



# 4-H Connections Newsletter

January/February 2024

## Educator's Corner

Happy New Year!

I hope you all are looking forward to many exciting opportunities in 2024, I know I am! This year I will be filling a 20% appointment as an Associate Area Extension Director for Area 15 which covers Ozaukee, Washington, and Fond du Lac Counties. I will be shadowing the Area Extension Director, Cindy Sarkady, to learn more about the behind-the-scenes work that is done to help Extension bring the research and education of the University to the local communities. My hope is that I will learn a few things that can be applied to my work as your 4-H Educator.

A few other things I am looking forward to are the PAC behind the scenes tour this month, another New Families Welcome and Orientation, Kaukauna High School Afterschool Club, launching ChickQuest, another intern, and of course camps! What are you looking forward to?

Kick off your new year by reading this newsletter carefully so you don't miss out on any awesome opportunities!

Cheers!

Alicia Schreoder-Haag, 4-H Program Educator

The first newsletter of the year is mailed to every family. Future newsletters will be sent by email and available on our website: <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-hyouth-development/newsletters/>.

If you would like to continue to receive newsletters in the mail, please contact Vicki at 920-832-5123 or [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org).

### NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

January 29 | 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 Bent Arrow, B-Square

Meeting link will be provided in email.



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# Calendar

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!

## January

- 1 Extension Office CLOSED
- 4 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm
- 4 Dog Project Members Orientation | Extension Office | 7:00 pm
- 7 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm
- 10 Tour of the Fox Cities PAC Registration DUE**
- 15 Camp Staff Interviews | Extension Office | 6:30 pm
- 16 Camp Staff Interviews | Calumet County Courthouse | 6:30 pm
- 18 Soldering Circuits Workshop Registration Due with Payment**
- 21 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm
- 22 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall | 5:30 pm
- 25 Soldering Circuits Workshop | Cre8lab, Neenah | 6:00 pm
- 27 Tour of the Fox Cities PAC | Fox Cities PAC | 10:00 am
- 29 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall/Zoom | 7:00 pm
- 30 New Family Welcome and Orientation | Extension Outagamie County | 6:00 pm
- 31 Foods Training | See What's Cooking Registration Due with Payment**

## February

- 1 Educational Travel Experiences Scholarship Applications DUE**
- 1 Newsletter Submissions for March/April DUE**
- 2 Registration DUE for Family Learning Day**
- 2 Registration for Drama Festival DUE**
- 5 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm
- 8 Clothing Registration Due**
- 10 Foods Training, Soup & Focaccia | Kelsey's Country Kitchen | 9-11:30 am
- 10 Foods Training, Let's Bake a Pie | Kelsey's Country Kitchen | 12:15-2:30 pm
- 11 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm
- 17 Family Learning Day | FVTC | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
- 23 Meat Processing Workshop Registrations DUE**
- 24 Make a Tote Bag Clothing Workshop | Center Town Hall | 9:00 am (pre-register by February 8)
- 25 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm

## March

- 1 Application for CPF Scholarship DUE**
- 1 Shirley Richardson Memorial & Outagamie County HCE Scholarship DUE**
- 2 4-H Drama Festival | Seymour High School
- 15-17 Art Beat | Upham Woods
- 15 Application for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship DUE**

# Upcoming Events

## See What's Cooking: Soup and Focaccia

February 10 | Kelsey's Country Kitchen, 303 N. Main Street, Black Creek | 9:00 to 11:30 am

Open to Food Project members ages 10 and up.

Cost: \$5.00 per person to hold the spot. We will offer a waitlist as needed. Money is non-refundable if unable to attend without notification. Payable to Outagamie County Leaders Association and can be sent to the Extension Office.

Purpose: Teaching how to make a broth soup Chicken Noodle and a cream soup Loaded Baked Potato. This will include making a roux and different methods of cutting vegetables. While the soup is simmering, members will "Raise to the Yeast" and make Focaccia.

11:30 am - 12:15 pm members from both "See What's Cooking" sessions can enjoy the soup and bread.

## See What's Cooking: Let's Bake A Pie

February 10 | Kelsey's Country Kitchen, 303 N. Main Street, Black Creek | 12:15-2:30 pm

Participants of this session may join in as early as 11:30 to sample the Soup and Focaccia.

Open to Foods Project Members and Cloverbuds of all ages.

Cost: \$5.00 per person to hold the spot. We will offer a waitlist as needed. Money is non-refundable if unable to attend without notification. Payable to Outagamie County Leaders Association and can be sent to the Extension Office.

Purpose: Teaching our members how to make a homemade pie crust and filling. While the pies bake, we will offer some interactive cooking games.

### Requirements to attend the sessions:

- Apron, hair pulled back or covered, clean clothing that could take an oops!
- A willingness to learn while enjoying some fun and cooking adventure.
- Second session also needs to bring a rolling pin.
- Please remember that if you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

Register by January 31 at <https://bit.ly/4HSeeWhatsCooking24>

# Upcoming Events

## **Soldering Circuits Workshop** – Level 1

January 25 | Cre8lab, 1131 S Commercial St, Neenah | 6:00-7:00 pm

Youth Grades 5 and up, Grades 3-4 with adult

Cost: \$15 per person due with registration | Make checks payable to OC 4-H Leaders Association.

Registration: By January 18 to Extension Office

What to Wear: Closed toed shoes, pants, hair back, and no loose fitting clothing. Other safety gear is provided.

More Info: <https://www.cre8lab.com/>



Cre8ives will learn about circuitry, soldering, polarity and LEDs! We will be using hot soldering irons and small parts! After choosing from 4 different style boards, Cre8ives install LEDs, a microswitch, and battery terminal. Cre8ive kids will leave with a color changing or blinking circuit board!

## **Soldering Circuits Workshop** – Level 2

February 29 | Cre8lab, 1131 S Commercial St, Neenah | 6:00-7:30 pm

Youth Grades 5 and up

Cost: \$15 per person due with registration | Make checks payable to OC 4-H Leaders Association.

Registration: By January 18 to Extension Office

What to Wear: Closed toed shoes, pants, hair back, and no loose fitting clothing. Other safety gear is provided.



Do you have an interest in learning basic circuitry? A fascination with astronomy? We have the workshop for you...our Starry Nights! Come work with LED's, soldering irons, switches, batteries; then put your woodworking skills to use using hammers, nails and much more!

This is a Level 2 class; participants should have completed the Soldering Circuits workshop – Level 1 or have a cursory knowledge of soldering prior to taking this class!

# Upcoming Events

## Tour the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center with 4-H

Saturday, January 27 | 10 am

Outagamie County 4-H is partnering with the Fox Cities Performing Art Center (PAC) to bring you a chance to see behind the scenes. If you are interested in lights, sound, acting, singing, dancing, or performing in any capacity you don't want to miss this. All 4-H members are welcome to join us in learning what's all involved in putting on a show at the PAC, talk about different career opportunities in the arts, and get a real behind the scenes look at the center. We will also learn how to get discounted tickets for future performances. Registration is required through this link <https://forms.gle/pzB2tMGAiv5voaiM8>



## Family Learning Day

February 17 | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

This day promotes many of the opportunities that Outagamie 4-H has to offer, provides experiences to try new projects, participate in project meetings, and offer the chance for adults and teen leaders to share their knowledge. You are invited to join us for a day of fun hands-on learning!

Who: Youth in grades 5K to 13 and leaders/parents

Registration: Open January 4 - February 2

Cost: Some sessions may have a small fee. This event is brought to you by Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association. Feel free to invite family and friends to register! Open to the Outagamie County Community - you do not need to be a current 4-H member to participate.

Schedule:

8:15 - 10:15 Registration

8:30 - 10:00 Session 1

10:00 - 10:30 Break- Check out the Showcase

10:30 - 12:30 Session 2

During the break at 10:00 am stop by the Showcase room to learn what else Outagamie County 4-H has to offer, whether it's a project, event, activity, or an opportunity to expand your 4-H experience outside of the County. Reminder that the Showcase displays and tables will only be available to view from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Pre-registration for a showcase display is required and due by February 2.

Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis. We reserve the right to cancel sessions if registration is too low.

Register online:

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



# Family Learning Day

## Session 1

### Check Out 5 Minute Crafts

Youth grades 5K - 13 and adults

Simple fast cute crafts to use as gifts. Come create by using your talent and enjoy.

### Cloverbuds - Play with Our Food!

Cloverbuds grades 5K - 2

\$5 per attendee to offset the cost of food.

Chefs in training will play with their food! We'll build edible creatures using different foods including fruits, veggies, cheese, and other ingredients. You won't want to miss this interactive and hands-on experience, led by a private chef! Bring a plastic container or two to take any creations home.

### Speaking Cat

Youth grades 3-13

In this session we will be discussing what your cat may be trying to tell you. Cats hide their emotions very well and we need to be on the lookout for the cues they may be giving us that something is wrong. In this session we will also answer any questions about the cat project and explain the cat project briefly.

### It's Not Just Paper, It's Art

Youth grades 3-13 and adults

Paper not just to write on. Make paper into a toy. Make paper into flowers. Paper can be cut and shaped. Come and make paper an exciting art project.

### Sell Your Market Chicken! (or goose, duck, guinea, etc)

Youth grades 3-13

Find out how to raise the perfect blue ribbon poultry so you can make it to the auction block for the fair.

### Making Paper Crafts from Old Books

Youth grades 6-8

We will be making animals and flowers out of Encyclopedia pages.

### DIY Dog Treats

Youth grades 3-12; cloverbuds require an adult

Join members and leaders of the dog project and learn how to make some no-bake dog treats and enjoy some doggy bingo.

## Session 2

### Snack Time Vibes!

Youth grades 3-13 and adults

\$5 per attendee to offset the cost of food.

Join a private chef in creating a kid-friendly charcuterie board! Food prep and assembly will be key - some minor cutting tasks. We'll be playing with our food during this 90-minute session!

### Cardboard Creations

Youth grades 5K - 13, 5K - 2nd grade require adult

Learn how to work with the tools you need to make some awesome cardboard creations.

### It's Goat Time

Youth grades 5K - 13, 5K - 2nd grade require adult

We will be exploring and learning about goats through interactive activities like trail mix nutrition, anatomy bingo, breed coloring contest and milk tasting. Any age or knowledge level is sure to have a goat time!

### Fun with Macrame

Youth grades 3-13 and adults

We will be making a simple macrame plant hanger.

### Door Signs & Cricuts

Youth grades 6-13 and adults

Does your door need something special? Come make a personalized sign for your door! You will pick a design, paint a wood round, and then cut letters and/or simple images out of vinyl using a Cricut. If you've ever been curious about how a Cricut works, we will be giving a brief overview.

### Snapshot to Photograph

Youth grades 3-5

Explore the possibilities of photography as you learn how to take great photos including: controlling your camera, orientation and aspect ratio, composition, storytelling and presentation. This session is for beginning photographers.

### Felting Fun

Youth grades 6-8

Craft something special with wool! Learn needle felting and you'll never want to quit. Take home a unique project for the fair and then share your new skills with your club.

# Upcoming Events

## **Clothing Members: Make a Tote Bag**

February 24 | Center Town Hall | 9 am – 12 pm

Registration required by February 8 (form on page 15) minimum of 7 registrations required.

Project: Tote Bag made with quilted fabric. Fabric will be provided.

What to bring: Sewing machine, thread, scissors and any basic sewing supplies you have. If you have a cutting board and rotary cutter, bring it along.

## **Dairy Quiz Bowl**

February 25 | UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation Building

Dairy Quiz Bowl is Back! Youth must be enrolled in the Dairy Project to participate in the quiz bowl. It will be held on February 25, at the UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation building. There will be a team of 4 dairy project members answering questions about the dairy industry. Registration opens January 1 in 4-HOnline and closes February 13. If interested, please contact Karla Stumpf, 920-585-4949.

## **Drama Festival**

March 2 | Seymour High School Auditorium | 9 am

Registration DUE February 2

Clubs and their drama leaders should be diving into scripts and starting practices by now. Check out the scripts available at the Extension Office if you still need one. All Club Main Leaders have been sent more information including registration information.

Contact Alicia at [alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu](mailto:alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu) or Amy at [amy.beck@outagamie.org](mailto:amy.beck@outagamie.org) with your questions.

## **Meat Processing Workshop**

March 5 & 12 | Haen Meat Packing, 600 County Rd KK, Kaukauna | 6:30-8:00 pm

Preregistration is required, DUE February 23

Participants will learn how to make brats that they can take home. Cost is \$40 per person. Make checks payable to Haen Meat Packaging Inc and send to Extension Office, Attn: Meat Workshop, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton 54914.

This event will fulfill the educational requirement for all four livestock species projects for the 2024 county fair. Register at <https://bit.ly/MeatProcessing24>

## **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 832-5127 or [alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu](mailto: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 February 1. Trip opportunities include: Explore Wisconsin, Summer Academy, Key Award, National 4-H Congress and Advanced Space Camp (travel will be 2025).

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

# Project Updates

## Attention: Dog Project Members

Dog project new member orientation meeting will be held on January 4, 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. All first year members are required to attend.

Winter training sessions will begin in January at Winnegamie Dog Club. See calendar on page 2 for dates. Please contact Mary Jo Plamann at [maryjoplamann@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoplamann@gmail.com) or 920-757-5465 to confirm you are on our email communication list.

## Scholarship Opportunities

### CPF- Outagamie County 4-H Scholarship

Applications due before March 1

The CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Committee will award scholarships up to \$4,000 in total per year, more if funding is available, to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing either a Bachelor's, Associate, or another certified, accredited program.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a current Outagamie County 4-H Member in good standing, having participated at least on the club and county levels.
2. Applicant must be a current 4-H member in their last year of high school or their first year of post-secondary schooling.
3. Applicant must have been a member for a minimum of 4 years with an accredited 4-H program and must be a current member of an Outagamie Community 4-H Club.
4. Must have a minimum high school or post-secondary school grade point average of 2.5.
5. Must send either by email, US postal service, (must arrive by due date) or drop off at the Extension office, a completed application form and necessary documents and letter, all together by 4:00 pm March 1, 2024.

Application and guidelines will be posted on the website [www.outagamie.uwex.edu/4h/scholarship](http://www.outagamie.uwex.edu/4h/scholarship) with more details by mid-January.

### Shirley Richardson Memorial & Outagamie County Home & Community Education Scholarships

The Outagamie County Home and Community Education Association (HCE) awards two \$750 scholarships annually. Both scholarships are available to a student who is completing their senior year of high school or a student continuing education on a full-time basis at either a college or technical school. The candidate for the scholarships must be a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, or niece/nephew of an active member of Outagamie County HCE or must be a current Outagamie County 4-H member. Residents of Outagamie County and Wisconsin will be given first preference. A candidate will only be eligible to receive one of the scholarships. Scholarships are awarded one time per individual.

Scholarship applications must be received by March 1 (not postmarked) to the Human Development and Relationships Educator, 3365 W Brewster St. Appleton, WI 54914. For application and requirements, check the website link <https://bit.ly/24HCEScholarship> or contact Judy Asman ([mark.ghost.60@gmail.com](mailto:mark.ghost.60@gmail.com)).



# Project Updates



## Cloverbud Bingo

The Cloverbud Committee is challenging all Cloverbuds to experience what 4-H has to offer. Between now and June 1, complete the tasks on one of the Cloverbud Bingo Cards printed on pages 9 and 10. All are the same, just in a different order for families or groups to spice things up.

Prizes are Dairy Bar vouchers to be used at the 2024 Outagamie County Fair in Seymour! 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.

New this year: Every Cloverbud who participates and turns in a bingo card will be put into a drawing for \$20 dairy bar gift certificates (given 4 - \$5 certificates).

To redeem, drop off your bingo card at the extension office or email your bingo card to Betsy Marks at [bortzel123@hotmail.com](mailto:bortzel123@hotmail.com) with your name, club name, and address by June 1, 2024. A confirmation will be returned, and gift certificates will then be mailed to you in time for Fair!

## Youth Leaders

If you are a 4-H member in grades 7 or older, you and your parent(s) are welcome to attend our next Youth Leaders meeting! We will be serving dinner at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held on January 22, Town of Center Hall. You are invited to join us as we continue our new mosaic project!

## Congratulations

### Executive Committees

Congratulations to the Youth and Adult Volunteer Leaders who were elected to serve on the executive committees of the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders and Youth Leaders Associations for the 2023-2024 year.

#### Adult Officers

President, Betsy Marks  
Vice President, Sheila Vander Zanden  
Secretary, Tammy Stille  
Director, Katie Rickert  
Director, Gail Leiternann

#### Youth Leader Officers

President, Burke Sprangers  
Vice-President, Jake Stille  
Secretary, Rebekah Stille  
Treasurer, Jeremiah Vandenberg  
Social Media, Johanna Vandenberg  
Recreation, Mary Ellen Marks & Serena Horak

# Outagamie County Cloverbud Bingo

Participate in a Community Service	Build a model (k-nex, Lego, scale, etc)	Look at the Outagamie County Fair Junior Fair Premium Book	Discover where the ingredients to your favorite food comes from	Make a holiday themed decoration
Learn the 4-H Pledge	Make or design a piece of jewelry	Participate in a County 4-H event	Make a craft using a recycled item	Create a drawing only using a pencil
Take a walk outside and look for different birds, bugs, animals, and plants.	Give a presentation or speech at a club meeting	Try a new food or re-try one you do not like	Ask an older member about one of their projects	Try hand sewing, crocheting, or knitting
Help plan and make a meal for your family or friends	Act out or read a short book or poem for someone or a group	Learn the Pledge of Allegiance	Write or tell someone a story you created	Learn 5 new facts about any animal
Grow a plant from seed or transplant	Collect pop tabs for your club	Make or design something using wood	Make a card and give it to someone	Tell a non-4-h member why you like 4-h and ask him/her to join

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Create a drawing only using a pencil	Build a model (k-nex, Lego, scale, etc)	Try a new food or re-try one you do not like	Act out or read a short book or poem for someone or a group	Look at the Outagamie County Fair Junior Fair Premium Book
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Give a presentation or speech at a club meeting	Make a card and give it to someone	Participate in a Community Service	Ask an older member about one of their projects	Make or design a piece of jewelry
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# OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH LEADERS MOSAIC PROJECT

*"LEAVING A LEGACY AS 4-H LEADERS"*

## Plan

The Youth Leaders are in the process of making a 4-foot by 5-foot podium adorned with unique mosaic tiles designed by our very own 4-H youth. The inspirational artist, Mrs. Connie Greany, is leading us in legacy clay mural workshops. Mrs. Greany demonstrated clay building techniques, then each member was allowed to make his or her own clay tiles to add to the mural. These tiles will represent different aspects of 4-H as well as a "personal" tile for each participant. The pieces will be glazed, dried, and fired and then assembled into a beautiful mosaic podium.

This podium will display a journal in which anyone can share a 4-H testimony. The podium will be located in the junior fair exhibit building (#5) at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds.

## Goal

Our large-scale project will cost an estimated \$6,000. We have raised \$3,000 from our core support. We invite you to participate in this project with us. You can join us in creating more clay tiles or you can give a monetary donation.

## Special Sponsor Tiles

You can feature your organization's logo, image, or name on a tile.

Donation and approximate size:

- 2-inches by 4-inches - \$100 (name only)
- 4-inches by 4-inches - \$250
- 6-inches by 4-inches - \$400
- 3 – 6-inches by 4-inches (one tile on three sides) - \$1,000

## Please send donations to:



Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders  
ATTN: Jeremiah Vandenberg  
N3203 Hample Road  
Black Creek, WI 54106

If you have questions, please contact Rose at (920) 450-9653 or  
[prynishfam@gmail.com](mailto:prynishfam@gmail.com).

***Thank you!***



## MISSION OF THE MOSAIC PROJECT –

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for people to share a recollection or memory of a mentor that they were encouraged, taught, or influenced by.



# Bits & Pieces



## Music, Communications, & Talent Festival

**\*\*Mark your Calendar for Saturday, April 27, Seymour High School\*\***

The Music, Communications & Talent Festival (MCT Festival) will have all three (3) components in one event!

### Guidelines

Classes A – Music and B – Talent:

1. Time limit is 5 minutes per session.
2. Piano will be available at the high school.

Divisions for Class C – Communications:

- A. Cloverbuds - Time limit is 1-3 minutes (2-3 minutes for entry 7)
- B. Grades 3-5 - Time limit is 2-5 minutes (5-7 minutes for entry 7)
- C. Grades 6-8 - Time limit is 3-5 minutes (6-8 minutes for entry 7)
- D. Grades 9-13 - Time limit is 5-8 minutes (7- 10 minutes for entry 7)
- E. No more than 2 entries per participant. 1 per entry.

No more than 3 entries per participant among all classes, A, B, and C. 1 per entry.

Titles and approximate performance time must be provided at the time of registration.

Class A – Music Performance

1. Solo or Duet – Vocal
2. Solo or Duet – Instrumental
3. Solo or Duet – Dance
4. Duet – Combination of vocal, dance, and instrumental
5. Trio or Larger – Vocal
6. Trio or Larger – Instrumental
7. Trio or Larger – Dance
8. Trio or Larger – Combination of vocal, dance, and instrumental

Class B – Talent

1. Single or Duo Act
2. Trio or Larger Group

Class C – Communications

1. Interpretive Reading of Prose
  - a. Participant selects written prose. Prose is ordinary language. It can include stories, play cuttings, narratives, or anything not written as a poem. The material is read with personal interpretation being presented. Un-memorized

2. Interpretive Reading of Poetry
  - a. Participant selects poetry. It may be a single poem, a cutting from a single poem, or several related poems. Poetry is rhythmical. The composition is then read with personal interpretation being presented. Un-memorized
3. Interpretive Reading of Original Prose or Poetry
  - a. Participant writes a poem or prose (story). The material is read with personal interpretation being presented. Un-memorized
4. Memorized
  - a. Participant selects or writes prose or poetry. The material is then memorized and presented without notes in an interpretive fashion. If desired, props may be used for this category.
5. Interpretive Team Reading
  - a. Participants select a prose, poetry, or drama selection that would be suitable for two to five individuals.
  - b. The grade category is determined by the oldest member. Please list all grades on the registration form.
  - c. Un-memorized. Props, costumes, and make-up are not to be used. This is not play acting; it is interpretive team reading.
6. Original Speech
  - a. Participant writes an original speech on any subject. A speech is not a story; it is one main idea that is developed and supported with facts.
7. Demonstration Speech
  - a. Participant writes an original demonstration on any subject. Demonstration speeches inform audiences about a topic or instruct them in performing a particular task, like preparing a recipe or using a product. Learning about demonstration speeches, their importance and how to format them effectively can help you feel confident when presenting them.

Any Questions, please contact the MCT Festival Committee listed in the Family Handbook.



# Thank You Corner

## Join 4-H Promotion Signs

Thank you to those that proudly displayed the "Join 4-H" signs! This year's winners of the contest each received a gas card: Rose Rynish, Patty Lorenz, Lori Vandenberg.

## Endowment Donations

In memory of Renee Schubart - from: Jeanne/Ken Baum

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# Bits & Pieces

## 4-H Promotions

The Outreach Committee is looking for non-4-H related events that we could attend or provide information for you to promote 4-H and all it has to offer! Please contact a committee member, found in the Family Handbook. Promotional totes are filled with 4-H material and waiting for you to check out from the Extension Office.

## Action Center Stage

Attention all 4-H members, clubs and leaders!! We are interested in YOU sharing your talent on the Action Center Stage during the 2024 Outagamie County Fair. From theatrical and music talent to creative activities, WE NEED YOU!! Please consider a time that you could take a moment to share and shine! Single talent spots are great or consider a group performance or activity.

Please contact Sheila at [s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com](mailto:s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com) to register. We look forward to seeing YOU on the stage!!

# Club Corner

## Country Slickers 4-H by Nora

The meeting was called to order on November 2, at Shepherd of the Hills Church, Greenville and club said pledges and sang 'Happy Birthday' to those celebrating a November birthday. The treasurer's and secretary's report was completed. Discussed old business including enrollment due date, reminder to cash fair checks by December and discussed Ethan and Olivia winning the pumpkin contest with their 325 pound pumpkin. They also placed 4th and 6th for their sunflowers. We came in 8th place with our pop tops being 13 pounds. New business included December activities that are coming up including bell ringing at Gilberts on December 14. You can tour the PAC on January 27. Drama festival is coming up and can sign up if interested. Cedar Crest Ice Cream contest is back and is open to all Wisconsin 4-H club until November 15. The club had the installation of new officers. The meeting was adjourned followed by games.

# Club Corner

## **Fast Trackers 4-H by Claire**

Our November meeting was our recognition program. The member reports there were: Jessie reported on her cat, Bumble. Joey did his skiing trip to Idaho. Nolan talked about his international wrestling trip. Jaiden showed her taxidermy. Lydia was on the national horse bowl competition. Collin took a charter on Lake Michigan fishing.

Fast trackers received second place for the pop-tab weigh-in. Congrats to Anne for getting second place in the pumpkin contest. Congratulations, Alison for third place for the pumpkin contest. Both pumpkins were more than 265 pounds.

After the meeting, all club members, leaders and cloverbuds were recognized. There were special awards like Record Book awards, Golden books, Music & Talent Fest participants, and graduating members. The club also presented Rose Rynish with a Thank You gift because she does a lot for the club. Graduates in attendance were: Cianna, Brandi and Susan.

## **B-Square 4-H by Marley**

Our November meeting began at 6:35 on November 6 at North Greenville elementary. To start the meeting off, we participated in the pledges, and next there was the recognition and celebration of all of our leaders, old officers, and 2023 clover buds. The next item on the agenda was the acclimation for our pumpkin and sunflower contestants and drawings for gift certificates for the participants. Awards for all of the members' wonderful record books were also presented. It was also announced that B-square won the pop tab contests-big thanks to anyone who donated. After that the secretary and treasure reports were read, and leader and project updates were announced. Salvation army bell ringing sign up was sent out with sign up genius, we are also adopting a family again this year. Our annual costume contest was held, and we had a lot of great costumes this year! The meeting was adjourned at 7:30, and everyone was reminded to read their newsletter for important dates and information.

## **Smile Awhile 4-H by Eleanor**

The meeting took place on Sunday, December 3. It was held at the Saint Nicholas Church in Freedom Wisconsin. This meeting was the clubs annual Christmas Party so lunch was served and presents were given. Santa came to the meeting as well to give out presents. There were activities to do also. You could make cards for the nursing home residents. You could also do a guessing game where you had to guess how many Hershey Kisses were in the jar and if you were closest, you won the jar full of Hershey Kisses. There was something for the adults too. They could put their names in a bucket and win a poinsettia.

## **Crystal Star 4-H by Lucas**

The November meeting was called to order by Vice President Evie. Speeches were given by Harrison and Mara on Sue the Dinosaur and Maximo the Titanosaur. We learned that Maximo is the most complete dinosaur skeleton. They visited them at the Field Museum in Chicago. Raedyn and Jacob talked about their trip to the National FFA Convention that was held in Indiana. They got to tour the Case IH Plant and see the World's Toughest Rodeo. Maggie and Evie talked about the Foods meeting they attended. They made bread in a bag.

Our club will go Christmas Caroling before our December meeting. We will meet at 5:45 at the Osborn Town Hall on December 19. We will ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 5 from 4-8 at Don's Quality Market in Seymour.

We decided to make a donation to the Seymour Police Department to help with the cost of their K-9, Attos. We will also make a donation to Saving Paws Animal Rescue.

Our next club meeting will be December 19 at 7 pm at the Osborn Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.



## Soldering Circuits Workshop

Send registration to the Extension Office, Attn: 4-H, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54914.

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

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

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Workshop(s) ☐ Level 1 January 25 ☐ Level 2 February 29

**Grades 3 and 4 must be accompanied by an adult.**



## Clothing Make a Totebag

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