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Educator’s Corner

Hello 4-H Family! Happy Spring and Summer!

While the first day of spring was March 20, it certainly didn’t feel like spring with the snow and cold weather, and summer doesn’t officially start until June 21. This is the time of the year school lets out for summer and summer activities begin! There are many opportunities to work on 4-H projects and promote 4-H to friends, families and community members. The Outreach Committee wants your help at these events to show off what 4-H is all about. Volunteers, members, and parents are needed at all events and here are some locations we will be at this summer:

- 3rd Annual Edison Family Fun Run
- Little Chute Cheesefest Parade
- Little Chute Cheese Fest
- Kids Day at Plamann Park
- Breakfast on the Farm

We need your support, as 4-H members and families, to teach others about 4-H and how they can be involved. This is our moment to reach people that are unfamiliar with the 4-H Program. Find more information about these events and who to contact in this newsletter.

Sincerely,



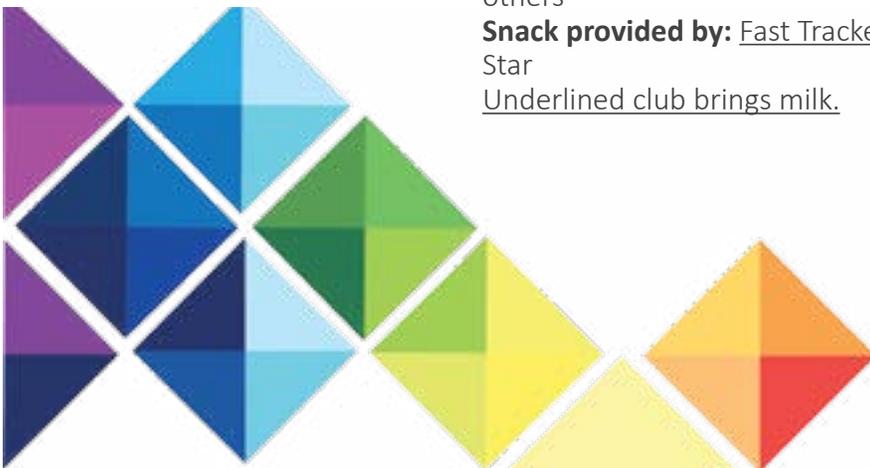
Kayla Viste
4-H Youth Development Educator

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 25 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

Agenda items: Updates on the county fair, Leaders Recognition Dinner among others

Snack provided by: Fast Trackers, Liberty Local-Motions, New Horizons, North Star

Underlined club brings milk.



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Calendar



May

- 4 **Speaking and Demonstration Registration DUE**
- 5 Horse Bowl competition | Wausau
- 6 Rabbit & Poultry Project Swap and Fun Show | Outagamie County Fairgrounds 11 a.m.
- 7 **Calumet & Outagamie County 4-H Summer Camp Registration DUE**
- 17 Speaking and Demonstration Activity | UW-Extension Office | 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Photography Workshop | Mosquito Hill Nature Center | 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- 19 3rd Annual Edison Family Fun Run | Edison Elementary School | 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
- 19 Outagamie/Waupaca County 4-H Rocket Launch | Farmers Park, Stephenville | 9 a.m.
- 20 **2018 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations DUE**
- 22 Horse Association Board Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 6-7 p.m.
- 22 Horse Association Educational Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 7-8 p.m.
- 22 **Horse Project Pleasure and Gymkhana Show fair entries DUE at meeting**
- 22 **Lara Plamann Memorial Speed Show Registration Due at meeting**
- 26 Lara Plamann Memorial Speed Show | Clifford Farm, Appleton | 9:30 a.m.
- 28 UW-Extension Office Closed—Memorial Day

June

- 2 Dairy Bar Sign-Up | UW-Extension Office | 9:00 a.m.
- 2 Pony Tails Schooling Show | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
- 2 Kids Day at Plamann Park | Plamann Park | 7:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
- 2-3 Little Chute Cheese Fest | Little Chute | 12—5 p.m.
- 5 Executive Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m.
- 9 4-H Agricultural Expo | Oneida Norbert Hill Center, Oneida | 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- 10 Breakfast on the Farm | Van Handel Farm | 7 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
- 13-12 American Spirit Experience
- 14 Area Animal Science Day | Kewaunee County
- 14-21 Livestock Fitting & Showing Clinics
 - 14 Sheep | 7:00 p.m.
 - 16 Goats | 10:00 a.m.
 - 21 Beef | 6:00 p.m.
 - 21 Swine | 7:00 p.m.
- 22 **State 4-H Plant Science Day Registration DUE**
- 22 Outagamie County UW-Extension Office Closed- staff development
- 25 4-H Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 p.m.
- 25-28 WI 4-H & Youth Conference

July

- 4 UW-Extension Office Closed - Happy Independence Day
- 10 State 4-H Plant Science Day | Waushara County Fairgrounds
- 8-12 Cal-agamie County 4-H Camp | Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center & Mirror Lake State Park
- 20-23 Upham Woods Summer Camp Open Enrollment Session 2
- 24 Youth Leaders Dairy Bar | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 3—9:30 p.m.
- 25-29 Outagamie County Fair | Outagamie County Fairgrounds
- 27-29 Action Center Stage | Outagamie County Fairgrounds

Leaders Corner

HEY ALL LEADERS, ADULTS, AND PARENTS

In the last newsletter, I proposed a question of “What were we doing 10 years ago, where we had larger involvement numbers in 4-H?” A thought of “attitude” comes to mind. Would you be able to say “I helped when I could?” Or “I may not have changed anything, but I did my best to make it a fun, enjoyable and learning event for all in attendance.” How about asking yourself the question,

“Is there anything else I could do to make kids want to be in 4-H next year or 5 years from now?”

Is it attitude adjustment or is it attitude excitement that we need and should center our agenda’s with? I prefer the latter. When you attend or are in charge of a project, event or monthly meeting do you engage yourself, change things up differently or is it the same old, same old? If there is a conflict, do you give up or give in? Do you listen to all involved? Do you accept constructive criticism? Our actions set the example for our youth. Kids will naturally say, “I don’t want to go” or “why do I have to go again” “been there done that.” I find that as a leader if you can acknowledge, listen, smile, and laugh a little, it makes everyone relax and a little more eager to participate. The end result we want to see or hear should be: “I enjoyed it! I didn’t want to go, but I had to, and now I’m glad I did!” And it all started with a little more excitement. Try something new like maybe getting your older youth involved in planning and changing things up. Or come to a Leader’s meeting and ask questions and get ideas from other clubs.

I believe everyone has a God given talent. Are you willing to share yours and pass it on? 4-H NEEDS you!

What did you do to make “THE BEST BETTER” in Outagamie County 4-H?

Pat Rynish

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President of Leaders Association



Policy Change



Alcohol and Illegal Substance Policy Change

As the state makes changes to the 4-H policies, we will make you aware of them through newsletters. The Volunteer Behavior Expectations have been edited to state: As a UW-Extension Volunteer, I will...

“Not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances while in the role of a UW-Extension volunteer, nor allow youth participants under my supervision to do so.”

Because of this new policy, you may see changes in future programming.



Upcoming Events



Rabbit & Poultry Project Swap and Fun Show

Sunday, May 6 | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | Swap 11 a.m., Fun Show Entry 11:30 a.m.

The Swap is open to the public and admission is \$2 per person. The Fun Show and educational activities are open to any youth age 8-19. Fun Show rabbit and poultry entry is free and there are no entry limits. Judges will review entries, explain what they are looking at, and place entries.

There are also raffles and other family activities including a poultry and rabbit costume contest. Lunch will be available to purchase.

This is an opportunity to shop for new project animals and learn what showing your animal is about.

All poultry over the age of 16 weeks must be certified pullorum free (bring your certificates).

Project leaders are asked to bring bars, cookies, raffle items and educational resources to share. If you have any questions or can volunteer during the event, contact Resource Leaders Laurie Penterman, Karen Kuhn, Jeremy Trost or Josh Koleske.

Speaking and Demonstration Activity

May 17 | UW-Extension office | 6:30 p.m.
Registration DUE May 4

This year we are combining the Speaking and Demonstration Activities into one event! These are annual events that promote communication. Public speaking is like riding a bike, the more you practice the better you get and the more you learn to love it! Members can choose to do an interpretive reading or demonstrate on their favorite 4-H project among many other choices!

To register for the Speaking portion go to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/hQnDgE3qCiJxAAB63>

To register for the Demonstration portion go to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/rffWvarWWjXB3B6u2>

State 4-H Plant Science Day

July 10 | Waushara County Fairgrounds, Wautoma, WI
Registration DUE June 22

Plan now to participate in the State 4-H Plant Science Day event to be held Tuesday, July 10th at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography, speaking, poster and floral arranging contests. For study guide information and to prepare for the contest see the National Junior Horticultural Association website at <http://www.njha.org/> For additional information contact Chuck Prissel, Polk County, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu



Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, July 28 | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 11:30 a.m.

The Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders will be sponsoring a scavenger hunt at the fair. Bring a team of 4-5 people and meet at the 4-H Action Center Stage. You will have one hour to find the answers. Prizes will be awarded. Everyone is invited!! See you there!

Capture & Create Photography Workshop

May 19 | Mosquito Hill Nature Center | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Presented by the Wisconsin 4-H Photography Advisory Committee and the Outagamie County 4-H Photography Committee. Breakout sessions cover Cell Phone Photography, Photo Judging Activity, and What Makes a Good Photo (more technical). Bring a camera for the best hands-on experience.

Registration and more information can be found at:

<https://outagamie.uwex.edu/capture-create-4-h-photography-workshop/>



Outreach Committee



4-H EVENTS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Date	Time	Event	Location	What is needed
Saturday, May 19, 2018	10-2 p.m.	Edison Family Fun Run	Appleton	2-4 adults leaders and 6-8 youth
Saturday June 2, 2018	9-11 a.m.	Cheesefest Parade	Little Chute	4-6 adults and 8-14 youth, parade ready animals
Sat./Sun., June 2, 3, 2018	12-5 p.m., 2 shifts	Cheesefest Park	Little Chute	2-4 adults leaders and 6-8 youth
Saturday, June 2, 2018	7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 2 shifts	Kids Day at Plamann Park	Appleton	2-4 adults leaders and 6-8 youth
Sunday, June 10, 2018	7:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 2 shifts	Breakfast on the Farm	VanHandel Farm, Oneida	2-4 adults leaders and 6-8 youth
July 27, 28, 29, 2018	1:00-5:00 p.m.	Action Center Stage	Seymour	Demonstrations and Entertainment

Contact the Outreach Committee to add your event!

3rd Annual Edison Family Fun Run

We have been invited to Edison Middle School's Fun Run to promote 4-H. This is a new event for us and is in the planning stages. They would like us to offer a small petting zoo. If you are able to share your animal or any other projects to help promote 4-H please contact Sheila Vander Zanden at dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com

Little Chute Cheese Fest

We welcome members, adults and animals to walk in the parade to help promote 4-H on June 2, set up at 9:30 a.m. , near the Piggly Wiggly; parade starts at 10 am. Volunteers are needed for the 4-H booth at the park from 12-5 pm Saturday and Sunday. Free passes will be provided for Saturday to those who RSVP by May 24. No passes needed for Sunday. Please contact Phil Hietpas at 931-5372 or Mary Hoefler at maryhoefler@att.net

Kids Day at Plamann Park

Join us at the park, to spread the 4-H word. Youth and adult volunteers are needed to assist with promoting 4-H while assisting kids with the making of simple projects. Two shifts are offered; 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 10-1:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kayla Viste at kayla.viste@outagamie.org

Breakfast on the Farm

The 4-H Outreach committee is seeking 4-H members and leaders to help promote 4-H and what it all has to offer! We need help as early as 7:00 a.m. for set up through 1:30 p.m. to help take down our tent area. During the event we will be offering various hands on activities. Contact Sheila Vander Zanden at dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com to volunteer!

Action Center Stage

Come join in the fun on this year's Action Center Stage at the Outagamie County Fair. Two stages will be offered. We are looking for members/clubs who would like to perform a skit, speech, demonstration, musical piece, project talk, live large or small animal demonstrations, a group sing-a-long or group project demo. Friday, July 27 beginning at 2:00 p.m. will be our 3rd annual Pie Contest. There will be both club and open class competition. Details for the contest will be in the next newsletter. Sunday, we reserve the stage for presentations by our members who attended 4-H and Youth Conference, Explore WI, Space Camp, American Spirit, Citizenship Washington Focus, and those receiving this year's graduating member scholarships. Please contact Sheila, dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com to reserve your time slot, also if you have questions.



Summer Camp



Calumet & Outagamie County 4-H Summer Camp

July 8-12 | Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, Wisconsin Dells & Mirror Lake State Park
Registration is DUE May 7

Don't miss out! Join us for a fun week at Upham Woods Learning Center. Camp Upham Woods consists of six large cabins and a large dining hall where three nutritious meals are served each day. Campers participate in programs in the large recreation hall, arts and crafts building, and nature building. Beautiful, new, convenient showers and bathroom facilities are provided. Camp staff consists of full-time adult paid staff and volunteers along with youth counselors who serve as chaperones, role models, and activity directors.



Base Camp is for students in grades 3-6 and includes activities such as archery, arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, hiking, and nature programs. Evening programs will include traditional campfire fun!



Outpost Camp is for students in grades 7 and 8, and includes activities such as wilderness camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, and fun explorations of Mirror Lake State Park. Evening programs will include traditional campfire fun!

Check <http://outagamie.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/summercamp/> for more information and a link to register.

Upham Woods Learning Center Open Enrollment & Family Camp

How will you spend your summer? At Upham Woods? In addition to the Calumet & Outagamie County summer camp opportunity, Upham Woods will be providing a variety of camp programming this summer, open to participants statewide. Programs are available to 4-H and general public youth and adults. Whether this is the first time or part of a long tradition make this summer a chance for an amazing Upham Woods camp experience. For details on all summer programs at Upham Woods, go to: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/>

- Session 2: July 20-23—grades 3-6
- Session 3: August 5-11—grades 3-6





Project Updates



Now's the Time to Start Your Models

Hello Scale Model Members & Parents! This is just a friendly reminder to you all that NOW is the time to start your Scale Model Projects! By starting early, and taking your time, you can be assured of doing the best possible job! Need some ideas on what to do this year? There are so many possibilities it is almost mind boggling!

Let's take a quick look at some of those possibilities. Planes, ships, cars, trucks, and other vehicles can be found at any good hobby shop. The one thing to watch for when purchasing these models is the skill level. There is everything available from true beginner snap together to highly detailed level 4 models. Be sure to buy the skill level you can handle! Be sure to read the instructions, and dry fit before gluing anything!

Finally, for the younger kids, there are Legos, KNex, Mega Blocks, etc. Let your creative mind take you away on these! Build something awesome, or simple, the choice is yours. Just be sure you know how you built it, and why, as the judges will quiz you on those things!

Some of the more advanced models will challenge you. By getting started early, you have the best possible chance at the coveted Blue Ribbons, and even Merits! Find a dedicated place to build your models, someplace you can leave the parts out, with good lighting. Yes, you may have to clean off your desk in your bedroom, but it will keep everyone in the house happier than strewing your model pieces all over the kitchen table! Lay down some cardboard, or a work mat of some sort so you don't end up with glue and paint everywhere. Finally, take your time. You're going to get to points where things won't go together right for you, walk away, take a break, and come back to it later and try again. Don't give up, ask for help, and do the best you can! See you all at the Fair!

Have a question, or want more information? Contact Scale Models Resource Leader, Al Lemke @ 450-2894 / lemkefam@outlook.com

Horse Project

Horse Project members have been studying and sharpening their Equine knowledge for the upcoming Horse Bowl competition in Wausau, WI on May 5. Please wish our young members good luck! They are Carson Van Driel, Grace Van Driel, Keira Leitermann, Dylan Leitermann, Lydia Ewing, Sara Long, and Allison Harikkala. Coaches Danielle Schlueter and Gail Leitermann.

Fair entries due at the May 22 meeting for the Pleasure and Gymkhana Show. Don't forget to give a hard copy to Gail Leitermann! Also, Tia Koehler will be teaching us about the new "forward motion" ranch class.

Bring your family, 4-legged ones too, (horses, not dogs), and come check out the **Lara Plamann Memorial Speed Show, Sat., May 26, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clifford Farm, Appleton.** Please sign up to help run the show! We need you! Sign up at May 22 meeting.

Pony Tails Schooling Show with Dan Grunewald on Sat. June 2, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm at the Fairgrounds. We'll provide meat & buns and drinks! Please bring a dish to pass. Helpers needed! Please email Lori Vandenberg at vandenbergfamil7@gmail.com to see how you can help the Schooling Show. Please RSVP by May 22 at our monthly meeting or to Lori.

Clinics start the end of May. Please check our website for dates and times.
<http://www.outagamiecounty4horse.com/>

June 4-H Horse meeting and potluck picnic at 6 pm at the Ort farm at W6021 Wege Road, Black Creek. Come play, no horses. Work and fun stations will be set for Fair prep and demos.



Project Updates



Happy Spring, Fishing Project Members!

Ahh, Spring. The time for trout fishing, walleye fishing, white bass fishing, and Fishing Projects! I hope your gear is ready for the spring bite, your luck is good, and you catch a lot of fish. I also hope you're thinking about your fishing project for the fair already!

I know what you're thinking, *'I don't have time for my fishing project when the fish are already biting!'* But you do, and you can even use going fishing as an excuse! Some of the projects in the fair book truly require some time on the water doing what you love, FISHING!

For starters, how about a fishing journal? It is early enough in the fishing season to get a really nice one done by the fair. Start keeping notes on when you fished, where you fished, what the weather was, what bait you used, even include moon phases if you want. The point is, these are all items to put in a fishing journal you can turn in for a project in fishing. You will have to go fishing to make a fishing journal. Oh, and don't forget to take a few pictures of your catches to add to it.

How about a poster? Posters can be fun and can also teach you something. Ever wonder about the lifecycle of the mayfly? Well, what better way to find out than research. You can do a poster on anything fishing related. Again, some of your research will have to include getting out to the water and dipping a line.

Speaking of gear, why not make some for your project? Building your own lure, tip-up, tip-down, rod, net, spoon, or anything else fishing related qualifies! Tie some flies, build a crazy topwater lure, or turn an old spoon into the new hot lure. Of course, after you build your gear the judge will want to know how it works, so you will need to take it out and try it!

The point is get started now. Your first try at tying a fly probably won't win any awards, but with practice, you will. A fishing journal takes time to compile, and you will need to do a lot of fishing to create a great one! Posters that win blues are not thrown together 2 weeks before the fair, they are planned out, research is done on the water, pieces are laid out, and redone! If you need help, feel free to reach out, contact Al Lemke at 450-2894 or lemkefam@outlook.com. Now, go fishing and think about what Fishing Project you're going to win with this year!

Rocket Launch 2018

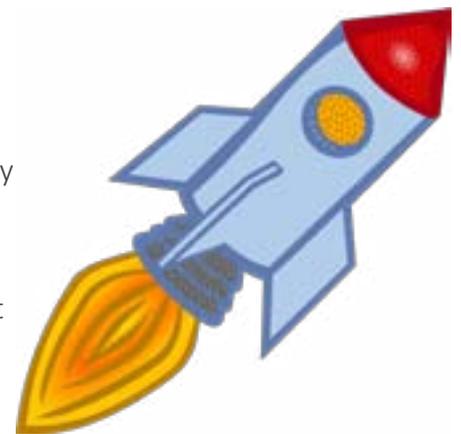
Outagamie/Waupaca County 4-H Rocket Launch
May 19 | Farmers Park in Stephenville | 9:00 AM to noon

The Outagamie/Waupaca County rocket launch will be held this year at Farmers Park in Stephenville. The park is located at the corner of County Hwy S and Hwy 76, just 6 miles north of Greenville.

Bring your rocket, some engines, and your excitement. We will have launch pads, extra engines, and remote electric launchers ready for use. If you don't have a rocket to use, just come and use ours.

Aerospace project members and others that RSVP will receive updates via email. You do not have to be in the aerospace project to participate.

Please RSVP to Resource Leader Brian Stille at (920) 858-8752 or outagamieaerospace@gmail.com





Volunteer Leaders



All ADULTS who are project and activity leaders in the county/club MUST register on 4HOnline to be covered by 4-H insurance and be registered in the enrollment system. If adults are interested in becoming a project leader for your club or county, call your main leader or UW-Extension Office for enrollment information. There are numerous projects offered to members and it would be great to have more leaders to help throughout the year with project meetings. All adults need to register through 4HOnline, and if they are a new volunteer, a background check will be run by the state 4-H office prior to an individual completing the volunteer training.

2018 Wisconsin 4-H Hall Of Fame – Call for Nomination

Saturday, November 3 | Green Lake Conference Center (W2511 State Road 23, Green Lake, WI 54941)
Nominations due May 20

There were many great stories shared by laureates during last year’s ceremony and while we are limiting installations to approximately 10 per year, we still expect to hear about inspiration and motivation from those selected.

You can also visit our website for the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hhof/> for more information. If you have questions, feel free to contact Committee Chair Jeanne Baum, at kjeabaum@gmail.com.



Youth Leaders



Outagamie County Fair Dairy Bar

4-H Youth Leaders: YOU are once again needed! Youth Leaders are responsible to run the Dairy Bar on Tuesday, July 24 at the Outagamie County Fair. There will be two shifts (3:00-6:30 pm and 6:15-9:30 pm) available to work. It is important that BOTH shifts be filled. All money earned on Tuesday are given to Youth Leaders to fund various community service projects.

Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4daaae2da1f94-dairy2>



Congratulations



Drama Festival

Congratulations to the winners of the Drama Festival!

1st place was Smile Awhile—Twins on the Loose
2nd place was Fast Trackers—Scaredy Cat

The honorable mentions were Bent Arrow- Circus Daze and Country Slickers- Is There Life Out There.

The audience also enjoyed additional performances by the following 4-H Clubs: On The Go, Fairview, Buchanan Badgers, Fast Trackers and Crystal Star.

Photos of the event can be viewed on the Outagamie County 4-H Youth Development Facebook page.

2018 Basketball Tournament

Everybody did an amazing job on the basketball court!

Jr. Girls—Crystal Star
Runner up—Fast Trackers

Sr. Girls—B-Square
Runner up—Crystal Star

Jr. Boys—Smile Awhile
Runner up—Crystal Star

Sr. Boys—Smile Awhile
Runner up—Shooting Stars

Sportsmanship Awards

On The Go, Country Slickers, Bent Arrow, Crystal Star, Buchanan Badgers, Fast Trackers, B-Square

Bits & Pieces

Roadside Clean-Up Safety

With the approach of springtime and (hopefully) better weather, many 4-H groups will participate in Adopt-A-Highway projects. The State 4-H Office wants to encourage volunteers and parents across the state to address safety concerns when working on the roadsides. There are educational resources on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website that address safety issues. This includes information related to hazardous materials that may be found along roadsides. While we're not discouraging groups from roadside clean-up activities, we want to make sure participants are aware of hazardous materials and use safe practices. They would encourage clubs to register with the DOT for Adopt-A-Highway projects. Registered groups would receive updates and safety notices directly from the DOT. <http://bit.ly/2qoGTVA>

Cardboard Tubes

Here at the UW-Extension office we have quite a few 5 foot tall cardboard tubes – 6 inches in diameter. They were initially bought to hold club banners that are used at the fair. If you don't have yours yet, you can get it at the UW-Extension office. This is not the only thing they can be used for though. Do a quick search on the internet for "reuses for shipping tubes" and the opportunities are endless. They can hold fishing poles, and a plethora of arts and craft projects. If you are interested in getting some, come to, or call the UW-Extension office. Tubes are \$10 each.

Keep Up to Date With the 4-H Minute

As you may have noticed we have a new form of communication- The 4-H Minute!!! We are using this as a reminder of the upcoming 4-H events and deadlines for the week ahead. You can find the 4-H Minute on:

*Outagamie County 4-H Youtube Channel
(sign up to be notified when a new Minute is posted)

*Outagamie County 4-H Youth Development Facebook page ("like" and "follow" our page, and watch for the Minute every Sunday morning)



4-H Broadcast Emails from 4-H Online

One way the UW-Extension Office has been trying to communicate information to a majority of families in the 4-H program is by sending emails from the 4-H Online system. We understand for some, these emails have been pushed to junk email folders. Please add no-reply@4honline.com to your list of email addresses that are OK to be accepted emails. Thank you. Please remember to keep your email address or mailing address up to date in the 4-H Online program. Thank you.

Raise Your Hand Campaign

This is a nationwide campaign for alumni to "raise their hands" to empower our nation's youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime. Alumni, who raise their hands by registering at <http://4-h.org/raise-your-hand> will be added to the new Wisconsin alum database. They'll be able to pay it forward by volunteering and/or donating with Wisconsin 4-H. The top three states with the most alums "registered" will win \$20,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000 respectively for programming

Looking for New Club Activities?

Are you looking for new activities to do with your club? You can now get ideas from other clubs on what they have done. These ideas range from guest speakers, educational experiences to just plain old fun times. Check out the page at:

<https://outagamie.uwex.edu/leaders-association/>

If you have new ideas that are not on the list, please email them to Kayla at kayla.viste@outagamie.org

BREAKING NEWS

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN 4-H'ERS TEAM UP WITH MICROSOFT TO CREATE "TECH CHANGEMAKERS" THAT EMPOWER COMMUNITIES

A group of teen leaders from Outagamie County 4-H are gearing up to have a big impact here in our community. These young 4-H leaders believe they can bring about positive community change in Oneida, leveraging the power of technology. Two major national organizations, National 4-H Council and Microsoft Philanthropies, are supporting their work.

"Young people have incredible creativity, energy and passion when it comes to improving the communities they love," said Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of National 4-H Council. "What makes this new program unique is that 4-H and Microsoft are teaming up to give young people in Outagamie County the training, resources and support they need to make real and lasting positive community change."

Over the next several months, the teens will work with Outagamie County 4-H educators, community members and Microsoft to identify a community or societal challenge that affects Oneida, and to implement plans that include the use of technology to address that challenge. The team will then work with a wide range of Oneida community members to get it done.

This project is part of a new national partnership that equips young people with the digital skills and resources they need to make a positive impact in their communities. "4-H Tech Changemakers" places young people at the center of community improvement.

"It's an honor for Microsoft to work with 4-H, an organization that brings leadership skills to young people throughout this community, and throughout the United States," said Microsoft's TechSpark Michelle Schuler manager. "This partnership will extend 4-H's long track record of empowering young people, adding digital skills development to the many abilities they help tomorrow's leaders develop."

Microsoft's TechSpark program, launched in 2017, is focused on accelerating economic growth through regional internet connectivity, digital and career skills development, nonprofit support, and digital business transformation.

Here in Outagamie County, 4-H Tech Changemakers will use the popular video game Minecraft to spark the interest of Oneida Nation youth in their traditional agriculture and history. Using the 3-D building game, the team is collaboratively creating a blueprint for gardening and planting indigenous plants on 4-H land on the Oneida Reservation. The Tech Changemakers identified this opportunity to make a positive community impact through discussions with Oneida Nation elders.

"A new generation of young leaders will be made and will perpetuate this effort forward," says Colton Dickson, who is an 18 year old junior in Appleton and member of Valley Eagles 4-H Club.

To be successful in their project, the Outagamie County 4-H teens have already begun recruiting other kids and volunteers to support their efforts. In coming months, they will work with local organizations, community members and elected officials, as they look to make a lasting positive impact on the community.

"I am most excited about observing and experiencing the creative genius and wonderment of a youth's mind in solving adult problems" Ted Tate, Outagamie County 4-H Tech Changemaker Coordinator.

On June 9, the group will be hosting a 4-H Agricultural Expo in conjunction with the Oneida Industrial Hemp Week Festivities at the Oneida Nation Elementary School. There will be transportation between the school and 4-H land to further enhance this hands on learning experience.

Outagamie County 4-H provides opportunities for personal growth of young people throughout the county and encourages the positive development of youth, families and their communities. Through hands-on, experiential learning, we offer more than 300 programs and projects for youth, 5-K through 13th grade, and their families. Projects include STEM, citizenship and leadership, healthy living, animal science, communications and arts, shooting sports and wildlife, home and community education, and gardening. For more information, or to get involved as a member/family or volunteer, contact Kayla Viste, Outagamie County 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 920-832-5127 or kayla.viste@ces.uwex.edu.



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