



# 4-H Connections Newsletter

July / August 2025

## Educator's Corner

Hello Everyone,

My name is Burke Sprangers and I am super excited to be working here this summer as the 4-H Program Summer Intern. A little bit about myself, I am currently in my 12<sup>th</sup> and final year of 4-H with the Buchanan Badgers 4-H club. In 4-H, I was the president of my club as well as the county Youth Leaders Association and was a member of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council my senior year. I have also served as vice-president and treasurer in my club, and vice-president and recreation in Youth Leaders. I graduated from Kaukauna High School in 2024, where during my junior and senior year, I was able to help put 4-H in the Classroom. I just completed my first year at UW-Platteville with a major in Elementary Education. This summer I am going to help out with camp as well as planning some fun STEAM workshops. I will also be in the office helping plan the camps as well. This means a lot to me as being a counselor at 4-H camp helped me pursue my career as a teacher. I hope to gain critical skills that I can use in my future career as a teacher.

I can't wait to meet you all,

*Burke Sprangers*

4-H Program Summer Intern

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### NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, August 18 | 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 Fast Trackers, Valley EPIC, Wide Awake Forward



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# Calendar

## July

- 4 Extension Outagamie County CLOSED - Independence Day
- 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
- 15, 16 LEGO STEAM Camp | Extension Office | 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 22 Art Day Camp | Extension Office | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 23, 24 Cardboard STEAM Camp | Extension Office | 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 30 Rocketry STEAM Camp | Extension Office | 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 31 Annual Financial Reports DUE**
- 31 - 8/10 Wisconsin State Fair | Milwaukee, WI

## August

- 1 September/October 4-H Connections Newsletter Articles DUE**
- 3-6 4-H Base and Outpost Camp | Army Lake Camp, East Troy
- 14 Executive Leaders Association Meeting (after the Alumni Social) | Center Town Hall | 4:30 pm
- 15 Record books DUE to club main leader**
- 15 Program Committee Sign-up DUE**
- 18 Youth Leaders Meeting and Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Combined Meeting
- 20 Greenville Community Movie Night - 4-H Promotion | 5:00 pm
- 31 End of 2025 4-H Project Year**

## September

- 1 Extension Outagamie County CLOSED - Labor Day
- 1 Proudly display "Join 4-H" signs in front of your homes
- 3 4-H Online Re-enrollment Opens**
- 11 Program Committee Budget Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 15 Program Committee Budgets DUE**
- 18 Leaders Association Recognition Dinner | Capitol Centre, Appleton
- 25 Club Officer Training | Black Creek Elementary School | 6:00 pm
- 30 Club Charters DUE**

# Upcoming Events

## Register NOW for Summer Camp!

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

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 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/>



## 4-H STEAM Camps

Outagamie County 4-H will be hosting 3 STEAM camps this year:

**LEGO Camp:** Our first STEAM camp will be July 15 and 16 for grades K-5. Camp will go from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Youth will learn how to build things like bridges, towers and more like in the real world. There is no cost to this camp.

**Cardboard Camp:** This camp will be on July 23 and 24 for grades 3-8. Camp will go from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This camp will focus on building things with cardboard. Youth will learn skills not only in STEAM, but also that you don't need to buy things to have fun and that even the box is fun!! There is no cost to this camp.

**Rocketry Camp:** This camp will be on July 30 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm with a launch date and time to come later. You must attend both days of this camp, and must be in at least 5<sup>th</sup> grade. At this camp, youth will build model rockets and launch them. Cost \$10.

For cardboard and LEGO camps, older youth may attend, however the project is targeted for grades listed above. Attending both days is not required but highly recommended. Parents welcome.

All camps will be located at the Outagamie County Extension Office, 3365 W. Brewster St. Contact for questions: Burke Sprangers, 4-H Program Summer Intern at [basprangers@wisc.edu](mailto:basprangers@wisc.edu).

Register by July 23: <https://bit.ly/2025STEAMCAMP>

# Upcoming Events

## 4-H Outreach Opportunities

Date	Time	Event	Needs	Contact
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.

Mary Hoefler

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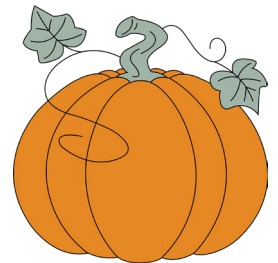
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DJ and Sheila Vander Zanden

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## Pumpkin/Sunflower Contest

The Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest will be held on October 9. Participants will have their pumpkin weighed and sunflower measured at the contest. Reminder to members that obtained seeds for the contest, you must use the seeds provided. The variety of seeds ordered can produce pumpkins weighing approximately up to a maximum of 200 pounds. Pumpkins that do not appear to be from the distributed seeds will be disqualified and not weighed.



## Re-Enroll in 4-H

Re-enrollment begins Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Enroll quickly to avoid missing out on any of the great opportunities 4-H has to offer.

Go to [www.4honline.com](http://www.4honline.com), your member record will be listed on the family Member List, click "Enroll Now."



Outagamie 4-H Centennial

# OBSTACLE CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

PARTICIPATION OPEN TO PUBLIC



**Saturday  
August 2nd  
2025**



**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

Join the Outagamie 4-H Horse Association and help us celebrate the 100th year of 4-H! We have a day full of demonstrations, raffles, food, and spectating our first ever Obstacle Challenge. Public encouraged to attend or Participate.

To register go to our website  
<https://outagamiecounty4hhorse.com/>  
to fill out registration  
form and mail  
with payment.



To Donate Contact - Tricia Werner  
920.619.7984 [tmjlwerner@gmail.com](mailto:tmjlwerner@gmail.com)

**Outagamie Fairgrounds Horse Arena**  
468 Henry St, Seymour, WI 54165

**PUBLIC WELCOME**

# Project Updates

## Record Books

Due to your Main Leader by August 15 or date requested by the Main Leader.

### NEW for 2025 – Two Options

- EZ Form – Fulfills the Record Book requirement, but does NOT qualify for awards.
- Record Book – Can be nominated for county awards.

### Who does a 4-H Record Book?

- Each 4-H member in grades 3-13 is highly encouraged to do a 4-H Record Book every year.
- Cloverbuds may complete the special 4-H Cloverbud Record Book.
- Also available in 2025 is a 4-H EZ Record Book Form. The EZ Form is NOT eligible for awards.

### Why do a 4-H Record Book?

- The 4-H Record Book is a valuable part of the 4-H program.
- This book will be a record of your activities, challenges, and accomplishments, as well as documentation of what you have learned throughout your project work and club year.
- Your record book will also help others to know and understand you and to evaluate your progress and achievements.
- It gives you the opportunity to be recognized on the club and county levels.
- Over the years, your record books will reflect your growth in project work, as well as in leadership, citizenship, and community service. That information will be extremely useful to you when completing future awards, scholarship, college, and/or job applications.
- Record books will help you to develop skills in goal setting, planning, organizing, evaluating, and writing.

### NEW!!!! Outagamie County 4-H Record Book Guide

- This guide gives tips on completing your record book.
- The Record Book Awards and Recognition Committee, your club leader, and other 4-H youth may also provide assistance.

If you have questions about 4-H record books or record book awards, please contact the Awards and Recognition Committee:

Rose Rynish – [prynishfam@gmail.com](mailto:prynishfam@gmail.com) – 920-450-9653

Tammy Stille – [tammy@stilles.org](mailto:tammy@stilles.org) – 920-997-0363

Lori Vandenberg – [vandenbergfamily7@gmail.com](mailto:vandenbergfamily7@gmail.com) – 920-378-8117

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-member-resources/>

# Project Updates

## Cloverbud Record Books

Record books are a great way for you to archive your 4-H activities each year. They can be completed as simply or elaborately as you'd prefer. Consider adding photos to make a special book to look back on each year! These are not turned in for County Recognition.

## Horse Project News



The 4-H State Competition for Horse Bowl and Hippology was held on May 3, 2025. Once again Outagamie County took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Horse Bowl with a nail-biter finish. Horse Bowl for seniors is double elimination. Our seniors had to win the last two games against Waushara County and they did. Keira Leitermann received Grand Champion for Horse Bowl Individual and her brother Dylan received Reserve Champion Individual. Other members on the Senior Team to help them win were Kaiya and Sophie Wheaton.

The Junior Team recieved a Top Ten and was made up of three members: Allison Maass, Kensley Breaker, and Kyleigh Leitermann. Kyleigh and Kensley also received Top Ten Individual awards.

The Senior and Junior Hippology Team results will be given in September in Milwaukee after the Judging Competition as that has a combined score. Keira received a 3<sup>rd</sup> for Individual Hippology and Kaiya received a 6<sup>th</sup> place. On the Junior Team Allison received a 5<sup>th</sup> and Kensley received an 8<sup>th</sup> for individual scores.

We try to practice once a week starting in January until the competition in May. This year we may get an earlier start so we can try to maintain our record.

These youth worked hard studying and if you see them, give them a big congratulations!

- Gail Leitermann, Coach

# Volunteer Leaders

## County Program Committees

Adult and Youth Leaders can serve on a Program Committee. Adults must complete all the requirements to be a volunteer in order to serve on a committee. The role of the Outagamie County 4-H Program Committees is to provide overall leadership to specific project areas and their related events and activities. Consider serving on a program committee for 2025 - 2026. Sign up form is on page 18 or <https://bit.ly/ProgramCommitteeSignup25>. Sign ups are due August 15. You may select up to three committees.

Standing Committees must consist of at least three committee members (youth leaders are encouraged to participate), must submit a budget (even if zero money is being requested), and must submit an educational plan of action for the following year.

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leaders-association/program-committee-signup/>

**NOTE TO CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** If you are currently on a 4-H Program Committee and wish to continue, you need to submit a form or sign up or your name will be taken off of the current list. Sign-up by August 15.

## Volunteer Development Training

We aim to offer high quality programming for our youth and our volunteers. Approved Volunteers are volunteers that have completed the online volunteer application form <https://wi.4honline.com>, a background check and assigned trainings.\*

Re-enrollment deadline is November 15, 2025.

\*Volunteer trainings are in the process of being updated due to youth protection concerns from the state office. Check your email in the coming months for more information on these changes.

## Join Outagamie County 4-H Executive Board

Interested in joining the Executive Board for 2025 - 2026? Open Positions: Vice President, Director and Secretary.

Contact current board members with questions:

President - Sheila Vander Zanden - [s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com](mailto:s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com)

Vice-President - Lisa Sprangers - [sprangerslisa@gmail.com](mailto:sprangerslisa@gmail.com)

Secretary - Tammy Stille - [tammy@stilles.org](mailto:tammy@stilles.org)

Director - Gail Leitermann - [gleitermann@yahoo.com](mailto:gleitermann@yahoo.com)

Director - Ellen Wheaton - [ellen\\_wheaton@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_wheaton@yahoo.com)



# CPF Scholarship Winners

## ***Jake Stille***

Jacob Stille has been associated with the Bent Arrow 4-H club for 13 years. Some of the projects Jake was involved in include: mechanical science, shooting sports, woodworking, dairy, electricity, citizenship, adventures, computers, dogs, exploring your environment, goats, photography, sheep, and youth leaders. Jake has been very busy with community service events, such as playing bingo at local nursing homes, cleaning up highways, working at the Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Night, raking leaves for the elderly, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, helping with projects to support the homeless, and volunteering at the Outagamie County fair grounds. To put it simply, he has volunteered hundreds of hours to community service. Jake has also excelled in leadership by holding every officer position available at the club level, which includes sergeant-at-arms, reporter, treasurer, secretary, vice president and president. At the county level, Jake has been part of the Executive Planning Team for six years, as well as the secretary, vice president, and president of the Youth Leaders Association. He was also instrumental in leading the mosaic project to commemorate 4-H at the fair. Jake has been a youth representative on the mechanical science, shooting sports, and dog committees. He has participated in many of the club and county events, to include demonstrations & speeches, drama, the food & clothing revue, as well as being a presenter on the Action Center Stage. Jake has represented Outagamie County at Explore Wisconsin, Winter Leadership Camp, Space Camp, American Spirit, Citizenship Washington Focus, the dairy judging team, and the state dog show. In his essays, he stated that he enjoys helping the younger members, which has allowed him to share the knowledge that people have taught him with others. Jake's leadership at the club, county, and state levels have given him the opportunity to experience all that 4-H has to offer. Jake plans to attend Maranatha Baptist University in the fall. Warm wishes and congratulations, Jake!



# CPF Scholarship Winners

## *Allison Gagnow*

Allison Gagnow is an eight-year member in 4-H, currently in Fast Trackers 4-H club. She participated in a wide-range of projects that included photography, swine, cultural arts, vegetables, cut flowers, woodworking, home environment, sheep, foods, dogs, and youth leaders. Allison involved herself in community service opportunities by volunteering with Pork Pals, On the Farm, tying blankets for Harbor House, Fright Night, putting together community fruit baskets, and assisting at 4-H Family Learning Day. She participated in various activities throughout her time in 4-H, including the Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest, pumpkin decorating, basketball, and mentoring youth for the photography project. Her leadership within the club included being a reporter and social media officer. Allison mentioned in her essays that 4-H has been a tremendous influence on her life, instilling determination and confidence. These will be assets to her as she continues her education at Fox Valley Technical College in the Construction Management program. Congratulations, Allison, and best wishes!



## *Nicholas Peters*

Nicholas Peters is currently enjoying 4-H as a member of Fast Trackers. Nicholas was involved in a wide range of projects which included swine, sheep, house plants, beef, arts & crafts, goats, poultry, home environment, foods & nutrition, home grounds, and youth leaders. Some of Nicholas' community service involvement was Breakfast on the Farm, providing fruit boxes for the elderly, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, participating in the North Star food drive, tying blankets for the Nichols Rural Area Fire Department and Harbor House, and being a goat ringhand. He displayed his great leadership skills over the years as a club reporter, treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president. There were a few years that he even had to hold two officer positions at the same time. Nicholas kept involved in activities such as entering the Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest, working at the North Star Pancake & Porkie Brunch, participating in the Freedom Christmas Parade, helping mentor younger youth in the sheep project, planning monthly club activities, and putting together a planter for the Club Planter Contest. He also participated in expos with livestock at the county and state levels. In his essay, Nicholas stated that he learned to have patience, self-control, and discipline because things take time to be the best they can be, whether it is an animal project or an exhibit. These characteristics carry over to his future plans and education as he continues to be a student at Fox Valley Technical College for a Farm Operation degree. Nicholas also plans to return to 4-H as a leader. Well done and congratulations, Nicholas!



# Congratulations

## Music, Speaking & Talent Festival Judges Choice Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the Judge's Choice Awards for the Music, Speaking & Talent Festival.

Performer	Performance	Club	Title
Eleanor Groenjes	Solo – Instrumental	Smile Awhile	Autumn Splendor by: Dennis Alexander
Cecilia Denardo	Poetry Reading	Fast Trackers	Over in the Meadow, an adaptation of the Old Nursery Counting Rhyme
Nevaeh McGlone & Gloriana McGlone	Combination of vocal, dance, and instrumental	Valley EPIC	Over the Rainbow / What a Wonderful World by: Roger Emerson
Nora Wichman	Original Prose Reading	Country Slickers	Mountain Range Resort by: Nora Wichman
Camilla Hubert	Solo – Instrumental	Bent Arrow	What I've Done by: Linkin Park
Natalie Van Epern	Original Speech	Smile Awhile	All about Arkansas by: Natalie Van Epern
Trystan McGlone, Aodhan McGlone, Nevaeh McGlone, Gloriana McGlone, Keturah McGlone, Jon Charbonneau, Elise Charbonneau, Ruth Charbonneau, Violet Charbonneau, Laila Southard & Zoey Southard	Combination of vocal, dance, and instrumental	Valley EPIC	Goodness of God by: Cece Winans; 10,000 Reasons by: Matt Redmon
Nevaeh McGlone	Solo – Instrumental	Valley EPIC	Beauty and the Beast Theme by: Howard Ashman and Alan Menken
Violet Cox, Zander Cox, Clara Schmidt, Lydia Schmidt, Miles Schmidt, Zoey Ross, Stella Ross, Callie Ross, Eleanor Neiss, Elliott Neiss, Dawn Strenn, Jezara Ware, Jolie Ware, Joiah Ware, Juliette Ware & Carina Weber	Dance	River Valley Hawks	Fake It by: Tauren Wells and Aaron Cole

# 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 the website <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4hcentennial/> and Facebook for details and updates on the following contests and more!

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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# 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](https://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!**

## Outreach Volunteers

### Cheesefest Parade

Thank you to all those members, parents, and leaders who walked the Cheesefest parade. It was a nice day out and we were able to hand out so many 4-H bags.

Tiffany, Jared, Lydia, Miles, Clara Schmidt, Burke and Zeke Sprangers, Alayna Johnson, Sandy and Paige Welhouse, Carina, Simon and Vanessa Weber, Zoey, Callie and Stella Ross and Natalie Van Epern.



### Breakfast on the Farm

Thank you to all of the members, parents and leaders who helped out at Breakfast on the Farm with playing games, doing crafts and promoting 4-H. We connected with a lot of hopefully future 4-Hers. Despite the rain storm and mud mess, we had a successful day.



Ruxin and Rennin Hopfensperger, Burke and Zeke Sprangers, Alanya Johnson, Tiffany, Jared, Lydia, Miles, Clara Schmidt, Ellen, Robert, Kaiya and Sofie Wheaton.

## 4-H History Segment V 1990s - 2000s

Project training and development continued to be a major focus of the county 4-H program in the 1990s. This focus was an emphasis with county 4-H program committees, with the county resource leader staff, and through the newsletter to 4-H families.

The first Outagamie County 4-H Project Learning Day was held on 02/23/1991 at the Fox Valley Technical College with 15 different project offerings instructed by county resource leaders. The event has continued for ten consecutive years. A district 4-H Project Leader Winter School for adult and teen leaders only had been held the previous five years. The new event was for leaders, members, and parents.

County 4-H enrollment went on computer for the first time. Members and leaders were assigned a 4-H number for their entire 4-H membership. Leaders no longer had to write out the fair entry tags. The computer even determined the county fair premium amounts and printed the fair checks. A great deal more information was made available to 4-H club main leaders and project leaders as the years progressed.

The Japanese LABO 4-H Exchange was introduced into Outagamie County through the interests of Debra Court and Connie Frassetto. 4-H members that have participated in the LABO Exchange in the 1990s include Jason Court, Jed Court, Jim Frassetto, Andy Schuh, and Jessie Schueler.

The 1990s had increased participation in both the county 4-H drama and music festivals. A county 4-H band was organized in 1998 and a county 4-H chorus in 1999. Both performed at the county fair event. Joanne Wussow and Kay Otto were appointed the dairy bar superintendents in 1991. Both Joanne and Kay have continued their annual appointment through 2000. Duane Wussow and Bill Otto have assisted them with many of the maintenance responsibilities.

Wisconsin hosted the North Central 4-H Leaders Forum from 10/13/1994 - 10/16/1994 in Milwaukee. Outagamie County had 15 leaders attend the forum. The event was such a positive experience that 19 leaders went to the 1995 forum in Minneapolis.

Wisconsin implemented the Youth Protection Program in 1995. All 4-H leaders were required to have a record check with the Wisconsin Department of Justice and attend a two-hour orientation program in order to be a certified volunteer. 4-H Youth Agents, Jeanne Baum and Bill Shaw, arranged and provided instruction at ten locations throughout Outagamie County for leaders to attend the special orientation. A total of 505 adult volunteers were certified that year.

## 4-H History Segment V

1990s - 2000s

(Continued)

A 4-H Leader Association Dairy Bar Planning Committee was appointed in April, 1995 to design and develop plans for a new 4-H Leaders Dairy Bar to be part of the new county fair grandstand in 1996. Pete Wachtendonk chaired the committee. The new food stand cost approximately \$34,000 and would be cherished for many years by 4-H families as one of their major fundraisers.

Sandy Wussow became the chair of the 1995 4-H Fall Harvest Dance. This event continued to be the first Friday evening in November as an excellent fundraiser for the 4-H Leaders Association and a fun activity for 4-H families. Bonnie Fischer became the chair in 1998.

Rose Rynish is appointed director of the 1996 county 4-H basketball tournament succeeding Gary VerVoort who had been the director for 25 years. The 1996 tournament was held in Hortonville after having been at Shiocton the previous seven years.

Debbie Wichman became the director of the Outagamie Big Pumpkin/Giant Sunflower Contest in 1998.

Outagamie County 4-H clubs designed and planted flower planters to improve the appearance of the county fairgrounds in 1999. A new commercial exhibitors building was constructed and the overall general appearance of the fairgrounds was improved. The outstanding cooperation of the County Executives, Outagamie County Board of Supervisors, Outagamie County Fair Association, and Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association has permitted our county fair to be one of the best in Wisconsin.

We begin the new millennium with 36 active community 4-H clubs. There are also special emphasis programs for youth to participate in that include Adventures in Dairyland, Wacky Wild Weekdays, Tractor Safety Certification, Youth Library Program, and 4-H Day at the Children's Museum. There was also a Hmong Outreach Program for eight years. We now also have an urban initiative emphasis.

Outagamie County 4-H celebrated 75 years as a youth development program in 2000. An anniversary committee chaired by Elaine Koleske is giving leadership to suggesting and promoting ways by which 4-H members and leaders can highlight this special event. The history is being updated by Dorothy Paltzer, Marion Wichman, Marcella Koleske, and Bill Shaw. A special anniversary dinner was held in September, 2000.

# Bits & Pieces

## Chartered Groups and Clubs

All of our chartered groups and clubs must submit the Annual Financial Report to the Extension Office by July 31. The remainder of the charter will be due to the office at the end of September. Please contact Alicia with any questions or concerns at 920-832-5127 or [alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu](mailto:alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu).

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2025/06/Annual-Financial-Report-6.11.2025-Fillable.pdf>

## "Join 4-H" Sign Display Contest


The Outagamie County 4-H Outreach Committee asks you to proudly display the "Join 4-H" sign in your yard or business between September 1 and October 10. Those wanting to participate in a drawing for a gas card must email the address of the display to Sheila at: [s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com](mailto:s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com) by October 10.

Please one entry per address. Drawing will take place at the November Leaders Association meeting. You must be present at this meeting to win!! Don't have a sign?? You can pick one up at the August Leaders Association meeting, or contact Sheila Vander Zanden at 920-540-3894.



### Nominations for "Friend of 4-H"

*"Someone Special, Outstanding, & Very Involved Supporter of Outagamie County 4-H"*

Name of person being nominated	
What makes this individual/business a good candidate?	
	
Your name	
Phone or Email	

*Due August 1 to Leaders Association Executive Committee.*







# Outagamie County 4-H Centennial Save the Dates!



## Timber Rattler Game– July 12th

**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)



## Alumni Social– August 14th

**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!

## Harvest Dance–Nov. 8th

**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 or tear off and mail in the below RSVP no later than October 31st. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door & include food, soda, and raffle prize tickets! Don't forget to encourage other 4-H families & alumni to attend!

**PLEASE EMAIL [OC4H100@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OC4H100@GMAIL.COM) FOR EVENT DETAILS OR QUESTIONS!**

## Harvest Dance RSVP

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$5/person (3 & under are free)

Total Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Members (Grades 3-12): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cloverbuds (Grades 5k-2): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending 3 years of age & under (Free): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this RSVP & payment to:

UW Extension Office

Attn: Nicole

3365 W Brewster St.

Appleton, WI 54914

Checks can be made out to:  
Outagamie 4-H Leaders Association

Use the form below or sign up online for a Program Committee.

<https://bit.ly/ProgramCommitteeSignup25>

One form per person please.

## 2025/2026 Program Committee Form

Name	Club	
Address	City	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

Please check one:

I am a ☐ 4-H Volunteer ☐ Resource Leader ☐ Youth Leader (grade 7-13)

### Program Committees

#### Project Committees

#### Event/Extra Committees

Check up to 3 committees that you would like to serve.

Arts	Dogs	Natural Sciences	Action Center Stage (located at the Fair)
Cats	Energy & Electricity (formerly Electricity)	Outdoor Recreation (formerly Adventures)	Awards & Recognition
Child Development	Fiber & Textile Arts (formerly Knitting & Crocheting)	Photography	Dairy Bar
Civic Engagement (formerly Citizenship)	Foods	Plant Sciences	Drama Festival
Cloverbuds	Goats	Poultry & Rabbits	Educational Travel Opportunities
Coding and Computer Science (formerly Computers)	Home Environment	Sewing (formerly Clothing)	Family Learning Day
Communications	Livestock	Shooting Sports	Music, Speaking & Talent Festival
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**Please submit form by August 15 to Extension Office  
Attn: Program Committee, 3365 W. Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54914**



# Club Corner

## Fairview by Darcie

At our May meeting, the Youngs brought their chickens. They were polish gold-silver laced chickens. The young passed around the chicken for anyone that wanted to hold it. As a club we decided on a new club t-shirt and one of our members' parents are going to make them. We also discussed how we will decorate our booth at the fair! We held our meeting outside, it was a beautiful evening!



## Fast Trackers by Halle

First, we had member reports. Annabelle did hers about her cat named Poppy. Then Elena and Cecilia told us how they did at the Music, Speaking, Talent Fest. Cecilia earned a Judge's Choice award with her poem, Over in the Meadow.



This meeting was our silent auction meeting. Members/families donated items or baskets and then we go around and bid on them. This is our club fundraiser. We also played three rounds of Heads or Tails. The winners got a choice of homemade Oreos, homemade cheesecake, or meat snacks from Roskom Meats. Winners were: Karly, Jenna, Tricia and Elena. It was so fun!



### Reminders:

- On The Farm Event-at Living Tree Estates-on June 7- We need animals!
- Keep saving POP TABS and bring them to any meeting.
- The Outagamie County Fair is June 24-29, 2025.
- Dairy bar sign up, please see the sign up genius that was sent out.
- Season Fair Gate Passes be aware \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth (13 and over)
- Summer camp- Registrations now open- First come first serve.
- Community service challenge, complete 100 hours of Community Service.
- The member reports for June are Ailee, Marti, Russ, and Brooklyn
- Agriculture Awareness – Open to any youth. Write an essay.
- Must be mailed by June 1st.
- 4-H band and choir are back see the newsletter for more information
- At the June Meeting the recreation will be led by Collin and Nicholas.



# Club Corner

## Smile Awhile by Jenna

We held our meeting on Tuesday April 1, 2025 at the Freedom VFW. We stuffed Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt. The Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday April 20, 2025 at Freedom Elementary School. Start time for the Easter egg hunt will be at 10:30 am. Our club took 2nd at Drama Fest. They did a play called Bus Stop. We talked about a project to sign up for the fair. The timeline to sign up for the fair is April 15, 2025 through May 15, 2025. We will have a sign up sheet for Cheesefest. The dates for Cheesefest are Friday June 6 through Sunday June 8, 2025. We also let everyone know that there is a small animal swap meet and show on Saturday May 10, 2025 at the fairgrounds in Seymour. The swap starts at 7:00 am and the show starts at 8:00 am.



## Wide Awake Forward by Kadence

The meeting was called to order by Alicia at 6:35 pm. Alicia reported on old business such as Adopt-A-Highway date, county fair theme, and Outagamie 4-H Centennial Celebration. Jean talked about Breakfast on the Farm, Pie Contest, Centennial Photo Content, and handed out the pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, and 4-H signs. Activity was painting pavers. Meeting ended at 6:54 pm.

## Wolf River Beavers by Sophia

During our meeting held on March 10th, we did the following;

- Presentation on understanding nutritional labels and making healthy snack Choices by Dr. Jolene
- Sophia – Gave a demo of her robotics project
- Visited the Shiocton Fitness Center and did various activities
- On April 1st, we provided meals for the poll workers at the Town of Maine Town Hall







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