



# 4-H Connections Newsletter

March/April 2023

## Educator's Corner

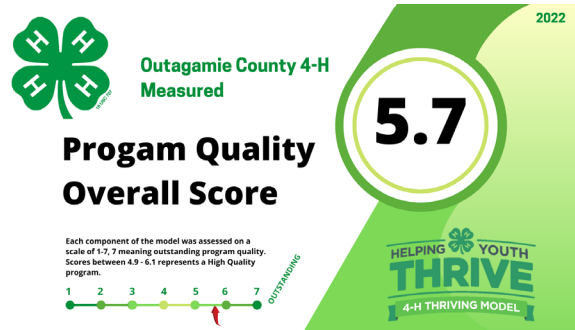
A huge thank you to all of our youth who participated in the Thriving Model Survey in Fall! We finally have all of the data back and I can't wait to share it with you all. We had a record number of youth participate this year. The more youth that participate the more accurate our results are. Overall youth ages 13 and older rated our county program as a high-quality program. We did see a minimal decline in many of the areas of the model, except for the area of sparks which showed a slight increase. This tells us that the programs we have for youth to explore areas they are most interested in are impactful.

Youth were given an opportunity to share what their favorite thing about 4-H is and one youth shared, "Getting to know other people and being a part of something that makes a difference in the world." Another shared, "I am glad 4-H encourages me to do things that I am interested in and to focus on things that I enjoy doing or learning about."

Currently, the Wisconsin 4-H Program Associate Director is working on a plan that will help us all focus our efforts on continuing to provide and implement programs that focus on helping youth thrive in the long run.

Thank you again to our youth and to our volunteers and parents who make this amazingly impactful program happen!

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### NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

April 24 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

All leader meetings are open to ALL 4-H youth and adult leaders. We encourage regular attendees to bring someone new from your club each month. This is a great way to meet others and grow as an organization!

Agenda items: Preparing for County Fair  
Snack provided by: Buchanan Badgers, Busy Bears, Crystal Star, Underlined club brings milk.



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# Calendar

## March

- 1 CPF Scholarship Application DUE | 4:00 pm**
- 2 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm
- 4 Drama Festival | Seymour High School Auditorium | 9 am- 12 pm
- 7 Meat Processing Workshop | Haens Meat Market, 600 County Rd KK, Kaukauna | 6:30 pm
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- 15 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship DUE**
- 17-19 ArtBEAT! | Upham Woods
- 19 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3 - 5 pm
- 25 Livestock Educational Meeting | Seymour Municipal Building | 8 am - 12 pm
- 27 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:30 pm
- 28 Horse Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 - 8 pm
- 30 Photography Workshop | Fox Valley Tech | 6 - 7 pm

## April

- 2 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3 - 5 pm
- 4 Summer Camp Registration Open to All
- 6 Pumpkin/Sunflower Contest Participant List Due to Extension Office from Main Leaders**
- 7 Extension Outagamie County OFFICE CLOSED
- 12 Music and Talent Festival Registrations DUE**
- 17 Camp Registration Opens to Members
- 20- 24 Space Camp | Huntsville, AL
- 23 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3 - 5 pm
- 24 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm
- 25 Horse Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 - 8 pm

## May

- 1 Camp Registration Open to Public
- 6 Music and Talent Festival | Seymour High School | 9 am

**Note: Not all dates are listed on this page! Please make sure you read the newsletter carefully so you don't miss anything!**

# Upcoming Events

## Drama Festival

Saturday, March 4 | 9 am- 12 pm Doors open at 8 am  
Seymour High School Auditorium- Admission is FREE

Please join us on Saturday to see what our amazing youth have been working on. They have been memorizing lines and perfecting their performances, it should be entertaining and enjoyable. Bring the family and sit back and relax as you enjoy each group as they perform at the 2023 Outagamie County 4-H Drama Festival!

Concessions will be provided and proceeds will go to the Wolf River Beavers 4-H Club.

## Photography

Thursday, March 30 | 6:00-7:00 pm  
Location Fox Valley Technical College (1825 N Bluemound Dr, Appleton)  
Parking Lot: West Entrance: 10 Room: E130 B

Open to all photography members, but will be most useful to those with a couple of years of experience or more.

Join in exploring the possibilities of photography in prints and beyond. We'll talk briefly about Photography's Rules of Composition, but most of the workshop will be hands-on and talking about how to prepare for an exhibition, like the county fair. We'll also explore the best printing options when sending photos to be printed and get creative when looking to share or preserve your photos instead of letting them sit in our digital folder/album, phone, or memory card.

(Optional: bring your printed photos to be reviewed by county fair judge, MaryBeth Wohlrabe.)

## Dairy Bar News!

It is that time of the year to start thinking of the Dairy Bar. We are looking for you to join the team of the Dairy Bar and be a superintendent for 2023. The hours are flexible, work is challenging but very rewarding, volunteers are amazing to work with, and lastly you will be compensated for your time; \$12.00 per hour! Please complete your application today: <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leaders-association>. All interested parties must submit their application by March 31 to the Extension office. Questions, reach out to Mary Koleske at 920-585-0555 or email [wmjschev@gmail.com](mailto:wmjschev@gmail.com).

The Dairy Bar committee is looking forward to another fantastic Outagamie County Fair and we're excited to be part of the fun!

## 2023 4-H Music and Talent Festival

May 6 | 9:00 am | Seymour High School Auditorium  
Registration Due: April 12

We are encouraging 4-H clubs, small groups, duets, trios, and individual 4-H members to participate. Examples of entries could include but are not limited to: music, dance, vocal, speeches, demonstrations, juggling, etc. Entries will be reviewed by the committee to ensure a 4-H family friendly event. Registration and more information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3YILlvo>. Start thinking about what you have to share with others!

# 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	<b>Learn the 4-H pledge</b>	Teach someone something you can do in a "how-to" video or in person
<b>Make a paper airplane</b>	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)



# Upcoming Events

## Cloverbud Challenge!

The Cloverbud Committee is challenging all Cloverbuds to experience much of what 4-H has to offer. Between now and July 1, complete the tasks on the Cloverbud Bingo Card printed on page 4.

Prizes are Dairy Bar vouchers to be used at the 2023 Outagamie County Fair! Grab a sandwich or malt for all your hard work. A \$1 prize will be awarded for a standard (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) Bingo. Win up to a \$5 prize! This will be the honor system and projects do not need to be submitted.

To redeem, email or text your bingo card to Betsy Marks at [bortzel123@hotmail.com](mailto:bortzel123@hotmail.com) or 920-420-4238 with your name, club name, and address by July 1. A reply will be sent for confirmation that it was received. Certificates will then be mailed to you at the beginning of July in time for Fair!

## Action Center Stage

It's never too early to start thinking about performing on the Action Center stage during the Outagamie County Fair. Email to request a time slot to do a demonstration, speech, drama play, musical act, project talk or anything else that would show what 4-H has to offer. At this point the Action Center Stage will be Thursday 4-6, Friday 1-5, Saturday 1-5 and Sunday 1-4. Other day and hours will be pending availability of performances.

Available times as of this newsletter: Friday, open slots, 1-3 p.m. (8 Blocks)  
Saturday, open slots, 1-2 p.m. (4 Blocks)

Each slot is a 15-minute block of time. Contact: [dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com](mailto:dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com).

## Action Center Stage For County Sponsored Trip Recipients

ALL members going on county sponsored trips are requested to do a group presentation on the Action Center Stage on Sunday afternoon. Consult your fellow members on the trip to set up a slide show and talk. Lisa Sprangers is helping coordinate these presentations and pictures; contact her with questions: [sprangerslisa@gmail.com](mailto:sprangerslisa@gmail.com)

## Save the Date! 2023 4-H Summer Camps

Tuesday, June 27: Cloverbud Day Camp (grades K-2), Camp Forest  
Thursday, June 29: Adventure Day Camp (grades 3-7), Camp Forest  
August 6-9: Summer Camp (grades 3-8), Army Lake

Outagamie and Calumet County 4-H have some awesome camp opportunities set up again this year! Cloverbud Day Camp for youth in grades K-2, and Adventure Day Camp for grades 3-7 will be held at Camp Forest in Forest Junction, again this year from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Summer camp is Sunday, August 6 through Wednesday, August 9. For youth in grades 3-6, Base Camp and grades 7-8, Outpost Camp will be held at Army Lake Camp in East Troy. Early camper registration forms for current 4-H members will be available April 17. Enrollment will open to the public May 1. For more information about camp, please visit our website under the 4-H Camp tab. <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp/>



# Project Updates

## Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H to Host Contests

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H has an upcoming forestry competition and art contest at the end of March. Please check out their website for more information on these opportunities.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/wildlife-whep-wisconsin-4-h-wisconsin-4-h-forestry/>

## Rabbit Project Learning Day

A learning day for members of the rabbit project will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Laurie and Rachel Penterman. The address for this event is 7983 Outagamie Rd., Kaukauna, WI 54130, and it will be held in the large red shed on the north side of the property. We will be going over the general care of rabbits, talk about the different rabbit breeds, discuss what to do to get your rabbits ready to show, and we'll talk about doing rabbit showmanship. You may bring a rabbit along if you want to practice showmanship with it, but it isn't required to bring one. This event is free, everyone is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Penterman at [penterman7@aol.com](mailto:penterman7@aol.com), or (920) 740-8772.

## Small Animals Fun Show & Swap

Are you wondering just how good your birds or rabbits are? Which ones should you bring to the fair? What is showmanship and how can you become the top showman? The Small Animals Fun Show & Swap on Saturday, May 13 is your chance to find out.

Fun Show registration starts at 8 am and the show begins at 9 am. Contest entry fees are \$5 per youth participant or \$10 per family, covering entries to all contests that day. Entry fees will pay for prizes and raise money for fair awards and the Small Animals project. The fun show does count as a required poultry meeting.

There's no limit to how many birds or rabbits you can enter in the fun show. If you enter the poultry show or showmanship, birds entered must be flock tested so if you weren't flock tested for the fair last year, you will need to have your birds tested in the parking lot before entry to the building. We will test each bird at a cost of \$1 each (max \$10 total), but will only test on that day birds that are being shown that day. If you have valid flock testing papers from last year, please bring them along. Rabbits do NOT need any kind of testing to show.

The Swap is back! If you have small animals that you want to buy or sell, this is the place for you! The swap runs from 7 am - 11 am, and the cost is \$5 at the gate for sellers. Buyers are free.

We will also be hosting a bag raffle and silent auction. All poultry & rabbit members are requested to bring an item to donate for the raffle. This doesn't have to cost anything! In the past, donations have included free after rebate items from Menards, baked goods, and live animals. If it is an item that would sell for a decent amount at a rummage sale and is in good (near new) condition, we'll take it. Donations are accepted at set-up on May 12 from 4-6 pm, the morning of the show between 8-8:30 or can be brought to the homes of one of the Small Animals committee members (Karen Kuhn, Sarah Spiegel, Laurie Penterman, Dan Kuhn, or Beth Casper).

Starting in 2022, all rabbit & poultry members are expected to donate their Time, Talent, or Treasure to the Small Animals project. Due to rising project expenses, all project members are required to either donate something for the Fun Show, pay \$10 cash per member towards project costs, or donate their time to help with the Fun Show or another project activity. Please contact your project leaders with any questions or to volunteer your time.



## Youth Leaders

The **next meeting** of the 4-H Youth Leaders will be held on March 27, 6:30 pm!

# Project Updates

## See What's Cooking - Pizza Party and More!!

Kelsey's Country Kitchen once again played host to our second of three Food Project meetings for 2022-2023. NOTE: Family Learning Day was the final county led Foods Project meeting.

Those members who have been able to participate in these meetings, have been able to learn about baking with yeast, making fun foods, fair entry suggestions, formal and informal table settings and have input on the new approach to the County Foods Revue at the fair.

Thank you to Kelsey Luke and all the adults who assisted.



The project members will be receiving newsletters from the Foods committee starting in April. Watch for them and all the information it will have to offer!!

Foods Project members are welcome to contact Sheila Vander Zanden, [dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com](mailto:dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com) County Foods Resource Leader with questions about their fair entries, especially if your club doesn't have a project leader.

## 2023 Foods Revue Information

The Foods Revue will again be hosted at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds on the Action Center Stage during the week of the fair, Sunday, July 23 at 1 pm. There will be a separate registration for this event this year. This event is open to ALL 4-H members!! More information will be available in the next newsletter. Cloverbuds will also have the opportunity to participate in the Foods Revue.

## Don't see your project here?

If you are looking for project resources or meetings to help you learn more about the area you are interested in, you can contact Vicki or Alicia with your questions and they will help you get connected. The Extension office has many project resources available to all leaders and youth for FREE! Before you purchase your resources from [Shop4-H.org](http://Shop4-H.org), stop by the office and ask to see our collection! Please call ahead to make sure someone can assist you.

# Thank You!

## Family Learning Day - Thank you!

This year Family Learning Day hosted 100 youth and 11 different sessions! Thank you to all of the youth leader volunteers, presenters and their assistants, our adult leaders, and our Extension Support Staff! We hope that everyone enjoyed their time and learned something new about their project and the Outagamie 4-H program! Cannot wait to see you all again next year!



# Bits and Pieces

## Pumpkin and Sunflower Contest

4-H members and cloverbuds are eligible to enter the Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest that will be held in October, but members must sign up with your club's main leader by the end of March. Main leaders must submit the number of seeds your club would like to the Extension Office by April 6. Main leaders, watch your email for more information. Seeds will be distributed at the April 24 4-H Leaders Association meeting to those clubs that pre-register.

## Community Service Grant

A grant providing additional funds for 4-H youth to implement educational and community service activities, sponsored by the 4-H Leaders Association. Any 4-H club can apply. The application is one page and can be submitted throughout the year. Information can be found under the Scholarship and Grant Opportunities tab on our website:

<https://bit.ly/4HCommService>

## Did you know...?

Did you know there are many, many **educational travel experiences** available for many ages and in many different capacities? County, State, National, and International. Short term and longer term opportunities and exchanges. ALL youth (starting in 6th grade) are eligible and financial support is available. Take a look at the website <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu>, click on the 4-H Youth tab or contact the office for more information. Below is a list of just a few of the travel experiences that are available...

- Explore WI, new location every year (grades 6-7 at time of application)
- Summer Academy, Madison (grades 7-10 at time of application)
- American Spirit, East Coast America (grades 8-10 at time of application)
- Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C. (grades 10-12 at time of application)
- 4-H National Congress, Atlanta, GA (grades 10-12 at time of application- maximum age 18)

## Camp Chaperones

We are looking for Adult Volunteers (19 & older) to assist at this year's summer camp on August 6-9. In order for Calumet and Outagamie County 4-H to be able to provide the safest, most fun camp experience for all youth who participate, we do need more male volunteers to help us this summer. The number of adults who are able to volunteer for camp will help us determine how many youth will be able to participate. Please help us provide this opportunity for many youth, as we would hate to turn away anyone due to not having enough volunteers. If you have any questions or if you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Alicia, [alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu](mailto:alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu) or 920-832-5127.

## Outreach

We need your help! As events start to reschedule and open up, we must be prepared to attend opportunities that will help us promote 4-H. Our committee is small and will need members, adults and animals to join us. We would like to formulate a list of volunteers that we can call upon as needed. Please contact [dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com](mailto:dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com) if you would be interested in helping at any of our upcoming events.

## Clothing

On Saturday, February 25, six 4-H clothing members made pillowcases to donate to Pillars and a pillowcase to take home.





# 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) and your club may be highlighted in the next newsletter!

## Bent Arrow 4-H Club

The Meeting took place on February 6, 2023 at the Badger Meeting House. President Jake mentioned the club activities and asked the members that attended to speak about them. Braeden talked about the Youth Leader Meeting, and talked about the ornamental craft they made. President Jake also explained the Dog Training events scattered throughout the year. He said it was a great way to learn more about your dog and work with them on agility, obedience, and more. Other members of the club told us about more activities and events that happened prior to the meeting.

President Jake also announced that registration for the Meat Processing Workshop opened. The workshop will be located at Haen's Meat Market on March 7th and March 14th. Attendees will be learning about the process on making snack sticks and making their own snack stick recipe. Check your email for information and details.

Afterward, Reagan demonstrated her cello. She told members about the different parts of the cello, such as the endpin. She also played a couple of her favorite exercises and the song she would be playing at her performance, Chopsticks.

Braeden also did a presentation on computer programming. He showed everyone the game that he coded and played it for them. He showed everyone some of the fundamentals of his code and answered questions afterward.

Once everyone gave their demonstrations, Alicia Schroeder-Haag arrived at the meeting to give the members a special lesson on watercolor painting. She supplied the things needed. She showed everyone three ways on how to watercolor paint. In the end, members of the club got the opportunity to make a 'pocket painting' as Ruby called the mini paintings.

Our next meeting will be on March 6, 2023 at the Badger Meeting House.

Reporter: Camilla

## Fairview 4-H Club

At the February meeting we made 37 Valentine cards for Good Shepherd Nursing home. Everyone had fun decorating!

Reporter: Sofie

## Smile Awhile 4-H Club



We started off our February meeting making tie blankets for Saving Paws as a community service project. After pictures of the group with their blankets, Liam and Caleb did demonstrations. Visitors were Amy, Alaina, and Adria. On Saturday, February 18 we had Family Learning Day at the Fox Valley Tech College. We will have the Drama festival (4-H plays) at Seymour High School which will be Saturday morning March 4th. For the summer trip to Mt. Olympus friends are allowed to ride there for free and we had a discussion about when youth are old enough to go without a parent. It was decided that parents needed to be at least a point person for each youth going. Afterwards we had Valentine's snacks so club members could get to know others better.

Reporter: Weston

# Club Corner

## Fast Trackers 4-H Club

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. at the Ellington Community Center on Feb. 6

### Activities –

- Melia and Savana lead a group activity. Look Down, Look Up. The point is to not make eye contact. Emily was the winner overall.

### Discussions –

- The club discussed the writing of Military Letters and Youth Leaders making about 80 paracord lanyards to send to the Military with the letters. Thank you, Erika, for planning this wonderful service project.
- The flag has been ordered.
- Differing ways for Helping the Homeless was also discussed. We will decide at the next meeting on what we will donate.
- Sponsorship Brochures were handed out providing information for those interested in sponsoring Outagamie 4-H.
- Many project meeting reports were shared. Record Book information and The family handbook were handed out.



### Upcoming –

- 4-H Family Learning Day is on Saturday February 18th (open to public).
- The CPF Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship's Applications are due March 1.
- Drama Festival performance is March 4th (time is to be determined) at Seymour HS.
- Music & Talent Festival is on [May 6], must register by [April 12].

Youth Leaders Meeting – Upcoming meeting will be on Monday February 27th, at 6:30 in the Center Town Hall.  
Our next meeting: NOTE change- Thursday March 2nd, at 6:30pm. We will have our drama performance and member reports as well.

Guest Speaker: Lucas Heimmermann – Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)

Reporter: Kelsey



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