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A Quote and a Note from UW-Extension:

How many projects are you taking this year? Do you have room for something new? Could you add an activity to your club meetings so they are more fun?

You never know until you try! Listen to Wayne Gretzky, take a chance! You may end up loving a new project or helping your club have more productive, exciting meetings. It's not important that you have 100% success on your first try, but rather that you were able to take a chance on a new idea.

It takes courage to try something you have never done before! By March 1, add a project that you may have been reluctant to try, or lead a fun game at your next club meeting. We look forward to hearing about your new experiences this 4-H year!

Chelsea Dertz

Debbie Burkman

Susan Clark

General 4-H News

Winter Cancellations

Occasionally, travel conditions force county 4-H event cancellations. During the winter months, you can check for cancellations by calling 262-741-3193. We will also try to send an e-mail when applicable and possible. Be aware that club cancellations will not be available at this number.

Closed for the Holidays

The UW-Extension office will be closed December 24 and 25 for the holiday and December 31 and January 1 for New Year's. The office will be open December 26 and will resume regular scheduling on January 2.

2016 Newsclip Paper Subscription

4-H families that wish to receive hard copies of the *4-H Newsclip* by mail may do so by completing a \$10 subscription and submitting it to the UW-Extension office. That subscription will be good through the December 2016/January 2017 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. For the subscription form, please visit our website: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>

Happy holidays from the UW-Extension office!

Enrolling in 4-H is a Two-Step Process

Enrolling in 4-H requires two things: 1) Paying your individual 4-H program fees to your club and 2) enrolling as a member in 4HOnline. Both of these things must occur by **March 1 for new enrollees**. Check with your local club leader to find out how much the program fees are for your club. County enrollment fees are \$12 annually for members in grades 3-13 and \$6 for Cloverbuds (grades K-2). However, some clubs have additional fees to offset club expenses or cover known annual expenses.

Literature

When you are enrolling for your project, you will have the option to choose the literature that is offered for that project. Be aware that if you order literature, it will automatically be purchased, sent to your club's General Leader, and then passed on to you. The cost of your literature will be added to your club's bill for enrollment. Depending on how your club handles literature costs, you may be responsible to reimburse your club.

Enrolling as a new member or leader

For new family enrollment, you will need to access the website <http://wi.4honline.com> and follow the instructions for "Enrolling in 4HOnline as a NEW family." These instructions are available from your General Leader or at <http://walworth.uwex.edu>. 4HOnline is easy to use and will give your family the opportunity to review and update your information as needed. Your account will be available for viewing 24-7 year round. You may enroll members of your family in 4-H using this system anytime **between October 1* and March 1**. (This time frame is the required enrollment period in order for members to be eligible to participate in the 2016 Walworth County Fair Junior Department.) After March 1, new families are welcome to enroll, but will not be eligible to show at the fair. To enroll after March 1, contact the UW-Extension office at 262-741-4951 for help. (*This date is incorrectly listed as December 1 in the *2015-2016 4-H Project Guide*.)

Program Fees

Each year, the county 4-H program collects a "program fee" from each of its youth members. This fee is collected to help cover programming costs, insurance, and materials.

The \$12 county fees for 2016 4-H members will be divided as follows:

\$3 — Senior Leaders' Assn.
\$3 — Junior Leaders' Assn.
\$1.50 — WI 4-H Foundation

\$2 — 4-H Insurance Fees

\$2.50 — UWEX (for program materials and printing)
4-H Cloverbuds pay \$6 fees, which are divided up as follows:

\$2 — 4-H Insurance Fees

\$2.50 — UWEX (program materials and printing)

\$1.50 — WI 4-H Foundation

In some cases, clubs add on their own fees to cover additional needs at the local level.

Newsclip Article Submission

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

Newsclip Deadlines:

- February/March Issue – **January 22**
- April/May Issue – **March 18**
- June/July Issue – **May 20**
- August/September Issue – **July 22**
- October/November Issue – **September 16**

New Families—Major Event Guide

Sometimes 4-H staff, members, leaders, and volunteers forget that 4-H can be very confusing the first year or two. A breakdown of annual events is located on our website: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>. Click on "Major Event Guide". The events are in alphabetical order, not by date. If you have any other questions, please feel free to give our office a call at (262) 741-4951. Take a peek and see what 4-H has to offer outside of your club meetings!

UW-Extension Selfie Spotlight

Yolanda Peña—WNEP Bilingual Coordinator/Educator

The Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) helps families and individuals choose healthful diets, purchase and prepare healthful food and handle it safely, and become more food secure by spending their food dollars wisely.

Yolanda Peña offers nutrition education classes to several Walworth County schools in both Spanish and English. She helps children and teens understand healthy eating and food safety, especially handwashing. Much of her school-based nutrition education occurs in grades 4K-5 classrooms, but she does some teaching in high schools.

Projects that may find Yolanda a helpful resource are: Foods and Nutrition, Family & Child Development, and Health.

For more information you can visit <http://walworth.uwex.edu/nutrition-education/> or contact Yolanda at Yolanda.pena@ces.uwex.edu

You can find a lot of activities, ideas, and games for different ages, languages, life styles or/and cultures when you open <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>.



Event Recaps and Updates

Space Camp

Space Camp 2016: 4-H Missions in Space is set for **April 21-25** at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, and learn about becoming an astronaut.

Space Camp is open to all enrolled 4-H members in good standing in their counties who are in grades 6-8, maximum age of 15 at the time of program. Wisconsin participants will leave the state on Thursday and return on Monday, traveling by motor coach to Huntsville. Tentative registration fees, including transportation, are \$550 per person. The final fee will be confirmed and announced later on.

Priority selection will be given to first time applications. Space Camp alumni are welcome to apply and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis after registration closes. If you are interested in attending Space Camp, let the UW-Extension office know anytime between now and **December 11**. We will then instruct you on how to register on 4honline. Scholarships from both the Junior and Senior Leaders' may be available to help offset costs.

Holiday International Trip

Families with 4-Hers enrolling in the International Project this fall and all 4-H families who wish to experience the Windy City are invited to participate in the annual International Project Holiday Outing as Walworth County 4-H travels to Chicago on **December 12** to enjoy the Christkindlmarket.

Christkindlmarket Chicago is a German tradition that has made its way to Chicago. This Christmas holiday market takes place in Daley Plaza and offers unique crafts and gifts for sale, a variety of entertainment, as well as German food.

Participants in this outing will start their day by jumping aboard the Harvard train at 10:30am sharp. Please provide your own transportation to the train. Train fare is \$8.00 per person (round trip), but children under 12 are free with an adult ticket purchase. The participants are estimated to arrive back in Harvard at 8:30pm.

Join in on the fun of this memory-making adventure! Please register with Caroline Cornelison (262) 949-0647 at 10:00am before boarding the train. No pre-registration is needed, but you must check-in before the train leaves.

4-H Officer School 2015

Fifty-eight youth and five club leaders participated in this year's 4-H Officer School! In addition to role-based workshops, participants engaged in several activities designed to help them make their club meetings more efficient, welcoming, and fun. In their evaluations of the day, participants expressed plans for incorporating more icebreakers and roll call fun into their meetings, as well as ideas for greeting members at the start of the meeting and helping new families feel more comfortable with what is going on.

A big thank you goes to the event planning team members who made the day possible: Chris Jones, Bonnie Cornue, Linda Giorno, Jodi Swatek, Sheila Hayden, Caroline Cornelison, Lillie Cauffman, Fred Noer, Marlene Schoenbeck, and Jessica Nehs. Thanks, also, to the Jones Farm for sponsoring the pizza lunch that was provided.

If you are currently serving as a 4-H club officer or youth leader and were unable to attend this year's Officer School, please take a few minutes to check out the helpful resources at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/officerstoolbox/>.

Junior/ Senior Leaders' Banquet

The Junior/Senior Leaders' Banquet was held on November 1. A number of individuals were honored for outstanding service and achievement. Some individuals recognized that evening were:

General Leader Milestone Anniversaries

Lisa Kendall, 1 year
Tracey Riley, 1 year
Chelsea Police, 5 years
Jodi Swatek, 5 years
Donna Sherman, 5 years
Robin Mansfield, 5 years
Susan Earle, 10 years
Mariah Anderson, 10 years
Laurie Giorno, 20 years
Laura Vander Veen, 30

Volunteer Milestone Anniversaries

Bonnie Kruizenga, 25 years
Carol Henningfeld, 35 years
Dennis Duesterbeck, 45 years

Space Camp

Melissa Konkell, Ian Bullock, Cole Flitcroft, Leo Ehlen, Lofton Rehberg

Citizenship Washington Focus

Braden Kundert

National 4-H Congress

Devon Frederick

Friend of 4-H Award

Doug Frederick

4-H Outstanding Achievement Awards

Grades 3-4: Tom Sorg, Lauren Vorpapel, Jacob Kleist, Eloise Rohloff
Grades 5-6: Emma Wade, Madison Amend, Molly Wade, Kaitlyn Guanci

Grades 7-8: Melissa Konkell, Seth Kraayvanger, Sydney Anderson, Lillie Cauffman

Grades 9-10: Braden Kundert, Erin Sorg, Katlyn Decker

Grades 11+: Sarah Van Dan, Adam Fitch

Special Awards

Intermediate Agriculture—Savannah Siegler
Intermediate Home Economics—Claire Schilz
Intermediate Miscellaneous—Nicole Plenty
Senior Agriculture—Katelyn Gonzalez
Senior Miscellaneous—Jessica Pohl
Elaine Papcke Memorial Award—Josiah Harder
Florence Sweno Leadership Award—McKenna Riley
Cultural Arts Awards—Amelia Guanci
Key Award—Katelyn Gonzalez, Kendel Gustisha, Braden Kundert, Jessica Pohl, Katrina Schell

Lifetime Volunteer of the Year Award

Laurie Giorno

International Program Awardees

The Adams Family & Betty Barr

Volunteer of the Year Award

Janice Schilz

Community Servant Award

Katelyn Rosenow

Softball Junior Championship Team

Sugar Creek/Spring Prairie 4-H Clubs

Softball Senior Championship Team

Whitewater/Spring Prairie/Linn 4-H Clubs

Softball Junior League Season Winner

Sugar Creek/Spring Prairie 4-H Clubs

Softball Senior League Season Winner

Whitewater/Spring Prairie/Linn 4-H Clubs



New and Upcoming Events

Spring Fling Opportunity

It has been a while since Walworth County held a "Spring Fling" trip, and we want to know if you would be interested in bringing it back!

What is Spring Fling?

Spring Fling is a 3 day, 2 night trip for youth in grades 8 and above to experience another city. Past destinations have been places like Platteville, Grand Rapids, and St. Louis! Activities are planned for each day to ensure a FUN, recreational, social, sight-seeing, and educational opportunity geared specifically for all participants. Travel with old friends,

make new friends, and explore a destination you might not have ever been too!

This year, the trip will be a mystery! Only chaperones and parents will know where the youth are going. Youth will find out when they get there. Where are you going? Only time will tell!

How much would the total trip cost?

We are predicting the cost to be \$100-\$125 per youth for 3 days and 2 nights. Youth can bring additional

spending money for souvenirs and non-included food if they desire.

When would this trip take place?

April 29-May 1

Please send a quick e-mail to chelsea.dertz@ces.uwex.edu by **December 11** if you are interested in Spring Fling 2016! This is not a firm commitment, but just an idea of how many people would be interested in a trip like this. If we get enough interest, we will start planning a fun, mystery trip just for you!

Music Fest 2016

The 2016 Walworth County [Music Fest](#) will be held on Sunday, **February 7**, in the Elkhorn High School Auditorium, beginning at 1:00pm. Even though the event is FREE to participate in, all acts must pre-register using the Music Fest Registration Form. Refer to the [score sheet](#) as a guideline for how event judges will be critiquing the performances. Any type of musical performance is allowed as long it is family friendly (appropriate lyrics, dance moves, clothing, etc.). Please note there will be a brief 3-5minute evaluation directly after the routine.

Music Fest [entry forms](#) are due to the UW-Extension office by 5:00pm on **January 22**.

The judges will give out their full-evaluation score sheets at the NEW

4-H Music Fest Awards Ceremony. Directly after the last performance, the judges will gather their thoughts and finish their evaluations for 15 minutes. When the judges are finished, they will give out special awards, such as: "Most Original Song," "Best Harmony," and "Silliest MC." Stay until the end of the show to see if YOU or your club won an award!

Performers and their families are asked to stay to watch and support other artists. A performance schedule will be mailed to participating clubs shortly after the registration deadline. If your club wants a specific time, be certain to get your form in as early as possible, and be sure to note that on your form. Requests will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. We do our best to stay on schedule, but

please plan to arrive at least a half hour before your performance time.

- A club can have an UNLIMITED number of performance groups.
- Any size group performance will be accepted. Solos and duets are welcome.
- Youth may participate in more than one group, but be sure to encourage participation from as many club members as possible.
- CLOVERBUD PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!

****Directors/Screened Adult Volunteers MUST be screened 4-H leaders unless they always hold practices in the presence of another screened 4-H volunteer.**

4-H Softball 2016

The 4-H Softball Committee and anyone interested in participating in the committee are invited to attend a Softball Committee Meeting on **January 6** at 6:30pm at the County Government Center, with a snow date of January 7 if needed. We will be hearing from our 2016 Commission members, bylaws will be reviewed, and game/tournament rules for clubs will be discussed. The coaches' meeting is set for **April 21**, and club team registration will be due on **April 13**.

Current 2016 Softball Commission members include: Mark Worland, Neil West, Barb Dowty, Brenna Constable, Lance Ellsworth, Nancy Lee, Brandan Constable, Sydney Anderson, Leo Ehlen, and Mackenzie Constable .

Kids' College 2016

On **January 30**, Kids' College is designed to get youth thinking, doing, and creating. Classes are open to all 4-Hers and their friends grades 3 and up, regardless of their enrolled projects. Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H for this event. Strengthen your skills in an area you've signed up for, or try out a brand new one. It's up to you! There is also a special track just for Cloverbuds (or youth grades K-2)!

Bring a sack lunch, or enjoy a hot lunch prepared by the Out-of-State Exchange Committee. Hot lunch is \$5 per person and includes a walking taco or hot dog, chips, applesauce or pudding, dessert, and milk.

[Refer to the flier](#) (included in this *Newsclip*) for class descriptions, fees, supplies to bring, and more. Pre-registration is required. Registration opens at **8:30am on January 4 and closes at 4:30pm on January 15**. Payment is due the day of the event at check-in.

4-H Members MUST register through 4honline.com. [Here's how!](#)
Step 1: Log into your family and look at your member list.
Step 2: Scroll down and find the section titled "Register a Member in an Event"
Step 3: Select the name of the member and the event.
Step 4: Click on "Register"

Step 5: Fill out your information and preferred classes and then click on the "Check Out" button.

Non-4-H Members will register by phone or email.
Share all of the following:
Participant name, grade, and gender;
emergency phone number and contact name for 1/24; mailing and email address; type of hot lunch(es) needed; and your first, second, and third workshop choices for each session.

Phone: 262-741-4954
Email: sclark@co.walworth.wi.us
(Please put "Kids College" in the subject line.)

Save the Date! Farm Technology Days 2016

The Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is the largest agricultural show in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the nation. The three-day outdoor event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including many practical applications of recent research findings and technological developments. Each year, it is held in a different Wisconsin county—on a different host family farm. Walworth County is hosting Farm Technology Days in 2016 from **July 19-21**.

Please save the date to help Walworth County 4-H work in their food tent. Workers must be adults and youth age 16 and up. We need 30 volunteers per half-day shift. Walworth County 4-H will receive payment for each volunteer in their food tent. Let's raise money for 4-H, support Farm Technology Days, and make some great food!

New Family Orientation

If your family is a new or recent addition to our Walworth County 4-H Family, please consider joining us on **January 7** for New Family Orientation! This action-packed program will run from 6:00-8:00pm at the County Government Center in Elkhorn. The evening will begin with a whole-group session during which parents and children get a brief overview of the 4-H program. Then, we'll divide into adult and youth groups for a more age-appropriate look at 4-H. Parents will get the scoop on membership expectations, resources available, and other important things families need to know for a successful Walworth County 4-H experience. 4-Hers will enjoy fun, purposeful hands-on activities led by members of the Junior Leaders' Association.

Pre-registration is required by **January 4**. Sign up by calling 262-741-4951 or by emailing deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu with "New Family Orientation" as your subject line. Please identify how many adults and youth (including youth ages) will be attending and provide a phone number where you can be reached on January 7 in case of inclement weather.



Walworth County 4-H Camp will be held **June 29-July 2** at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. 4-H Camp is open to youth currently in grades 3-8. It will include three nights and three days of fun, friends, and adventure. Registration materials will be available mid-January on the UW-Extension website and from

club leaders. The cost will remain the same as last year--\$105 for regular registration; \$115 for late registration. The fee will include a t-shirt.

Camp counselor applications will be available in mid-December. Application deadline will be **January 25**, and candidate interviews will be held at the County Government Center on **February 4**. Counselor candidates must be 4-Hers in grades 9-13 and at least 15 years old at the start of camp. Camp counseling is a blast! If you like camp and kids, consider giving it a try! Adults interested in chaperoning should contact the UW-Extension office ASAP.

Kids' College

January 30, 2016

County Government Center, Elkhorn

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Bring a sack lunch, or enjoy a hot lunch prepared by the Out-of-State Exchange Committee. Hot lunch is \$5 per person and includes a walking taco or hot dog, chips, applesauce or pudding, dessert, and milk.

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4-H Members: Register on 4honline.com
(Call Sue if you have 4honline.com questions)

Non 4-H Members: Register by phone or email

Share all of the following:
Participant name, grade, and gender; emergency phone number and contact name for 1/30; mailing and email address; type of hot lunch(es) needed; and your first, second, and third workshop choices for each session.

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Step 3: Select the name of the member and the event.

Step 4: Click on "Register"

Step 5: Fill out your information and preferred classes and then click on the "Check Out" button.

Payment is due the day of the event at check-in.

Schedule:

8:40-9:00am

Check-in

9:00-10:30am

Session 1

10:40am-12:10pm

Session 2

12:10-12:50pm

Lunch

1:00-2:30pm

Session 3

2:30pm

Check-out

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
What's Your Story?	What's Your Story?	What's Your Story?
Mini. Gardens: Beginner	Mini. Gardens: Intermediate	Mini. Gardens: Advanced
Leather Crafting	Leather Crafting	Leather Crafting
Scale Model Basics	Scale Model Basics	Scale Model Basics
D.I.Y. Dairy Products	D.I.Y. Dairy Products	D.I.Y. Dairy Products
Cake Decorating Fun!	Cake Decorating Fun!	Cake Decorating Fun!
Mystery Wildlife	Mystery Wildlife	
Soap Making	Painting Landscapes	Painting Landscapes
Photography 101	Photography 101	Photography 101
Drama Drama Drama!	Creative Card Making	Paper Beading
Beginning Rocketry	Intermediate Rocketry	
Equine Edibles	Equine Edibles	Equine Edibles
Paper Making	Paper Making	Paper Making
B.O.G.O. Tie Blankets		B.O.G.O. Tie Blankets
Cloverbud Adventure!	Cloverbud Adventure!	Cloverbud Adventure!

Class Descriptions

Classes appear in ALPHABETICAL ORDER by title.

Refer to the other side of this flier for session times. ***=New class/teacher this year

Beginning Rocketry

Cost \$14

This session is for first-time rocket builders ONLY. Models will be built from \$14.00 kits-to be provided. Limit: 12 youth

Instructor: Ray Ziebell

B.O.G.O.—Build One, Give One: Tie Blankets***

Cost \$10

In this session, you will make a fleece tie blanket to take home. Wait! It gets better! You will also make a second blanket or pillow to give to a local nursing home or shelter. Help someone in need keep warm this winter with a gift from YOU! Limit: 12 youth

Bring: Fabric scissors

Instructor: Nancy Lee

Cake Decorating Fun!

Cost \$5

Learn how to decorate a tasty masterpiece with equipment you will get to take home with you! Limit: 10 youth

Bring: One **frosted** round 8", 9", 10" cake or 12 **frosted** cupcakes.

Instructor: Malynda Carroll

Cloverbud Adventure!***

Cost \$5

This CLOVERBUDS ONLY (youth K-2) workshop track will have our youngest members engaged in a variety of fun, interactive activities! Our activities will awaken your taste buds, inspire creativity, and be tons of fun! **Price includes all three sessions.**

Instructors: Claire Hayden & members of Junior Leaders

Creative Card Making

Cost \$7

We'll do all sorts of card making. Paper and various stamps will be provided. Walk away with 2-3 greeting cards! Limit: 12 youth

Bring: Scissors

Instructor: Edwin Scherzer

D.I.Y. Dairy Products***

Cost \$2

Wisconsin is America's Dairyland! In this informative class, individuals will taste and learn how to make cheese, butter, and yogurt. Limit: 10 youth

Bring: Apron or old shirt to protect your clothes

Instructor: Elizabeth Chappell

Drama, Drama, Drama!

FREE

Explore voices and characterization through theater games. Have fun being someone else! Limited to 12 youth

Instructor: Edwin Scherzer

Equine Edibles

Cost \$5

Learn all about horse nutrition while making homemade horse cookies. This class will surely satisfy any horse lover's hunger for knowledge! Limit: 10 youth

Bring: Apron or old shirt to protect your clothes

Instructor: Torell Geffers

Intermediate Rocketry

FREE

This session is only for youth who have already built model rockets. Rockets will not be provided. Limit: 10 youth

Bring: **Your own model rocket for the level you are in**

Instructor: Ray Ziebell

Leather Crafting

Cost \$5

Learn to make one or two small project(s) out of leather! After your project is finished, you will also learn how to decorate it. Limit: 15 youth

Instructor: Dave Reyher

Miniature Gardens***

Cost \$10

All students will be provided with plants, an 8" pot with soil, and items needed to make their accessories. Limit: 15 youth

Session 1: Beginner- Students choose three small accessory kits that they will assemble themselves, (such as a bird house, gazing ball, trellis, or lantern, etc.) Then students can finish the project with a pathway made from stones, tiles or bark.

Session 2: Intermediate- Students will learn about intermediate design and creating levels in their mini-gardens. Students can choose two homemade accessories, (such as fairy swing, bench, table, mail box, etc.) Students will finish with a waterproof pathway or patio.

Session 3: Advanced- Students will learn advanced design, and choose two advanced homemade accessories such as a small cottage, fence, hanging wire basket, ladder, or steps, etc. and other found items.

Instructors: Brenda Williams and Marlene Schoenbeck

Mystery Wildlife

FREE

Show us your wild side! Explore nature indoors with animals, fun crafts, and games. Limit: 12 youth

Instructors: Kathy Tober and friends

Painting Landscapes

Cost \$5

Explore the exciting world of painting by creating a mountain-range picture with acrylics. Limit: 10 youth

Bring: Apron or old shirt to protect your clothes

Instructor: Caroline Cornelison

Paper Beading***

Cost \$5

Making paper beads is a great way to recycle junk mail, newspapers, or magazines. You will leave with all supplies and skills needed to make many more paper beading projects! Limit: 12 youth

Bring: Scissors and magazines/ store ads/ paper to cut up

Instructor: Edwin Scherzer

Paper Making***

Cost \$2

Students will learn the effects of mass tree consumption and the benefits of paper recycling. Each student will make their own recycled paper to take home! Limit: 10 youth

Instructors: Pam Johnsen

Photography 101***

FREE

If you like photography but don't know much about taking pictures, this class is for you! You will learn photography tips and tricks! Limit: 15 youth

Bring: **Past photos and/or digital camera (working and fully charged)**

Instructor: Audrey Earle

Scale Model Basics

FREE

Learn to put together scale models from experts! A toolbox full of gadgets will be available for use. Kits will NOT be provided, **but you may purchase one for around \$15.00 the day of while supplies last.** Limit: 10 youth

Bring: **Your own level 2 glue scale model kit** (available at Walmart, hobby shops, etc.) and any tools you may have.

Instructors: Keith Reimers, Bob Carey, and Barry Rawson

Soap Making

Cost \$8

Take home 2 bars of soap-custom made by you! We will be making a melt and pour soap, and you will observe the cold process method. Limit: 12 youth (ONLY grades 5-13) Parental discretion is advised: **Caustic chemicals will be used, and safety rules will need to be followed.**

Bring: Safety goggles/glasses and a old, long sleeve shirt

Instructor: Caroline Cornelison

What's Your Story?***

FREE

Creatures, heroes, princes and princesses! In this workshop, participants will explore the elements of favorite tales and myths to determine what makes them great. After discussing some well-known stories, students will craft their own and have the opportunity to share! Limit: 15 youth

Session 1: Grades 3-5, Session 2: Grades 3-5, Session 3: Grades 6-13

Instructor: Jenna Feely

Youth Leadership Derby to Focus on Ag Careers

A Youth Leadership Derby, sponsored by Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW), will be held on **April 16 and 17** at Brillion High School. This lock-in style event is perfect for teens who have an interest in large animal science, production agriculture, dairy food production, agriculture business, and hands-on learning. The cost will be \$79/participant. The event is open to youth ages 15-18.

Many people overlook the career opportunities that are associated with our state's \$26.5 billion dairy industry. You don't need to be from a farm to be part of this vibrant industry – one that has steadily provided jobs and careers in this state through every economic cycle. Students who attend PDPW's Youth Leadership Derby will learn about 15+

careers and experience:

- Holsum Dairy's 72 stall rotary parlor, methane digester, and other modern dairy technologies.
- Dissect alongside veterinarians
- Choose from industry-related break-out sessions
- Group activities to increase confidence and leadership skills, including Comedy Sportz improv.
- Hear amazing featured speakers, including Sam Glenn, NCAA Track Star Ed Slowikowski, and Alice in Dairyland!

Learn more and register at www.pdpw.org. Registration deadline is **April 1**.

Wildlife Program Opportunity

Go "wild" this holiday season by participating in our third and final *Wild about Science* workshop on Saturday, **December 12** at the Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center from 8:30-11:00am. Youth grades K-6 and their families are invited to participate in a fun-filled program during which they'll test their abilities to read animal signs and enjoy a one-hour program featuring seven live wild animals! This is a unique opportunity to meet, learn about, and ask questions regarding critters such as the wallaby, armadillo, coati, kinkajou, python, tortoise, and fennec fox. (Seriously...what is a kinkajou?! Who doesn't want to know this?!?) Registration deadline is Dec. 9 at noon. Limit: 100 people. Full details are at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/2015/11/09/wild-about-science-workshop-series/>. This workshop is open to non-4-Hers and their families, so please spread the word among your friends and family.

The *Wild About Science 4-H Workshop Series* has been made possible by our *Why Not 4-H Youth Leadership Team*, a grant from U.S. Cellular Communications, and some supportive adult 4-H volunteers.

Mandatory Leader Trainings '16

Each year, at least one enrolled 4-H organizational leader or committee leader for each of our county's chartered 4-H clubs/groups is required to participate in mandatory training. This is a state 4-H requirement for the charter renewal process. That said, this "training opportunity" is an AWESOME way for our leadership to get on the same page about where Walworth County 4-H is heading and how it is going to get there. So, it is hoped that whole teams of leaders from each group will participate whenever it's feasible to do so.

This year our training topic will be "Making Meetings Mean More" and will allow us to keep moving forward in our plight to make our meetings (both club and project group) as fun, engaging, and welcoming as they possibly can be for our member-families. This fast-paced workshop is being offered on two dates: Tuesday, **February 9** and Thursday, **March 3**. In both cases, the workshop will run from 6:30-8:30pm in the County Government Center in Elkhorn. Leaders need only attend one or the other as the program will be the same both nights. Please pre-register for the night of your choice by calling the UW-Extension office at (262) 741-4951 or emailing deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu. Pre-register by **February 5** for the February 9 session and by **February 29** for the March 3 session.

Upcoming New Volunteer Orientations

"New Volunteer Orientation Workshops" are being offered at the County Government Center at the following times:

- **January 13**—5:45-6:45pm
- **April 25**—5:45-6:45pm

Please pre-register for these classes by calling the UWEX at (262) 741-4951 no later than the Friday before each session. Note that the New Volunteer Workshop originally set for January 25 at 5:45pm has been CANCELLED due to a scheduling conflict.

Association Updates

Junior Leaders' Association

Our Walworth County Junior Leaders' Association is made up of 4-Hers from clubs across the county who are in grades 6-13. All 4-Hers in that age range are welcome to participate in the group's meetings and activities as often as they'd like. This is a great way to make new friends, work on leadership skills, have a say in county 4-H events, and have fun!

Junior Leaders' meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the County Government Center in downtown Elkhorn. (No meetings in December or August.) Meetings are a lot like club meetings, but are very fast-paced, including a member-led ice

breaker, a fun or interesting program, a short business meeting, and refreshments—all in about 75 minutes!

Other activities the group gets involved in include: working at the State Fair Wisconsin Pork Shoppe, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army holiday drive, entering a holiday tree in the Walworth County Historical Society's Tree Walk, assisting with the leadership of county events (like the *4-H Project Spotlight* at the fair or the Junior/Senior Leaders' Banquet) and more! Meeting minutes are available at: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/leaders/>.

Congrats to this year's officer team: President Devon Frederick (Linn); V-President Lillie Cauffman (Sugar Creek); Secretary Amelia Hayden (Sharon); Treasurer Braden Kundert (Linn); Reporter Lindsay Cleveland (Lake Beulah); Parliamentarian Evelyn Harkness (Spring Prairie); and District Reps Jacob Hahlbeck (NE), Jared Wells (SW), Brandan Constable (Central), and Theresa VanShyndel (SE).

Using the group's crazy brainstorming session info from the October meeting, here's what the current officer team has planned for 2016:

Meeting Date	Scheduled Program
January 25	Chop Stick Challenge Workshop & Contest
February 22	"Find a Pal" Scavenger Hunt
March 28	Pinterest Pizzazz Workshop
April 25	Tips for Making a Strong College Application (guest presentation)
May 23	Crazy Origami Workshop
June 27	Super Mega Hula Jumping Contest
July 25	Fireworks & Pyrotechnics (guest presentation)
September 26	Sundaes on Monday! (Ice Cream Bar Activity)

Senior Leaders' Association

Next Meeting

The next Senior Leaders' Association meeting will be held on **January 25** at 7:00pm in the County Government Center. There is no December meeting. Happy Holidays! The **February** meeting will be on the **22**. If you are an enrolled 4-H volunteer in our county, you are an automatic member of this group. We hope you'll join us!

Meeting Mixer Responsibilities

December—No meeting
January—Sharon 4-H
February—Springfield 4-H

Awards Committee Members Needed

The Awards Committee meets only a few times a year. One project they work on is record book judging. It is important to have representation from all districts. All districts are looking for new Senior Leaders to help. Please contact Debbie if you are interested in joining the

Awards Committee: (262) 741-4959 or email deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu.

District Responsibilities

- Northeast: Awards Packaging and Distribution Prep
- Northwest and Central: Senior Leaders from District: Banquet Planning; Junior Leaders from District: Decorations
- Southeast and Southwest: County-wide Cloverbuds/ Exploring Workshop

Election Results

At the October meeting, the association had their election of 2015-2016 officers and district representatives. The following people were elected to positions:

- Vice-President: Tim Boss
- Secretary: Diane DeBaere
- Northwest District: Linda Giorno
- Northeast District: VACANT

Scholarship Opportunities:

Youth Pig Project -The WPA Youth Committee annually offers a scholarship program to assist youth in developing pork production projects for 4-H or FFA members. The goal of the program is to encourage youth to become involved in the Wisconsin pork industry, offering opportunities to develop life skills and showcase career opportunities available within the industry. 4-H and FFA youth ages 9-19, as of January 1, are eligible to receive a scholarship. The scholarships will be used to offset the costs associated with their pig project for the upcoming show season. Up to ten individuals are selected, based on their applications, to receive the scholarship. 2016 Pig Project Scholarship [Applications](#) will be available in winter of 2015.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2016. 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 2016-2017 academic school year. Applications will be online soon at: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/support-4-h/538-2/>.

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.

Beef Project

Beef Weigh-In

The annual Beef Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **February 6** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 11:00am. The snow date is **February 13**.

All steers must be weighed and tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2016 Walworth County Fair. Steers will be weighed on a family basis (rather than a member basis). The steers will then be identified by exhibitor at weigh-in during fair week.

Weigh-in Guidelines:

- For everyone's safety, all steers must be broken to lead at the time of this weigh-in.
- Each exhibitor can weigh up to 8 steers.
- All steers must be dehorned prior to weigh-in, or they will not be weighed or identified.
- Steers brought to weigh-in with bull leads or wires through noses will not be allowed to weigh.
- Exhibitors must report to the recording table while their steer is in the chutes. Make sure all information on the weigh-in forms you turn in is accurate.
- If someone other than you will be bringing your steers, be sure that person knows your address, grade, club/chapter, phone number, etc. They have to fill forms out for you.
- Know ahead of time if you wish to make a Carcass Contest entry and the breed of the carcass animal. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for carcass entries. Carcass steers count as one of the 8 steers you can weigh. Dairy beef and dairy steers are also eligible for Carcass Contest and must be identified at

the weigh-in.

- Walworth County steers may be DNA tested at weigh-in. If this is the case, there may be a fee per animal. Details will be announced by email and U.S. mail prior to weigh-in.
- Following weigh-in, any lost tags must be reported to Superintendent Doc Sterken as soon as they are noticed. Steers will be retagged, and the UWEX office will record the new tag numbers.
- If weigh-in must be cancelled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be recorded on the UW-Extension winter cancellation line—(262) 741-3193.
- Breed animals will require registration papers in the exhibitor or family name. Papers will not be required for commercial animals—honor system.
- Tattoos will be read prior to the show.

6th Annual Steak Cook-Out

On July 15, the "Friends of the Walworth County Junior Beef Project," the Beef Committee, project members, and families held the 5th Annual Steak Cook-Out in the Activity Center at the fairgrounds. This year, 1700 people attended and were treated to excellent rib eye steaks, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, beverage, and homemade desserts. We want to thank all those who came and the many generous donations and awesome volunteers who made it a success. We are already planning the 2016 event, so mark your calendars for **July 20, 2016**, and watch for advertising!

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

Sheep Project

Please keep an eye on the 4-H Project Meeting Guide and the 4-H Newsclip for updated Sheep Project information. Here are upcoming meeting dates, times, and descriptions:

- **March 8**—7:00pm, Pinn Oak Ridge Farm, N5784 Johnson Road, Delavan, WI 53115. We will be learning

about marketing and meat quality.

- **May 14**—7:00-10:00am, Sheep Tagging, Sheep Barn at the Fairgrounds
- **June 23**—7:00pm, Sheep Barn, We will be learning about making sure our animals are “show ready” and hoof trimming.

Poultry Project

One meeting is required to show at the fair. Poultry meetings are at 7:00pm on the following dates:

- **December 3, 2015**---at the Activity Center (AC). Informational meeting including breeders lists and how to care for young chicks.
- **January 21, 2016**---at AC. Guest speaker will discuss how to build brooders. Showmanship will also be discussed.
- **March 17, 2016**---at AC. Game night, featuring fun filled poultry related games.

- **May 19, 2016**---at the Sheep Barn. Information on raising ducks, as well as washing birds for the fair.
- **July 21, 2016**---at the Sheep Barn. Showmanship clinic and preparing birds for the fair.
- **August 18, 2016**---at the Sheep/Poultry Barn. Cage set up for the fair.

If you have any questions about the project or fair entries, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the poultry committee.

Non-Animal Project Updates

Foods and Nutrition/ Cake Decorating Project

If someone wishes to show decorated cookies, cupcakes, or cakes, they will be required to be enrolled in the Cake Decorating Project. If they wish to show all other food products, they must be enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition Project. To show both, they must be enrolled in both projects. There will be separate divisions in the Fair Book under the Foods and Nutrition project for cake decorating and all other food products.

Shooting Sports and Wildlife Projects

A project orientation for all youth enrolled in Shooting Sports projects (wildlife, rifle, shot-gun, archery, muzzle loading, air rifle, or air pistol) will be held on **February 2** at 6:00pm in the Elkhorn High School cafeteria. Shooting sports instructors from each discipline will be present to explain where and when district shooting workshops will be held this year. Shoot-off registration forms and the 2016 project rules will be distributed. This is an important meeting, particularly for members new to the project. Members not able to attend must call one of the instructors to get started in the project. For more information, contact the UW-Extension office or Al Iseppon, President of the Shooting Sport Committee, at 608-201-5032.

If you have not yet signed up for Shooting Sports, it is not too late! If you intend to sign-up, plan to attend the orientation. To be eligible to participate in events at the county and state level, you must be enrolled by March 1 in each discipline for which you will be competing.

Congrats!

Walworth County 4-H is proud to have a new inductee into the 4-H Hall of Fame this year! Mary Kaye Merwin was an important part of the 4-H Centennial Celebration Committee, served as the Waukesha and Rock County 4-H Educator, 4-H Specialist and Administrator for many years, and has been a part of Walworth County 4-H her entire life. The 4-H Hall of Fame is a well-deserved honor. Congratulations, Mary Kaye! We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for the Walworth County 4-H program!

WANTED

- ◆ **Key Leaders**—Key leaders are needed in: Aerospace, Beekeeping, Cats, Child Development, Communications, Consumer Ed, Mechanical Science, Technology, Vet Science, and Woodworking
- ◆ **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 serving as an official youth leader this year! To do this, you can do one of two things. Option #1 is to sign up for the Youth Leadership Project. Simply select this project in 4HOnline and use the activities in the corresponding project literature and other resources to enhance your skills. Option #2 is to sign up as a youth leader for one or more projects (Food Preservation, Beef, Beekeeping, etc.). To do this, choose the “youth leader” option for the project(s) you want to lead. Then, make plans to provide leadership at the club or county level by helping at one or more events, teaching one or more workshops, and more. You can be creative! Not sure what to do? Call Debbie or Chelsea at the UW-Extension office. Signing up as a youth leader will help you build your skills and open opportunities for you to be recognized for the good work that you do!

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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](#)

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