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## **4-H Clubs of Fond du Lac County To Be Featured at Byron Historical Society Meeting**

**Byron, WI, July 10, 2011---** UW-Extension Youth Development Educator Denise Retzleff will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Byron Historical Society on July 18 at the Byron Town Hall at 7 pm. Retzleff's program will focus on the importance of 4-H, its changing role from early days to contemporary times, and the many projects available to members.

According to Retzleff, there are 24 4-H Clubs in Fond du Lac County with 770 members. A major change in 4-H Clubs has been the increased variety of projects. In addition to the well-known gardening, canning, sewing, livestock, and other traditional projects, members are now enrolling in "computers, technology, entrepreneur programs, and community service," according to Retzleff, who has since 1997 been coordinating the many activities of all the clubs in the county. Those activities include speaking and demonstration competitions, basketball, leadership conferences, community service and many more.

The program, open to the public, will kick off the Byron Historical Society's 2012 calendar theme of youth programs and activities in the Town of Byron. Over the years the Town of Byron has been home to numerous 4-H Clubs and other youth programs. Individuals with Town of Byron 4-H and other youth activity photographs and artifacts are encouraged to bring them to the event and to submit their photographs and stories for the upcoming calendar. More information on the upcoming calendar and youth organization artifacts will be on display at the meeting.

An open discussion time and refreshments will follow the presentation. The Byron Town Hall is located at N3097 Highway 175 in Byron.

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