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Educator's Corner

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and were able to find a few minutes between all of the chaos to relax and recharge before diving into this new year. We talked a little about a few of my goals for this outstanding program in the last newsletter (if you missed it, please check it out online: <http://bit.ly/2PUjUfZ>), and Pamela Knaack, our Leaders Association President, will also talk about some goals for the Association as well. I encourage all of you to take a small step back and look at the work you are doing with 4-H. Be proud of your accomplishments and start to think about your next steps. I would love to know what some of your 4-H goals and aspirations are, from both volunteers, youth, and parents. Please share with me. I want to know what is important to you, and I just might be able to help you find opportunities that would help you achieve your goals.

Cheers to 2020!

Alicia Schroeder-Haag

4-H Program Coordinator
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NEXT Leaders MEETING: Monday, January 27 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
***Please bring donations for the Youth Leaders Helping the Homeless Project!**

Agenda items: Hand out 4-H Family Handbook

Snack provided by: Wild Grove, Wolf River Beavers, Bent Arrow

Underlined club brings milk.

The first newsletter of the year is mailed to every family. Future newsletters will be sent by email and available on our website:

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/newsletters/>

If you would like to continue to receive newsletters in the mail, please call Vicki at 832-5123 or return the form on page 15.

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Calendar



January

- 1 Extension Office CLOSED**
- 9 YQCA | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 7:00-8:30 pm
- 10 VIP Training | Extension Office | 10:30 am- Noon
- 17-19 Art Lab | UW-Madison
- 20 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:30 pm
- 27 Annual Leader Training/Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP) | Center Town Hall | 5:00 pm
- 27 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 28 Horse Association Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 7:00 pm
- 31 Registrations for Family Learning Day DUE**

February

- **Registration for 4-H Art Beat DUE**
- 1 Educational Travel Experiences Scholarship Applications DUE**
- 1 Newsletter Submissions for March/April DUE**
- 6 Mandatory Basketball Coaches Meeting | Extension Office | 7:30 pm
- 7 Livestock Committee Meeting | Black Creek Town Hall | 6:30 pm
- 7-9 2020 Winter Leadership Camp, Camp TaPaWingo, Mishicot
- 15 Family Learning Day | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 8:15 am- 12:30 pm
- 15 YQCA | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 1:00-2:30 pm
- 20 Registration for Explore Winter Adventure DUE**
- 21 Registration for Drama Festival DUE**
- 22 Explore Winter Adventures | Plamann Park, Appleton | 9:30 am- 12:00 pm
- 24 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:00 pm
- 25 Club Leader Quarterly Meeting | Extension Office | 6:30-8:00 pm
- 25 Horse Association Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 7:00 pm

March

- **Summer Camp registration forms become available on website**
- 1 Application for CPF Scholarship DUE**
- 7 Woodworking Project | Pete Wachtendonk, W2984 Cemetery Rd, Seymour | 9 am
- 7 Drama Festival | Seymour High School Auditorium | 9 am
- 14 Livestock Educational Meeting | Seymour Municipal Building
- 16 Application for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship DUE**
- 13-15 4-H Art Beat | Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- 20 Application for State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship DUE**
- 20-22 Basketball Tournament | Immanuel Lutheran School, Greenville
- 24 Horse Association Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 7:00 pm
- 26 YQCA | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 7:00-8:30 pm
- 27-29 Basketball Tournament | Immanuel Lutheran School, Greenville

April

- 28 Horse Association Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 7:00 pm
- 27 Meats Judging Team | UW-Madison, Meat Lab

A Word from the Board

2020 has arrived, do you have a New Year's Resolution? I always look forward to the new year, new goals, new planners/organizers- and overall a fresh start. If you are like me, my resolutions only last till about mid-February before I revert back to old habits. There is one goal that I set for myself that I have kept the past few years- being more involved in my kids activities and to volunteer more. In 2 years, I have become the club leader for the Crystal Star 4-H club (along with my husband) and am currently on the Leaders Association board as the Vice President/President.

Whatever your goals are for this year, I wish you the best to keep them alive for all of 2020.

The Leaders Association goals for this year are to add one resource leader to our already wonderful group of resource leaders. At the Leaders meeting we will have activities to help leaders get to know others- which will help make new long lasting friendships and to have one county wide activity in spring for all 4-H members to attend.

Pamela Knaack

2019 Vice President, Leaders Association



Upcoming Events



2020 Outagamie County 4-H Family Learning Day

February 15, 2020 | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton

Registration DUE January 31

8:15- 10:15 am Check In- ALL participants MUST check in
8:15- 11:00 am 4-H Showcase Displays open
8:30- 10:00 am Session 1

10:30- 12:30 pm Session 2
1:00- 2:30 pm Session 3 – YQCA ONLY

Youth, parents and 4-H volunteer leaders are all invited to participate in the 2020 4-H Family Learning Day at Fox Valley Technical College. Learn a new skill or gain fresh ideas. It will be a fun, informative day. Parents are encouraged to spend the day with their child and to help them find their sessions, or participate on their own. This event is open to the general public as well, so please share widely.

NEW this year: During the break at 10:00 am in the Showcase area the individuals that participated in the 2019 Music Festival will be performing. Reminder that the Showcase displays and tables will only be available to view from 8:15 AM to 11:00 AM. Come and check the many opportunities that are available whether it's a project, event, activity, or an opportunity to expand your 4-H experience outside of the County.

Pre-registration is required and due by January 31. Some workshops have fees associated with them, these costs are listed in each workshop description. Make checks payable to Outagamie County 4-H and return by January 31 to Extension Office

Attn: Family Learning Day
3365 W Brewster St, Appleton 54914.
Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis complete with payment (if payment is required for workshop). We reserve the right to cancel sessions if registration is too low.

Register one of two ways: PDF Registration Form, link below, or Online Registration. Please note, payment (if required for workshop) must be received in order to hold your registration.

We are also in need of a few more youth and/or adult volunteers to make this event go smoothly. Please contact Alicia at alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu or 832-5127 for more details.

Links to the register by mail and online will be on our website:

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects/family-learning-day/>



Upcoming Events



Winter Leadership Camp 2020

February 7-9 | Camp TaPaWingo

Attention youth leaders in grades 6-8 and adult 4-H volunteers! It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Older youth from throughout Northeast Wisconsin will come together at 4-H Winter Leadership camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school. Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors. Registration can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2020WinterCamp>. Registration deadline is Monday, January 20, 2020. Camp fills up fast! If you have questions on any of the above, contact Kevin Palmer, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 242-5448 or by email at kevin.palmer@wisc.edu.

Explore Winter Adventures

February 22 | Plamann Park, Appleton | 9:30 am- 12:00 pm

Registration Due February 20

Ever wonder what you can do outside in winter that is not sledding or skiing? Come to Plamann Park to check out other winter activities and explore the many options. We will plan future events for the Adventures Project. To register sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2CmLv4k> or call the Extension office at 832-5122.

Small Animal Swap & Rabbit Fun Show

May 3 | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 11:00 am.

New this year, all participants will pay a single admission that includes the swap and fun show. There will not be a Poultry Fun Show.



4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest

March 7

Registration DUE February 21

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. These programs are a great parallel to some similar programs that breed associations and other organizations conduct.

More information: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowl/skillathon/>

Drama Festival

March 7 | Seymour High School Auditorium | 9am

Registration DUE February 21

Clubs interested in using lighting effects are required to have someone from your club attend the training at Seymour High School. The date and time will be sent in an email to main leaders. Clubs and their drama leaders might want to start reading plays now. Check out the material at the Extension Office. A deposit fee of \$10 will be charged for checking out 1-5 books and \$15 for 6 or more books. All Club Main Leaders will be sent more information including registration information.

If you have questions contact Drama Resource Leader: Sandy Sullivan 779-9895 or text 920-750-2396





Upcoming Events



4-H Art Beat!

March 13-15 | Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents (parents are not required to attend) and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening with check-in at 6:00 pm and ends Sunday morning at 11:00 am.

The fee will include all materials and supplies, overnight lodging, meals and snacks. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from our county for some genuine 4-H bonding time? Transportation is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office.

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members!

Save the Date! 2020 4-H Summer Camp

July 7-11 | Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Outagamie and Calumet County 4-H Summer camp will be Tuesday, July 7 through Saturday, July 11. For youth in grades 3-6, camp is held at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center. For youth in grades 7-8, Outpost Camp is held at Mirror Lake State Park. Camper registration forms will be available in March. For more information about camp, please visit our website under the Summer Camp tab.

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/summercamp/>

Basketball Tournament

March 20-22 & 27-29 | Immanuel Lutheran School, Greenville

Mandatory Coaches Meeting Thursday, February 6, 7:30 pm at the Extension Office. ALL 4-H club coaches MUST attend the meeting to review expectations, rules, and draw for tournament order. Only coaches who attended the mandatory meeting may sit on the bench to coach. Team registration begins at 7:15 pm. Reminder: ALL coaches must go through volunteer orientation and be approved 4-H volunteers. Questions? Contact Rose Rynish at 450-9653 or email: prynishfam@gmail.com.

Please inquire ASAP!! Rose Rynish is willing to train assistant directors to run the scoreboard and record the books during the Annual 4-H Basketball Tournament. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Rose Rynish by January 30. Rose will set up a night in late February or early March for a training session if needed.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

June 22-25 | Madison

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is a three and a half day Statewide Educational Experience. Youth from all over Wisconsin come to Madison, for educational seminars, assemblies, speakers, exploration, and fun on the UW-Madison campus! Youth Conference is made possible by contributions from our State Teams (Wisconsin Leadership Council, Drama Company, Art Team, and Communications team), 4-H staff from across the state, and a planning committee made up of staff, volunteers, and youth.

For more info, see: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/>

Something New for the Revue!!

April 25 | Northland Mall, Appleton

The 4-H Clothing, Foods, Knitting and Crocheting Revue will come this year with some fun changes.

Details will be in the March/April newsletter.

Members, now is the time to start that project so you are ready for revue!!

Leaders, please help promote this great learning event!



Upcoming Events



YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA is offered to youth in a couple of ways:

- Online curriculum – a youth exhibitor annually will complete three interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. \$12/person/year. Available 24/7 which allows exhibitors flexibility to take course at their convenience.
- Face-to-face – Trainer led programs. Find the next program closest to you at yqca.org \$3/person/year. YQCA Instructor-Led Trainings hosted by Outagamie County:
 - January 9, 7:00 pm, FVTC Room C190 ABC, north parking lot, use entrance 15
 - February 15, 2020, 1:00 pm, FVTC Room C190 ABC, north parking lot, use entrance 15

- March 26, 2020, 7:00 pm, FVTC Room C190 ABC, north parking lot, use entrance 15

Pre-registration is highly recommended, to register for the program both online and face to face log into yqca.org and follow the step by step instructions.

Reminder: youth can “test out” – need to get an 80% or better score, 50 questions, pay when pass test. Certificate available in “My Library”

- i. Intermediate (12 yrs): for 3 years = \$36
- ii. Senior (15 yrs): for 4 years = \$48
- iii. Young Adult (19 yrs): for 3 years = \$36

Livestock Project Updates/Info

1. Market Steer Lottery: There will be a market steer lottery held on January 9, at 6:30 pm, FVTC, Room C190 ABC (right before the YQCA training). All exhibitors wishing to sell a market steer at the 2020 Outagamie County Market Sale must attend the lottery drawing or send a representative to enter your name. If you have any questions, please call Steve Hackl 843-2305, or email sjhackl@granitewave.com

2. Livestock Educational Meeting: March 14, Seymour Municipal Building, Seymour, Beef: 8 am; Goats: 9 am; Sheep: 10 am, Swine: 11 am.

3. Meats Judging | 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon

- Livestock, is it a passion of yours?
- Do you want to learn more about the livestock industry or the quality of meat that you are raising?
- Maybe you were wondering if there is a way you can build your knowledge on what you were feeding your animal, or how to treat your animals if he gets sick?
- How do I determine what animals should I keep, what is going to build the best Livestock herd/flock for me?
- Maybe it's just a question of what kind of equipment do I need and how do I use it?
- How do I determine what is a good/bad carcass?
- What is my favorite retail cuts of meat, where does it come from, what gives it all its flavor?

Yes, there is a lot to learn! But if this is something that interests you come join the Livestock Meats judging or QuizBowl/Skillathon teams!!

Outagamie County coach is Barb Maroszek 655-4648 with help from many others! Learning sessions for both events are scheduled together. If you are interested and would like more information in either of these events, please contact the coaches.

Practice is every other Sunday at 5:30 pm at Seymour Town Hall on Highway 55. Practice started November 17 but you are more than welcome to join in, practices in January are the 12 and 26; practices in February are the 9 and 23. We will be adding in more dates as we get closer to the contest.

4. National Anthem: Looking for someone to sing the national anthem at the O.C. Market Sale. Please contact Alicia if you would like to be considered for this.

5. Flag Donations: Livestock Committee is looking for donations of US flag, 4-H flag, and FFA flag to use during their sale. Please contact Livestock Committee Chair: Jimmy Peters 412-9254, or Vice Chair: Bill Maroszek 655-4622

6. Next Livestock Committee Meeting: January 7, 2020, Black Creek Town Hall, 6:30 pm

7. Livestock Project Letter: All members should watch for a Livestock project letter coming late January-early February from the Extension office. This will have important and up-to-date information regarding the livestock project.

8. YQCA Certification: deadline to sell at the Outagamie County 2020 livestock sale: July 6



Upcoming Events



DAIRY Project Updates/Info

1. Dairy Committee Meeting: April 9, Osborn Town Hall, Seymour, 8 pm future 4-H Newsletters and your inbox for information forthcoming.

2. 4-H Dairy Fitting and Showing Clinic: May 2, 9:30 am, Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Presenter will be Katie Coyne professional dairy showperson and fitter. Planning is underway, more details to follow. Watch future 4-H Newsletters and your inbox for information forthcoming.

3. Dairy Youth Spring Tour: Watch your email for more information soon!

4. Dairy Quiz Bowl: Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness and self-confidence.

All questions deal with dairy topics. Teams of four compete with each other by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner.

Sources of questions are 4-H dairy project literature, Hoard's Dairyman publications and other dairy resources.

A demonstration will be given at Family Learning Day by Jim Stille and Karla Stumpf.

If you would like more information, or are interested in forming a team, please contact the 4-H Dairy Committee Secretary, Jim Stille at jim@stilles.org.

5. 4-H Dairy Judging: Enhance your life long skills in confidence, public speaking, decision making, teamwork, and more. Plan now to be part of the Dairy Judging activities!

There will be a Dairy Judging 101 class presented by Morgan Cavitt, Outagamie County dairy judging coach, at the Family Learning Days, February 15. Make sure to come and see what is happening with dairy judging! There are junior and senior division options to meet the experience of all youth. All ages are encouraged to attend!

Sign up now so you don't miss out on educational judging workouts! If interested, please contact Morgan Cavitt at morgan.cavitt@go.tarleton.edu or 608-640-6543.

If you have questions, please contact Sarah Grotjan, Dairy/Livestock Educator sarah.grotjan@wisc.edu or 832-5129.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 7: Next Livestock Committee meeting, Black Creek Town Hall, 6:30 pm
- January 9: Market Steer Lottery, 6:30 pm, FVTC, Room C190 ABC (right before the YQCA training)
- January 9: YQCA Instructor Led Training, 7:00 pm, FVTC Room C190 ABC, north parking lot, use entrance 15
- January 12: Meats Judging and Skillathon training, 5:30 pm, Seymour Town Hall
- January 26: Meats Judging and Skillathon training, 5:30 pm, Seymour Town Hall
- February 9: Meats Judging and Skillathon training, 5:30 pm, Seymour Town Hall
- February 15: YQCA Instructor Led Training, 1:00 pm, FVTC Room C190 ABC, north parking lot, use entrance 15
- February 23: Meats Judging and Skillathon training, 5:30 pm, Seymour Town Hall
- March 14: Livestock Educational Meeting, Seymour Municipal Building, Seymour, Beef: 8 am; Goats: 9 am; Sheep: 10 am, Swine: 11 am
- March 26: YQCA Instructor Led Training, 7:00 pm, FVTC Room C190 ABC, north parking lot, use entrance 15
- April 9: Dairy Committee Meeting, Osborn Town Hall, Seymour, 8 pm
- May 2, Dairy Fitting and Showing Clinic, 9:30 am, Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour
- June 13, Goat Fitting and Showing Clinic, 10:00 am, Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour
- June 16, Sheep Fitting and Showing Clinic, 7:00 pm, Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour
- June 23, Swine Fitting and Showing Clinic, 7:00 pm, Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour
- June 25, Beef Fitting and Showing Clinic, 7:00 pm, Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour



Project Updates



What?? This project doesn't have a club leader? How will my child know what to do?

Here are some ideas to help our 4-H members achieve their project goals for 2020.

1. Read through any project material available concerning the project. Great resources is the Fair Premium Book available online <https://www.outagamiecountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/2019-2020-JUNIOR-FAIR-Premium-Book.pdf> or purchase a hard copy. Other resources, such as project literature and curriculum, are available through the Extension office.
2. Attend meetings either at the club, county, or state level concerning the project.
3. No project leader in your club, no problem! Look through the Outagamie county 4-H Family Handbook for project resource leaders.
4. Still no leadership? Contact your main or general leader for advice, look to project committee leaders also in the 4-H Family Handbook, or contact Alicia, the 4-H Program Coordinator.
5. PROJECT LEADERS, please reach out to clubs that do not have project leaders in your project. The extension office also has that information. Maybe not all of your club members can attend a meeting so if you have room for a few more youth, open your project meeting up to other clubs.
6. Do not wait!! Winter months are the ideal time to start planning and preparing projects for the fair. It is also the best time to contact someone to help you!

When it comes to projects, leaders, especially our resource leaders, are here to assist our members to the best of our ability. When our members are successful and having fun, it makes others want to join 4-H!

To Make The Best Better!!

Offered by the Outreach Committee

See What's Cooking This Year!!

Foods Members, Parents and Foods Project Leaders, you are invited to attend a county wide foods meeting. February 29 from 9 am-12 pm—SAVE THE DATE!
Location: TBD

This event will focus on showcasing different jobs within the food industry, with special guests to talk about each area. Edible arrangements will be demonstrated with help from the audience!

We will also provide other tasty food training and hold a Q & A about the Foods Revue and Food projects for the fair. More information will be mailed in January.

Food Project & Family Learning Day

Hey 4-H members, and leaders! Stop by our display during Family Learning Day on February 15! There, we will have information about the Foods Revue with committee members on hand to answer food project questions, offer club project meeting ideas and more!

Reaching out at the 4-H Family Learning day!

The Outreach committee will be hosting a booth at the 4-H Family Learning Day this year. We will feature past member exhibits and information about joining 4-H and all it has to offer.

We will have extra fliers for you to pick up and hand out at your school, or events that you attend throughout the year. Promoting 4-H is everyone's responsibility. Our members usually make the best promoters! Are you willing to help us promote? You can sign up for up-coming events at our booth.



Project Updates



Attention Knitting and Crocheting Members:

Knitting and crocheting learning day will be held February 22, 2020 at Lois Bittner's house (W6216 Spencer Road, Appleton WI 54914) from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Come with any questions you have as well as any projects you are currently working on. Pre-registration is required by February 14 by calling the Extension Office at 920-832-5122.

If you are unable to attend this training and have questions about your knitting or crocheting projects, please call resource leaders Ellen LaMarche at 450-6327 for knitting, Diane VanAsten at 984-3608 for crocheting or leader Lois Bittner at 733-0937 (knitting/crocheting).

Let's Learn about Bees!

February 18 | Greenville Town Hall 10 am to 12 pm

There is a free beekeeping class being offered for beginner beekeepers by Honey Bee Wares, INC. This is a class that is open to the public and you do not have to be in the bee project to attend. If you are interested in beekeeping there is potential for a mentorship through the Fox Valley Beekeepers Association. You can find out more information by attending this workshop and speaking with Wayne. For questions you can contact Honey Bee Wares at 779-3019.

Rabbit & Poultry Members

All poultry & rabbit members are expected to complete an educational training each project year. YQCA training meets the requirement and will be the only option. To be eligible to sell in the auction, and to claim fair awards, poultry & rabbit members must have attended YQCA in the current project year.

Poultry Members

Youth interested in obtaining chicks from show quality flocks can do so on March 8. Jeremy Trost & Josh Koleske will be offering chicks for \$3 each to interested youth who will exhibit the birds at their county fair. Day old chicks can be picked up March 8 between 5pm and 7pm at N4191 Market Road, Shiocton. It is first come and numbers are limited. Breeds available will not be known until the pick up time.

4-H Project Resource Leaders Available

Outagamie County is fortunate to have more than 40 4-H resource leaders. If you have questions about your project or a project that you are interested in, please reach out to them. 4-H Resource Leaders are listed in the 4-H Family Handbook that was handed out at your last club meeting, or ask your club's main leader for one. If you are interested in becoming a Resource Leader or learning more about it, please contact the office at 832-5123 or email Vicki at vicki.handschke@outagamie.org

Woodworking Workshop

March 7 | 9:00 am to Noon
Pete Wachtendonk's House, W2984 Cemetery Rd., Seymour

During this workshop we will review tools, plans and types of wood and what to look for in a piece of wood. Youth will have the opportunity to make a tote box that can be entered in the Outagamie County Fair in July.

Please RSVP to Pete at 920-833-2214 or email peterhelen@centurytel.net by February 21.

Cloverbud Lesson Plans

Attention all Cloverbud Leaders and Parents of Cloverbuds there is some exciting news...Cloverbud lesson plans are now available! There are enough lesson plans for a three year rotation! You can read more about it on the state 4-H website and find the lesson plans there as well!

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/activity-plans/>



Project Updates



4H Horse and Pony Project

January 28 | Fox Valley Technical College, room E130B | 7:00 pm

Our first horse meeting will be January 28, 7:00 pm at Fox Valley Technical College, room E130B. The best way to get to this room is to enter through entrance #10 (which faces highway 41). Go to the first hallway intersection, turn right and the room should be on your left. If you reach the café, you passed the room.

During the October 2019 meeting, we had a great time with ice cream social, handing out our year end awards, and electing our new board. Check our website for information about meetings, clinics, contacts, project requirements as well as other information concerning our project. outagamiecounty4horse.com.

We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, and October 27.



Congratulations



Music Festival

Congratulations to the clubs, members, directors, and parents for making the 2019 4-H Music Festival entertaining! Everyone did great!

Best Overall Performance: Buchanan Badgers

Most Entertaining: Fast Trackers

Thank you to Donna Langner, Heather Veese, Tara Schmidt, and Robin Kettner for brainstorming and planning for this year's event.



2019 WI 4-H Fall Forum Conference

This year the WI 4-H Fall Forum Conference held in Green Lake, WI had over 400 youth, volunteers and staff participants! We took four adults and 3 youth. Everyone participated in workshops, activities, and networking with other 4-Hers around the state building leadership and communication skills. Congratulations to Emmalyn Sprangers and Lisa Sprangers who will be representing Outagamie County on the Wisconsin Leadership Council this year.

We cannot wait for 2020, save the date now...November 6-8!





Youth spotlight



My name is Bryce Barker and I am an active member of the Wide Awake Forward 4-H and the President of the Youth Leaders 4-H Club. I want to share a special memory that comes to me when I think of 4-H. A few years ago, I wasn't that involved and didn't really know what I was doing or didn't care much about 4-H as much I could have. I got involved in the Youth Leaders and then got pushed to serve at a fundraiser where we sold "Cheesecake on a stick." I didn't know anybody, but decided to participate actively in the fundraiser, otherwise it was gonna be a long 3 or 4 hours. I started calling out our items and saying "hi" to anybody who passed my way.

Our adult mentors were off to the side encouraging us to get out and be courageous, even though it was awkward. I mean really awkward, but I continued to announce and advertise our items in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Near the end of the shift, Rose Rynish, one of the adult mentors of Youth Leaders, started to talk to me more and we got to know each other a little. That was a big mistake, just kidding! I guess she liked my personality because after that then I got suckered, after a lot of encouragement by Rose, into joining the sculpture committee. Even though I didn't realize at the time, this was just the push I needed to see the 4-H program for what it really was. From that one activity, I made many new friends and reached out to participate in many new committees, and officer positions and just got fully involved. Getting involved was one of the best things I could have done because of the friends I met, lessons I've learned, and the memories I've made.

If you are interested in joining the Youth Leaders Association, you can contact Bryce at outagamie4hyouthleaders@gmail.com or Rose at prynishfam@gmail.com for more information. Don't be afraid to grab a friend who is not in 4-H and bring them along!

Helping the Homeless Project

ATTENTION all Outagamie County 4-H Clubs:

The Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders will once again be asking for your help in donating various items for the homeless that take refuge in the two shelters in Appleton. We will be keeping the trend of last year, so the bags will be filled in February 2020. We will be doing it as a Valentine surprise to help spread the love.

We thank you for your help in the past, and please consider helping again! The Warming Shelter and Pillars were VERY thankful for our donation to them. One of the Youth Leaders goals this year is to have participation from at least 75% of Outagamie 4-H clubs. Each year we are so close in achieving this goal. Can you please consider this as one of your club's community service activities for this year?

You may sign-up for an item or monetary donations. Your donation can then be delivered or sent to Lisa Lemke, Mentor of the Youth Leaders, 2824 N Rankin St, Appleton 54911 or bring to the January 27 Leaders meeting.

If there are any questions please contact any of the Youth Leader Officers or Mentors.

We are asking all donations to be in by January 30. Can you help us to reach our goal?

You may sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4daaae2da1f94-2017>

Thanks!

The 2019-2020 Youth Leader Officers & Mentors



Volunteer Leaders



Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall Meetings

The 2020 4-H Town Hall Meeting dates have been set. The dates are: January 16th, April 14th, July 14th, and October 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

As we get closer to the dates we will send out the agenda and the information to join the meeting by computer or phone. Connection information and dates are also posted on the website:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wisconsin-4-h-town-halls/>. The recording from the October 29 meeting is also posted here.

Annual Leader Training

Each year, 4-H clubs and groups in Wisconsin are required to send at least one person to the Annual Leader Training - this does not need to be the main leader. This year, Volunteer in Preparation training will be the annual leader training that is offered. Clubs must send at least one veteran volunteer to a VIP session. This information has been recently updated with the transition to UW-Madison. If your club is still in need of attending VIP training for the Annual Leaders Training credit, please contact Vicki at 832-5123.

Club Leader Quarterly

What: A conversation and professional development opportunity for Club Leaders

Why: To gain further knowledge of your leadership style, learn how to effectively lead youth, gather ideas to bring back to your club members, and form new supportive relationships. This is a professional development opportunity for you as a volunteer and it is expected that you or another leader from your club attend three of the four meetings that will be offered this year. Snacks will be provided.

When: February 25 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Extension Office 3365 W. Brewster St., Appleton, WI 54914

Questions or suggestions of topics can be directed to Alicia at alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu or by call 832-5127.

Chaperones Needed

We are currently looking for adults to chaperone camp this summer at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Camp is July 7-11. The cost is free to you. Applications can be found on our website:

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/summercamp/>





Thank You Corner



Thank you so much for participating in our sixth annual Meat Processing Workshop! This year we learned about and processed bacon.

The flavor voting results from our workshop are as follows:

- 1st: Apple/Cranberry
- 2nd: BBQ
- 3rd: Pineapple
- 4th: Regular
- 5th: Orange/Marmalade.

We are always looking for suggestions, please start to think about a product choice for the workshop next year and email me your suggestions. Brats was one suggestion..., summer sausage was another...

Also, please send me any comments you may have regarding improving the event. Your likes, dislikes, etc. Any topic you would be most interested in learning? Let me know...Thanks!

And a big THANK YOU to Phil for educating the youth on the processing steps of various meat products! Your continued support of the livestock youth project and 4-H is very much appreciated! Thanks again, Phil!

And to all who participated, I hope you will keep this event in mind for next fall!

Sarah Grotjan
Dairy/Livestock Educator
sarah.grotjan@wisc.edu



4-H History

The date was March 19, 2014. This was a fun filled day in 4-H history. More than 800 4-H members participated in this event.

Can you identify at least 5 people in this picture? What were we doing in Madison?

Bring your answers to the January 27 Leaders meeting to be entered in a drawing for a gas card.

If you want to share news clippings, stories or pictures of Outagamie County 4-H events, please email them to Sheila Vander Zanden dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com or mail them, 5011 W. Edgewood Dr. Grand Chute, WI 54913

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Mary Hoefler at maryhoefer@att.net.





Educational Travel Experiences



Information and applications for the following Educational Travel Opportunities are available on our website: outagamie.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/travel/. If you have any questions contact Alicia Schroeder-Haag at 832-5127 or alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu

Applications Due February 1

Explore Wisconsin

WHERE: Wisconsin (destination chosen by youth)

WHEN: 2 days/1 night in summer

Delegates plan and design what happens on this travel experience. The possibilities are endless. The only limitations are the duration of two days and location within Wisconsin. The rest is up to you!

Qualifications: Be in 6th-7th grade at time of application; maximum age 15.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

WHERE: UW-Madison

WHEN: June 22-25

At this pre-college program, participants take part in educational seminars, assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

Qualifications: Be in 7th-10th grade at time of selection.

National 4-H Congress

WHERE: Atlanta, Georgia

WHEN: 5 days in November

Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and community service while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country.

Qualifications: Applicants must be a current 4-H member from the application deadline through travel dates, be in 10th-12th grade at time of selection, and be a maximum age of 18 as of January 1.

Key Award

Recognizes 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

Qualifications: Must be 14 as of January 1. Must have completed 3 years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership project.

Adult Chaperones Needed

Adult leaders are needed to chaperone the Explore Wisconsin Trip. Applications are available on the 4-H website and by contacting the office. Due by **February 1**.



Bits & Pieces



“Join 4-H” Signs

Thank you to those that proudly displayed our “Join 4-H” sign again this year! The winners of the contest were: Pat VanDenHeuvel, Kim Dirkes and Patty Lorenz.

4-H Promotion

Thank you to all those who helped promote 4-H at the Fox Valley Tough Challenge at Highland Elementary school last October. Special thank you to the Koleske family for helping the committee brave the weather to promote 4-H. Also, thank you to Buchanan Badgers 4-H club for promoting during 4-H National 4-H week. Having members show their animals is always a great treat.

The Outreach Committee is looking for non-4-H related events that we could attend to promote 4-H. Please contact a committee member, found in the Family Handbook. Promotional totes are filled with 4-H goodies and are just waiting for you to use them!



Action Center Stage

Hey! It's never too early to think about performing or presenting on the Action Center Stage at the Outagamie County Fair! Just talk to an Outreach committee member and be the first to book your time and date. Also, think about entering the Pie Contest!! Yummy rewards available!!



Kids Market

Downtown Appleton Indoor Farmers Market takes place inside the City Center Plaza and is inviting youth to showcase their talents and abilities at a few of their markets. The next market will be January 18th. If you are interested please contact Meghan Warner at 954-9112. In the future this may be a space for us to promote 4-H.

CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship

Applications Due no later than March 1

The CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Committee will award Scholarships up to \$3000.00 per year, more if funding is available, to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing either a Bachelor's, Associate, or another certified accredited program.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a current Outagamie County 4-H Member in good standing, having participated at least on the club and county levels.
2. Applicant must be a current 4-H member in their last year of high school or their first year of post-secondary schooling.
3. Applicant must have been a member for a minimum of 4 years with an accredited 4-H program and must be a current member of an Outagamie County 4-H Club.
4. Must have minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Must send either by email, US postal service, (must arrive by due date) or drop off at the UW-Madison Extension office, a completed application form and necessary documents and letters, all together by 4:0p.m. March 1.

Application and guidelines will be posted on the website, www.outagamie.uwex.edu/4h/scholarship/ with more details by mid-January.

Note: This is the only paper copy of the newsletter everyone will receive. Please fill out the form below and return to the Extension office to continue receiving paper copies.



Yes, I would like a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to me!

Name _____ Club _____

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Return to the Extension Outagamie County Office, Attn: Vicki, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914 or email to vicki.handschke@outagamie.org OR call our office 832-5123.



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