Greetings!

It is finally starting to seem like spring. I was able to get in my garden this past weekend and my family and I enjoyed a wonderfully warm day flying kites. I truly enjoy this warmer weather. I hope that you have been enjoying it as well. This time of year really starts to get busy for us in 4-H. We need to start our fair projects, finish school, and make our summer plans! Planning for summer camp, a few parades, some educational travel experiences, and the fair is all underway.

Now is also a wonderful time for us to advertise 4-H and all it has to offer. Page five of the newsletter gives more details, but here are a few of the events that we would love to partner with you for...

- Breakfast on the Farm
- Little Chute Cheese Fest
- Kids Day at Plamann Park

Also, start planning for the Outagamie County Fair. There will be lots of ways that you can be involved beside showing your projects.

Speaking of the fair, if you are having a hard time figuring out what projects to bring or show, the Family Handbook has a list of all the project resource leaders. If you are not seeing someone in your project, you can contact the Extension office with any questions you might have.

I am looking forward to more warm weather & seeing you all out and about promoting 4-H!

All the Best!

Alicia Schroeder-Haag
4-H Program Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 24 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

Agenda items: Updates on the county fair, Leaders Recognition Dinner, etc.
Snack provided by: Fast Trackers, New Horizons, North Star
Underlined club brings milk.

Reminder: Submissions for the July/August Newsletter are due to alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu by June 1.
May
2  Livestock Judging | Seymour Public Library | 6 pm
3  **DUE: Communication Arts Festival Entry Form**
4  Horse Bowl competition | Wausau
5  Small Animal Project Swap and Fun Show | Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour | 11 am
9  **DUE: Communication Arts Festival Non-Performing Exhibits to the Extension Office | 4 pm**
16 Communication Arts Festival | Extension Outagamie County | 6:30 pm
18 4-H Rocket Launch | Farmers Park, Stephensville | 9 am
18 Spring Adventure | Plamann Park | 9:30-11:00 am
18 4th Annual Edison Family Fun Run | Edison Elementary School | 10 am-3 pm
19 Shooting Sports Event | J & H Game Farm, Shiocton | 1 pm
20  **DUE: 2019 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations**
25 Lara Plamann Memorial Speed Show | Clifford Farm, Appleton | 9:30 am
28 Horse Association Board Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 6-7 pm
28 Horse Association Educational Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 7-8 pm
28 Horse Project Pleasure and Gymkhana Show fair entries DUE at meeting

June
1  **DUE: Articles for the July/August Newsletter**
1 Little Chute Cheese Fest | Little Chute | 12-5 pm
8 Kids Day at Plamann Park | Plamann Park | 7:30 am-1:30 pm
9 Breakfast on the Farm | Steffens Dairy Farm | 7 am-1:30 pm
13 4-H Band Rehearsal | Black Creek Middle School | 7 pm
15 Pony Tails Schooling Show | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 9 am-4 pm
20 Northeast Area Animal Science Day | Waupaca
21  **DUE: State 4-H Plant Science Day Registration**
24 4-H Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm
24-27 Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference | Madison
25 4-H Horse Association Meeting and Potluck | Gail Leitermann’s Farm | 6 pm
30 4-H Summer Camp | Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center

July
1-3 4-H Summer Camp | Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center
9 State 4-H Plant Science Day | Waushara County Fairgrounds
18 4-H Dog Agility Show | Winnebago Dog Club | 7pm
20 4-H Horse Judging | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 8 am
21 4-H Dog Obedience/Showmanship Show | Winnebago Dog Club | 9am
23-28 Outagamie County Fair | Seymour
24 Youth Leaders Dairy Bar | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 3-9:30 pm
26-28 Action Center Stage | Outagamie County Fairgrounds
**A Word from the Board**

Today America is facing a leadership crisis. Many young people today aren’t being given the opportunity to learn the tenacity, strategic-thinking and people skills that they’ll need to lead, both now and in the future.

For me, leadership started at home, my mother was a 4-H Leader in Marathon County for many years, before and after I was active in 4-H. My Mom mentored many young adults in our rural community, helping them grow their essential life skills.

In 4-H, we believe that every child has the potential to be a leader, and in order to fulfill that potential they need caring adult mentors, chances to develop practical skills, and opportunities to take on leadership roles. As America’s largest youth development organization, we know this approach works and our results are second to none.

If we’re going to fill the coming leadership void, adults must play a larger role in encouraging kids and offering them the hands-on experiences that will help them build confidence and grow their skills.

We are supporting our youth, and we are asking adults across our county to do the same. Let’s rally the county to help grow our next generation of True Leaders.

**Pamela Knaack**  
2019 Vice President, Leaders Association

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**Upcoming Events**

**Small Animal Project Swap and Fun Show**  
May 5 | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | Swap 11 am, Fun Show Entry 11:30 am

The Swap is open to the public and admission is $2 per person (under age 7 free). The Fun Show and educational activities are open to any youth grades 3-13. Fun Show 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 rabbit costume contest and a poultry photo 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 Laurie Penterman, Karen Kuhn, Jeremy Trost or Josh Koleske.
Rocket Launch 2019
Outagamie/Waupaca County 4-H Rocket Launch
May 18 | Farmers Park in Stephensville | 9 am to noon

The Outagamie/Waupaca County rocket launch will be held at Farmers Park in Stephensville. 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 at outagamieaerospace@gmail.com or 858-8752.

Spring Adventure
May 18 | Plamann Park | 9:30-11:00 am
Registration deadline May 16

Please join the Adventure team on a fun spring adventure. Nature hiking, with bird and flower identification. Bring your binoculars and a good pair of hiking boots. Please contact Pam Knaack at 882-6672 or email pknaack7@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

State 4-H Plant Science Day
July 9 | Waushara County Fairgrounds
Registration DUE June 21, 2019

Plan now, to participate in the State 4-H Plant Science Day event to be held Tuesday, July 9 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 and to register contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@wisc.edu.

Scavenger Hunt
July 27 | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 11:30 am

The Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders will be sponsoring a scavenger hunt at the fair. Bring a team of 4-5 people or come by yourself and join a team. 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!!
4-H EVENTS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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Contact the Outreach Committee to add your event!

4th Annual Edison Family Fun Run

We have been invited to Edison Middle School’s Fun Run to promote 4-H. You can help promote 4-H by sharing some of your favorite projects. RSVP by May 10 to Mary Hoefler.

Little Chute Cheese Fest

We welcome members, adults and animals to walk in the parade to help promote 4-H on June 1, 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. RSVP by May 15 to Mary Hoefler. Participants will be reimbursed for admission at the festival.

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 10-1:30 p.m. RSVP by May 30 to Mary Hoefler.

Breakfast on the Farm

The 4-H Outreach committee is seeking 4-H members and leaders to help promote 4-H and what it 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. RSVP by May 30 to Sheila Vander Zanden.

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. 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 Vander Zanden to reserve your time slot, also if you have questions.

Outreach Committee

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Knitting & Crocheting Projects

Your fair projects are probably already done by now, right? Well, if not, no need to worry you still have time, but now would be the perfect time to start! If you have any questions about your projects, please contact Ellen LaMarche (knitting resource leader) 450-6327 or Diane Van Asten (crocheting resource leader) 984-3608.

Now’s the Time to Start Your Models!!!

Hello Scale Model Members & Parents! This is just a friendly reminder 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 & 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 Bloks, etc. Let your creative mind take you away on these! Build something awesome and complex 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!

The point is, NOW is the time to get started. Some of the more advanced models will challenge you! By getting started early, you will have the best possible chance at the coveted Blue Ribbons, and maybe 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 will come to some 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!

Happy Spring Fishing Project Members!!!

Ahh, Spring! The time for trout, walleye and 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 are 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, heck even include moon phases if you want. These are all things to put in a fishing journal that you can turn in for a project. 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 others something. Ever wonder about the lifecycle of the mayfly? Well, what better way to find out than doing some 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 the county resource leader found in the 4-H Family Handbook. Now, go fishing and think about what Fishing Project will bring home some ribbons.
Horse Project Updates and Events

Horse Project members have been studying and sharpening their Equine knowledge for the upcoming Horse Bowl competition in Wausau, WI on May 4. We wish all of our members the very best!

Beginners participating in hippology are Lillian Zuleger, Bella Maurer, and Dylan Leitermann. Juniors participating in hippology are Lydia Ewing, Keira Leitermann, Hayleigh Ort, and Grace Van Driel. Seniors participating in hippology are Allison Harikkala and Carlee Schlueter. Junior Horse Bowl Teams are Lillian Zuleger, Bella Maurer, Dylan Leitermann, and Hayleigh Ort. Senior Horse Bowl Teams are Lydia Ewing, Keira Leitermann, Allison Harikkala and Carlee Schlueter.

Fair entries DUE at the May 28 meeting for the Pleasure and Gymkhana Show. Don’t forget to give a hard copy to Gail Leitermann! Also, at our May 28 meeting, Azlan Babl will be teaching us about Dressage, which is another word for “training.”

Bring your family, 4-legged ones too, (horses, not dogs), and come check out the Lara Plamann Memorial Speed Show, Sat., May 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clifford Farm in Appleton. Please sign up to help run the show! This is a great opportunity to share your leadership skills!

Pony Tails Schooling Show with Dan Grunewald on Sat. June 15, from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm at the Fairgrounds. We’ll be having a potluck lunch break. The Horse Project will provide meat & buns. Please bring a dish to pass. RSVP by May 28 at our monthly meeting or to Lori at vandenberfamily7@gmail.com.

Clinics start the end of May. Contact Lori for more information.

June 25 4-H Horse meeting and potluck picnic at 6 pm at Gail Leitermann’s Barn at W4541 Glenn Street, Appleton. More details to come!

Leathercraft Tools

There are leathercraft tools available at the Extension Office for clubs to use. There is a deposit of $20 to borrow one set of tools, which is reimbursed when all tools are returned and inventory is taken. To reserve a kit please call 832-5122.

Project Resources

Are you in need of some ideas for your next project meeting? Or would you like to learn more about your project? The Extension Office has many project resources available to all leaders and youth for FREE! Before you purchase your resources from Shop4-H.org stop by the office and ask to see our collection!

Have a question or want more information? Contact the county resource leader found in the 4-H Family Handbook.
ALL ADULTS who are acting as a club, project, and/or activity leader for the 4-H program MUST register in 4HOnline and go through the training and a background check to ensure the safety of our youth, our volunteers, and our program.

There are numerous projects, events, committees, and activities offered to our youth members that require a wonderful adult role, like yourself or someone you know, in order to run smoothly and continue to be offered.

If you are interested in becoming a project leader for a club or the county, call the Extension Office 832-5123, for enrollment information.

**Volunteer Leaders**

Congratulations to the winners of the Drama Festival!

County Champion was Fast Trackers - *All is Calm*
County Alternate was Bent Arrow - *A Pirate’s Tale*

The honorable mentions were Smile Awhile - *The Thirteen Ghosts of the Gimmie Mine* and Fast Trackers - *Mr. Winky: Murder at a Party*

The audience also enjoyed additional performances by the following 4-H Clubs: Buchanan Badgers - *Spring is Here* & Crystal Star - *Santa and the Efficiency Expert*.

**2019 Basketball Tournament**

Congratulations to all of our players and coaches! Cannot wait to see you all next year!

**Winners:**
- **Jr. Girls** – Fast Trackers
- **Runner up** – B-Square
- **Jr. Boys** – Smile Awhile
- **Runner up** – Fast Trackers
- **Sr. Girls** – Fast Trackers
- **Runner up** – B-Square
- **Sr. Boys** – Smile Awhile
- **Runner up** – Shooting Stars

**Sportsmanship Awards:**
- Country Slickers
- Buchanan Badgers
- B-Square
- Fast Trackers

**Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting, and Foods Revue**

Great work and congratulations to all of the Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting and Foods Revue participants!

**Special Awards:**
- State Fair: Katie Stille and Susan Koleske
- Silver Thread: Rebekah Stille
- Golden Hook: Katie Stille

**Mini Chef (3-5):** Joselyn Novitski
**Mini Chef (6-8):** Susan Koleske
**Mini Chef (9 and up):** Jack Loken

**Thank You Corner**

**Basketball Tournament - Thank You!**

“Thank you to all the new assistant directors from last year who stepped up to help again: Micki McNichols, Ben VanDriel, Jean Schroeder, and Brad and Emily Sprangers. You all did a fantastic job! Also, thank you to all the current assistants, Rob and Sandy Van Handel, Pat Rynish, Toby Paltzer, and Jim Wildenberg!” - Rose Rynish

Thank you, Rose for all the work you put into the Basketball Tournament! We recognize the hard work that goes into planning and preparing for the event and we are grateful for all of your time and effort. We also appreciate all of the time that goes into coaching these teams. We are so thankful for all of our volunteers that give of their time to make sure that the youth are able to participate and enjoy the tournament. A big thank you also goes out to our referees, Youth Leaders in concessions, and Immanuel Lutheran School! Thank you all and see you all again next year!
Marriages Made In Outagamie County 4-H

“Bill and I met at the fair in 1958. He was showing cattle and I was in the Dress Revue. We would see each other at 4-H events but our first date was the Basketball Tournament in 1960. He was playing for Woodlawn 4-H Club and I was watching. (Dorothy was in Fairview 4-H club). We graduated from 4-H in 1963 and two weeks later we were married, October 5, 1963.”

Thank you Dorothy Paltzer for sharing your 4-H marriage story!!

This is one of several marriages made because of Outagamie County 4-H. We are looking for more stories. Please submit your story of how you met in Outagamie County 4-H, the club(s) you were in, and pictures by either bringing it to the June leaders meeting or mailing to Sheila Vander Zanden, 5011 W. Edgewood Dr. Grand Chute, WI 54913 or email to dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com. Those submitting stories, be it your own or on behalf of a couple, will be included in the June History gas card drawing. Submissions will be on display during the fair near the Action Center Stage.

Dairy Bar Superintendents

Once again we are and have been accepting applications for superintendents of the Dairy Bar. To date we have received 2 applications with 2 additional people willing to help. We are looking for individuals, 18 years and up, to commit to working several shifts during the fair. This position pays an hourly wage and you will receive guidance from the other “experienced” superintendents.

If we CANNOT obtain an additional 3-5 individuals to be superintendents we will have to make changes to the menu. At this time we have discussed removing breakfast service and/or malts. Both of these services are time consuming and with the limited staff we cannot do it all!

The dairy bar is currently the largest fundraiser for the Outagamie County 4-H program. It is an important part of the Outagamie County Fair. Please help us by applying today! The number of applications received will determine the menu for the 2019 Dairy Bar!

If you have any questions please call Lisa Lemke at 450-2894 or email hascooker@yahoo.com.

Individuals can apply online or print off the application and mail to the Extension Office. Prior food experience is not required!

Club Banners

Club banners will NOT be displayed at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds this year. We are looking at new ways to recognize each of our clubs differently and in a way that each can participate. Do you have an idea how we can promote our clubs? We’d love to hear from you. Email Alicia Alicia.Schroederhaag@wisc.edu or call 832-5123 to share your ideas!
4-H Band

We are excited to let you know that 4-H band will start again on Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 PM. We will meet at Black Creek Elementary/Middle School. This year some rehearsals will be on Mondays. We will determine exact times and dates at the first practice. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Langner 450-8484. Hope to see you there!

State Fair Entry Updates

State Fair has made a few changes to some requirements for performance and clothing revue entries.

Performances:
Youth must be 7-19. Projects/performances will NO longer be selected by the county. **All youth can apply.** Applications will be accepted with a video audition by June 1st. This can be for a group or individual.

Clothing Revue:
Youth must be 12-19. Projects will NO longer be selected by the county. **All youth can apply.** Applications will be accepted until June 1. Garments must be youth-created through sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc.

More details and applications can be found at [http://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/](http://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/)

4-H Emblem Use

Many clubs use the 4-H emblem to promote the program within our county. Promotions could include: making posters, banners, t-shirts for their club or signs, etc. Before you send that document, t-shirt or sign to the printer, please review the guidelines for proper use of the 4-H name and emblem.

The 4-H emblems belong to the 4-H Youth Development program, under the authority of USDA and anyone wishing to use it must obtain permission. As a 4-H member or volunteer, you are granted permission to use the emblem through the 4-H Program Coordinator in the county.

If you have a question about how you are using the emblem contact the Extension Outagamie County Office. The handbook for proper use of the emblem can be found here: [https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/2017-4h-h-professionals-name-and-emblem-handbook.pdf](https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/2017-4h-h-professionals-name-and-emblem-handbook.pdf)

You can also download a checklist to help: [https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/Checklist-Short-Version.pdf](https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/Checklist-Short-Version.pdf)
Cross Walking to the Future with the Outagamie County 4-H Microsoft Tech Changemakers

In recent years, there have been incidents of pedestrians being struck and killed or injured while walking through crosswalks in the Fox Valley. Factors such as decreased pedestrian awareness of their surroundings due to looking at their cell phones and inadequate crosswalk safety and alert mechanisms have contributed to the increasing number of driver and pedestrian collisions.

There are five students throughout Northeast Wisconsin who joined the 4-H Microsoft Tech Changemakers group in Outagamie County. They have coordinated two community events at Appleton North High School under the title of Crosswalking to the Future. For the first event, they set up a physical obstacle course competition in the gymnasium for participants to navigate while playing a high concentration game on their cell phone. Approximately fifty people were timed, and the first through fifth place runners were awarded prizes donated by Cricket Wireless. Virtual reality booths were set up to mimic real life dangerous events, test reaction times, and teach safety procedures. 4-H Tech Changemakers partnered with Fox Valley Technical College who set up a virtual reality model of their truck driving school; as well as the National Railroad Museum who set up its own simulation of an approaching train while participants attempted to safely cross virtual train tracks.

The youth involved in the 4-H Microsoft Tech Changemakers program have constructed a portable crosswalk that was set up in the gymnasium of Appleton North High School on April 27 for the public to view. The students enhanced the crosswalk with a safety device to enable the portable crosswalk to produce sounds and light when approached. The Crosswalking into the Future event also had stations where the 4-H Tech Changemakers taught other youth and adults to code. Edge VR Arcade also had some virtual reality games set up for participants to explore.

The youth involved in the 4-H Tech Changemakers project have been left with a greater sense of awareness of their surroundings, increased knowledge of how cell phone and GPS technology can be used to improve their safety, and increased skills for building structures such as crosswalks. The community will benefit from attending these events by learning about crosswalk safety and how technology is playing a role and will continue to play a role in pedestrian safety.

If you would like to be involved with this or other 4-H Tech Changemakers events and projects, please contact Ted Tate at 427-0350 or gttate@wisc.edu.
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