



4-H Connections Newsletter

September/October 2024

Educator's Corner

Hello! My name is Nicole Platkowski and I am joining UW-Extension Outagamie County as the new full-time Office Assistant. I am coming to this role with a variety of work experience most recently being in public and college libraries. In 2020, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with a B.A. in Arts Management and Humanities with an emphasis in World Cultures. I am eager to apply knowledge from my education and previous work experience to this role.



I did not grow up participating in 4-H, but I am thrilled to be joining a community that encourages creativity, skill-building, and fun! I have a lot to learn, but like all of you, I will learn by doing. Outside of work, I enjoy going to museums and botanical gardens, taking local art classes, reading nonfiction books, attempting to cook and shopping at thrift stores.

I look forward to celebrating 100 years of Outagamie County 4-H with you all!

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NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, November 25 | 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, Valley EPIC, Wide Awake Forward



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Calendar

September

- 1 Beginning of 2025 4-H Project Year
- 2 Extension Office Closed
- 3 4-H Member/Leader Enrollment Begins | go to <https://wi.4honline.com>
- 7 State 4-H Horse Gymkhana | West Allis, State Fair Park
- 12 Program Committee Budget Planning Open House | Center Town Hall | 6:30-8:30 pm
- 13-15 State 4-H Horse Expo | West Allis, State Fair Park
- 15 Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council Application DUE**
- 17 Club Officer Training Registration DUE**
- 21 Outreach Opportunity - Kaukauna Fall Fest | Kaukauna | 10:00 am
- 24 Club Officer Training | Black Creek Elementary School | 6:00 pm
- 26 Leader's Recognition Dinner | Romy's | 6:00 pm
- 30 Program Committee Budgets DUE**
- 30 Club Charters DUE**

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!

October

- 1 Educational Travel Opportunities Applications DUE | Extension Office**
- 1 November/December 4-H Connections Newsletter Articles DUE**
- 5 Tough Kids Challenge | Highlands Elementary School, Appleton | 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 6-12 National 4-H Week | What is your club doing?
- 10 Pop Tab Challenge | Center Town Hall | 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- 10 Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest | Center Town Hall | 4:00-6:00 pm
- 15 "Join 4-H" Sign DUE to Sheila VanderZanden**
- 15 Early Bird Enrollment DUE**
- 19 Club Charters DUE to Extension Office, Attn: 4-H**
- 22 4-H Horse/Horseless Horse Awards and Elections | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 29 Member Recognition | Seymour High School Auditorium | 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

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 24 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 17 <https://bit.ly/24OfficerTraining>

4-H Enrollment Information

All enrollment happens in 4-H Online: <https://wi.4honline.com>. There is a \$5 enrollment fee for members/cloverbuds, no charge for leaders. Enrollment fees are due to club leaders by January 18.

We encourage you to re-enroll by November 15. New enrollment is 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 a passion for the topic and learning.

Attention Youth in Grades 7-13: 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. You will be able to participate in youth leadership activities, community service and join a great group of people who are ready to have fun!

“Join 4-H” Sign Display Contest

Hey 4-H families! It's the time of year to proudly display the "Join 4-H" in your yard or business. Between August 1 - October 12, 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: s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com by October 15. Please one entry per address. Drawing will take place at the November 25 Leaders Association meeting. You MUST be present at this meeting to win!



Don't have a sign? You can contact Sheila at the email address above.

National 4-H Week October 6-12

National 4-H Week will be observed throughout the United States. 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, and special news features are just a few methods to be considered to help tell our 4-H story to the public.

Upcoming Events

Pop Tab Challenge

October 10 | 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. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the collection of the pop tabs. Please contact Alicia if interested alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu.

Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

Seeds Sponsored by Corey Ertl – CropSource LLC

Thursday, October 10 | 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.

Reminder to participants that obtained seeds for the Big Pumpkin and Giant Sunflower contest, you must use the seeds provided. The variety of seeds ordered can produce pumpkins approximately weighing up to a maximum of 200 pounds. For safety purposes, pumpkins that do not appear to be from the distributed seeds will be disqualified and not weighed.

2024 Member Recognition

Tuesday, October 29 | 7:00 pm | Seymour High School Auditorium

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 2-3 | Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point

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
- 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.

Upcoming Events



4-H Outreach Opportunities



Tough Kids Challenge: October 5 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm, Highlands Elementary School. 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 provide domestic animals and make-n-take crafts to showcase what 4-H has to offer. Please contact Lisa Sprangers at sprangerslisa@gmail.com to sign up.

Town of Kaukauna Fall Fest: September 21 at 10:00 am. We will need members and leaders to help with a petting zoo, make-n-take, playing games, wearing the cow and pig costumes and general promotion of 4-H. If you can help, please contact Mary Hoefler at maryhoefler@att.net to sign up.

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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Lisa Sprangers	sprangerslisa@gmail.com
DJ and Sheila Vander Zanden	s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com

Project Updates

Foods Revue at the Fair

Thank you to all of the members and Cloverbuds who participated in this year's Foods Revue at the Action Center Stage.

Cloverbuds were: Riley Cooper, Eve Grosskopf, Gloriana McGlone, Keturah McGlone, Heinrich Seichter

Grades 3-6 were: Autumn Cooper, Sophia Cooper, Tamar Cooper, Clara Grosskopf, Sierra Knaack, Nevaeh McGlone, Jada Novitski, Georg Seichter

Grades 7 and up were: Myah Ellsworth, Joselyn Novitski

Mini Chef award Grade 3-6: Jada Novitski, Bent Arrow

Mini chef awards Grade 7 & Up: Joselyn Novitski, Bent Arrow

Congratulations to all!



Project Updates

4-H Horse/Horseless Horse Awards and Elections

October 22 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

Members have been busy this year with clinics, open rides and shows! Several members are going to 4-H state competitions in September. If you see them, wish them luck: Elyanna Masty, Kyrieay Young, Wycovia Young, Lane Witterholt, Audrianna Witterholt, Lydia Ewing, Kaiya Wheaton, Sofie Wheaton, Keira Leitermann, Dylan Leitermann, Kyleigh Leitermann, Allison Maass and Grace Van Driel. Please join us for awards night and elections. This is for new and current project members.

If you have any questions about the horse/horseless horse project, please reach out! Our website is: <https://outagamiecounty4horse.com/> Our Facebook page is: Outagamie County 4-H Horse Association, or call our resource leader Gail at 920-734-3849.

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/wi4hshootingssports/>

2024 Adult Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops

Check out the Wisconsin 4-H website for more information on the 2024 workshops: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

2024 Saturday Certification Workshops

September 14 | Central Workshop, Marshfield | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Disciplines offered: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

4-H Arts Camp

October 5-6 | 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 date and more information go to

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

Project Updates

Animal Judging and Quiz Bowl

As this new 4-H year begins, we already have our sights set on the opportunities that this year brings. Some of these exciting opportunities are our judging and quiz bowl teams!

4-H offers dairy, livestock (beef, sheep, swine), and horse judging at the Area Animal Science Day competition in June. Youth can compete individually and as a team, with the ability to move on to the state and national competitions. Practices are held biweekly, starting in April, at farms around the county. Participants compete against youth from other county 4-H programs.

Dairy and livestock Quiz Bowl and meats judging are held in February and March. Meats judging is held in a similar format to judging at Area Animal Science Days. Quiz Bowl is held as a double elimination tournament. Both competitions start practicing in December.

If you are interested in competing, please reach out to Alyssa Seitz at aaseitz@wisc.edu or 920-832-2171.

Calfless Calf Program



This year, Outagamie County 4-H is starting a Calfless Calf program. 4-H members that would like to show dairy cattle at the county fair but do not have access to an animal, can sign up for the program and are matched with a farmer that will let them lease an animal. The extension office will also lend supplies and mentorship to new exhibitors as they learn about the project. If you are interested in showing through this program, or are willing to lease animals to new exhibitors, please contact Alyssa Seitz at aaseitz@wisc.edu or 920-832-2171.

Youth Leaders

Educational Travel Experience (ETE)

There are scholarships available through the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association for up to 75% of the Educational Travel fees. 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.

Youth interested, who may not be fully committed to going, are encouraged to apply for a scholarship.

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

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.

More information about Educational Travel Opportunities can be found: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

Wisconsin Leadership Council

Applications Due by September 15

<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 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 Meat Products Auction at Wisconsin State Fair.

Congratulations

4-H Action Center Stage Pie Contest

And the 2024 Best Pie at the Fair goes to...

4-H Division Winner: Bent Arrow with a spectacular Blueberry Rhubarb pie

Open Class Winner: Heather Veeseer with a seasonal Strawberry pie

Congratulations and many thanks to the record breaking 35 pie contestants who entered this year's pie contest! There were ten in the 4-H division and 25 in the open class. Many from 4-H families, however not all.



Thank you to our judges:

Brenda Walby- Bakery on Terrace

Joe Van Thull- Baker Joe's-retired

Raissa Ashman- 4-H Alumni and teacher

Ice cream was provided by the Outreach Committee. A special thank you to our 4-H volunteers who came to assist! Over 1,200 samples were issued to an extremely excited audience!

4-H Band

Congratulations to 2024 Outagamie County 4-H Band! Your performances at the Fair were great! I heard many nice comments about what a wonderful job the band did. It was exciting to have so many new faces and all the returning members! 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! I look forward to seeing all of you next year.

-Donna Langner

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to all our members who graduated this year! This milestone is a stepping stone for more to come. As you enter this next chapter of your life, remember the lessons you learned in 4-H. Take them with you as you continue to make your best better!



Congratulations

Grace Van Driel Awarded Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipient. This year was another extremely competitive year, with only the top 5% of all applicants receiving scholarships. Scholarships are awarded through company and individual endowed funds by supporters who share a passion for 4-H and the leadership and life skills it teaches.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awarded Grace Van Driel of Appleton, WI. a \$2,500 Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship.



Grace has been active in her 4-H Club in Outagamie County for 8 years. Her projects range from horseless horse and clothing to photography and citizenship. She has held several leadership positions including President of her 4-H Club, Song Leader, and attendee to the 4-H Horse Leaders Conference.

Grace is graduating from Appleton East High School and plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College to pursue occupational therapy. She has participated in drama club, National Honor Society, and the Sources of Strength club. Grace is a recipient of the Ronald Dunlap Student Success Award, and conducts autism awareness presentations for her peers in her 4-H club and high school.

"Our 4-H youth exemplify true leaders," says Brenda Scheider, Director of Development for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "Grace is a great example of a young person who is using the skills learned through 4-H to 'make the best better'. I know that our future is bright because of our 4-H youth." The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awards scholarships annually to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education. Scholarship recipients are selected based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals. This year \$29,000 in scholarships were awarded.

Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped young people develop the skills they need to meet the demands of our complex and ever-changing world. 4-H has grown from a rich history of agricultural clubs that helped the University of Wisconsin-Extension connect families to research-based advancements in farming technology and techniques. Today's 4-H still boasts strong programs in agriculture and animal science and has grown to include science, leadership, healthy living and communications programming that help Wisconsin youth build a healthier and more prosperous future.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. Nearly 150,000 youth and more than 22,000 volunteers participate in and support Wisconsin 4-H programs. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports 4-H youth who take part in various 4-H leadership, development, and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting www.Wis4HFoundation.org.

Thank You Corner

2024 Cal-Agamie Olympics Camp - Thank you!



The Cal-Agamie's Olympics 4-H Camp 2024 has come to an end. We had a great time at Army Lake Camp in East Troy. They were a wonderful host and took very good care of us. MaryBeth 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 2025 staff applications and camp save-the-dates which will be posted in the 4-H Connections Newsletter.

Outreach - Thank You!

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

The Cheese Fest Parade: especially the Sprangers Family for the use of their trailer and the mothers who wore the customs 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: especially to the clubs who sent members, leaders, and animals. Complete list unknown before this printed.

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

Dairy Bar Thank You

THANK YOU all that helped out in the Dairy Bar this year. Those that signed up and those that came in and worked a shift. You all did an outstanding job. We were able to stay open for all the shifts and had fun doing it. Thank you to all the superintendents, you also did a great job. Everything ran smoothly. Awesome job! I can't wait until next year. We have a great group of people to work together and have fun doing it.

Endowment donations

In memory of Kris Kimball from: DJ & Sheila VanderZanden
Thank You!

Thank You Corner

The Action Center Stage



2024 was a fantastic year on the Action Center Stage! Our biggest Pie Contest to date, a full stage filled with a welcomed variety!

Thank you to all the leaders and members who assisted on and off the Action Center Stage. This is a wonderful way to offer the opportunity to let our members shine! We thank the 4-H band members and especially Donna Langer, director. Most of our event performers were mentioned in the program.

Thank you to them all!

There are a few others that were on the stage and behind the scenes that need a thank you also. The Outagamie County Fair staff and the Stille Family, Rennen Hopfensperger, Jim and Sandy Buman, Carl Walby, Mark & Sonja Voight, Sharon Reynolds, Ella and Iris Schill, Nora and Elza Schillniess, Weston Spiegel, Sydney Schmitt, Miles and Lydia Schmidt, Burke Sprangers, Johanna Vandenberg, Jake Stille, Brayden Capaul, the Food Revue participants, and the CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship recipients*.

*We apologize for any helper names that were inadvertently omitted.

- The 2024 Action Center Stage/Outreach Committee

Club Corner

Bent Arrow 4-H Club by Camilla

The Bent Arrow 4-H Club Meeting took place on July 8, 2024 at Plamann Park. The club started the meeting by discussing previous 4-H events and activities. The members talked about the education booth, which won 1st place as well as talked about each other's projects. Our club also won the pie contest with a blueberry rhubarb pie. Aside from the fair, members also talked about the Cloverbud Day Camp and Adventure Day Camp, where 4-H kids could make friends and learn new skills. The members were also reminded that the record books are due at the August 12 club meeting.

Afterward, members started to talk about upcoming events such as kickball which is on August 26 at 5:30pm and 4-H Outreach events like the Greenville Movie Night and the Tough Kid Challenge. Members were also informed on the due dates for scholarship applications for events like the Citizenship Washington Focus or the Space Camp. Applications are due on October 1st. Members were also encouraged to sign-up for an officer position at the September meeting.

Next, members participated in the recreational activity where the Capaul family helped kids learn about trick photography.

Our next meeting will be on August 12 at Plamann Park at 6:00 pm.

B-Square 4-H Club by Marley

B-squares July meeting occurred at Badgers Sports Park at 6:00 on July 29th. We had a brief 30-minute meeting where demonstrations took place, treasures and secretaries reports were read and a couple of club updates were stated. After the meeting pizza and drinks were all provided. What was also provided was passes to Badger Sports Park which allowed us to play many games, go on go-carts, laser tag, and even mini golf! It was such a fun meeting and we thank all our members who helped us get the money for this activity, and our leaders for providing this opportunity!

Country Slickers 4-H Club by Nora



Meeting on June 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Center, Appleton. Prior to the meeting, the club got a tour of the Public Safety Training Center. Afterwards, the meeting was called to order and the club said pledges and sang 'Happy Birthday' to those celebrating a birthday in June. The treasurer's and secretary's report were completed. The club discussed entry day of the fair, working the Diary Bar and completing the club fair booth. There is still room for grades 3-6 at Summer Camp in August. There is a kickball game at the Center Town Hall on August 26 at 5:30 pm. Record books will be due at our August meeting at the Van Den Elzens. There will be no club meeting in July due to Independence Day.

Club Corner

Buchanan Badgers 4-H Club by Lucy

Outagamie County will be celebrating the 100th year of 4-H in 2025! Plans are currently underway for this exciting celebration! The Buchanan Badgers 4-H meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on July 8th, 2024. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. The birthday kids this month were Eli H., Zoe H., Aaron F., Chase N., and Evie K.



Old Business and New Business:

First, we were reminded to show up at the Meade Pool with a friend for our summer celebration. The turnout was awesome! Next, we were told to consider running for a Club Officer Position. Elections will be held at our August meeting. A record book information session was held in order to aid members in putting their yearbook together.

Demos:

Chase N. showed his barn quilt that he made for the fair. It was well-thought-out and had the colors of a Case IH Tractor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M. Our next meeting is on Monday, August 12th, at 6:30 P.M. in the St. Mary's Cafeteria. Each member will bring a fair exhibit to show to the club and any visitors/new members.

Crystal Star 4-H Club by Lucas

The July 16th Crystal Star 4-H meeting was held at the Osborn Town Hall. Before the meeting, we had a cookout and potluck. Amber, a former member, was at the meeting to help our President and Vice President run the meeting. She told us about her experience on the State FFA board.

Each member talked a bit about what they took to fair. Members also talked about working at the Dairy Bar during the fair. They had a lot of fun even though it rained most of the night. We made just over \$250 on the 50/50 raffle we held on the Saturday of the fair. Neither of our club's planters placed, but the Schaumberg family did a great job on them. Our fair promotion sign did not place either. Our educational booth took 3rd place. We should start thinking of ideas for next year's planters and booth.

Our club will be going to Bay Beach on Wednesday July 24th from 4-8 to help celebrate summer. Feel free to bring a friend. Record books are due next month. You can bring them to the August meeting. There is a Youth Leaders meeting on August 19th at the Center Town Hall. Anyone going into 7th grade and older is invited to attend. Next month, we will hold 4-H Olympics at our club meeting. We will also vote for officers. Our next meeting is August 20th at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Club Corner

Fast Trackers 4-H Club by Claire



Date: July 8, 2024

Location: Ellington Town Hall

Start Time: 6:15 PM

We started the meeting by playing five rounds of dodgeball.

We had five member reports. First, Lucy and Eleanor did their member reports on going to Indianapolis to see the solar eclipse. Next, Emma did her report on her ducklings. After that, Gretchen did her report on her chicken that she showed at the fair. Then Allison did her report on Juvenile Diabetes. Last, but not least, Josie did her report on her guinea pig, Hazel.

Thank you so much for those who worked a shift, or multiple shifts, at this year's Dairy Bar!

We had fair updates:

- Thank you, Kinlee, for making a fruit pie that placed 2nd to represent our club.
- Thank you to the following families that did the fair promotions:
- Kissling & Giacomini (fair promotion)
- Allison & Jayden (fair booth) (placed 2nd)
- Peters, Preisler, and Bauer families (fair planters)
- Heather won the open class pie contest with a strawberry pie.

Coming up:

- Our next meeting is at Badger Sports park on August 12th at 6:00pm.
- Record books due to Rose by August 13th. If you don't want her to evaluate your record book, it's due August 18th at the latest.

Smile Awhile 4-H Club by Eleanor

The meeting was on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at the VFW in Freedom Wisconsin. The demonstrations were done by the Rashka and Farrell families. Rachel talked about her eggs. Abby showed her bottle holder she made for glass bottles. The club decided on donating \$200 to Old Glory Honor Flight. We split into committees and talked about three different things. Summer Trip Planning, Community Service Planning, and Pledges Planning and Education Planning. The Outagamie County Fair overall went well for the club. The cloverbud leader is resigning her post and someone else has to do the job now.

4-H History

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



Outagamie County 4-H Celebrates 100 years!

This year Outagamie County 4-H will be celebrating 100 years! While our official kickoff will be in January, we have already started celebrating! Congratulations to Lydia Schmidt of River Valley Hawks for having her design selected as our logo for this next year. This design will be on t-shirts, promotions, stickers and more. Keep reading for more opportunities to get your hands on some awesome O.C. 100 memorabilia.

Free 100 Year T-shirts!

How would you like to have your very own 100 year anniversary shirt to celebrate the next year, for FREE? All members and volunteers who complete their enrollment and are fully approved by October 15, 2024 will receive a free shirt! Enrollment begins September 3.



Commemorative Outagamie County 4-H Centennial Calendar

The centennial committee is currently working on creating a special calendar with 4-H photos throughout the years. Please send any photos that depict Outagamie County 4-H events or activities, recent or over the years. Photos are due September 30 to Dar Debrin OC4H100@gmail.com.

Calendars will be created and available to order soon thereafter and orders will be due by October 15.

Watch your email, newsletters and Facebook for other Centennial Celebrations throughout the year!



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