



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

# 4-H Connections Newsletter

November/December 2021



## Educator's Corner

Hello 4-H Families!!!

There is so much phenomenal stuff packed into the pages of this newsletter! I am so excited to see all the great things we have to offer here in the O.C. Please make sure you take the time to read everything. Keep an eye on our website <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/>, Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Outagamie4H>, and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/outagamiecounty4h/> pages for more updates and exciting information. I hope to see you out there at one or two of these great events we have coming up and I hope you bring a friend to "explore new opportunities."

### The Wisconsin 4-H Movement- Exploring New Opportunities

In your club or community there are many different opportunities for you to explore new opportunities! When you explore new opportunities, you open the door to new experiences, projects, and places. Here are some ideas to encourage you to exploring new opportunities and live out The Wisconsin 4-H Movement:

- Serve as an officer in your club, county or state
- Participate in educational travel experiences
- Attend 4-H camp or other county-level experiences
- Explore future career opportunities
- Discover a new 4-H project

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#### NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

**Monday, November 29** | Center Town Hall & Zoom | 7:00 pm

**Agenda Items:** Hand out 4-H Family Handbook

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# Calendar



## November

- 2 VIP Training | Extension Outagamie County | 6- 8 pm | Registration required
- 9 4-H Executive Leaders Board Meeting
- 12 Foods Educational Meeting Registration DUE**
- 15 4-H ENROLLMENT DUE - <https://wi.4honline.com>**
- 15 Wisconsin 4-H International Programs Applications DUE**
- 16 Family Learning Day Proposals DUE**
- 21 Foods Educational Meeting | 1:30-4:30 pm | Registration required
- 25-26 Extension Office CLOSED
- 29 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm
- 30 Annual Leader Training | Virtual

## December

- 1 Cash your fair checks before today
- 1 Newsletter Submissions DUE for Jan./Feb.**
- 24, 27 Extension Office CLOSED
- 31 Summer Camp Youth and Adult Staff Applications DUE**
- 31 Extension Office Closed

## January

- TBD Art Camp Registration Opens
- 3 Extension Office CLOSED
- 31 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm
- 31 Annual Leader Training | Virtual

## February

- TBD Art Camp Registration Due**
- 1 Applications for Educational Travel Experiences DUE**
- 1 Newsletter Submissions DUE for March/April**
- 4 Registration for Drama Festival DUE**
- 5 East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp | TBD
- 12 Quilting Workshop
- 19 Family Learning Day | Fox Valley Technical College
- 26 Quilting Workshop

# Enrollment

***The 2021-2022 Outagamie County Project Enrollment guides were distributed to the 4-H Club main leaders in August. Inside you will find available projects, enrollment deadlines and instructions. You can also find it online:***

**<https://bit.ly/4-HEnrollmentGuide>**

## **County Enrollment Fees**

\$5.00 per member/Cloverbud  
Due to main leader by December 31

## **Returning Member Enrollment**

September 7- November 15

## **New Member Enrollment**

November 15  
Enrollment is open all year

New enrollment is accepted at any time during the year; however, to provide a complete list of membership to volunteers and leaders, we are asking that new enrollment be completed by November 15.

Once enrollment is submitted online, a project cannot be added or changed after March 15.

## **What are you interested in?**

Do you have an area of expertise or strong interest that you enjoy and would like to share with others? For example, you like to do little woodworking projects, bake and decorate cakes, enjoy the outdoors, or tinker with robotics in your spare time. Volunteering in 4-H gives you an excellent opportunity to share what you know and are passionate about with youth. Outagamie County 4-H is always accepting new volunteers in all capacities. Volunteers make 4-H possible.

Volunteers will work with staff to extend the resources of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension by delivering educational programs. No previous 4-H Youth Development experience is necessary to share your time and talents as a volunteer. The most important qualification is a desire to work with young people, helping them gain life skills and provide positive experiences.

ALL adult volunteers 18 and older are required to complete the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection program, which includes:

- a background check for arrest and conviction records
- participation in the Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP)
- annually signing the UW-Madison Volunteer Behavior Expectations
- completing the Mandated Reporter Training
- Additional training may be required for overnight chaperone roles

NEW 4-H Volunteer Leaders will be sent a letter with instructions for completion of the orientation program.

---Watch the newsletters or call the office for upcoming training dates---

## **Available Volunteer Positions**

There are many different volunteer positions in 4-H. For position descriptions, visit <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/volunteertoday/>



# Upcoming Events



## Statewide Educational Programs Update for 2022

As we look forward to fall and winter, we'd like to share some educational program plans and updates. Considerations included: staff vacancies, changing COVID situation, and overall program priorities. Visit the state website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/> for up-to-date information.

### 4-H Arts

State Art Teams (Arts and Drama) –Applications for the Drama Company and Art Team will be available mid-October through 4-H Online. Think about young leaders you work with who may be interested in furthering their leadership and artistic skills as members of our State Teams.

**State Arts Camp and ArtBEAT!** – Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer a State Arts Camp in October. With the COVID Restrictions at Upham Woods at the end of the summer and our current state staff situation, the timeline for training counselors and planning for camp made it prohibitive for 2021.

### Youth Conference (Tentative 2022)

For the past several years, there has been a lot of discussion around WI 4-H & Youth Conference. A team of staff members, youth leaders and volunteers will develop new goals for an educational experience built around youth sparks and connected to Post-Secondary Pathways.

We are hopeful that in 2022 we will be able to offer a youth conference back on the UW-Madison Campus with a renewed focus and direction.

### National 4-H Congress (In-Person November 2021)

We are excited youth leaders will travel to Atlanta, GA in November. We will learn from this in-person overnight experience as we plan for 2022.

### National 4-H Conference (Spring 2022)

National 4-H Conference will happen in the spring of 2022. Applications for National 4-H Conference will be available soon through 4-H Online, with selection in early 2022. Youth in grades 10-12 can apply.

We believe ALL of these educational programs are valuable and make a difference in the lives of the participants and the WI 4-H Program. Unfortunately, our current situation does not allow us to offer some of them in 2022. As new state staff are hired, programs will be re-evaluated based on program direction, priorities, and staff capacity.

Many young people were selected to represent Wisconsin 4-H during COVID. We want to honor commitments and we need to be sensitive to specific program goals and objectives. As programs are planned, we will be clear with age and participation plans.

### American Spirit (Tentative 2022)

The American Spirit experience is an educational experience largely planned and facilitated by a group of volunteers and staff. State staff will be meeting with the American Spirit Planning Committee to review options.

### Space Camp (Not Offered in 2022)

WI 4-H will not be offering Space Camp in 2022. We evaluated the educational impacts on many levels, and although the program meets a variety of youth development needs and engages middle school youth in meaningful and powerful ways, we are looking at how and if it fits with our overall STEM programming goals and objectives.

### Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) (In Person Summer 2022)

National 4-H Council plans to hold a Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in Washington DC next summer. Wisconsin tentatively plans to travel with delegations during (June 4-12, 2022) and (July 2-10, 2022). Registration for CWF should open in November for eligible youth. Check the CWF website details.

### WI State Fair Youth Expo Exhibits

There have been many questions about the process for nominating and selecting exhibits for WI State Fair. Youth Expo is run by the WI State Fair. We understand participating in the Youth Expo has provided recognition and acknowledgement of outstanding 4-H project work statewide.

If you are interested in being part of a team of youth leaders, adult volunteers and staff to meet with WI State Fair Staff e-mail Amber Rehberg at [amber.rehberg@wisc.edu](mailto:amber.rehberg@wisc.edu).



# Upcoming Events



## Annual Leader Training

November 30 | Virtual

January 31 | Virtual

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. Please start planning and preparing for who will represent your club. Watch your email for more information.

## 2022 4-H Music and Talent Festival

Tentatively scheduled for April 9 | Freedom High School

The Music Committee recently met and discussed the festival and history of the event. It was decided, in order to expand the event and regain interest, that we would offer a Music and Talent Festival. We are encouraging 4-H clubs, small groups, duets, trios, and any other 4-H members with talents to share to participate. Examples of entries could include but are not limited to: music, dance, vocal, speeches, juggling, etc. Entries will be reviewed by the committee to ensure a 4-H family friendly event.

Interested in participating? Watch the Jan./Feb. Newsletter for more information on registration. Main leaders will receive an email invitation and instructions for participation. Registrations will be due March 15.

## Area 10 Presents: Arts Camp

March 11-13, Wisconsin Lions Camp- Rosholt, WI



Attention youth in grades 7-12! Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca, and Winnebago Counties (Area 10) are collaborating to bring you a weekend of discovery in the arts. Our Arts Camp Committee comprised of youth and educators is excitedly planning a fun filled and education based camp opportunity for you! Please mark your calendars and watch your email (and all of our social media outlets) for more details! We hope you will be able to join us!



## Save the Date!

### 2022 4-H Summer Camp!!!!

Cloverbud Day Camp, June 14

Adventure Day Camp, June 16

Base Camp July 6-10

Outpost Camp July 6-10

Outagamie and Calumet (Cal-Agamie) Counties 4-H Summer Camp is scheduled on the calendar for Wednesday, July 6 through Sunday, July 10 for both Base Camp (for youth in grades 3-6) and Outpost Camp (grades 7-8). We are currently working to confirm a location for this year. Day camps will again be offered for members in the Cloverbud project on June 14 and youth in grades 3-8 on June 16 at Camp Forest located in Forest Junction. Camper registration for all camp experiences will be available in March. Applications for our youth counselors and adult staff will be due December 31. Check our website for more information about camp.  
<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp-2/>

## 2022 Summer Camp Staff Applications

We are looking for camp Youth Staff (15-19 years old by June 1), Junior Counselors (14 years old by June 1) and Adult Volunteers (age 19 & older) to assist at summer camp. Examples of adult positions needed are: Outpost Leader, First Aid Coordinator, Dining Hall Supervisor (see application for more information). Camp staff is required to attend training (dates and locations found in the application packet on the website).

Youth and Adult Staff Applications are due December 31. Applications and job descriptions are available on the website in paper or online form.

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp-2/>

This is an excellent leadership opportunity for both youth and adults to work together! Apply today, you won't wanna miss it!



# Upcoming Events



The Planning Committee of the  
**4-H Family Learning Day**  
invites you to be a session presenter  
**Saturday, February 19, 2022**  
**8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

## Examples of Workshops:

- Community Service Project
- How to prepare for a demonstration
- How to lead group games and build teamwork
- Informational seminar on trips and out-of-county opportunities
- Camp preview
- Hands-on experience making an item or identifying tools

## 2022 4-H Family Learning Day Workshop Proposals Due November 16

Saturday, February 19 | FVTC

4-H Family Learning Day is an opportunity for youth, volunteers, and parents to learn a new skill and explore 4-H opportunities.

Examples of workshop topics are fly fishing, robotics, basketry, photography and so much more. Workshops can be presented in a way where it's a make-n-take, or a how-to, or bringing in a speaker on the topic and can be presented by individuals or teams of youth and/or adults. Length of workshops can be one to two hours.

Please help make this day a success by sharing your time, talent, and knowledge with others.

Don't want to teach a full workshop? Have a poster or display to share? Request a booth in our "4-H Showcase" area. Participants will get a chance to view displays and learn from you and your display without going to a class. If you have questions please contact Alicia at 832-5127 or [alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu](mailto:alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu). Please sign up to be a presenter by following this link <https://bit.ly/FLDPresenter2022>.

All submissions will be reviewed by the planning committee and presenters will be notified in December if their workshop has been accepted.





# Project Updates



## 4-H Dog Project

All new and previous members: Winnegamie Dog Club has invited the dog project members to use the facility for training in the winter months. Our first session will be Sunday, November 7, 3:00 p.m. Second session is December 12, 3:00 p.m. Please bring a current copy of the vaccination record with your dog. Throughout the winter we will have the opportunity to work on obedience, showmanship, rally, scent work and some agility. More information will follow in the next newsletter. Some of these classes will count toward the project requirements. Any questions, call Mary Jo Plamann at 920-757-5465.

## Clothing/Quilting Members – Save the Date

Plans are set for a 2-day quilting workshop on Saturday, February 12 & 26 at the Center Town Hall from 9 am – 12 noon. Members will make a Disappearing Nine Patch Quilt. The clothing committee will provide the supplies and the quilts will be donated after the county fair. If members want to purchase their supplies and keep the quilt that will be an option. Watch the January 4-H newsletter and emails for registration details.

## See What's Cooking!

Holiday Candy

Stirring up Divinity, rolling peanut butter balls and more.

Date: Sunday, November 21

Time: 1:30-4:30 pm

Place: 5011 W. Edgewood Dr., Grand Chute, WI 54913

Host: Sheila Vander Zanden, 4-H Food & Nutrition Resource Leader

Cost: \$5 per person, payable to 4-H Leaders Association. Nonrefundable if you are unable to attend and did not notify the office by November 15.

Registration Due: November 12

Why: To learn how to make some easy and some more difficult holiday treats.

Purpose: To teach the tradition of edible art, candy making. Through this hands-on project, each member will be able to take home some candy and make up a box to give someone special during the holiday season.

What do you have to do to attend: This event will be limited to the first 10 Foods members who fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and pay in advance by NOVEMBER 12. Follow the instructions on the form at the end of this newsletter.

Please wear your hair pulled back and wear a hat, scarf or hairnet. Although aprons will be provided, please wear clean clothes that it would be ok if some ingredients got on them.

Those members unable to attend but still want to learn this art will be placed on a wait list for a second session to be determined if needed. No payment due if placed on the wait list.

Please note that chocolate, peanut butter and various nuts WILL be used during this project meeting. This will NOT be a safe environment for members with allergies to these and other food products.

Those able to attend will have a sweet time!!



# Project Updates



## Cloverbuds

New this year! The Cloverbud Committee is challenging all Cloverbuds to experience what 4-H has to offer. Between now and the 2022 County Fair, complete the tasks on the Cloverbud Bingo Card below. Prizes will be awarded for standard Bingo (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal lines) and blackout.

We'll be communicating reminders and information to submit as we move through the 4-H year! Watch for other Cloverbud opportunities via email and newsletter!

## Outagamie County 4-H Cloverbud Bingo

do or create a dance routine	Choose an animal and find out what it eats	Pick your own project or repeat one	Learn the 4-H pledge	Teach someone something you can do in a "how-to" video or in person
Make a paper airplane	Tell your Club leader something you learned in 4-H	make a card for a relative or friend	Teach an animal a trick (or read about how to)	Discover how your favorite food is made (farm to spoon)
make a tie pillow or blanket	Learn to set the table before a meal	plan a meal for your family and help make it	Ask an older member about one of their projects	take a picture or tell a story using photos
Make a bird feeder (milk container, wood, etc.)	Act out or read along your favorite book	On a walk, try to find different fallen leaves and match them to their tree	take care of a house plant or grow an herb	Make a holiday themed decoration
Learn to tie 2-3 different knots	Create a drawing or a painting	build a model (k-nex, Lego, scale, etc.)	Take a hike at a nature preserve and look for different birds, bugs, animals, and plants	pencil drawing of a farm animal

[myfreebingocards.com](http://myfreebingocards.com)





# Youth Leaders



## 4-H Youth Leader News

ATTENTION all 7th graders and older!!!!  
Mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings!



Monday, November 22 at 6 pm – Center Town Hall  
“Clover Chef Cook Off” - bring an entrée, dessert, or appetizer. More information to come!!

Monday, January 24  
Watch your email for more information or check out our Facebook page – Outagamie County Youth Leaders!!

## CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship

Applications due before March 1

CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Committee will award scholarships to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing a Bachelor's, Associate, or another accredited program. More information will become available online in Mid-January. Remember to read through the information and instruction carefully to complete the application.



# Volunteer Leaders



## Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers who would be available to help with occasional outreach programs around the county. Main responsibilities include, manning a booth and engaging in conversation with the attendees and answering any questions about 4-H and our county 4-H programming. We would like to develop a list of members, leaders and parents who we could ask to help us at some of our event opportunities.

If you could spare some time to help out occasionally, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee or email [Maryhoefer@att.net](mailto:Maryhoefer@att.net) or Sheila Vander Zanden [dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com](mailto:dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com).



# Congratulations



## Dog Project Winners from County and State Dog Show

### County

Calen Plamann and Odie- Grand Champion Showmanship  
Keira Leitermann and Tina- Reserve Champion Showmanship  
Norah Boehm and Abel- Grand Champion Obedience  
Kaylee Lietzau and Dasher- Reserve Champion Obedience

### State

Keira Leitermann and Tina- First in Novice Obedience on leash  
Ninth in showmanship  
Second in Novice Rally  
Keira Leitermann and Zoey- Fourth in Obedience off leash  
Second in Intermediate Rally





# Congratulations



## 2021 WI 4-H Hall of Fame Announced



Congratulations to our very own Sheila VanderZanden! The work that Sheila has done for the Outagamie County 4-H program has been outstanding and we are happy to see her efforts be recognized! Thank you Sheila for all that you put into the program. We are grateful to have you!

An induction ceremony for the 2021 and 2020 laureates is planned for spring 2022. A chat with several 2021 laureates is planned for November 6 as part of Fall Forum.

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development is excited to announce the 2021 Hall of Fame Laureates. Read how these twelve volunteers, supporters, and staff impacted Wisconsin

**4-H** <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hhof/honorees/>

### 2021 Hall of Fame Laureates

Lois Anderson, Barron County 4-H Volunteer and Pioneer  
Barbara Barker, Retired Waushara County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Carl and Shirley Daniels, Kenosha County 4-H Volunteers, In Memoriam of Shirley Daniels

Orabelle Fisher, Manitowoc County 4-H Pioneer, In Memoriam

Brian and Kathy Holten, Barron County 4-H Volunteers; Barron County Extension 4-H Secretary, In Memoriam of Kathy Holten

Helen O'Brien, UW Extension Drama Specialist – Pioneer, In Memoriam

Nadine Pfotenhauer, Dane County 4-H Volunteer

Robert and Mari Schmidt, Ozaukee County 4-H Volunteers

**Sheila VanderZanden, Outagamie County 4-H Volunteer**

Read about Sheila's work with 4-H

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hhof/vanderzanden-sheila/>

## Youth Dairy Leaders Honored With James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award



Fourteen Wisconsin dairy youth received James W. Crowley State 4-H Dairy Leadership Awards at the 2021 Wisconsin Junior State Fair. These youth were rewarded for their outstanding dairy project work and leadership ability. Each award winner will receive a plaque provided by the James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund.

This award program is in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist at UW-Madison and a strong supporter of dairy youth project work. 2021 winners (pictured L to R): Emma Vos of Maribel, **Gracie Ziegler of Appleton**, Clarissa Ulness of Valders, Justyne Frisley of Prairie Farm, Erin Torgerson of Viroqua, Jenna Gries of Manitowoc, **Emily Stumpf of Appleton**, Lora Korth of New London, Paige Sweatt of Dane, Courtney Glenna of Amery, Haley Beukema of New Richmond, Katherine Elwood of Amery

## Pop Tab Challenge

Eleven 4-H clubs weighed in pop tabs at the challenge on October 7 with 340 lbs being collected. Thank you to all participating 4-H clubs in helping the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to Goldin Iron & Metal Recycling for matching our funds to raise \$353.60 that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to Phil Hietpas for organizing & hauling them.

Start saving your tabs for next year!

### Results

Club	Pounds
B-Square	133.5
Crystal Star	78
Fast Trackers	26.5
Buchanan Badgers	14
Fairview	14
Shooting Stars	14
Wide Awake Forward	14
Bent Arrow	13.5
On The Go	10
Country Slickers	6
Valley Eagles	3



# Congratulations



## Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

This year we had 14 of 18 clubs participate in either the pumpkin or sunflower contest. The contest is sponsored by Corey Ertl – CropSource LLC and the 4-H Leaders Association. We appreciate their financial support of this special youth activity. Thank you to Julie Marcks for chairing this activity. A special thanks to Corey Ertl for providing the scale. Thank you all for your time!

### Pumpkin Winners

Placing	Weight
1st	115 Isaac Romberg, Buchanan Badgers
2nd	107 Madison Romberg, Buchanan Badgers
3rd	101 Jake Stille, Bent Arrow
4th	98 Rebekah Stille, Bent Arrow
5th	95 Luke Stille, Bent Arrow
6th	93 Joselyn Novitski, Bent Arrow
7th	90 Brooklyn Danke, B-Square
8th	89 Jada Novitski, Bent Arrow
9th	88 Kaitlyn Scherg, Buchanan Badgers
10th (tie)	84 Austin Wisniewski, Wolf River Beavers
10th (tie)	84 Mike Stille, Bent Arrow
10th (tie)	84 Bridget Danke, B-Square

### Sunflower Winners

Placing	Inches
1st	23 Jared Peters, North Star
2nd (tie)	20.75 Alexis Blaser, North Star
2nd (tie)	20.75 Bridget Danke, B-Square
3rd	20.25 Brooklyn Danke, B-Square
4th	20 Aidan Peters, North Star
5th (tie)	19.5 Jacob Stille, Bent Arrow
5th (tie)	19.5 Ava Peters, North Star
6th (tie)	19 Hunter Froehlich, North Star
6th (tie)	19 Mike Stille, Bent Arrow
7th (tie)	18.75 Luke Stille, Bent Arrow
7th (tie)	18.75 Tucker McGlone, Fast Trackers



## Bits & Pieces



### 4-H Emblem Use

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



They 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 permitted to use the emblem.

If you have a question about how you are using the emblem contact the Extension Office. You can also download the 4-H brand guidelines under 4-H Professionals at [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org).

### Reminder Club Secretaries & Reporters

4-H secretaries and reporters need to email or mail a copy of the minutes/news from your club meeting to the Extension Office. You can submit your reports through the following methods.

- Email: [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org)
- Mail: Extension Outagamie County Attn: Vicki Handschke, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54914
- GoogleDocs: Share with [vicki.handschke@wisc.edu](mailto:vicki.handschke@wisc.edu)

Information that needs to be included in the minutes is listed in the secretaries' book. Information needs to be sent within 30 days of your club meeting or event date. Please send a notice if your meeting was cancelled also.



# Thank You Corner



## Club and Group Charters

Thank you to everyone who worked on your charter applications for the 2021-2022 4-H year! I appreciate everyone's prompt and timely submissions. There is still some work that needs to be done on my side with getting them prepped for the state and a couple clubs and groups that have a few things outstanding, but without your heavy lifting we would not be this far.

Thanks again for all your work!-Alicia

## Club Officer Training

The Outagamie County 4-H Officer Training was held on September 23. Thank you to all of the members who were able to attend. Thirteen of our eighteen clubs were represented! The evening began with a welcome and right to business about their handbooks and a presentation on how to use Bob's Rules to run a meeting.

Thank you to Pamela Knaack, Tammy Stille, Rose Rynish, Eric Hopfensperger, Becky Zoglman, MaryBeth Wohlrabe, and Outagamie County Sheriff for hosting a breakout session to talk specifically about the new officers elected positions. The group came together again to form a Super 4-H Club. One spokesperson from each group became an officer of the super club. Together they conducted a meeting including a fun recreational game.

This fun filled evening of learning hosted a great opportunity for members to socialize outside of their 4-H club and learn about the responsibilities they have in their position to take back to their club. Club leaders, please remember to encourage your officers to attend events such as these. They are designed to promote leadership and creativity all through a friendly and fun atmosphere. The Outagamie County Super Club voted to meet again later this year so watch the newsletter for more information.



## Fall Potting Workshop

Thank you Wolfrath's landscaping for hosting and supporting a fall potting workshop county wide event.



## 4-H Signs

The Outreach committee wishes to thank all families and businesses who proudly displayed a "Join 4-H" sign. Reminder: Those families who planned to participate in the drawing for a prize, **MUST** have sent an email to [dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com](mailto:dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com) with the address AND attend the November 29 Leaders association meeting to be eligible. Thank you again to all who displayed the signs...4-H Pride!

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank all those who helped promote 4-H. This year it is very important that we get the word out to those who are not familiar with 4-H and to those who have fallen away from 4-H and might just need a gentle reminder to re-enroll.

Thank YOU!!!

## Outagamie County 4-H Youth Endowment

There has been a donation In Memory of Lorraine Handschke from DJ and Sheila VanderZanden.

Thank you very much.

Would you like to support the Outagamie County 4-H program? Donations can be made to support the future of Outagamie 4-H through the Endowment Fund (contact Vicki at [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org) for more details). And...NEW this year...donations can be made to support our year to year programming check out this webpage for more details

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4h/sponsorship/>





# Thank You Corner



## Thank You for Helping the Homeless

The Youth Leaders would like to thank the following for donating to our annual Homeless Shelter community service project.

Charlene Gonnering family, Lara Plamann Memorial Fund, Beth Casper family, B-Square, Bent Arrow, Country Slickers, Fairview, Fast Trackers, On The Go, Smile Awhile, Valley Eagles, Wide Awake Forward, Wolf River Beavers, Outagamie County Youth Leaders, and a grant from the Leaders Association. **All together we donated \$2145.**

With Covid this year, Pillars (the Appleton area Homeless shelters), indicated that cash would be the best way to give instead of us purchasing items.

Please note that the Youth Leaders Association will be continuing this service project in 2022 as well. Look for information in the Jan/Feb Newsletter. Can we count on your club this year? Our goal is to have 100% of Outagamie 4-H clubs participating to make this a total combined effort of Outagamie 4-H. We welcome any amount that is given.

We received the following THANK YOU from Pillars:

*Dear Friends,  
What an amazing gift! Thank you so much for this very generous donation. The impact of this gift will be great. It will help support over 100 people who stay at our shelters every night because they don't have a place to call home.*

*To be honest, this donation makes me even happier because it's an example of the tremendous impact that young people can have and how they can really change the lives of people in need. Thanks for being a great example of what can be done and how we should all be taking care of each other.*

*Thank You!!!  
Joe Mauthe*

## Festival Foods Pumpkin Blowout Event

Thank you to all of you that helped promote 4-H on September 25 at the Northland Festival Foods. We had a lot of contact with the general public and got to share with them a little about 4-H. Thank you to the following families and individuals that brought animals, handed out stickers and brochures, helped with set up and take down, held up tents, and chatted with the passers-by.

Northland Festival Foods Blowout:

Kavanaugh family and many of their animals. (4 goats, cow, pigeons, bantam chicks, bunny)

Burke, Zeke and Brad Sprangers (goat and bunny)

Schill family (dog)

Autumn Schmidt

Joplyn Brehmer

Kendra and Chloe Sprangers and family

Susan Koleske and her dog Buddy

Emma Sprangers wore the cow costume

Mary Hoefler

Phil Hietpas

Katie Rickert

Alicia Schroeder-Haag

And Thank you to Tractor Supply for the donation of the use of the gates for the animals!





# Thank You Corner



## Fox Valley Tough Kids Challenge

A big thanks to everyone listed below for helping promote 4-H at the Fox Valley Tough Kid Challenge at Highlands School in Appleton. It was a pretty nice day and we had a successful day reaching out to many families about 4-H. Over 4,000 kids were able to participate in a few craft activities and had photo opportunities with our very own Clover the Cow and Wilbur Pig mascot. If there is anyone who would like to help at events like this please contact either Sheila or Mary. We would appreciate the help.

Mary, Susan and Buddy Koleske

Stacy Marcks (wore the cow costume)

Claire Rickert (wore the cow costume)

Kari, Braeden, Preston Capaul (kids wore the cow and pig costume)

Kelly and Ella Schill

Mary Hoefler

Sheila VanderZanden

Lisa Sprangers

Katie Rickert



## Thank you to our Sponsors

Thank you!

Wolf River Community Bank celebrated their 25th anniversary in October. As part of the celebration, they donated a total of \$25,000 in amounts of \$1,000 to 25 local nonprofits and service organizations with missions supporting community aid, education, environmental preservation, and health services.

We are thankful to be one of these organizations! Thank you to Wolf River Community Bank for this amazing donation which will go toward supporting educational youth development opportunities such as camps and other county-wide activities and events.

Also thank you to Darren Van Camp at the Family Insurance Center for a donation of \$500 that was given on his behalf. This donation is a welcome gift and will be used to help support the youth in Outagamie County 4-H through educational programming opportunities.





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# Youth Spotlight

## What I Learned in 4-H

By Clarissa Sprangers, Buchanan Badgers 4-H Club Alumni

Throughout my 9 years, 4-H really taught me a lot about myself, my community, and other people. There were not a lot of projects I didn't do, just to list a few, I enrolled in beef, clothing, photography, home environment, shooting sports, small engines, and more! I have learned many things through these projects such as responsibility, respect, integrity, hard work, and dedication.

4-H inspired me to do things that I had not considered doing before. I learned about cattle and how to raise them properly. I learned new skills like painting ceramics, taking photos, and woodworking. But I also learned how to be a greater asset to my community and people that surround me. Through community service and volunteer events I grew in my respect for others and their opinions. I became more confident and took action to create some of my own events. I have more compassion for people in need and enjoyed raking leaves and participating in road side clean up, even after I graduated. It seems so simple, but many people do not think to do things like that.

I am currently studying elementary education at UW – Superior, and have dreams of opening my own school with a hobby farm. As a teacher being able to speak in front of students, peers, and parents will be an essential part of every day. 4-H has given me many opportunities to further my experiences in public speaking and public outreach. Things like speaking competitions, outreach events, being an officer in my club, giving demonstrations, and being a counselor at camp.

I believe that my goals are attainable because of all that 4-H has taught me. 4-H has really brought me out of my shell and taught me how to be my own person. I have learned both physical skills and problem solving skills. I could really talk all day about my experiences and how they have impacted my life for the better just like the 4-H motto says, "to make the best better."

Finally, 4-H has taught me that there is always room for growth and improvement so you should never stop working towards bigger and better things. Through 4-H I have learned that very little is impossible and that you never actually fail until you stop trying. I would not be the same person today without my experiences in 4-H as a youth and I hope to continue growing with 4-H as I become a volunteer as an adult.

## My 4-H Experience

By Makayla Mashlan, Fast Trackers 4-H Club graduate

Travelling worldwide as a business owner, photographer, and teacher at 20 years old wasn't something I had ever dreamed about doing when I grew up. As a first grade student, I had joined 4-H thinking I would get to do some fun arts and crafts and meet some new friends. Little did I know that I'd gain many more life skills that aren't taught in schools which would later lead me to my career in photography and business.

4-H is so much more than the cows and the crafts. I joined 4-H drama where I gained confidence in public speaking. (I even dressed up in a bunny onesie and got on stage at 18 years old) Playing 4-H basketball improved my collaboration skills. In middle school, I traveled across the state on the Explore Wisconsin trips with my new friends. Before I knew it, I was travelling the east coast with 40 strangers and even went to Washington DC for a national conference. Of course, I also got to do my arts and crafts. I did sewing, ceramics, basketry, recycling, woodworking, home environment, baking/cooking, painting, arts and crafts, and photography.

In high school, photography became my favorite project to bring to the fair every year. I had no hopes of doing it professionally until I was asked to shoot someone's wedding. They loved my 4-H work so much they thought I was qualified enough for a whole wedding. After a mentorship, dedication, and lots of hard work, the rest is history. I'm now a professional wedding and lifestyle photographer and I own a business... Makayla Mashlan Photography LLC all because first grade Makayla liked bringing pretty flower pictures to the fair. All the travelling I had done in 4-H had made me strive to travel more and expand to destination weddings. I've been to Dallas, New Orleans, and Chicago for work events and now I'm heading to Thailand where I'll be a teacher while continuing photography.

Without knowing it at the time, 4-H has shaped my future in so many more ways than one and I am forever grateful for my experience. If you're not already enrolled in 4-H, I recommend contacting your County Extension Office (832-5123) to learn more on how you can get involved in a club near you!

# Club Corner

Take a look at what our clubs are doing! Please submit your club's monthly report to Vicki at [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org) in the office and your club may be highlighted in the next newsletter!

The **Bent Arrow 4-H Club** met at Blue Print Services on October 4, 2021. Bill Pues, a Bent Arrow 4-H Club alumni, gave us a tour. He showed us a variety of things that the company prints and the printers that they use. He even printed stickers from pictures that members drew.



Our next meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2021.

The **B-Square 4-H** meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm at Greenville North Elementary school in Greenville WI. The Pledges were said immediately after the meeting was called to order. A roll call sheet was on the front table for the members to sign, if a member didn't sign in before the meeting they could do so after the meeting was adjourned.



The new members were then welcomed and people with birthdays in October were called to the front of the room. The Cloverbuds then were dismissed to go do a special craft. They made special spiders out of mini pumpkins and pipe cleaners. After the Cloverbuds were gone the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were read. The members were reminded that the pumpkin and sunflower county competition is on October 7.

Any project leaders were asked if they wanted to speak about their project. Carla talked about what the Veterinary Science, Dairy, and Cat projects were about. MaryJo informed the club what the Dog project was about, including starting classes in November instead of waiting until spring. Gail talked about the Horse project and the many different ways that you can get involved with it. Bridget informed the club about what the Babysitting project is. Fright Night was brought up reminding people to sign up. Mrs. Leitemann mentioned that any donations for pumpkin decorating at Fright Night are welcome. Members were reminded that club and county dues were due that night.

People were informed that National 4-H week is October 4-8, 2021. Members were reminded to sign up for committees, demonstrations, and activities. The club was told to make sure that they picked up their trash and to make sure that their chairs were put away. The ice breaker, "Two Truths and a Lie" was introduced to the club. The leaders started the multiple meeting icebreaker by telling the club two truths and a lie about themselves, the club then had to try to guess what the lie was.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

By: Beau – B-Square, Reporter

The **Buchanan Badgers** September meeting was held on Monday, September 13 at 6:34 pm. Members with September birthdays were recognized. We had 154% volunteer at the dairy bar at the 2021 Outagamie County Fair. Families did demo projects at the meeting. Cole talked about deep sea fishing in Hawaii and being one of the few people who caught a fish. Taylor talked about her painting and how she did it. Oliva talked about how to put on catchers gear in softball. Kahlan showed some magic tricks and she talked about how she will be taking magic lessons soon. Then we played a game that Burke put together. Then we talked about new business, like how the Shell Gas Station on Newberry Lane donated \$500 to our 4-H club. As a club we decided for our summer trip to go to the state fair next year. Our next meeting will be held on October 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church downstairs in the cafeteria. Please enter on 7th Street. If you want to be a 4-H member you have until November 15 for more information please call the Outagamie County Extension office at 920-832-5123.

Payton, Reporter

# Club Corner

The **Fast Trackers 4-H Club** meeting started at 6:15 at the Ellington Community Hall on the 13th of September.

Speeches: We started off the meeting with Oliver, Mary Ellen and Edwin performing their speaking selections which they performed from the fair. Oliver read “One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish” by Dr. Suess. Then Mary Ellen read us a story called Timmy. Lastly, Edwin also read “One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue fish” by Dr. Suess.

Herdsmanship results this year at the fair:

- Swine 3rd (11th out of 14)
- Beef- 3rd (7th out of 12)
- Sheep- 1st (2nd out of 7)

Roundup float report: 1st place!

Our club had fun with a “get to know you” activity where we all went around and said our name, grade, and a fun fact about ourselves.

New Families:

- Matt and Casey: Haleigh-gr. 5K
- Joe and Mary: Jenna- gr. 4
- Kyle and Miranda: Russ-gr. 5K
- Andy and Brooke: Emily- gr. 1, Halle gr. 3.

New members of current families/returnees: Lyndsey: Auggie – gr. 4, Marti-gr.7

Visitors: Chris and Laney

We had our annual election and installation of officers. All officers were installed using the “Candy” theme. Congratulations to everyone who was elected. Our new 2021-2022 officers are as follows:

- President- Stacy
- Vice President- Anna
- Secretary- Jaiden
- Treasurer- Savana
- Reporter- Amy
- Social Media- Cianna and Karlie



Pumpkin/Sunflower Contest and “POP TAB” weigh in- Thurs. October 7 at 4:30-6:30 Center Town Hall (remember to get your pop tabs to the Koleske family before then)

Club calendar planning meeting will be held Sunday September 19 at 6:00pm at Rose’s house in which Youth Leaders and Officers should plan on attending. Our mandatory annual youth leaders planning meeting – TBD – watch your emails.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, October 4 at 6:30 pm at the Ellington Town Hall. Be sure to check your email for additional information.

Amy, Reporter

# Club Corner

**Wolf River Beavers 4-H Club** had a meeting on October 11 at the Nichols Town Hall.

At the meeting went over old business. We had officers installed: President Collin G. Vice President: Austin W. Treasurer: Autumn L. Secretary: Ava L. Reporter: Collin G. Sgt of Arms: Gabby W.

Re-enrollment is due November 15 in order to exhibit at that County Fair. New Members have till December. 31.

Cleaning of the Town of Maine Cemetery will take place before November 7. Watch for updates on Facebook.

Pumpkin decorating contest took place after the meeting and winners were Austin and Gabby and Valerie. We also did Halloween Bingo.

Anyone who would like to help the club save pop tabs that they could bring them to the town hall at the time of our club meetings or get a hold of our leader or club member.

Feel free to contact our 4-H Leaders Cindy Hofacker 920-619-1992 or Patty Lorenz 920-525-5114

Wolf River Beavers 4-H Club meets 2nd Monday of each Month at the Town of Maine, Shiocton. 6pm

Reporter, Collin



The regular meeting of the **New Horizons 4-H Club** was held at the Black Creek Community Center on October 12. Fair checks were handed out to the members. The club voted to donate money to St. Jude's Children's Hospital for the month of October.

We had a Halloween themed meeting with crafts, costumes, carved pumpkins and prizes. Fun was had by all. The next meeting will be November 9 at 7 pm at the Black Creek Community Center.

See picture of members of the New Horizons 4-H club in their costumes.



4-H report by: Mercedes



## Holiday Candy Making

Send registration with money to the Extension Office, Attn: 4-H, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914 no later than November 12. Make checks payable to 4-H Leaders Association.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency number: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in Foods Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of youth: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_





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