



# 4-H Connections Newsletter

May/June 2025

## Educator's Corner

Hello 4-H Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and getting ready for all the awesome opportunities that Spring and Summer have to offer in the Outagamie County 4-H program. If you have time, please join us at the Music and Talent Festival, May 3 from 9:00 am -1:00 pm in the Seymour High School Auditorium. It is sure to be a great time. Outagamie County 4-H Camp registrations are open now for day camps and summer camps! Details can be found on page 7 and on the website <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp/>. Please take a close look, because we have decided to adjust the second day camp on July 22 to an art-focused day camp for grades 3-7. And lastly, don't forget to submit your fair entries before May 25, and then prepare yourself for all the great things that will be happening at the fair this year.

Here's to another awesome season in 4-H programming!

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### NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, June 2 | 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 Crystal Star, Fairview, New Horizons, Wild Grove



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# Calendar

## May

- 3 Music, Speaking and Talent Festival | Seymour High School | 9:00 am
- 3 Club Dairy Bar Sign Up | Rynish Residence | 7:45 am
- 10 Poultry & Rabbit Fun Show | Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour | 7:00 am
- 10 Sheep Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds Seymour | 10:00 - 11:30 am
- 13 Executive Board Meeting | Extension Office | 4:30 pm
- 15 Beef Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds Seymour | 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 17 Swine Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds Seymour | 8:30 -10:00 am
- 17 Goat Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Fairgrounds Seymour | 10:00 - 11:30 am
- 17 Shooting Sports Air Rifle Event | Genesis Impact Sports | 8:00 - 10:00 am
- 21 State Fair Junior Livestock Show Entries DUE**
- 25 Outagamie County Junior Fair Entries DUE**
- 26 Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day

## June

- 2 4-H Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 8 Breakfast on the Farm | J-Springs Dairy, Freedom | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 13 Registration Closes for Day Camps**
- 13 YQCA Certificates and Educational Requirements DUE**
- 21 Shooting Sports Archery Event | Memorial Park, Combined Locks | 8:00 - 10:00 am
- 25-29 Outagamie County Fair | Seymour
- 27 Pie Contest | Outagamie County Fair | Seymour
- 28 Centennial Social | Outamie County Fair | Seymour | 1:45 pm
- 30 Area Animal Science Day | Calumet County

## July

- 7 Registration Closes for Summer Camp**
- 8 Cloverbud Day Camp | Extension Office | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 10 Adventure Day Camp | Extension Office | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 12 Timber Rattler Game | Fox Cities Stadium | 6:40 pm
- 22 Art Day Camp | Extension Office | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

# Upcoming Events

## Dairy Bar Volunteer Schedule

Each club is expected to have one or more members per family work one or more shifts at the Outagamie County 4-H Dairy Bar. If each family would have 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 include: annual accident insurance, project trainings, materials, scholarship to attend trips, and educational programs.

Without your help, 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 3 at Rose Rynish's residence, W6828 Midway Rd, Hortonville.
- Sign-up will begin at 7:45 am.
- All clubs who are present at 7:45 am will have their names placed in a drawing. Names will be drawn for sign-up order.
- After these clubs have signed up, the clubs who arrive after 8:00 am can sign up their families.
- We will be done at 8:15 am.

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

Tuesday, July 8: Cloverbud Day Camp (grades K-2), Extension Office

Thursday, July 10: Adventure Day Camp (grades 3-7), Extension Office

Tuesday, July 22: Art Day Camp (grades 3-7), Extension Office

August 3-6: Summer Camp (grades 3-8), Army Lake Camp

Outagamie County 4-H has some awesome camp opportunities set up this year! Cloverbud Day Camp for youth in grades K-2, and Adventure and Art Day Camps for grades 3-7 will be held at the Outagamie County Extension Office this year from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Registration is due by June 13.

Summer camp is Sunday, August 3 through Wednesday, August 6 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 7.

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/>

# Upcoming Events

## 4-H Outreach Opportunities

Date	Time	Event	Needs	Contact
June 7	9:45 am - 12:00 pm	Little Chute Cheese Fest Parade	Members & Animals	Mary Hoefler
June 27-29	1:00 - 5:00 pm	Action Center Stage	Various Talent	Sheila Vander Zanden
July 28	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Kaukauna Library Movie Night	Members	Mary Hoefler
August 20	5:00 pm - Dusk	Greenville Movie Night	Members & Animals	Sheila Vander Zanden
August 23	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Greenville Parade	Members	Lisa Sprangers
September 13	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Parktober Fest 2025	Members & Animals	Sheila Vander Zanden
October 4	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 you are ready to sign up, please reach out to the point of contact listed in each description.

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DJ and Sheila Vander Zanden

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# Upcoming Events



## Pie Contest

June 27, 2025

Bring your baked pie to the Action Center Stage, Building #6 between 1-3 pm on Friday, June 27. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information contact: [s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com](mailto: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 pm with 4-H and Open Class Divisions.

First place winner in each division will receive the right to claim the "Best Pie" at the 2025 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 2025 Outagamie County Fair - June 25-29.

Online entries are open.

- Deadline for entries is May 25
- To enter - go to [www.outagamiecountyfair.com](http://www.outagamiecountyfair.com) - look under Exhibitors - Junior Fair
- You will enter using your 4HOnline email and password

Season passes are available for \$20, free parking is included. Children 12 years and under are free.

# Upcoming Events

4-H Action Center Stage Schedule at the Outagamie County Fair				
Time	Friday, June 27	Saturday, June 28	Sunday, June 29	
1:00 – 1:15	 <b>National Anthem</b> Weston Spiegel, Caitlynn Morack and Katherine Cook	<b>Singing Performance</b> – Isabella Schaeuble <b>Rock Guitar Soloist</b> – Camilla Hubert		
1:15 - 1:30	<b>Good Old-Fashioned Fun</b> on a Contemporary Dance Floor The McGlone Boys	Transition Time		
1:30 – 1:45		Band Warm-Up	<b>Explore Wisconsin Presentation</b>	
1:45 – 2:00		<b>Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson</b> Outagamie County 4-H Day	<b>Space Camp Presentation</b>	
2:00 – 2:15			<b>Summer Academy Presentation</b>	
2:15 – 2:30	Transition Time	<b>Outagamie County 4-H Band &amp; Outagamie County 4-H Choir</b> 	<b>American Spirit Presentation</b>	
2:30 – 2:45			<b>Centennial Slide Show Presentation</b> 	
2:45 – 3:00				
3:00 – 3:15	<b>Pie Contest</b> 4-H Club and Open Class Competition 		<b>4-H Graduating Scholarship Award Presentation</b>	
3:15 – 3:30			 <b>Interested in joining 4-H?</b> Find out more about us! 920-832-5123 <a href="http://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4h">outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4h</a>	
3:30 – 3:45		<b>Outagamie County 4-H Centennial Social</b> 		
3:45 – 4:00				
4:00 – 4:15				
4:15 – 4:30				
4:30 – 4:45				
4:45 – 5:00				

## Dog Project Events

Winnegamie Dog Club (WDC) Training Sundays | 3:00 – 4:45 pm

May 4 – Fun Show, June 8

Plamann Farm Training

Tuesdays & Wednesdays | 6:30pm | **Agility** June 3, 10, 17 | **Obedience & Showmanship** June 4, 11, 18

### Show Dates

Agility Fair Show June 19 at WDC | 7:00 pm

Obedience, Showmanship & Rally Fair Show June 22 at WDC | 9:00 am

Project Demonstration at the Outagamie County Fair June 29 | 1:30 pm in the Dairy Arena

# 4-H Summer Camp

August 3-6  
Day Camp July 8, 10, 22

You are invited to the Outagamie County  
4-H camps!

## Art Day Camp

- Painting
- Tie-dye
- Chalk Mural
- Color Walk
- Location:

Extension Office

## Day Camp

- Crafts
- Archery
- Challenge Course
- Nature Programs
- Location:

Extension Office

## Overnight Camp

- Campfires
- High Ropes
- Archery
- Swimming
- Location:

Army Lake Camp

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp/>

Find more info and register



*Craft time!*



*Canoeing on the lake!*

# Summer Camp Registration Form

Camp is filled on a first come, first served basis. Complete and return the registration form (one per camper) with payment, make all checks payable to Extension Outagamie County.

Due by: Day Camps: June 13      Summer Camp: July 7

Refund Policy: All cancellations for day camps must be made prior to May 23 to receive a refund. Cancellations for overnight camp must be made prior to July 19. A non-refundable \$50 registration fee will be deducted.

## 4-H Member Rate

- ☐ Cloverbud Day Camp | \$35 | Grades K-2\*
- ☐ Adventure/Art Day Camp | \$35 | Grades 3-7\*
- ☐ Base | \$200 | Grades 3-6\*
- ☐ Outpost | \$200 | Grades 7-8\*

\* As of 2024-2025 school year.

## General Camp Rate

- ☐ Cloverbud Day Camp | \$50 | Grades K-2\*
- ☐ Adventure/Art Day Camp | \$50 | Grades 3-7\*
- ☐ Base | \$250 | Grades 3-6\*
- ☐ Outpost | \$250 | Grades 7-8\*

Camp scholarships are available based on need. Contact Alicia for more information [Schroederhaa@wisc.edu](mailto:Schroederhaa@wisc.edu).

Camper Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Gender	Birthday	
Grade	School	
County		
Parent/Guardian Name(s)		
Parent Phone	Email	
Cabin Mate Request (not guaranteed)		

## Day Camp

Please list who will be picking up your child from the day camp(s):

\*The individual who picks up your child must show a picture ID to verify that it matches the name listed below. If this information changes after you submit your registration, please contact our office to let us know of the change.

Name	Phone
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## T-Shirt Size

- ☐ Adult S
- ☐ Youth S
- ☐ Adult M
- ☐ Youth M
- ☐ Adult L
- ☐ Youth L
- ☐ Adult XL
- ☐ Youth XL
- ☐ Adult XXL

More detailed information will be sent out after registration and payment have been received prior to camp taking place.

Mail completed registration form with payment to  
Extension Outagamie County | Attn: Camp | 3365 W Brewster St | Appleton, WI 54914

Register Online: [outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/summercamp](http://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/summercamp)  
In Person at Extension Outagamie Office

Registration opens for 4-H Members April 3, and all youth April 17.



# 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. 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 [dimpypatty@aol.com](mailto:dimpypatty@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!

## Knitting & Crocheting

Lois Bittner will offer lessons anytime to members in need of help with knitting & crocheting. Please contact Lois, knitting & crocheting resource leader, at 920-858-5490 for more information.

## 2025 Foods Revue Information

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, the Foods Revue and A Century of Flavors: Celebrating Culinary Heritage contest was held at the Center Town Hall. There were 14 youth that participated in the Foods Revue and five entries in the 100+ Year Old Recipe contest. The youth and parents had fun participating in the fun food learning games, playing Bingo, and the best part was tasting all the delicious food during the event. The Mini Chef winner from the junior division was Eve Grosskopf from Country Slickers 4-H Club and the senior division Rebekah Stille from Bent Arrow. The Century of Flavors winner was Joselyn Novitski with her entry of Polish Cookies.

## YQCA and Educational Requirements

All members who plan to have their animals in the market sale must have educational meeting and YQCA certification requirements met by June 13, 2025. Instructions for YQCA certification can be found on the YQCA website at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.



# 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

[myfreebingocards.com](http://myfreebingocards.com)

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

## Outagamie County 4-H Shooting Sports - Air Rifle Events

Saturday May 17 | 8 am - 10 am

Genesis Impact Sports: 327 Randolph Drive Ste D, Appleton

Members ages 9+

Cost \$5

**MANDATORY:** Genesis Impact Sports **REQUIRES** a waiver for all participants. A parent must complete the online waiver prior to the day of the event. The online waiver does allow for multiple minors to be included in one waiver - please select "Minor(s)" when prompted and enter the information for each member participating. The waiver can be found at the following link:

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/a7hyikazaambwakbqp4yvvh/web>

## Outagamie County 4-H Shooting Sports - Archery Events

Saturday June 21 | 8 am - 10 am

Memorial Park, Combined Locks: 405 Wallace Street, Combined Locks

Members ages 9+

Cost \$5

Fee must be paid in advance - cash or check payable to: Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association. Please email Justin Johnson at 4hssoc@gmail.com with any questions. Mail payment to Outagamie County Extension Attn: Shooting Sports to 3365 W Brewster Street, Appleton, WI, 54914.



The poster features a light gray background with a red outline of a chicken on the left and a red outline of a rabbit on the right. The text is centered and includes the following information:

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY**

*Swap and Rabbit & Poultry Fun Show*

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE  
**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS:**  
488 Henry St. Seymour, WI 54165

**THE SWAP:**

- The swap begins at 7:00 am and goes until 11:00 am.
- Cost to sell at the swap is \$5.00.

**RABBIT COSTUME CONTEST:**

- \$1.00 per rabbit entry fee.
- Open to anyone Kindergarten to one year out of HS.

**SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST:**

- Free to enter!

**POULTRY & RABBIT FUN SHOW:**

- Registration for the fun show begins at 8:00 am, and the show starts at 9:00.
- Cost to show at the fun shows is \$5.00 per youth or \$10.00 max per family with no limit to entry numbers.
- Permanent tattoos are not necessary for rabbits.
- Birds must be from a tested flock. If they don't have tested flock papers, we will test all birds being shown that day at a cost of \$1 per bird (max \$10).

**THERE WILL BE A FOOD STAND AT THE SHOW!**

**THERE WILL BE BAG RAFFLES WITH PULLS BEING HELD AT 9:00, 10:00 AND 11:00.**

*Support the Outagamie County Small Animal Project!*



# Youth Leaders

## Youth Leader Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 19 | 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour



## Outagamie County 4-H Centennial

### Hey Outagamie County 4-H Members & Alumni!

**Save these dates and come celebrate 100 Years of Outagamie County 4-H!**

#### JUNE

##### **Fair Week is June 24th–29th!**

Outagamie County 4-H Day will be Saturday, June 28th with presentations starting at 2pm at the Action Center Stage. There will be several events throughout the week including history displays, a pie contest, performances by the 4-H band & choir, & a centennial food special at the 4-H Dairy Bar!

#### JULY

##### **Timber Rattler Game– July 12th**

Mark your calendar and join Outagamie County 4-H members, alumni, and their families at the Timber Rattler Game, starting at 6:40pm. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code or by visiting the below website.

[fevo-enterprise.com/event/OutagamieCounty4H](http://fevo-enterprise.com/event/OutagamieCounty4H)



#### AUGUST

##### **Alumni Social– August 14th**

All Outagamie County Alumni & their families are welcome to attend the Alumni Social on August 14th from 1-4pm at the Center Town Hall.

There will be history displays, visiting, door prizes, & a cake decorating contest!

Please share any of your 4-H memorabilia!

#### NOVEMBER

##### **Harvest Dance– November 8th**

All Outagamie County 4-H members, alumni & families are welcome to attend the Harvest Dance at Colonial House in Freedom on November 8th from 6-10pm. To purchase tickets, please contact the email address below!

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door & include food, soda, and raffle prize tickets!

**Please email [OC4H100@gmail.com](mailto:OC4H100@gmail.com) for event details or questions!**

# Outagamie County 4-H Centennial

## 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!

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

July/August - 4-H Club Promotions Window Contest

August - Cake Decorating Contest at Alumni Social

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

Reminder to track your hours for the community service challenge.

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>



Thank you to Outagamie County 4-H Centennial sponsors:

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# 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 - Fast Trackers "Ghost for Rent"

County Reserve Champion - Smile Awhile "Bus Stop"

Honorable mention - Bent Arrow "Twelve Hangry Jurors" and Crystal Star "The Dancing Princesses"

The audience also enjoyed performances by the following 4-H Clubs: B-Square, Buchanan Badgers, Country Slickers, River Valley Hawks and Shooting Stars.

## Thank You Corner

Thank you to the following people for their donation to the Endowment Fund in memory of Germain Kaphingst:

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John & Angie Mauthe

Pat & Rose Rynish

DJ & Sheila Vander Zanden  
Family

In memory of Joan Frieling from DJ & Sheila Vander Zanden

# Bits & Pieces

## Tumbler Pigeons

Free to a good home - 30 clean-legged tumbler pigeons. Great for a 4-H project! The current owners are getting older and are no longer able to care for them. Contact Lori Kriesser at 920-878-3488, if interested. Located in New London.

## New Join 4-H/Centennial Signs

The Centennial Committee and the Outreach Committee joined together in the purchase of the new 4-H promotional yard signs. They will be available at the April Adult Leaders meeting. Help 4-H announce its centennial and promote 4-H by proudly displaying the signs in your yard and/or business.



## Outagamie County 4-H Choir Update

Hello Outagamie County 4-H members, parents and leaders, past and present. I'm Jayne Zuleger and I will be directing the Outagamie County 4-H choir at the Fair this year for the BIG centennial. It's been many years since we've had a choir so this will be something special. It's a multigenerational choir: members, moms and dads, grandparents, and former choir members.

We will sing a medley of the greatest songs of the last century: from Nat King Cole to Beatles to Elvis. There will be a little something for everyone. I can't wait to hear the choir again!!



## Outagamie County 4-H Band and Choir 2025

All returning and new members of the 4-H band and anyone interested in singing in the choir, the first rehearsal will be on May 29, at Black Creek Elementary/Middle School. Band rehearsal will start at 7:00 pm and end by 7:45 pm, choir will start at 7:45 pm and end by 8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, no matter your playing or singing experience. We will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings and one or two Mondays. We will perform at the fair on Thursday, June 26 at 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 28 in the afternoon, time to be determined. More information and specifics will be shared during rehearsals. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, May 29. For questions contact Donna Langner at 920-450-8484.

If you are interested in joining the band and/or choir, please join us on May 29 at Black Creek School!

## 4-H HISTORY SEGMENT III 1950s - 1960s

The Outagamie County 4-H Youth Development Program was well organized and had great participation from many 4-H members and leaders. A major concern, however, was the dropout rate of 4-H clubs. A total of 107 different 4-H clubs have been organized since 1925, yet only 36 clubs were active in 1950. Clubs were increasing in size and meeting at rural schools in the county.

The major focus became leadership development and helping clubs develop educational and interesting programs to maintain their membership. There were 829 members; 107 adult leaders; 71 junior leaders. The first Outagamie County 4-H Leader Recognition dinner was held on 12/07/1950.

The county 4-H program grew to 23 projects in 1952. New projects this year included electricity, forestry, handicraft, rabbits, wildlife management, and woodworking. The large enrollment in the clothing project required two judges at the county fair. Special activities included a county-wide birdhouse contest, a conservation poster contest, and a safety poster contest. A county 4-H softball tournament was held in the summer months for 4-H clubs during the 50s.

Outagamie County 4-H began to take part in the International Farm Youth Exchange Program (IFYE) in 1955. Norman and Verla Maass of Seymour agreed to be the county coordinators.

The county 4-H basketball tournament for boys only was organized in 1958 under the direction of Darvin Frederickson. The tournament was held at Freedom High School gymnasium for 30 years. Darvin directed the tournament through 1970.

The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association constructed a 4-H leaders dairy bar under the west end of the grandstand at the fairgrounds in 1958. This would be their major fundraising activity. Mrs. Robert Wolk of Seymour was the superintendent for two years. Mrs. Ida Winterfeldt of Shicoton became the superintendent in 1960 and maintained that role for 30 years. The spanish hamburger and malted milks were the big sellers for many years.

Projects added to the 4-H program in the early 60s included automotive, child care, dog obedience, horse & pony, house plants, knitting, and money management. The favorite foods revue began in 1963.

The county 4-H Key Leader concept started in 1964 under the direction of Courtney Schwertz, 4-H Club Agent. Twelve leaders began sharing their expertise with other leaders in the county. Outagamie County was recognized state-wide for this effort in 1969. The title was changed to Resource Leader in 1973. We currently have 50 individuals as County Resource Leaders today.

The Outagamie Board of Supervisors created the position of 4-H Home Economist in the spring of 1967. Sharon Hutjens VanDyck began employment on 06/12/1967. The position was to offer educational expertise in the 4-H home economics and cultural arts projects, assist the volunteer advisors with 4-H junior leaders, and explore urban outreach programs in the county. The title was changed to 4-H Youth Agent in 1973.

The Outagamie County Big Pumpkin/Giant Sunflower contest was organized by Mrs. Stephen Simon in 1968. Evelyn maintained the role for 30 years. Center Valley Cooperative (now Scenic Valley) was the sponsor all of these years.

The first 4-H Little IFYE program met in Ohio in 1968 (later known as the Teen Leader Exchange). The Northeast District 4-H Leaders Council was organized in the spring of 1969. The 4-H program was offering a full slate of projects and activities primarily to rural youth. There were 39 clubs; 993 members; 427 adult leaders; 109 junior leaders.

### **4-H HISTORY SEGMENT IV 1970s - 1980s**

The Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service provided special funds and assisted with special promotions to encourage urban youth and adults to participate in 4-H in the early 70s.

4-H Clover Power Week was October 17-23, 1971, throughout the state of Wisconsin. Outagamie County 4-H Clover Power Day was 10/21/1971. A total of ten open house programs were held on the evening of that day at school locations in urban parts of the county with special displays and project exhibits to better inform the general public of 4-H program opportunities. More than 100 additional youth joined 4-H that fall with urban clubs becoming participants.

The special promotional effort continued for five years. The 1975 4-H statistics were 46 clubs; 1350 members; 600 adult leaders; 160 teen leaders. We now had at least one 4-H club in every township of Outagamie County. Gary VerVoort and Dick Landwehr were appointed 4-H basketball tournament co-directors in 1971. A girls division was added to the tournament in 1975 with Marlene Wildenberg and Kay Otto named assistant directors. Every 4-H member could now participate in this special county-wide event.

County 4-H program committees were established in 1972 and a standard 4-H member project plan and evaluation form was developed by a special committee for all projects. Adults and team leaders had now become an active part of the county 4-H program planning process.

The 1972 record reveals that 43 members took part in the county 4-H demonstration activity; 168 in the county dress revue; 84 in the foods revue. The events were held at different schools in the county during June/early July.

Outagamie County 4-H clubs focused their programs and activities on the 200th anniversary of our Nation in 1976. It was a time for 4-H youth and families to obtain a fuller appreciation and understanding of our heritage and to make a commitment to a just and fulfilling future for all Americans.

Outagamie County 4-H celebrated 50+ years in 1979. John VerVoort was President of the 4-H Leaders Association that year and chair of the Anniversary Committee. Special anniversary buttons and t-shirts were sold. Several displays and events commemorating 50+ years were arranged by 4-H clubs. An anniversary dance was held on 08/23/1979 and a special dinner and program took place at the Starlite Club on 09/27/1979. The history was written by Florence Stingle, Mildred Sommers, and Verla Maass.

The intermediate member exchange for youth 12-14 years old began in 1981 with 12 youth visiting Barron County for four days.

Wisconsin Farm Progress Days were held at the Richard VanEpern farm in Kaukauna in July 1981. Junior leaders worked as clowns to promote 4-H. Adult leaders ran a food stand with the Extension Homemakers.

## 4-H History

### 4-H HISTORY SEGMENT IV 1970s - 1980s (Continued)

The first knitting and crocheting revue was held in 1981 in conjunction with the clothing revue. Wacky Wild Weekdays began in 1981 as a summer special interest program in urban parts using older 4-H youth to teach projects and recreation to young children. Edna Weisnicht, 4-H Food Coordinator at Camp Bird for counties of northeastern Wisconsin, for many years, received the Wisconsin Friend of 4-H Award in 1981.

The 4-H Cloverbud Program for children kindergarten to 2nd grade began in 1982. Adventures in Dairyland was a new special emphasis program started this year for 4th grade students in schools. The program helped students better understand agriculture, nutrition, and consumerism. Teaching is done by volunteers. Face to face judging was introduced in a few departments at the county fair in 1982.

The centennial celebration of the 100th county fair at Seymour was held in 1983. A new livestock expo building was constructed this year to house beef, swine, and sheep. Kids and Calves Dairy Show began for pre-4-Hers to show a calf owned by another exhibitor.

The county revues (clothing, knitting, crocheting, and foods) were moved to the Northland Mall in the mid-1980s. 4-H members had to be charged for project literature for the first time in 1987 to assist with escalating costs and budget cuts.

Macia Spaulding was hired as the 4-H Program Assistant in 1987. Joanne Wussow was appointed Assistant Dairy Bar Superintendent in 1988. The first 4-H Fall Harvest Dance was held in November 1988 at Romy's New Nitingale. Net profit was \$2,736. Gary VerVoort chaired the event for eight years.

Marion Wichman, Dorothy Paltzer, Joanne Wussow, and Darvin Frederickson updated the 4-H history in 1989. The 75th anniversary of the Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service was celebrated both in Outagamie County and at Madison (1914-1989).

## Club Corner

### Smile Awhile by Jenna

We held our meeting on Tuesday March 4, 2025 at the Freedom VFW. We talked about voting for the summer trip. The options are Cave of the Mounds, House on the Rocks, Upper Michigan Mines, Milwaukee Museum of Science and Industry and the N.E.W Zoo. We also talked about ordering shirts and sweatshirts for the new members that need one and for anyone else that needs a new one. Our club is doing a drama fest and we go on stage at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday March 8, 2025 at Seymour High School. We also reminded the club about the Easter egg hunt that we do. This year it is at a new location. We will hold the Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 19, 2025 at Freedom Elementary School. We also reminded the club about the upcoming shooting sports dates and times. We had two guest speakers, Ellen and Kya from Fairview. They came to share information about the horse project. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 1, 2025 at the Freedom VFW.





# Club Corner

## Fast Trackers by Halle

First, we had our club's drama performance Ghost for Rent. It was a great performance by the drama crew. Come support them at the Drama Fest Sat. March 8th. Their performance should be around 9:30 am.

We welcomed a new family: Nathen and Mylie.

Allison delivered the tie blankets that our club made to the Hope Center and they were very thankful.

Clara taught a game she learned at the County Youth Leader meeting through Playworks.

Reminders:

- Keep saving POP TABS and bring them to any meeting.
- The Outagamie County Fair is June 24-29.
- Drama Fest is March 8th. The first play starts at 8am.
- Roskoms tour Saturday March 22 at 8:30am
- Music, speaking and talent festival on May 3rd at Seymour HS.
- Community service challenge, complete 100 hours of community service.
- Dairy bar sign up, please return forms to Rose
- Foods Meeting April 26th and 31st at 9am in the St. Patrick Church Basement with Bill Koleske but let him know ahead of time.
- The member reports for April for Brooklyn, Auggie and Marti
- Sunflower and pumpkin contests sign up (members in grades 5k through 13 can participate.)

## Wide Awake Forward by Kadence

The meeting was called to order by Alicia at 6:46 pm. Alicia reported on old business such as dog class, youth leaders meeting, and the 4-H Steering Committee meeting. Jean talked about the true start date of Wide Awake Forward, foods review, sunflower and pumpkin contest, and discussed the 3 items you wanted to learn from each fair project. Activity was sewing a 4-leaf clover. Meeting ended at 7:08 pm.

## Fairview by Ashlyn

At our April meeting, Haley brought her cat Sabrina. She told us that she is an American hair and that she can get cranky, that she has green eyes, and that she is a rescue. For our recreation activity we played down by the banks.





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