



4-H Connections Newsletter

May/June 2024

Educator's Corner

Hello 4-H Leaders, Members and Parents!

I am writing the cover letter for the May/June 4-H Connections Newsletter. I have been honored to work with so many of you as volunteers, members, and parents with your families starting in 4-H and growing up to become adult volunteers/parents and enroll your children/grandchildren into the 4-H program and graduate from 4-H. I have worked in the 4-H program for about 10,660 days given that I may have taken vacation/holiday time off but my last day will be Friday, May 31. It is time for me to retire and enjoy some travel time and flower gardening.

I can only imagine were I to count the number of phone calls and emails that I've received and made over the years, it would be phenomenal. I hope that I answered all of your questions to help you in a positive direction. I'm sure not all answers were what you wanted to hear and I'm sure there were messages I did not want to give to you. But that is the "Learn by Doing" slogan.

The 4-H year always consisted of enrollment happening September-December, project meetings starting in January going through June. Lots of prep work for the county fair in July and then finally getting all the record books turned into the office in August, just to start the enrollment year all over again. I always felt that working at the county fair was a special bonus to see how all of the youth progressed throughout the year and to have a quick visit with the volunteers as we were crossing pathways going from building to building for the next judging opportunity. And don't forget the malts at the 4-H Dairy Bar. Oh so yummy!

I will think of you often as each month comes and goes and what will be happening in the life of 4-H.

Vicki Handschke

NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

June 3 | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 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 Crystal Star, Fairview, New Horizons, North Star



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Calendar

May

- 4 Club Dairy Bar Sign up | Rynish Residence | 8 am
- 4 Flock Testing | Karen Kuhn's Residence | 9-11 am
- 5 Dog Project Obedience & Agility Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3 pm
- 11 Poultry & Rabbit Fun Show | Fairgrounds, Seymour | 8 am
- 16 Beef Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds, Seymour | 6 pm
- 16 Sheep Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds, Seymour | 7 pm
- 18 Goat Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds, Seymour | 9 am
- 18 Swine Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds, Seymour | 10 am
- 19 Dog Project Obedience & Agility Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3 pm
- 21 Youth Leaders Meeting | Fairgrounds, Seymour | 6 pm
- 22 State Fair All Junior Livestock Show Entries DUE**
- 24 Day Camp Registrations DUE**
- 25 Outagamie County Junior Fair Entries DUE**
- 27 Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 28 Horse Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 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!

June

- 3 4-H Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm
- 4 Dog Agility Training | Plamann Farm | 6 pm
- 5 Dog Obedience & Showmanship Training | Plamann Farm | 6 pm
- 8 Flock Testing | Karen Kuhn's Residence | 9-11 am
- 9 Breakfast on the Farm | Erickson Dairy Farm, Bear Creek | 8 am - 12 pm
- 11 4-H Horse Association Meeting | Fairgrounds, Seymour | 7 pm
- 11 Dog Agility Training | Plamann Farm | 6 pm
- 12 Dog Obedience and Showmanship Training | Plamann Farm | 6 pm
- 13 YQCA Certificates and Educational Requirements DUE**
- 18 Cloverbud Day Camp | Camp Forest, Forest Junction | 8 am - 4 pm
- 18 Area Animal Science Day | Shawano County
- 18 Dog Agility Training | Plamann Farm | 6 pm
- 19 Dog Obedience and Showmanship Training | Plamann Farm | 6 pm
- 20 Adventure Day Camp | Camp Forest, Forest Junction | 8 am - 4 pm
- 25-30 Outagamie County Fair | Seymour

Project Updates

Dairy Bar Volunteer Schedule

Each club is asked to have at least one or more members from each family to work at least one shift at the Outagamie County 4-H Dairy Bar. If each family would have at least one parent/member (age 12 and older) work a full shift, we would fill every shift. Keep in mind this is the major fundraiser of the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association and the money raised helps our youth in many ways.

Examples: annual accident insurance, project trainings, materials, scholarship to attend trips, and educational programs.



We need your help because without you we would not be able to fund these fantastic programs for our youth. Also, please ask any alumni you might know to help out. Thank you in advance for your help.

Process for signing up to work the Dairy Bar:

- Sign up for working the Dairy Bar will be Saturday, May 4 at Rose Rynish's residence, W6828 Midway Rd, Hortonville.
- We will begin at 8 am.
- All clubs who are present at 8 am will have their names placed in a drawing for sign up order.
- After those clubs have finished, the clubs who arrive after 8 am can sign up their families.
- We will finish at 9 am.

Register NOW for Day Camp(s) and Summer Camp!

Tuesday, June 18: Cloverbud Day Camp (grades K-2), Camp Forest

Thursday, June 20: Adventure Day Camp (grades 3-7), Camp Forest

August 4-7: Summer Camp (grades 3-8), Army Lake Camp

Outagamie and Calumet County 4-H have some awesome camp opportunities set up this year again!

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, WI again this year from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Registration is due by May 24.

Summer camp is Sunday, August 4 through Wednesday, August 7 at Army Lake Camp in East Troy, WI. Base Camp is for youth in grades 3-6, and Outpost Camp is for youth in grades 7-8. Registration is now open until July 19.

For more information and registration for camp, please visit our website under the 4-H Camp tab.
<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp/>

Project Updates



4-H Outreach Opportunities



Date	Time	Location	Needs	Contact
June 1	9:45 am - 12:00 pm	Little Chute Cheese Fest Parade	Members & Animals	Mary Hoefler
June 28	1:00 - 5:00 pm	Action Center Stage	Various Talent	Sheila VanderZanden
July 10	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Kaukauna Touch-A-Truck	Members & Animals	Mary Hoefler
July 22	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Kaukauna Movie Night	Members	Mary Hoefler
August 9	Morning	Hortonville Library	Members & Animals	Sheila VanderZanden
August 21	5:00 pm - Dusk	Greenville Movie Night	Members & Animals	Sheila VanderZanden
August 24	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Greenville Parade	Members	Lisa Sprangers
September 21	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Kaukauna Fall Fest	Members	Mary Hoefler
October 5	8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Tough Kid Challenge	Members & Small Animals	Lisa Sprangers

Please reach out to a committee member to sign up. Please note that some of the events may change. If an event is one you can commit to already, please reach out to the point of contact listed in each description.

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County Fair

Outagamie County 4-H Band

Attention: All new and returning members of the 4-H band, the first rehearsal will be on May 30, at Black Creek Elementary/Middle School. Rehearsal will start at 7:00 pm and end between 7:45 and 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, no matter your playing experience. We will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings and one or two Mondays. We will perform at the fair on Thursday, June 27, 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 29, 3:00 pm. More information will be shared during rehearsals. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, May 30. For questions contact Donna Langner at 920-450-8484.

Pie Contest

June 28 | Fairgrounds, Seymour

Bring your baked pie to the Action Center Stage, Building #7 between 1-3 pm on Friday, June 28. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information contact: s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com

Two Divisions:

4-H Division- 1 Pie per 4-H Club.

Open Class Division - Open to the public, one pie per person, no commercial business.

Simple Rules:

1. Fruit Pies Only, single, or double homemade crust.
2. Must use a 9" disposable pie tin.
3. Include recipe on a 3 x 5 card (optional).
4. Pies will not be returned.
5. Judging to start at 3:00 with 4-H Division.

First place winner in each division will receive: rights to claim the "Best Pie" at the 2024 Outagamie County Fair, an engraved pie plate and their name added to the winner's banner!

Come and have fun entering the contest, watching and sampling...while they last!!

Outagamie County Fair Exhibitor Information

Hello 4-H Families – It is almost time for the 2024 Outagamie County Fair – June 25-30. The theme is "Celebrating 140 Years of Tradition".

Online entries are open.

- Deadline for entries is May 25.
- To enter – go to www.OutagamieCountyFair.com – look under Exhibitors-Junior Fair
- You will enter using your 4honline email and password.
- Season Passes are available for \$20/adult and \$10/youth ages 13-18. Parking is included. Please see your main leader to order passes.

Project Updates

Poultry & Rabbit Fun Show

May 11 | 8:00 am | Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour

The fun show does count as a required meeting.

Registration for the fun show begins at 8 am and the show starts at 9 am. Cost to show will be \$5 per youth or \$10 per family with no limit to entry numbers.

Permanent tattoos are not necessary for rabbits. Rabbit costume contest is \$1 per rabbit entry. Open to youth 5K-one year out of High School.

Birds entered in the contest need to be flock tested so if you do not have tested flock papers, 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 birds that are being shown that day.

We will also be hosting a bag raffle. **All poultry & rabbit members are requested to bring an item to donate for the raffle.** This can either be dropped off at set-up on May 10 from 4-6 pm, brought to the homes of one of the Small Animals committee members (Karen Kuhn, Sarah Spiegel, Rachel Penterman, Dan Kuhn), or dropped off the morning of the show at the fairgrounds between 8-8:30 am.

Poultry Flock Testing

We will be doing flock testing on May 4 and June 8 at Karen Kuhn's, N6560 County Rd PP, Black Creek, from 9-11 am. When we flock test, we are testing for Salmonella Pullorum and Fowl Typhoid. Although not commonly found anymore, these are dangerous diseases that can wipe out flocks. These diseases are most commonly found in sexually mature birds. Therefore, **all poultry over four months of age except Turkeys** must be tested at that time. **This includes ALL poultry that you have at your home, not just the ones you plan on showing.** Turkeys require testing if they are over six months of age as of the fair, or if you have any turkeys on your property over six months of age, even if you don't plan on showing them. This is a separate test that our program doesn't test for. If you need to have your turkeys tested, please contact your vet.

4-H Horticulture Planting Class

May 18 | 1:00 pm | Wolfrath's Nursery and Landscaping, Hortonville

Come and join 4-H friends and get your hands dirty. We are going to be planting flowers that you get to take home with you to enjoy and watch grow all summer. These planters can be used as a 4-H project at the fair.

Cost is \$5 per planter (4-H Leaders Association is covering some cost).

Directions: come to the east entrance off of Hwy 15, the road is closed coming from New London. If you have any questions feel free to contact Alison Zeinert 920-209-5264 or email alisonzeinert@gmail.com. RSVP by May 15.

Project Updates

Cloverbud Challenge Reminder and Redemption Information

The Cloverbud Committee is challenging all Cloverbuds to experience much of what 4-H has to offer. Between now and June 1, complete the tasks on one of the Cloverbud Bingo Cards printed in the January/February 2024 Connections Newsletter on pages 9 and 10.

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. Achieve a blackout? Win up to a \$5 prize! This will be the honor system and projects do not need to be submitted.

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, email or text your bingo card to Betsy Marks at bortzel123@hotmail.com or 920-420-4238 with your name, club name, and address by June 1, 2024. A confirmation will be returned, and certificates will then be mailed to you in time for Fair!

Cloverbud Judging - Like many of you, we are gearing up for an exciting 2024 Outagamie County Fair! When you bring your Cloverbud projects to the fair, each Cloverbud will meet one-on-one with a judge. The judge will review each project and ask a few questions to the Cloverbud.

First time attendees and returning exhibitors might like to review the following questions as they may be used in Cloverbud fair judging.

- What did you make?
- How did you make it?
- Did you have any help?
- Why did you choose this project?
- What was the hardest part?
- What was the easiest part?
- Would you do anything differently if you would do this again?
- Why did you choose this color?
- What did you like best about this project?

The judges are very friendly and interested in your projects. Be sure to speak loud enough and clear enough for the judge to hear and understand you. Consider practicing with a friend or family member in advance of the fair.

Cake Decorating




May 23 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm | Extension Outagamie County, Appleton

Local cake decorator, Carolyn Campbell, will be teaching a basic cake decorating class that will teach youth some techniques in working with frosting. Youth will take home 3 decorated cupcakes.

Grades: 3rd and up, space is limited Cost: \$8 per youth

Contact: Email Alicia to register alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu.

County Fair

4-H Action Center Stage Schedule at the Outagamie County Fair			
Time	Friday, June 28	Saturday, June 29	Sunday, June 30
1:00 – 1:15	Welcome Noah Hunt – Performance	Camilla Hubert – Rock Guitar Soloist	Foods Revue 
1:15 - 1:30	Open Mic for 4-H Members		
1:30 – 1:45	See What’s Cooking	Isabella Schaeuble – Singing Performance	(Transition)
1:45 – 2:00		Goat Fun with the Schill Family	
2:00 – 2:15			
2:15 – 2:30	4-H Open Forum	4-H Band Warm Up	4-H Presentations
2:30 – 2:45	Kahlan Scherg – It’s Magic		4-H Open Forum
2:45 – 3:00	(Transition)	4-H Open Forum	4-H Trip Presentations
3:00 – 3:15	Pie Contest	4-H Band Performance 	Kahlan Scherg – It’s Magic
3:15 – 3:30	4-H Club Competition		(Transition)
3:30 – 3:45			4-H Graduating Scholarship Award Presentation
3:45 – 4:00			
4:00 – 4:15	Open Class Competition	Make ‘N Take with WI 4-H Leadership Council	Interested in joining 4-H? Find out more about us! 920-832-5123 outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4h
4:15 – 4:30			
4:30 – 4:45			
4:45 – 5:00			



County Fair

2024 Foods Revue Information

The Foods Revue will be hosted at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds on the Action Center Stage on Sunday, June 30, 1-2 pm. This event is open to all 4-H members and Cloverbuds. Register at <https://forms.gle/LQezzG2yjhEmQS1Q9> by June 3.

The following categories will be available:

- Cloverbuds: simple dessert, sandwich, muffin, or snack
- Grades 3-6: appetizer, breakfast item, sandwich, or dessert
- Grades 7-13: appetizer, breakfast item, entrée, homemade soup, or dessert

What is the 4-H Foods Revue? The Foods Revue is an opportunity for 4-H youth to showcase a complete menu and table setting while only having to prepare one food item chosen from the appropriate grade level list.

Youth will need to prepare:

- Food item from categories listed
- Table setting (placemat or tablecloth, napkin, glass, plate, and the silverware needed for your planned meal)
- A centerpiece
- Card with a complete menu
- Card with your food item recipe

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Foods Committee members listed in your 4-H Family Handbook.

Bits & Pieces

4-H Connections Newsletter Article Submissions

With Vicki's retirement we're asking **all** newsletter articles be submitted using this link: <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/newsletters/>

Youth Leaders

Youth Leader Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 | 6:00 pm | Fairgrounds, Seymour

Note: we will be setting up building #5 for community service, kickball game, ice cream sundaes and you'll be the first youth to view the sculpture project that is almost done. You don't want to miss this. Let's have a good turnout and help with some SERVICE, FOOD and FUN!

Youth Leaders - operate the DAIRY BAR

Please visit the Dairy Bar at the fair on Tuesday, June 25. Outagamie County Youth Leaders will be in the Dairy Bar at the fair so please come visit us and enjoy one of those FAMOUS MALTS before the Fair kicks off.

We need Youth Leaders to help work a shift at the Dairy Bar on Tuesday, please.

Sign up on the link to work one of the shifts...you'll have time to enter your non-animal projects either before or after your shift. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4DAAAE2DA1F94-dairy3#/>

Congratulations

Drama Festival Results

Congratulations to the winners of the Drama Festival! Thank you to everyone who came out to support all of our budding actors and actresses!

County Champion - Crystal Star "The Pied Piper of Hamelin: A Question of Rats"

County Reserve Champion - Country Slickers "Tina's Magic"

The audience also enjoyed performances by the following 4-H Clubs: Bent Arrow, B-Square, Buchanan Badgers, Fast Trackers, Shooting Stars, and Smile Awhile.



4-H History

1925-2025 = 100 Years of 4-H in Outagamie County



Wow, how exciting to be a part of the celebration! Where have those years gone!!

We are looking for adults and members to help us celebrate this milestone. We are looking for you to join a committee or write some personal family history of Outagamie County 4-H.

Committees you can be a part of include, but are not limited to:

- General Centennial Committee
- History Committee
- Organizing special events throughout the year committee
- Youth Leaders Committee
- Club History Committee
- Resource Leader Committee
- Friends of 4-H Committee
- Education Travel Committee

These are just samples of what we could be doing to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

We would like the kickoff to begin in January 2025 and end with a special event possibly in December. At the 2025 fair, displays can be placed throughout the grounds also.

Please consider helping us in one or more areas. A lot can be done to celebrate if we all pitch in!

Please contact Sheila Vander Zanden at s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com, Tammy Stille at tammy@stilles.org or Mary Hoefler at maryhoefler@att.net or other members of the Executive Board to sign up or inquire about more information.

Thank you to those who have signed up already. We will be contacting you soon to get started.

Club Corner

Buchanan Badgers 4-H Club by Lucy

April 4-H meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. on April 8. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. The birthday kids this month were Anna F. and Kahlan S.

Old Business and New Business:

We continued discussions for our summer trip ideas from previous meetings. We plan on taking an educational trip and a recreational trip. Next, we continued preparations for the brat fry on May 11 at Piggly Wiggly in Kaukauna. Later, our club recreation for the night was playing musical chairs by age group.

Demonstrations:

Payton G. showed a flower basket she made and brought to the fair. Lucas B. showed his work-in-progress knife that he is crafting. Katelyn B. walked us through the steps of showing a cat at the fair. Our next meeting will be on May 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the St. Mary's Cafeteria.

Bent Arrow 4-H Club by Camilla

The meeting took place on April 1st Belfry Hall. Teri Gee from the Barlow Planetarium gave a presentation on solar eclipses. The members learned what a solar eclipse is, and how they can view the eclipse on April 8.

Members of the club reviewed previous 4-H opportunities, such as the Meat Processing Workshop and the "Rise to the Yeast" Zoom class. Lily also reminded members to sign up for the day camps that will start this summer. Members received custom t-shirts for the club as well. The club was also given an update on the upcoming brat fry which we are hosting to raise money for the club. The brat fry will be on April 13 at Jacob's Meat Market. It will be 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Members then talked about upcoming 4H events like the 4-H Dairy Bar at the fair. Families were encouraged to volunteer to work at the dairy bar. The club also talked about the Highway Pickup

and the Foods Revue. Members were reminded that all 4-H members can sign up for the Foods Revue.

Xasha and Brooklyn did their presentations. Xasha showed the club how to make dragon puppets and Brooklyn did a demo on wool felting.

Our next meeting is on May 6 at Belfry Hall.

Fast Trackers 4-H Club by Claire

Date: April 8, 2024

We started the meeting with member reports. We had four members do member reports. The first member report was Bert who did his report on go-cart racing. Emily did hers on Dave & Busters and The Ark in Kentucky. Halle did her member report on an aquarium in Kentucky. Brecken did his on their spring break trip to Colorado.

After member reports, we did an activity, led by Autumn & Melia. We split into three groups and made sound effects that sounded like rain.

Other events:

- Some club members did a tour at Roskoms. They went in the coolers, had snacks, and received t-shirts. Thanks Roskoms!
- Home Environment members also showed their various projects. They were made at Mary's house. Thanks Mary!
- Our club Foods leaders led an event with cake decorating and cauliflower soup. Thank you, Bill and Tara!

Tracy Reynolds was a guest speaker. He talked about his career as a pilot. He showed pictures and shared stories. He also answered many questions. At the end of the presentation, he shared pilot box lunches with club members.



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