Aerospace Project

PARACHUTE WORKSHOP OPEN TO ALL 4-HERS

A 4-H Parachute Workshop is set for Thursday, **March 19** from 6:00-7:30pm in the County Government Center. It is open to all 4-Hers in grades 3 and up. Participation in the *Aerospace Project* is not required. During the workshop, members will design and launch their own parachutes. They will also consider how and why parachutes work and what design factors contribute to parachute performance. There will be a \$3 fee per participant (payable at the door) to cover the costs of supplies. Pre-registration is required by 5:00pm on March 13 by calling the UW-Extension office at 262-741-4951 and sharing the name(s), grade(s), email, and phone number of youth planning to participate. You can also send this information by email to deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu. This workshop is being taught by county 4-H Aerospace Key Leader Damian Daniels.

Note that March 19 is a NEW date. The clinic was previously advertised for March 17, but has been rescheduled.

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 due by **February 15**, or until all delegates are assigned. Hurry, since assignments will begin in late February!

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.



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.
- ◆ **Key Leaders**—Key leaders are needed in: art, child development, consumer education, crafts, home environment, mechanical science, technology, vet science, and woodworking.
- ◆ **Judging Teams**—4-H members, grades 3-13, who are interested in ramping up their knowledge and skills in meats evaluation are encouraged to participate in the Meats Judging Contest! If there's enough interest, Walworth County 4-H judging teams can form. If you're interested, call the Extension office by **February 5**. Be prepared to share your name, age, club, a phone number where you can be reached, and your area of interest—meats, livestock, or dairy. Please contact the 4-H office for more information.

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[4-H Project Contacts](#)

[4-H Project Meeting Guide](#)

[4-H Events Calendar](#)

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](#)

