



4-H Connections Newsletter

September October 2023

Educator's Corner

When new families contact the Extension Office about joining 4-H, we send information about the Outagamie County 4-H program with a list of the clubs and where they meet. We encourage them to visit one or more clubs in their area and join a club that offers the best "fit" for the 4-H interests. I often wonder what kind of experience new families will have when they visit a club meeting? Will they have a positive impression?

With so many new families joining 4-H each year, we all need to look at how WELCOMING we are as an organization. At your next club meeting, evaluate whether or not your club has a welcoming environment. Consider the following:

- What was your experience like when your family joined 4-H?
- What is it like for a new member and his/her family when joining your club?
- Do some of your members make it a point to talk with the new family after the club meeting?
- Does anyone follow-up after the first meeting and contact the new family and answer any questions they may have?

Here are some suggestions to ensure that your club has a welcoming environment:

- Ask for experienced families to become "ambassadors" for your club. Their role would be to greet new families, make them feel welcome and answer questions throughout the year.
- Start a mentor program for new members and their families. A seasoned 4-H family could volunteer to mentor a new family during their first year in 4-H. Understanding projects, 4-H club activities, county activities and the county fair can be a daunting task in the first year.
- Encourage new families to attend the new family orientation.

Spend some time at your next meeting discussing how your club can become more welcoming to new members. Remember, everyone was a new member at one time.

NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

November 27 | 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!

6:30 pm: Snacks provided by Smile Awhile, Wide Awake Forward, Wild Grove

Agenda items: Hand out 4-H Family Handbook

Online Leaders Meeting: <https://bit.ly/4-HLeadersMtg>

Meeting ID: 239 354 778 750

Passcode: pjMS2V



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Calendar

September

- 1 Beginning of 2024 4-H Project Year
- 4 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 4-H Member/Leader Enrollment Begins | Go to <https://wi.4honline.com>
- 9-10 State 4-H Horse Gymkhana | West Allis, State Fair Park
- 15-17 State 4-H Horse Expo | West Allis, State Fair Park
- 19 Registration DUE for Club Officer Training**
- 21 Leader's Recognition Dinner | Buzz's Bowl, Freedom | 6 pm
- 26 Club Officer Training | Black Creek Elementary School | 6 pm

October

- 1 Educational Travel Opportunities Applications DUE | UW-Extension Office**
- 1 Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council Application DUE**
- 1 November/December 4-H Connections Newsletter Articles DUE**
- 1-7 National 4-H Week | What is your club doing?
- 5 Pop Tab Challenge | Center Town Hall | 4-6 pm
- 5 Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest | Center Town Hall | 4 - 6 pm
- 7 4-H Promotion Tough Kids Challenge | Highlands Elementary School | 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 7 4-H Promotion Town of Kaukauna Fest | 10 am
- 10 DUE to Sheila VanderZanden email with picture and address of "Join 4-H" Sign
- 19 Club Charters due to Extension Office, Attn: 4-H**
- 19 Member Recognition | Seymour High School Auditorium | 7 pm
- 24 Horse Association Awards Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm

November

- 27 Leader Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:30 pm
- 30 New Family Orientation | FVTC | 6 pm

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

4-H Enrollment Information

All enrollment for leaders/members/cloverbuds happens in 4-H Online: <https://wi.4honline.com>. \$5 enrollment fee for members/cloverbuds - Clubs collect money and send one check from the club to the Extension Office payable to Outagamie County Extension. Enrollment fees are due by December 31.

Reenrollment due November 15. New enrollment accepted until March 15 to be able to exhibit at the Outagamie County Fair. Once enrollment is submitted online, a project cannot be added or changed after March 15.

Volunteer Leaders

There are several projects that parents can be involved in. Please consider signing up for one to help youth learn and grow. Check with the main leader of your club for more information on leadership opportunities. You do not need to be an expert, just have a passion for the topic and learning.

Attention Youth in Grades 7-13

If you are in 7th grade and above, you are eligible to sign up for youth leadership on your member enrollment. This makes you a member of the Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders Association. Which means you are able to participate in youth leadership activities, community service and join a great group of people who are ready to have fun!

County 4-H Club Officer Training

4-H clubs are expected to elect their new club officers in September and have them participate in the county-wide training on September 26 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Black Creek Elementary School. Even if the club member has served in an officer position before, it is highly recommended that they attend this educational event as the training is refreshed from year to year.



Please register by September 19 <https://bit.ly/OfficerTraining2023>

"Join 4-H" Sign Display Contest

Hey 4-H families!! It's that time of year again to proudly display the "Join 4-H" in your yard or business. Between August 1-October 10, show our county that we want families to join 4-H and experience what 4-H has to offer!

Those wanting to participate for a prize drawing of gas cards must email the address and picture of the sign displayed to Sheila at: dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com by October 15. Please one entry per address. Drawing will take place at the November Leaders Association meeting. You MUST be present at this meeting to win!!

Don't have a sign?? You can pick one up at the August Leaders meeting or contact Sheila at the above email address.

Upcoming Events

National 4-H Week

October 1-7

National 4-H Week will be observed throughout the United States including Outagamie County. All Outagamie County 4-H clubs are encouraged to form a special committee to help observe this occasion in your community and throughout Outagamie County. School "open houses," community window displays, special news features are just a few methods to be considered to help tell our 4-H story to the general public.

Pop Tab Challenge

October 5 | Center Town Hall | 4:00-6:00 pm

Bring your club's Pop Tabs to Center Town Hall to be weighed-in for the annual challenge. Money raised from the pop tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

Seeds Sponsored by Corey Ertl – CropSource LLC
Thursday, October 5 | Center Town Hall | 4:00-6:00 pm

Members that obtained seeds for the Big Pumpkin and Giant Sunflower contest are to have their biggest pumpkin weighed and largest sunflower measured at the contest. If you have questions, please contact Julie Marcks, contest coordinator, at 920-984-3599.

2023 Member Recognition

Thursday, October 19 | Seymour Auditorium | 7:00 pm

The 4-H member and club recognition program is based on members' record books submitted to the Extension Office. Letters to award recipients will be mailed early October. Each member receiving a county award will get a plaque (unless they already received one) and a project disc. If a member's first plaque is filled they need to show their completed plaque to their main leader along with a \$5 payment to request a second plaque from the Extension Office.

4-H Fall Forum

November 4-5 | Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake

Fall Forum is a fun, engaging, and educational weekend for both adult volunteers and youth grades 7 and above. This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Friday night
- Introductions to Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates and Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates
- Updates from the Wisconsin Leadership Council and Wisconsin 4-H Program Leadership

You won't want to miss it! Registration will open in 4HOnline in September.

Project Updates

Foods Revue at the Fair

Thank you to all of the Members and Cloverbuds who participated in this years Foods Revue at the Action Center Stage.

Cloverbuds were: Georg Seichter, Heinrich Seichter

Grades 3-6 were: Jada Novitski, Sierra Knaack, Autumn Cooper, Kaedyn Struthers, Tamar Cooper, Sophia Cooper

Grades 7 and up were: Sydney Knaack, Joselyn Novitski, Casey Nooyen, WALicia Schroeder, Rebekah Stille

Mini chef awards Grade 7-12: Joselyn Novitski, Bent Arrow

Mini Chef award Grade 3-6: Sierra Knaack, Crystal Star

Congratulations to all!!

4-H Arts Camp

November 18 - 19 | Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, WI

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- Encouraging expression and participation in the arts with middle school age youth
- Supporting youth teaching opportunities where they learn to incorporate education, creativity, and reflection into the creative process
- Increasing awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level

For more information go to

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/arts-camp/>

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Project

If you are enrolled in shooting sports projects be sure to go to the State 4-H Shooting Sports website for the latest news and information, including certification requirements of adult volunteers and safety guidelines that need to be followed for project meetings:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingsports/>

2023 Adult Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops. Check out the Wisconsin 4-H website for more information on the 2023 workshops: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

2023 Saturday Certification Workshop, 8 am to 5 pm. Central Workshop, September 16, Marshfield, WI
Disciplines offered: Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol, & Shotgun.

2023 Competitive Shoots—For more information go to:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/>

Registration forms are being updated.

Youth Leaders

Educational Travel Experience (ETE)

Information and applications for all trip opportunities are available at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/travel/>. If you have any questions contact Alicia Schroeder-Haag at 920-832-5127 or alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu. There are scholarships available through the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association for up to 75% of the Educational Travel fees.

Trip applications are due October 1. Trip opportunities include American Spirit (ETE portfolio), Citizenship Washington Focus (ETE portfolio), National 4-H Conference (ETE portfolio), Space Camp (ETE application).

Other Trip Opportunities due February 1 include Explore Wisconsin, Summer Academy, Key Award and National 4-H Congress.

Advanced Space Camp travels every other year, next trip will be 2025.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

Wisconsin Leadership Council

Applications Due by OCT 1

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wi-4-h-leader-council/>

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connect the county, regional and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Elected at the annual Fall Forum, the WLC helps to plan that annual event, along with the State Youth Leader Conference and UW-Extension Day and Meat Products Auction at Wisconsin State Fair.

Outreach Events

Tough Kids Challenge

October 7 | Highlands Elementary School | 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

This event is another awesome opportunity for us to promote 4-H. This is very well attended by Appleton elementary students and their families. We offer some domestic animals and Make-n-Take crafts to showcase what 4-H has to offer. If you can help please contact Lisa Sprangers at sprangerslisa@gmail.com to sign up.

Town of Kaukauna Fall Fest

October 7 | 10:00 am

We will need members, leaders to help with a petting zoo, doing a Make-n-Take, playing some games, wear the cow and pig costumes and promote 4-H. If you can help please contact Mary Hoefler at maryhoefler@att.net to sign up.

Congratulations

4-H Action Center Stage Pie Contest

And the 2023 Best Pie at the Fair goes to...

4-H Division Winner: Wolf River Beavers with a delicious Raspberry pie

Open Class winner: Pat Rynish with an interesting and creative Apple/Cranberry pie

Congratulations and many thanks to the record breaking 29, almost 30 as one pie didn't make it through the rain to the building, contestants who entered this year's pie contest! There were nine in the 4-H division and 20 in the open class. Many from 4-H families, however not all.

Thank you to our judges:

Brenda Hungerford-Bulk Food Store

Joe Van Thull- Baker Joe's-retired

Raissa Ashman- 4-H Alumni and teacher

A special thank you to Pat and Rose Rynish for the donation of the Schwan's Ice Cream and to our lovely 4-H volunteers who came to assist! Over 800 samples were issued to an extremely excited audience!



4-H Scholarship Winner

Autumn Lorenz, Wolf River Beavers 4-H has been chosen as a 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship winner. This year was another extremely competitive year, with only the top 5% of all applicants receiving scholarships. Autumn has been awarded a Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship for \$2,500.



Bits & Pieces

Fellow 4-Her's,

Thank you for a fast, fun filled summer! As the summer concludes, I will be heading back to school at UW- LaCrosse! I enjoyed getting to know the youth this summer by attending meetings, planning and attending camps as well as interacting with you all at the fair! It has gone by so fast, and I am sad to leave! I hope to see you all again next summer and as always, remember to do your record books early. 😊

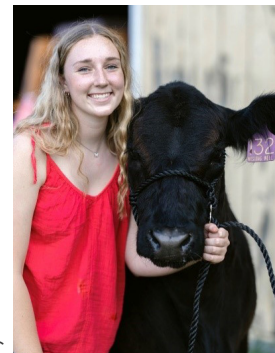
Karlie Marks

Outagamie County 4-H Intern

CPF Scholarship Winners

Karlie Marks

Karlie has been a member of the Fast Trackers 4-H Club for 12 years, including her years as a Cloverbud. She has experienced projects such as Swine, Home Environment, Beef, Youth Leaders, Photography, Foods, and Woodworking. Her community service included "On the Farm", making fruit baskets for the elderly, working at the Dairy Bar, helping to build benches and picnic tables for the fairgrounds. Karlie's Leadership skill showed as a secretary to the Livestock committee, Club social media officer and planning activities as a Youth Leader. Her Club leader noted that Karlie was dependable and developed life skills such as public speaking, creative and critical thinking to name a few. Karlie attended many activities such as the basketball tournaments, Explore Wisconsin, Project Learning Day as well as being a State Fair Exhibitor. In Karlie's essay for this scholarship, mentioned that she benefitted from her animal projects. She gained the skills of determination, perseverance and most importantly taking passion in something you love. Karlie is currently serving as our 4-H Program intern. Best Wishes Karlie Marks!!



Autumn Lorenz

Autumn Lorenz has been a member of the Wolf River Beavers 4-H club for 10 years. Her projects include Flowers, Photography, Arts and Craft, Woodworking, Basketry, Ceramics, Home Environment, Plants and Vegetables. Autumn's community service included Helping the Homeless Project, Breakfast on the Farm, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. She showed her leadership by being voted as a club Vice President and Treasurer. She also has been a party of the Youth Leaders. Autumn has been active helping clean the highway and cemetery as a club event and worked in the Dairy Bar. She has been a camp counselor at Upham Woods. Autumn participated in the American Spirit and Explore Wisconsin trips. She included in her essay that 4-H how 4-H offered valuable skills, which can be applied to her everyday life. Her leadership experience taught her how to effectively communicate. From Autumn's letter of recommendation, it was expressed that she is a sweet, compassionate, hardworking, young woman with lots of drive. Autumn plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College for Dental Hygiene. Best Wishes Autumn Lorenz!!



Erika Stencil

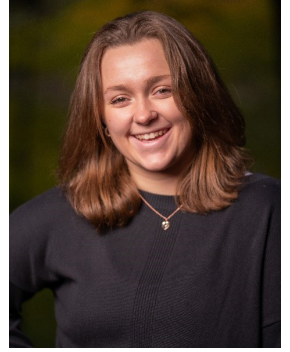
Erika Stencil has been a part of the Fast Trackers 4-H Club for more than 12 years, including Cloverbuds. Her projects include Home Environment, Drawing, Beef, Rifle, Youth Leaders, Knitting and Crocheting, Dairy, Foods, Horseless Horse. Erika's community service involved events such as "On the Farm", Fruit Box for the elderly and well as Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. She worked in the Dairy Bar and prepared curriculum for Social Media Officer Training. Her club leader noted that was an outstanding social media officer. She was willing to help, train and teach new youth in this position as well as the leader! Her club leader also noted she earned a State Fair/Judges Choice for making a Paracord Rifle Sling. She organized the making of 80 paracord lanyards to be sent for Military survival purposes. Other activities included: Explore Wisconsin, Youth Leaders, Drama, Basketball, Dairy Bar and Fair Booth. Leadership service also included: President, Youth Leaders, and Operation Gratitude Service Event. Erika Stencil mentioned in her essay that while working on each unique fair project, she realized her love for working with her hands. This guided her towards an engineering major at UW-Platteville. Best Wishes Erika Stencil!!



CPF Scholarship Winners

Magdalen Patzner

Magdalen Patzner has been a member of the On the Go 4-H Club for 10 years plus Cloverbuds. Magdalen was involved with projects such as: Art, Clothing, Foods & Nutrition, Photography, Home Environment, Child Development, Music, and Youth Leaders. Her community service projects include being in the 4-H band, working in the Dairy Bar and at Breakfast on the Farm and more. Her Leadership included Sergeant in Arms, Recreation Leader, Treasurer, Secretary Vice president and President. She also was a 4-H Space Camp Counselor. Magdalen's level of involvement was strong at both the Club and County. Zoom Scavenger hunt and trivia contest during Covid, and speeches. The county level included: Music and Drama Festivals, Summer Camp, Space Camp, Officer Training, Merit on Food and Nutrition and Clothing fair entries. Magdalen noted in her essay that she watched older members run the meetings, so throughout her years she became the leader whom she previously admired. She wrote about 4-H helping her build the confidence she will need for her career. Magdalen plans to attend with a Physical Therapy major. Best Wishes Magdalen Patzner!!



Susan Koleske

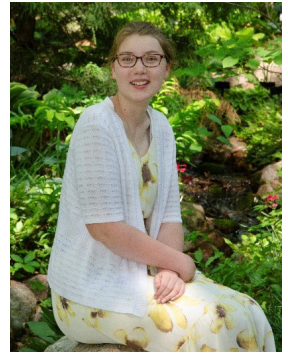
Susan Koleske has been a member of the Fast Trackers 4-H Club since birth!! Actually, for 12 years, including Cloverbuds. Her club leader mentioned just how dependable, courteous, trustworthy, and organized Susan is. She appears very comfortable in public speaking. A positive example. 4-H projects for Susan include: Beef, Cake Decorating, Clothing, Dogs, Foods, Home Environment, Photography, Woodworking and Youth Leadership. Listed on her application she included bench and picnic table making for the fairgrounds, helping with the homeless and elderly, Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, On the Farm and The Dairy Bar. I am sure there was more. Susan's leadership at the club level was Treasurer, Vice President and Cloverbuds leader. County Level was various officer positions on the Youth Leader's board. She was also a youth member of the Foods, Clothing and Dog committee. Although not mentioned in her application, she worked in the Dairy Bar, helped at Project Learning Day and assisted on the Action Center Stage. Susan was in Basketball and Drama and received the Key award. Her trip list included WI Stage and 4-H Youth Conference, American Spirit, Fashion Show and Music Fest Performance at the Stage Fair. Susan's 4-H skills, according to her essay, state that she learned how to be a better public speaker and with poise. Her leadership skills allowed her to effectively lead a meeting. Susan plans to pursue a nursing degree at Fox Valley Technical College. Best Wishes Susan Koleske!!



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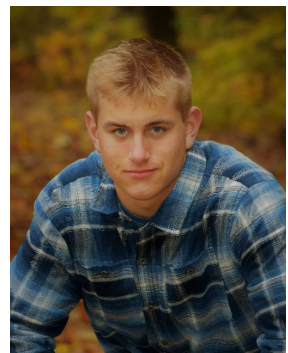
Elizabeth Casper

Elizabeth Casper has been a member of the Wild Grove 4-H Club for 8 years. Her club leader shares that when Beth makes a commitment, she follows through. Very dependable. Beth's projects include Ceramics, Food and Nutrition, Flower, Rabbits, Vegetables, Youth Leaders, Cake Decorating, Photography, Arts & Crafts, Horse Scale Models and Veterinary Science. Her community Service that she was involved in was helping the homeless, Dairy Bar, Muehl Public Library, Shoe Box Christmas, and more. Her leadership at the club level was Vice President and President and is the current treasurer of the Outagamie County Youth Leaders. She is also on the Small Animal Committee. Beth has a long list of club, county, and state activity involvement. They include Fall Forum at the state level. Drama Fest, Small Animal Fun Show, Rabbit, and Family Learning Day, county project meetings for Foods, Ceramic, and Rabbits, Tractor Supply, Action Center Stage Pie Contest, and other various speakers and activities through her club and Youth Leaders. In Beth's essay she spoke about the benefits she received through 4-H. To her 4-H means fun, family and learning and the projects she took on, the people she met through 4-H reinforcing those ideas. She pays tribute to the leaders she has worked with. She stated that the change in herself was largely due to her 4-H leaders. Beth plans to attend UW-Oshkosh with an interest in Biology. Best Wishes Elizabeth Casper!!



Ben Harrmann

Ben Harrmann has been in 4-H for 12 years including Cloverbuds. He has been a member of the B-Square 4-H Club. Ben's project list includes Dog, Electricity, Foods, Home Environment, Horse, Mechanical Science, Pet, Poultry, Robotics, Shooting Sports, Woodworking and Youth Leaders. His list of community service includes the Fox Valley Humane Society Food Drive, Dale Food Pantry, Bingo Day with Brewster Village residents, Salvation Army Campaign, Fright Night-Greenville Civics' Club, Snack Box Action, making bird feeders, blankets for various non-profits and cleaning at the Greenville town hall. At the County level Ben collected many pop tabs, demonstrated with his dog at various committee events, helped at many events with the Outreach committee such as Breakfast on the Farm, Tough Kids Challenge, Edison School Fun Run, and on the Action Center Stage for many years! He assisted with various Youth leader projects. At the State level, Ben helped to rebuild kikes for low-income youth and a garden project. At the National Level, Ben helped with the clean up of the shooting grounds after competitions. Ben's leadership included officer positions such as Sargent at arms, Vice President, and President. Ben has been a camp counselor, and went on trips such as Explore WI, WI 4-H Youth Conference, Washington Focus (virtual) WI and National Shooting sports, Space Camp, Dog Agility Shows. Ben had two pages of activities list that he helped support over his years in 4-H, only highlighting a few, taking full advantage of what 4-H has to offer their members even through Covid! This is why Ben received a perfect score from all three judges. Never to happen before. He states that 4-H Space Camp spurred him to keep good grades to achieve his goals. He plans to attend UW-Platteville with a Mechanical Engineering major. Best Wishes Ben Harrmann!!



Thank You Corner

The Action Center Stage

Thank you to all the leaders and members who assisted on the Action Center Stage this year. The Outreach committee is so happy to be back offering this opportunity to let our members shine. WE thank the 4-H band and Donna Langner, director, and all the performers that were mentioned in the schedule.

Those mentioned and with apologies to those missed in this list include: Clara and Miles Schmidt, Violet Cox, Malachi Charbonneau, Zoey Ross, Tamar and Autumn Cooper, Mary Ellen and Oliver Marks, Chase Niesin, Burke Sprangers, Jim and Sandy Buman, Mark & Sonja Voight, Mike and Aimee Stevens, all of our pie contestants, Cadence Javoroski, Alicia and Jean Schroeder, Emily and Heidi Groth, CaraLee Barker, Sadie Schmidt, Evan Numrich, Alayna Johnson, Grae Schroeder-Haag, the Food Revue participants, all of the educational trip participants and our CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship recipients.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee members: Mary Hoefler, Lisa Sprangers, Lindsey and Chase Niesin, Burke Sprangers and Duane and Sheila Vander Zanden



Thank You Corner

2023 Christmas in August Camp

Well, that's a wrap on Cal-Agamie's Christmas in August 4-H Camp 2023. We had a great time at Army Lake Camp in East Troy. They were a wonderful host and took very good care of us. Carlea and I are so very grateful for all of our amazing staff (youth and adults)! We truly could not do it without you! We hope that all of you who attended camp this year had a great time and are already looking forward to next year!



Keep an eye out for 2024 staff applications and camp save the dates which will be out soon.

Outreach Events

Outreach Committee wishes to thank the many volunteers who came to assist at the following events. Please note that we may inadvertently miss a name or club however, we appreciate them all.

The Cheese Fest parade: especially the Spangers Family for the use of their trailer and the mothers who wore the costumes in extreme heat.

Karate Day Camp: especially Mary Ellen, Oliver, and Edwin Marks from Fast Trackers.

Kimberly Costume Parade: especially members of the Valley EPIC and Buchanan Badgers 4-H Clubs.

Touch a Truck in Kaukauna: especially the Kavanaugh family and the many members from Buchanan Badgers, Oneida Falling Leaves and Valley EPIC 4-H Clubs.

Greenville Community Movie Night: to the clubs who sent members, leaders, and animals.

Greenville Summer Send Off Parade: members of Country Slickers 4-H Club.



Dairy Bar

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Dairy Bar this year! Everyone did such amazing work to keep things running smoothly, and had some fun along the way! We had a very successful year and couldn't have done it without all the volunteers and leaders.

Thank You Received

Youth who attended one of the Outagamie/Calumet Day Camps earlier this summer had the opportunity to make cards for soldiers who were deployed overseas. There were 150 cards that were recently received along with some care packages. Thank you to our Soldiers for your service.

Hey just wanted to say Thank You!!!! We got the packages!!



I personally read every card!!
They were fantastic!!!! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Thank You Corner

4-H Band

Congratulations to 2023 Outagamie County 4-H Band! Your performances at the fair were wonderful! I heard many nice comments about what a great job the band did. It is always an honor and a pleasure to work with all of you. The band could not exist without all of you. I'm blessed by all the help and teamwork you all put into 4-H band. Thank you for the lovely card and again for being part of the band!
Donna Langner - Director

Club Corner

Smile Awhile 4-H Club - Reporter Weston

For our July meeting, we opened off with demonstrations, Rachel talked about getting a Golden Retriever next fall and her plans to join the dog project next year. Sydney showed off some greeting cards she made. Lila showed off her wreath made out of ties. James demonstrated shooting sports by showing the targets he shot at which he shot at ten times each. Eleanor showed us a scrapbook she made during Family Learning Day. It has ribbons on it that fold out like an accordion and you put photos on the accordion pages. We also donated \$200 to Old Glory Honor flight. We talked about our summer trip to Mt. Olympus and the club said it went well even though it was cold. The Outagamie County Fair is coming up July 19-23. Funds raised at the 4-H Dairy Bar goes towards supporting workshops, and scholarships for members to attend activities. Abianne also shared her favorite part of 4-H camp which was swimming; camp registration for 4-hers and non-4-hers closes on July 21st.

We picked up entry tags and discussed the importance of following the rules and rereading the rules for our entries. Record books are Due August 7 along with our recognition night points sheets. We also talked about how to create a better record book so we can win awards for our record books. For the club swimming party, we discussed places to go and how many people would be interested in participating. We also discussed the importance of spending down our funds before the fall because otherwise we are being encouraged to spend them down by the county. Since we do our big fundraiser in June, this can be a challenge every year. The club voted for a trip to Bay Beach in August instead of a swimming party. \$10 worth of tickets will be provided to every club member, whether they attend the day the group goes or not.

We have openings for new officers for next year: Vice President, Secretary, Reporter, Recreation Director, and Sergeant-At-Arms. Nominations should be sent by August 30th to Kimberly.

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 and your club may be highlighted in the next newsletter!

Bent Arrow 4-H Club - Reporter Camilla

The club meeting took place on July 10, 2023 at Plamann Park. Jada and Joselyn shared three pie flavors, one of which would represent our club. The club members decided to take a vote on which pie flavor they preferred. After a vote, President Jake announced the winning flavor to be banana-pineapple crème pie.

Afterwards, members and parents discussed the details of our Badger Sports Park meeting on October 2. The club reached the decision to make friends and invitees pay 5 dollars for entry. We also agreed that the Badger Sports Park meeting would be a great way to help gain memberships.

After that, members joined the game that we had set up for recreational time. Members who wished to join the game gathered in a circle and held one of their hands out. They randomly selected someone to go in the middle. The person in the middle would say a name and go to that person and try to slap their hand. In order to stay out of the middle, the person about to get slapped would say another name that wasn't theirs. The person in the middle would then try to slap their hand and so on and so forth. If your hand got slapped, you would have to go in the middle.

Our next meeting will be the Amazing Race event at the Stille residence on August 7.

Fairview 4-H Club - Reporter Kaiya

During our meeting, Bryce gave a demonstration on his big fluffy dog Mylo. And Elyanna gave a demonstration on her new puppy Rex.

The Courts, Karweicks and Wheatons set up the club booth at the fair.

Our newest member, Jade, participated in Peewee Goat Showmanship with the Wheatons at the fair.

B-Square 4-H Club - Reporter Allison

Our July meeting started at 6:15 pm at the Plamann Family Farm. Pledges were stated. We had a potluck dinner and received our club T-shirts. We had everyone with a July birthday come to the front where they shared when their birthday was and how old they are turning.

The secretary read her report about our last meeting. The treasurer then read her report.

Project updates were shared and we were informed of some outreach events that we should help out with. We looked for a volunteer to make our club's pie for the pie contest as well as encouraging everyone to sign up for the dairy bar.

We went through the fair schedule to inform our new members and to remind everyone else; Tuesday you bring your non animal projects such as photos, art projects, food, woodworking and any other projects that aren't animals. Wednesday you bring your animals and you will pick up all of your projects, animals and non animals on Sunday. We also needed volunteers to help create our educational booth for the fair.

We then went into officer nominations. The current officers talked about some of their duties to encourage others to volunteer. Our next meeting will be at Badger Sports Park as our yearly reward. Record books are also due at the august meeting.

We then had demonstrations. One on a lego international space station, he talked about building it as well as sharing a fact about the real space station. We then had two demonstrations about dogs, they both talked about their dogs and their breeds as well as the dog project and showing dogs. We then had a demonstration about a tractor diorama that he will be taking to the fair. I gave a demonstration about showing rabbits. We then had a presentation about the American spirit trip. She passed around pictures and talked about all of the places they went and all of the people she met and shared her teachable moment.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Club Corner

Fast Trackers 4-H Club - Reporter Kelsey

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. at the Ellington Community Center on July 10.

Members Reports -

- Kathryn reported on her art work. Since she was around 12, Kathryn has had an interest in art. When first starting, she drew people she knew then slowly started to do more online characters or from her imagination. Now she does a variety of different styles of art. Kathryn sells her art and has shown how much she has improved over the years.
- Evelyn showed her skills on the tuba. When first starting to play an instrument, she planned on playing the trumpet. Through her first year playing, she had fun getting better at playing the tuba and playing with others. In her fifth grade year, she was able to get a lot of experience and participated in solo ensemble and a tuba feature. Evelyn is excited to continue playing the tuba and her prior experience with the piano.
- Stacy told the club all about her experience in 4-H as her very last report. Stacy has been going to 4-H meetings forever and throughout it all, she learned leadership skills, how to take chances, and how to make the best of any and all experiences. With having a variety of roles in the club, Stacy has taken a lot from the opportunities offered while giving back at the same time. Through community and responsibility, Stacy learned from the opportunities offered. She reminds the club to invest yourself and to remember that "cats are better than dogs."

Discussions -

- The club discussed the window promotion for the County Fair by Heritage Animal Hospital.
- Updates were also given regarding the fair booth and planters. The booth will be Charlotte's Web themed.
- Every family is expected to volunteer for the Dairy Bar. Any and all help is appreciated!

- Congratulations to Lydia for completing the State 4-H horse Bowl/Hippology contest! Lydia earned two Grand Champions for individual high point and senior Hippology. The Outagamie County team was Grand Champions Sr. Horse Bowl and will be going to the National Competition in Ohio in October.
- Gate Passes and Car Pass were handed out for those who paid for them. If you would like to purchase, please contact the Fair Office or Tammy Stille.

Upcoming -

- Kids and Calves show at the fair is on Saturday July 22 at 2PM.
- Record books are due August 15th, if you would like Rose to look over it. The final due date is August 20th.
- Bucket Raffle needs more donated items for the Leader's Banquet.
- Pie Contest at the Fair needs a youth volunteer to make a fruit pie to represent our club. Thank you MaryEllen for volunteering. Friday July 21, 1:00 to 3:00 with judging at 3:00 PM. anyone can enter this competition along with our own competition within the club.
- The Outagamie County Fair needs more volunteers if you have extra time!
- The next County Youth Leader meeting will be held on Monday August 21st, at 6:00PM at the Town of Center Pavilion. For anyone grade 7 and older.

Activity -

Stacy ran an activity after the meeting adjourned involving lots of water on a hot day.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 14, 6:00PM. This meeting is at Badger Sports Park. Cards will be activated from 6:30 to 8:30, so don't miss the meeting at 6:00.



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