



4-H Connections Newsletter

January/February 2025

Educator's Corner

Happy New Year 4-H Families!

I hope you have all had a restful holiday break and are excited for the new year. With the New Year comes a lot of new things like resolutions, promises, ideas, and policies.

Last year we had an issue with a volunteer's email being hacked and unfortunately some of our families did fall victim to this scammer. This issue furthered the need for tightened security with sharing personal information, especially that of our youth.

UW-Madison and 4-H Policies recommend not sharing our contact lists freely. Using blind copy or "BCC" when emailing large groups to limit access to emails, accidental "reply all" messages and to protect individuals' privacy and security. The only people who will have access to a complete email, phone, or mailing list should be the approved chartered group chair/president, chartered club main leaders, the secretaries of those groups, and Extension staff. Participant lists, without those methods of contact, can be shared with any member or approved volunteer who is also a participant of that club or group. The participant lists may include name, grade, club, project, and years in project. Communications from unchartered groups and project leaders should be shared from the Extension Office.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping our youth and families safe.

Alicia Schroeder-Haag

4-H Program Educator

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NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, January 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 Bent Arrow, B-Square, Wolf River Beavers



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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 so you don't miss anything!

January

- 1 Extension Office CLOSED
- 5 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 4:45 pm
- 6 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm
- 10 Dairy Quiz Bowl Registration DUE**
- 10 See What's Cooking Registration DUE**
- 11 4-H Basketball Centennial Celebration | Immanuel Lutheran School | 10:00 am
- 12 Dog Project Clean-Up | Sunnyview in Oshkosh
- 16 Camp Staff Interviews | Extension Office | 6:30 pm
- 18 See What's Cooking | Kelsey's Country Kitchen | 9:30-11:30 am and/or 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- 19 Roller Skating Event | Skaters Edge | 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 20 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:30 pm
- 25 Dairy Quiz Bowl | UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation Building
- 26 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 4:45 pm
- 27 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 28 Horse Association Educational Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 30 Clothing Members: Make a Fabric Bag Registration DUE**
- 31 Registration DUE for Family Learning Day**

February

- 1 Educational Travel Experiences Scholarship Applications DUE**
- 1 Newsletter Submissions for March/April DUE**
- 1 Poultry Starter Grant Application DUE**
- 8 Registration for Drama Festival DUE**
- 8 Clothing Members: Make a Fabric Bag | Center Town Hall | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 9 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 4:45 pm
- 15 Family Learning Day | FVTC | 8:15 am - 12:00 pm
- 23 Meat Processing Workshop Registration DUE**
- 23 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 4:45 pm
- 24 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:30 pm
- 25 Horse Association Educational Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 25 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm

March

- 1 Application for CPF Scholarship DUE**
- 3 Outagamie County HCE Scholarship DUE**
- 4 Meat Processing Workshop | Haen Meat Packaging Inc | 6:30-8:00 pm

Upcoming Events

4-H Basketball Centennial Event

January 11 | Immanuel Lutheran School, Greenville

Please come kick off the 100 year celebration with this exciting event!

It's Basketball time once again in Outagamie 4-H.

2025 is the Centennial year of 4-H in Outagamie County. We are going to have some fun and bring back the basketball tournament for one day only. It will look different. Please sign up in as many areas in which you are interested. The date will be Saturday, January 11 at the Immanuel Lutheran School in Greenville. Please share this opportunity with alumni. We would love to see a full house!

Updates: The plan is to begin our day at 10:00 am. Participants will be divided into teams and will play a few games. There will be recreational fun, between games for anyone else who would love to take part. All ages are welcome!

Youth Leaders will provide concessions. Please come out and support this event.

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU:

- Sign up to participate:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAAAE2DA1F94-52027283-2025#/>
- If you have already signed up, please make sure your email address and age are listed (or if you are an adult) so teams can be divided evenly.
- If you can no longer participate, please remove your name.
- People can still participate the day of the event, having names ahead of time would be more convenient and appreciated.
- The first game will start at 10:00 am.
- Final details will be sent via the email you provided.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Rose Rynish prynishfam@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

See What's Cooking...Culinary Creativity Knows No Limits

Date: January 18

Location: Kelsey's Country Kitchen, 303 N. Main Street, Black Creek, WI 54106

Cost: \$5.00 per person per session 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.

Session 1

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Ages: 10 and Up

Open to Food Project Members

Purpose: Learning how to assemble a charcuterie board. This will include learning how to choose foods that work together on a charcuterie board, how to cut and display your food on the boards.

Lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Members from both sessions of "See What's Cooking" will get to assemble english muffin pizzas for their lunch.

Session 2

Time: 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Ages: Open to Foods Project Members of all ages and Cloverbuds.

Participants of this session may join in as early as 11:30 am to enjoy english muffin pizzas.

*Please bring a rolling pin.

Purpose: Learning another fun variation of a charcuterie board besides meats and cheeses. We will have fun with new ideas and create a sweet treat board.

Requirements to attend the sessions:

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

Register by January 10 at <https://bit.ly/4-HCooking2025>



Upcoming Events

Where: Skaters Edge

5714 Integrity way, Grand Chute

When: January 19, 2025

from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



4-H Roller Skating Event

- Open to ALL 4-H'er's, friends, and family. Adult supervision is required for all children 12 and under.
- Registration is not required, but if you register, all 4-H members and Cloverbuds will save \$4.00!
- Registration is on page 23 and due January 15, 2025.
- For day-of payment, Mention 4-H and 50% of your admission fee will help fund the 4-H 2025-2026 Interstate Exchange Program.

Cost

Skater: \$10

Non-skater: \$3.00

Skate Rental: \$3.00

Skate Mate: \$4.00



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Upcoming Events



★ LOGO CONTEST ★

CREATE YOUR VERY OWN LOGO FOR THE
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION
BRING THE LOGO TO THE JANUARY MEETING TO BE VOTED ON
WINNING LOGO WILL BE MADE TO GO ON
SHIRTS DURING FEBRUARY MEETING!
MUST BE A BLACK AND WHITE LOGO

JANUARY MEETING
1/28/25 7PM

CENTER TOWN HALL
N3990 WI-47, APPLETON, WI 54913

4-H HORSE

TRIVIA NIGHT

JAN 28, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Center Town Hall
N3990 WI-47,
Appleton, WI 54913

The poster features a white silhouette of a horse in the center. The background is dark blue with white question marks and starburst patterns. The text is in white and yellow. A white banner contains the date and time.

Upcoming Events

Dairy Quiz Bowl

January 25 | UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation Building

Dairy Quiz Bowl is back! Youth do not need to be enrolled in the Dairy Project to participate in the Quiz Bowl. The event will be held on January 25, at the UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation building. Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. Registration must be completed through 4-H Online by January 10. If interested, please contact Karla Stumpf, 920-585-4949.

Horse Association Educational Meetings

The 4-H Horse Association Educational meetings are open to anyone who loves horses. Tack sale coming soon! If you have any questions, please contact Gail Leitermann gleitermann@yahoo.com or the new Horse Association President.



Upcoming Events

Clothing Members: Make a Fabric Bag

Saturday, February 8, Center Town Hall 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Registration required by January 30. Minimum of 7 registrations.

Registration form can be found in the back of the newsletter.

Project: Lined fabric bag. Fabric and interfacing will be provided.
What to bring: Sewing machine, thread, scissors and any basic sewing supplies you have.

Meat Processing Workshop

March 4 & 11, 6:30-8:00 pm. Pre-registration is required, due February 23.
Haen Meat Packing, 600 County Rd KK, Kaukauna

Learn how to make brats, and at the end of the workshop you get to bring some home. Cost is \$40 per person. Register online at <https://bit.ly/4-HMeat2025>. 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 2025 county fair.

Drama Festival

March 8 | Seymour High School Auditorium | 8:00 am Registration DUE February 8.

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 or Amy at amy.beck@outagamie.org with your questions.

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 due February 1: Explore Wisconsin, Summer Academy, Key Award, National 4-H Congress

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

*Note: You do not need to apply for a county scholarship to attend an Experience. Please contact Alicia Schroeder-Haag for more information.

Upcoming Events

Family Learning Day

February 15 | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton

Family Learning Day promotes many of the opportunities that Outagamie 4-H has to offer, provides experiences to try new projects, participate in project meetings, and offers 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 12 and leaders/parents

Where: Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton

When: Saturday, February 15, 2025

Time: 8:15 am to 12:00 pm

Registration is required: Open January 4 - January 31

Cost: Some sessions may have a small fee. This event is brought to you by Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association. 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 - 10:45 Registration

8:30 - 9:30 Session 1

9:30 - 9:45 Break

9:45 - 10:45 Session 2

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 -12:00 Session 3

Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis. Sessions may be canceled if registration is too low.

Register one of two ways:

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

Call: 920-832-1859

2025 Family Learning Day Sessions

*Note: See the website for full session descriptions
<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/fld/>

Introduction to Video Editing:

Youth grades 3-12 and adults

We will be using a program to edit a short video of your choosing! Footage will be provided to participants, but they are encouraged to record video footage of their own beforehand to create something personal to them.

Crafting with Ribbon:

Youth grades 5K-12 and adults

Come learn how to make bows, flowers, and more out of ribbon.

Seed Start for Garden Jumpstart:

Youth grades 3-12, Cloverbuds (5K-2) require an adult, and adults

Get a jumpstart on the growing season by starting your seeds indoors! Come join us as we share tricks and tools to help you germinate, care for and transition thriving seedlings to the garden.

Yes, It's a Poultry Beauty Pageant:

Youth grades 3-12

\$15 per student for tote cost

Find out how to get your birds ready for show with information on conditioning, washing, and transporting.

Upcoming Events

2025 Family Learning Day Sessions – Continued

Rock Painting and Snowflake Making:

Youth grades 3-12, Cloverbuds (5K-2) require an adult, and adults

Come get creative by painting rocks and making snowflakes out of popsicle sticks.

Hooks, Needles & Yarn:

Youth grades 5K-12 and adults

Join us to learn a craft that may just become a life-long hobby. There will be crochet hooks, knitting needles and yarn to use. Or you may choose to bring your own.

Simple Stitches:

Youth grades 5K-12 and adults

Learn four basic hand sewing stitches that you can use to create hand sewn items, embellish existing items, or mend items with rips or tears. Basic stitches can also begin a journey to hand embroidery.

Improv Theater:

Youth ages 9 and up

Come learn the fundamentals of improvisation—spontaneous thinking, collaboration, and quick-witted humor. Through games and exercises you'll build confidence, think on your feet, and discover the joy of saying "yes, and..." in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Preschool Concept Flip Books:

Youth grades 3-12, and adults

Create a fun Flip-Book for Preschool-Age children. Think about a simple concept appropriate for preschoolers (colors, shapes, numbers, etc.) and design an original hands-on learning tool.

History of the Hula Hoop:

Youth grades 3-12 and adults

This simple toy has a very exciting story. In this session we will learn more about the hula hoop, its history, uses, a few games, and even how to make our own! Session is limited to 10.

Learn Photography:

Youth grades 3-12 and adults

Join Allison and learn the basics of photography.

The Wonders of Weaving:

Youth grades 5K-12 and adults

\$3 per participant for the cost of loom and tools, which are reusable.

This modern take on weaving encourages incorporating various textiles into your one-of-a-kind woven masterpiece. Participants will receive an innovative pocket-size loom and then be able to display their work on the loom or remove it for further projects.

Who wants to build a vehicle!!!:

Youth grades 5K-12

This is a beginner's session to whoever wants to start building plastic models. You will even get to build a beginners model that you can take home!!

Chevon-It's what's for dinner!:

Youth grades 3-12, Cloverbuds (5K-2) require an adult, and adults

What is the most popular meat worldwide? It's not chicken or beef; it's goat! 63% of the world's population eats goat meat. During this workshop, you'll discover goat meat, which cuts come from which parts of the animal, receive some recipes and even try some samples.

Love Your Cat!:

Youth grades 3-12, Cloverbuds (5K-2) require an adult, and adults

We will teach you some of the fancy coat color names by decorating sugar cookies. Come join us and make your cat as a cookie!!

Quack Snacks and Chonk Honks:

Youth grades 3-12, and Adults

Want to raise the "other" meat birds? This workshop will focus on raising "other" youth market poultry so that perhaps your birds can be on the auction block this year.

It's not just beads. It's Jewelry:

Youth grades 5K-12

Turn letters, beads, string, and charms into a treasure for yourself or someone else to wear.

Project Updates

Cloverbud Families

We're excited to kick off another 4-H year with you! Here are some events to watch for:

January: Outagamie County Roller Skating Event. Details on page 5.

February: Family Learning Day. We're hosting a session with the Art Committee.

March: Local business tour and/or nature tour. More information to come.

April: Cloverbud ceramics day. More information to come.

Back by popular demand, the Cloverbud bingo card found on pages 13 and 14!

If you have questions regarding the Cloverbud project, please feel free to reach out to our committee:

Katie Rickert: katiebessette@yahoo.com

Patty Lorenz: dimplyphatty@aol.com

Amber Leitzke: leitzkeamber@yahoo.com

Brooke Baus: brooke_bessette@yahoo.com

We're happy to answer any questions you may have!

Poultry Members - Save the Date

There will be an informational meeting sponsored by the Outagamie County Fair and the WI State Animal Inspectors on Saturday, March 22 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. There will be a biosecurity activity and information on required paperwork for the state. Please plan to attend. More information will be coming soon.

Poultry Starter Grant

Outagamie County 4-H is now offering a Poultry Starter Grant, available to all members, to start their own flock of chickens. Members who are awarded the grant will receive up to 5 chicks. Breed and sex of chicks will vary. Members do not need to be a member of the poultry project to receive the chicks. Completed applications can be emailed to Alyssa Zeimet at aaseitz@wisc.edu or mailed to the Extension Office.



Applications are due February 1.

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/12/Poultry-Starter-Grant.pdf>

Rabbit Supplies

Are you interested in starting a rabbit project or want to expand your current herd? A former 4-H family is donating their old supplies! Contact Brad Johnson at 920-246-0482.



Project Updates

Dog Project Members

Training dates for January and February held at Winnegamie Dog Club (WDC) from 3:00 - 4:45 pm.

January 5 - Training WDC

January 12 - Clean-up at Sunnyview in Oshkosh

January 26 - Training WDC

February 9 - Training WDC

February 23 - Training WDC

Please bring a copy of current shot records to the training sessions.

All project members will be receiving a project handbook via email.

Shooting Sports Project Update

Hello 4-H families! We are currently in the process of revamping the program. Our plan is to get the air rifle program up and running for this spring, but we are still working on getting locations set up and are soon to order a few "new to us" air rifles. Going forward we will eventually add archery, with the possibility of adding shotgun and pistol if there is sufficient interest. The program will be restarting small this year, but will grow as we get more youth and adult participation. We have high hopes that within a few years, we can have a quality program running again. Keep an eye out on the newsletter for updates. Our goal is to have some type of shoot in March. If you have any questions, please email the Shooting Sports Committee at 4hssoc@gmail.com.



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. There are 2 different copies, just in a different order for families or groups to spice things up.

Prizes are Dairy Bar vouchers to be used at the 2025 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 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, drop off your bingo card at the Extension Office or email or text your bingo card to Patty Lorenz at dimplypatty@aol.com or 920-519-1133 with your child's name, club name, and address by June 1. A confirmation will be returned, and gift certificates will then be mailed to you in time for Fair!

Cloverbud Bingo

Do a speech at a meeting	Grow a plant from a seed	Make a card and give it to someone	Participate in Community Service	Ask a older member about their projects
Learn the Pledge of Allegiance	Collect pop tabs for your Club	Create a drawing using only a pencil	Learn the 4-H Pledge	Make or design a piece of jewelry
Make and plan a meal	Make a food item and share	Try a new food	Design a wood item	Make a recycled craft item
Say something kind for 7 days	Do a demonstration at a meeting	Make a holiday themed creation	Build a model	Learn 5 new facts about an animal
Act out or read a short story for someone	Make your first name from playdough	Bring a friend to a 4-H meeting	Write or tell someone about a book you read	Take a nature walk and find 3 different items

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Scholarship Opportunities

CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Scholarship

Complete applications due March 1

The CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Committee will award scholarships to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing either a Bachelor, 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. Applicants must be a current 4-H member in their last year of high school or their first year of post-secondary schooling if they stayed in 4-H.
3. Applicants 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 County 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 of March 1) or drop off at the Extension office, a completed application form and necessary documents and letters of recommendation, all together before 4:00 pm March 1, 2025.

Application and guidelines will be posted on the website www.outagamie.uwex.edu/4h/scholarship with more details by mid-January 2025.

Outagamie County Home & Community Education

The Outagamie County Home and Community Education Association (HCE) awards a \$750 scholarship annually. The scholarship is 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 scholarship must be a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece or 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. The scholarship is awarded one time per individual.

Scholarship applications must be received by March 3 (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/2025HCEScholarship>.

Youth Leaders

Helping the Homeless Campaign

Youth leaders are once again asking for monetary donations for our Helping the Homeless Campaign. Please consider making a generous donation with your club to help our community. Watch for more details to come.

Upcoming Meetings

Youth leaders next meeting will be January 20, 6:30 pm at Center Town Hall. We will be doing tie blankets and growing our leadership skills in the process!

Youth leaders February meeting will be February 24, 6:30 pm at Center Town Hall. We will be learning tons of fun games to bring back to your clubs!

Congratulations

Executive Committees

Congratulations to those who were elected to serve on the executive committees of the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders and Youth Leaders Associations for the 2024-2025 year.

Adult Officers

President, Sheila Vander Zanden
Vice President, Lisa Sprangers
Secretary, Tammy Stille
Director, Gail Leitermann
Director, Ellen Wheaton

Youth Leader Officers

President, Jake Stille
Vice-President, Johanna Vandenberg
Secretary, Myah Ellsworth
Treasurer, Serena Horak
Social Media, Bridget Danke
Recreation, Jeremiah Vandenberg & Mary Ellen Marks



Thank You Corner

4-H Sign

Thank you to those that proudly displayed the "Join 4-H" signs!! This year's winners of the contest each received a Kwik Trip card: Patty Lorenz, Alison Zeinert, Lori Vandenberg and the Olson Family



Endowment Donations

In memory of Dolores Hoefler & Margie Verbeten - from DJ and Sheila Vander Zanden
To Outagamie 4-H - in honor of 60 years as a leader (Ellen LaMarche) - from Ellen LaMarche

Kitties and Cocoa Event



The cat committee hosted "Kitties and Cocoa" December 1st. It was a hit! Thank you to all who came! We will also be hosting a cat workshop at Family Learning Day. We hope you will join us!



Outagamie County 4-H Centennial

Summertime Fun!!

Help celebrate 4-H's 100th anniversary with a night at the ballpark.

Please join our county on Saturday July 12, at the Timber Rattlers Stadium, first pitch is 6:40 pm. Use the link below to secure your discounted tickets. You have several options for seating - grass, stadium and bleacher seating is available.



Any questions, please contact Pamela Knaack 920-740-0390 or email pamela.knaack@aah.org
Sign up here: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/OutagamieCounty4H>

Calendar of Contests

As a part of the Centennial Celebration we are planning many contests throughout the year to help share our excitement about 4-H with others in our surrounding communities. Please watch your email and Facebook for details and updates on the following contests and more!

January/February - Poster Contest, "Promoting the benefits"

March - Writing Contest, "Your Favorite 4-H Memory" or "4-H 100 years in the future"

April/May - Photo Contest, "Describe 4-H with a picture"

June - Cake Decorating Contest at the Fair

July/August - 4-H Club Promotions Window Contest

September - Race to Re-Enrollment

October - National 4-H Week, Most Creative 4-H Promotions

November - 100 ways to be thankful

December - 100 hours of Community Service

Community Service Challenge

Dear Outagamie County 4-H,

As 4-H members, we have each pledged "our hands to larger service" at our club meetings and county events. What does this look like? Service can be done in many ways, big and small, but in this case, we are talking about community service and service learning. Community service is one of the most impactful experiences youth and our community can benefit from directly.

This year, I am challenging all of our chartered clubs and groups to record 100 hours (or more) of community service/service learning by December 19, 2025. Keep a log journal of your club's hours and individual experiences. Once you have completed 100 hours send your log journal into me at the Extension Office by December 19, 2025, to be included in a drawing for a special club celebration. Youth can track their community service hours all year for a chance to be recognized as well. More details will be shared with club and group leaders soon.

Template for club log journal: <https://bit.ly/4-HServiceLog>

Ideas for community service: <https://bit.ly/4-HServiceLearning>, <https://4h.unl.edu/community-service/> and <https://bit.ly/LancasterService>

Best of luck in Making the Best Better!

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Club Corner

Busy Bears 4-H Club

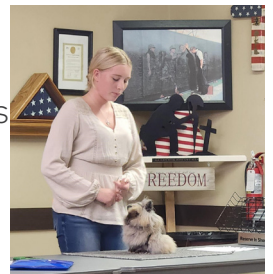
Busy Bears entered this snow globe float in the parade in Clintonville, WI.

The members of the club spent two meetings planning it and two work days perfecting it. Fun was had by all club members. Thanks to the parents who were very patient with the process.



Smile Awhile 4-H Club by Jenna

We held our meeting on Tuesday November 5, 2024 at the Freedom VFW. We did our club recognition night. We also had a pizza party. We reminded every one that member dues are due soon and that you need to be enrolled by November 15th. We also had a guest speaker come to our club, her name is Raedyn from Crystal Star 4-H club. She talked about her rabbit named Bella. Bella is a lion head rabbit. She also talked about the different shows she went to and some of her other rabbits and what the judges look for when showing rabbits at the fair or any rabbit show. We will be having our Christmas Party on Sunday December 1, 2024 at St Nick's Church in Freedom. We will also have a special guest there too.



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Fast Trackers 4-H Club by Halle

We started the meeting with a Potluck. Next, we introduced the new families. Also, the new members of current families, Ailee and Zac. We had member reports.

Lola talked about her trip to Spain and France. Henry talked about his trip to Florida and parasailing. Kinlee talked about her chicken, Biscuit.

Sunflower, Pumpkin and Pop tab weigh in results:

Fast Trackers: 2nd place in the pop tab contest with 113.68 lbs.

Congrats to Anne who took 2nd place in the pumpkin contest and Allison who placed 4th in the pumpkin contest. Also, Anne placed 5th in the sunflower contest. Allison placed 4th in the sunflower contest.

Thank you to everyone that already signed up for Salvation Army bell ringing sign up at Gilberts in Hortonville the weekend of November 30th, we only have a few spots remaining.

CLUB RECOGNITION: Club leader, Rose Rynish, gave out many awards: Record book awards, Golden Book Recipients, Graduating members, Club leaders, Cloverbuds who completed record books, and Graduating Cloverbuds. Nolan was the only graduate present. Congrats!!

Reminders:

- Keep saving POP TABS and bring them to any meeting.
- The Outagamie County fair is June 24-29.
- Drama sign up (no Cloverbuds) at the next meeting.
- Art and Home Environment Open House at Mary Koleske's house, pick out projects in the time frames, Sat. Nov. 16, 9:00 - 6:00 pm or Sun. Nov. 17, 1:00 - 6:00 pm.

Fairview 4-H Club by Ashlyn

For our December meeting we collected toys for the Salvation Army in Black Creek. We also had a guest speaker Alicia Schroeder-Haag and she taught us different ways to use watercolor paints. We also celebrated all of our clubs achievements this year in 4-H with a pizza party and sharing of our favorite project, or memory this year.



4-H Promotions

The Outreach committee is looking for non-4-H related events that we could attend to promote 4-H and all it has to offer! Please contact a committee member listed in the Family Handbook. Promotional totes are available at the Extension office for you to use at your next event. Totes are filled with 4-H materials and small activities.

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 2025 Outagamie County Fair. From theatrical and musical 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 to register. We look forward to seeing YOU on the stage!!

Music, Speaking, & Talent Festival

****Mark your Calendar for Saturday, May 3, 2025****

Come showcase yourself while improving your skills and stage confidence.

Music

Solo/Duet, Sing, Play an Instrument, Dance, etc.

Club entry or groups of three or more

Speaking

Demonstration (Show “How To” Do Something)

Speeches: Prose, Poetry, Team Reading, Original Speech

Talent

Magic, gymnastics, martial arts, juggling, etc.

Guidelines and registration can be found in the March/April 4-H Connections Newsletter and on the website <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/music-speaking-talent-festival/>

Bits & Pieces



MST Guidelines

Music & Talent:

Time limit is 5 minutes per session.

Speaking:

- 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)

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

Talent

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

Speaking

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.



Printed Newsletters

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 Nicole at 920-832-5123 or nicole.platkowski@outagamie.org.



Clothing Members: Make a Fabric Bag Registration

Send registration to the Extension Office, Attn: 4-H, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54914 by January 30.

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Age(s): _____ Phone number: _____

Club: _____



Roller Skating Event Registration

Send registration to the Extension Office, Attn: 4-H, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54914 by January 15. Make checks out to Outagamie County Leaders Association.

Family Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Club: _____

Members: _____ # Cloverbuds: _____ # Non-Members or Adults: _____

	Number	Cost
Skater(s)	____ X	\$10.00= ____
Non-Skater(s)	____ X	\$3.00= ____
Skate Rental	____ X	\$3.00 = ____
Member/Cloverbud	____ X	(\$4.00) = ____ (subtract this cost)
	Total:	____



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