

Celebrating



Outagamie 4-H

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Summary of 100 Years of Outagamie County 4-H

4-H History Segment 1

1925 - 1930

4-H club work was introduced into Outagamie County on September 25, 1925, through the efforts of the late Mrs. John Schoettler in the Township of Greenville. The meeting was held at the Wide Awake Forward School located on the corner of Julius and Spencer Roads. Mr. Vernon Varney, Assistant State 4-H Leader of Madison, attended the meeting to assist Mrs. Schoettler. There was no Extension Agent at the county level to assist with a 4-H program. Projects included dairy, garden, cooking, and sewing. The only activity was singing.

Then in 1927, the late Mrs. Ernest Schuster, a rural school teacher at Isaar, introduced 4-H project work in the school curriculum with the assistance of the County Superintendent of Schools. The efforts of Mrs. Schoettler and Mrs. Schuster provided the seed that gave birth to a county-wide 4-H program. Then in 1929, the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors employed Mr. Gus Sell as Extension Agricultural Agent, and Miss Harriet Thompson as Home Demonstration Agent. Miss Thompson was assigned to help give leadership to the 4-H youth program. A few 4-H clubs were organized in the fall of 1929 causing 4-H youth work to become an active part of the Outagamie County Cooperative Extension Service.

The objectives of the 4-H program were to promote the best and latest practices in agriculture and home economics and the development of better citizens. Projects included dairy, swine, gardening, cooking, sewing, health, and conservation.

4-H History Segment II

The 1930's-1940's *First Printed for the Feb/March, 2000 Newsletter

4-H clubs, rural calf and corn clubs, had the opportunity to participate in two community fairs at this time in our history. The Seymour fair was held in August

and the Hortonville fair in September. The Hortonville fair began in 1882: the Seymour fair in 1883. Both fairs continued through the early 1930's.

1931 marked the beginning of the Fairview 4-H Club at Black Creek and the Pine Grove 4-H Club near Seymour. Florence Rettler Stingle and Celia Schuster, both long-term leaders, were beginning leaders with each club respectively. Both clubs helped increase activity at the county level.

Both Gus Sell and Harriet Thompson resigned their extension agent positions with Outagamie County in early 1933. There was no agent the remainder of the year. James Kavangh, Brown County Agriculture Agent, assisted our 4-H clubs with their enrollments in the fall of 1933.

Randall Swanson became the Outagamie County Extension Agent-at-large in 1/1/1934. Due to extreme dedication of Mr. Swanson to the 4-H youth program, a total of 21 clubs existed by November, 1934.

County 4-H camp was held on the bank of the Wolf River on the Allen farm between the communities of Nichols and Navarion. A construction company would move their cooking facilities onto the grounds during camp for the 4-H to use. Mrs. John Schoettler was the camp mother and cook. Wakeland McNeel (known as Ranger Mac) of Madison was the camp father for several years.

The Appleton Chamber of Commerce sponsored an annual achievement day banquet for several years for every 4-H member that had completed their project requirements for the year and every 4-H leader. The 1/29/1937 event was attended by about 400 individuals held at the Masonic Temple in Appleton.

The Outagamie county 4-H Leaders Federation was organized at a noon dinner at the Conway Hotel in Appleton on February 23, 1937. The first officers included Fran Krueger, Kaukauna, Mrs. Caser Griesbach, Black Creek. Frank Tubbs, Seymour; Nick Rettler, Black Creek; Emil Krueger, Kaukauna; Mrs. Casper Griesbach, Black

Creek; Mrs. Celia Schuster, Seymour; Vivian Florin, Shiocton; Lora Kluge, Black Creek; and Mrs. John Schoettler, Greenville.

The year 1938 evidenced continued growth with a county 4-H membership of 491. Volunteer leaders through their organized association accepted additional leadership responsibilities. Several new projects and activities were added. The first 4-H Hi-Lights was written, typed and mailed to all 4-H families by the County 4-H Reporter Committee since there was no secretary in the Extension Office. Each year, a 4-H junior leader was elected as the Editor of the Hi-Lights. A decision was made that record books would no longer be brought to the fair to be judged with the project exhibits.

The first 4-H dairy bar was organized in 1940 at the county fair in Seymour by a committee of the 4-H leaders federation. A schedule was prepared to have leaders and older 4-H members serve. The menu was cheese sandwiches, cream puffs, buttermilk, white and chocolate milk. The net profit of the first was \$15.91.

The Sears Roebuck Foundation became actively involved with the 4-H youth program in 1942. The foundation sponsored several conserving activities because the World War had everyone thinking about conserving and saving. Activities included victory gardens, made over clothing projects, rubber salvage drives, waste paper drives, milkweed pod collecting, and scrap metal collections. Special "War Time" record books were added to track these efforts.

Walter Wickert and Marie Klein became the camp "father and mother" for a few years in the early 40's. Then in 1944 Elmer and Sadie Root of Hortonville became active teachers in the 4-H camp program. Elmer remained active until his death in 1969 and Sadie until the early 1980's when her health failed. Sites for camp included Mission Lake, Crooked Lake at Shawano, Camp Susan at Antigo, and Camp Bird near Crivitz since 1966.

The 4-H statistics in 1944 included 28 clubs, 500 members, 65 adult leaders, 27 junior leaders. A new 4-H exhibit building was built west of the grand stand for all

non-animal exhibits which was well received by 4-H families. Tickets to the fair for 4-H exhibitors and leaders were 50 cents.

Gale VandeBerg was employed as the first full-time 4-H club agent on July 1, 1946. This appointment permitted an Extension staff person to devote more time to leadership development and to new and different types of experiences for youth enrolled in 4-H club work. Junior leadership was encouraged and officer training schools were held for the first time.

The Outagamie County 4-H Junior Leaders Organization was formed on 3/4/1948. A new dairy barn and judging arena was built at the Seymour fairgrounds. Cattle were judged indoors for the first time. The barn is now the junior fair dairy barn. The Sears Foundation Swine Project Began in the fall of 1948 for 10 boys who each received a purebred gilt. Henry Grosek and Caltron Sievert coordinated this program for 20 years.

The 1948 statistics were 35 clubs; 570 members, 75 adult leaders; 46 junior leaders. Many of the clubs still met in the leader's homes with less than 10-15 members. Project training meetings were set up in different parts of the county in April of 1949 for the first time. Other county events included a 4-H project judging contest; a 4-H Valentine Party; and a Halloween/Box Social Party.

1949 was the last year that 4-H leaders received their recognition along with the 4-H members at the Annual 4-H Achievement Program held in early November. More than 700 members, leaders, and parents filled the Black Creek Community Hall for the Friday evening event.

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.

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).

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.

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.

4-H History Segment VI 2001-2025

"4-H Works" was the theme in 2001 and the Power of Youth program started recording the community service hours. Technology advances included a County Tech Team and new "on-line" project pages. 2002 was the National 4-H centennial. The County 4-H Youth Leaders Association had 134 members and held their 20th Y Overnight.

In 2003 the county 4-H participation grew to 5587 youth participating in 4-H clubs and special interest programs. Valley 4-H Club challenged all clubs to a pop tab war. Eight clubs saved over 700 pounds of pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

Adventures in Dairyland volunteers reached 1548 fourth graders throughout the county in 2004, participation expanded to a high of 1963 students in 2007. With a \$10,000 challenge grant the 4-H Youth Endowment Fund was started through the Community Foundation. By 2006 the endowment fund received over \$13,400 in donations and received the \$10,000 match. An Endowment Penny War between clubs was held for several years at the fair.

Special interest camps and programs reached 2185 youth in 2005. Thirty-four youth grades 1-6 participated in hands on learning experiences about gardening and nutrition. Their efforts donated more than 200 pounds of fresh produce to the Salvation Army. Clubs could apply for community service grants and the requests continued to increase in 2006. Some examples of grants included building bears for Children's Hospital, hygiene kits for the Emergency Shelter, raising funds for phone cards for soldiers in Iraq, caring for the Living gardens at a nursing home. The Outagamie Dog Committee hosted a State Workshop with over 100 participants and dogs.

2008 was the celebration of the 50th year of the 4-H basketball tournament. Leaders around the Lake was a volunteer leader training for the counties around

Lake Winnebago. The Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders received the Fox Cities Youth Alliance Service Award for the American-Iraq School Partnership Program that sent 510 boxes weighing 26,870 lbs. with school curriculum books and school supplies to assist with teaching English in Bagdad. The project was requested by alumnus Capt. Casey Plamann.

New handicap picnic tables appeared in 2009 at the Dairy Bar thanks to the Woodworking members and leaders. Over 300 youth participated in 4-H Explore Science developed and taught by summer intern, Danielle Schroth. The top five 4-H projects of the 700 club members in 2011 were Photography (270), Foods and Nutrition (157), Ceramics (155), Woodworking (127), and Pork Production (123). Outagamie County hosted Farm Technology Days in 2012. The Outreach and Woodworking Committees made 30 benches that later would be used at fair and outreach events, including Breakfast on the Farm. Club mentoring redeveloped officer training and started the countywide Presidents club. The Super Club Halftime Event was held in 2017 to assist club officers.

The Action Center stage was placed under the Outreach Committee in 2013. "Hunger For 4-H" event was led by the Youth leaders and supported by the Adult Leaders and Outreach committee. Activities included Trunk-N-Treating, 4-H games and activities, project displays and a car show.

2014 marked the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Wisconsin. The CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship started in 2015. Outagamie County, Wisconsin 4-H'ers teamed up with Microsoft to create "Tech Changers" in 2018 and the 4-H press team promoted county events through the media.

4-H clubs created clever ways to communicate with their members in 2020. The county moved programming to virtual formats allowing youth and families to participate in the comfort and safety of their home due to Covid. Outagamie and Calumet Counties once again partnered on a 2-day camp in place of an overnight in 2021. WI 4-H Hall of Fame inductee, Sheila Vander Zanden, was the first

Volunteer from Outagamie County to be chosen. The Cloverbud committee introduced Cloverbud Bingo. A new interactive way to explore 4-H.

In 2022 the 4-H Band was back at the County fair after 2 years. In 2023 two school programs were started. ChickQuest teaches third grade youth about incubating Chicks through science experiments and the collection of data. Cloverbuds in the classroom works with Kindergarteners to teach different project topics. Both programs reached almost 150 youth. Clothing members combined clothing skills and community service as they made pillowcases; one to take and one to give to the Harbor House.

4-H Resource Leaders celebrated 60 years in 2024. Mission of the Mosaic Project by the Youth Leaders provided an opportunity for people to share a recollection or memory of a mentor that they were encouraged, taught, or influenced by. It was unveiled at the Fair.



Celebrating 100 Years of Outagamie County 4-H

2001 Theme: 4-H Works

New Clubs: Lincoln Lion Paw - Main Leaders, April Wagner and Julie McArty
New Millennium - Main Leader, Soua Lee
Our Pride - Main Leader, Kris Clouthier
South Central - Main Leaders, Mai Lee and Vang Thor

New Resource Leaders: Jan Thoms- Leathercraft, Stencil Painting

The County Tech Team was established.

New "on-line" 4-H Project Web page started.

Outagamie County Senior Meat judging team represented WI at Nationals in Denver and placed 7th. Team members: Melissa Hackel, BobbieJo Kimball, Dawn Lieberger & Scott Raether. Coached by Jeff Raether.

Michelle Tellock, Ellington 4-H and Bonnie Simon, Wide-Awake Forward were recipients of Outagamie County Pre-Action Network's 2000-2001 Community Awards.

Wacky, Wild Weekday counselors; Victoria McGlone, Ashley Voight, Alicia & Alanna Rynish, Becky Gassner, Tony Zuleger, David Dietzen, Troy Jansen, Zach & Katie Eggert, Eric Baum, Ashley Zwiers.

Fall Forum County delegate was Judy Koleske.

The Power of Youth program started with recording of community service hours.

Dairy Bar added Grilled Chicken sandwich to the menu.

4-H Dairy Bar Superintendent Trainee was Faye Wichman.

4-H Key award recipients: Jeremy Hoffman

"I Dare You" awards went to Michele Erdmann, B-Square and Katie Keyzers, Woodland Hustlers.

Volunteer of the Year began with Marion Wichman.

Friends of 4-H Awards: Great WI Cheese Festival, Lenny's Custom Cabinets

2002 Theme 4-H Power of YOUth

New Clubs:

Apple Seeds - Main Leader, Sue Ellsworth

Goal Getters - Main Leader, Amy DeWitt

Resource Leaders: Mary Jo Plamann, Dog Agility; Mary Wichman, Cake Decorating; John Sanks, Photography; Therese Schroeder, Sheep

4-H National Centennial 4-H celebration.

20th Annual Y-Overnight for the Youth Leaders was held.

Youth statistics:

134 enrolled in Youth Leaders

4,725 youth participated in 4-H Youth development programs

163 youth were in Cloverbuds

808 youth in community clubs

1367 youth were in Adventures in Dairy

2817 youth were in other special interest camps and programs

623 adult volunteers assisted with youth programs in Outagamie County.

Kimber Locks 4-H club received the 2002 Fox Cities Youth Alliance Service Award for making quilts for area shelters.

Jessica Franklin, Bent Arrow 4-H placed 1st in the pre-teen, "Make It with Wool" Contest.

Dairy Bar added "Slushies" and Ice Cream sundaes to the menu.

"I Dare You Award" went to: Victoria McGlone, Trail Blazers and Ashley Voight, County Stickers.

4-H Key award recipients: Mike Diedrich, Fast Trackers, Michele Erdmann, B-Square, Victoria McGlone, Homeschool Trailblazers. Todd Schaumberg, Wild Grove, and Ashley Voight, Country Slickers

Volunteer of the Year: Joanne Wussow

Friends of 4-H: Shiocton School District and Bud Vanden Heuvel

2003 Theme: 4-H The Power of Youth

New Clubs:

County Pals - Main Leader, Sheila Ziesemer

Oneida Falling Leaves - Main Leaders, Lois Dalke and Bill VerVoort

Trailblazers changed from Homeschool Trail Blazers

Resource Leader: July Koleske, Basketry; Mike Rohloff, Dairy; Tom Stratton, Dog Obedience; Louise Torkelson, Dog Obedience; Linda McLernon, Birds; Lauren Leitermann, Dog Showmanship; Jeremy Trost, Poultry

Youth statistics:

5,587 youth participated in 4-H youth development programs

157 youth were in Cloverbuds

825 youth were in community 4-H club
385 youth leaders assisted with 4-H youth programs
530 adult volunteers assisted with 4-H youth programs

Valley 4-H Club challenged all clubs in Outagamie County in the pop tab war. Eight clubs saved over 700 pounds of pop tabs.

Emma Zimmerman, Woodlawn participated in the LABO Summer Exchange to Japan.

The Goat barn was torn down at the fair.

I Dare you award winners: Sara Keyzers, Woodland Hustlers and Adam Vosters, Valley

4-H Key award recipients: Alanna Rynish, Fast Trackers and Anna Tews, Fast Trackers

Volunteer of the year: Ruth Luedtke

Friends of 4-H: Melvon Hertzfeldt and Al Pullin

2004 Theme: Leading the Way-The Next Century of 4-H

New Clubs:

Fairview (returned) - Main Leaders, Dorothy and Bill Paltzer
Ribbons-R-Us - Main Leaders, Stacie Larson-Riehl and Sarah Riehl

Resource Leaders: Mary Schaumberg, Foods; Steve Ashman, Foods; Mike Hibbard, Shooting Sports; Steve Denzer, Sheep; Kevin & Cherry Buttles, Rabbits

Youth statistics

- 5274 youth participated in 4-H youth development programs
- 134 youth were in Cloverbuds
- 780 youth were in community 4-H Clubs
- 1548 youth were in Adventures in Dairyland
- 2812 youth were in other special interest camps and programs
- 405 youth leaders assisted with 4-H youth programs
- 638 adult volunteers assisted with 4-H youth programs

4-H clubs participate in community projects such as Adopt-a-Highway, Chain Day, visiting nursing homes, and collecting items for the Center for Grieving Children, Mexican orphanage, and food pantries.

4-H Youth Endowment Fund started through the Community Foundation with a challenge grant.

Free grandstand admission to 4-H members at the fair.

I Dare You award winners: David Dietzen, Buchanan Badgers and Alanna Rynish, Fast Trackers

4-H Key award recipients: Eric Baum, Wide Awake Forward, Christopher Hoffman, Fast Trackers, Alicia Rynish, Fast Trackers. Adam Schaumberg, Wild Grove

Volunteer of the year: Norbert Theobald

Friends of 4-H: Tom's Cabinets and Outagamie Dairy Promotion

2005 Theme: 4-H Online!!

Resource Leaders: Todd & Sheryl Jaskolski, Goats; Phil Hietpas, Shooting Sports

Youth statistics:

- 4,586 youth participated in 4-H youth development programs
- 154 youth were in Cloverbuds
- 791 youth were in community 4-H Clubs
- 1456 youth were in Adventures in Dairyland
- 2185 youth were in other special interest camps and programs
- 246 youth leaders assisted with 4-H youth programs

515 adult leaders assisted with 4-H youth programs.

34 youth, grades 1-6, participated in a hands-on learning experience about gardening and nutrition while in the summer youth garden program. Their efforts provided more than 200 pounds of fresh produce for the Salvation Army.

Misty Brum, Wolf River Shadows had a photo selected in the top 10 2005 Wisconsin 4-H Photo display.

Morgan Swiecichowski, Crystal Star 4-H placed 1st in the junior speech and 4th in overall junior sweepstakes at World Beef Expo.

I Dare You award winners: Alicia Rynish, Fast Trackers and Greg Cebulski, Country Slickers

4-H Key award recipients: Alisha Voight, Country Slickers

Volunteer of the year: Ethel Diermeier

Friends of 4-H: Romy's Nitingale and Les VanEperen

2006 Theme: 4-H Make the Connection

New Clubs:

Fair Weather - Main Leaders, Besty Gallagher & Sharon Henn

Resource Leaders: Jon Schaumberg, Field Crops; Mary Koeske, Home Environment

5,433 youth participated in 4-H youth development programs

137 youth were in Cloverbuds

777 youth were in community 4-H cubs

1,556 youth were in Adventures in Dairyland

2,983 youth were in other special interest camps and programs

154 youth leaders assisted with 4-H youth programs

448 adult volunteers assisted with 4-H youth programs

Community Service grants request increase. Grants include sponsoring a child, adopting a family, raising funds for phone cards for soldiers in Iraq, building bears for the Children's Hospital, Hygiene kits for the Emergency Shelter, and caring for the Living Gardens at a nursing home.

Outagamie County host the State 4-H Dog Workshop with over 100 participants.

Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association 4-H Youth Endowment received over \$13,421.03 in donations and received a match of \$10,000.

I Dare You award recipients: Alisha Voight, Country Slickers and Danielle Schroth, Wide Awake Forward

4-H Key Award recipients: Andrew Baum, Wide Awake Forward, Alyssa Marcks, Fairview, Luke Rynish, Fast Trackers, and Danielle Schroth, Wide Awake Forward

Volunteer of the Year: Mary Jo Plamann

Friends of 4-H: Northland Mall and Black Creek Lions Club

2007 Theme: Capture the Spirit

New Clubs:

LeBest - Main Leaders, Jan Williamsen and Renee Huettl

Sly Foxes - Main Leaders, Carol VanHandel and Chris Vander Wielen

Roots & Shoots - Main Leader, Noelle Lincoln

Resource Leader: Mike Figlinski, Sheep

5330 youth participated in 4-H youth development programs

943 youth were in community 4-H clubs

1,963 youth were in Adventures in Dairyland

2,224 youth were in special interest programs and camp

206 youth leaders assisted with 4-H youth programs

433 adult volunteers assisted with 4-H youth programs

Outagamie County 4-H staff developed two new 6-part afterschool activity series, Explore 4-H for grades 1-6.

The Dairy Bar did not open at the Fair due to rent dispute.

Bent Arrow 4-H received the 2007 Fox Cities Youth Alliance Service Award and exemplary service.

Endowment Fund Penny War raised \$892.34 during the fair. Buchanan Badgers 4-H was the winner.

Nate Rynish, Fast Trackers, received the State Fair Junior Pullet Surprise for his essay on: What I Have Learned in Raising Poultry.

I Dare You Award: Angie Ebben, Valley and Luke Rynish, Fast Trackers.

4-H Key Award: Angie Ebben, Valley, Kyle Jacobs, B-Square and Alicia Walby, B-Square

Volunteer of the Year award: Lowell and Jan Thoms

Friends of 4-H: Doxbee's and Seymour Community School District

2008 Theme: Capture the Spirit

New Club: Mighty Mustangs - Main Leader, Chuck George and Paula Sweetman

Resource Leaders: Katie Dorow, Cats; Lou Ann Sulopek, Meat Goats

4,702 youth participated in 4-H youth development programs

- 891 youth were in community 4-H clubs

- 1,627 youth in Adventures in Dairyland

- 2,184 youth were in special interest programs and camp

- 103 youth leaders assisted with community clubs

- 419 adult volunteers assisted youth

Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) is an initiative of National 4-H.

American-Iraq School Partnership Program. Youth and leaders worked to send 510 boxes, weighing 26,870 lbs, of school curriculum books and school supplies to assist with the teaching of English in Bagdad. This project was by request from alumnus Capt. Casey Plamann's. Outagamie County Youth Leaders received the 2008 Fox Cities Youth Alliance Service award.

Leader's around the Lake with Winnebago, Calumet and Fond Du Lac

50th anniversary of 4-H Basketball Tournament

1st Annual Bake-Off on the Action Center Stage at the fair.

Cousins Moo Trials, 200 participants at the county fair. Smile-A-While 4-H club was the winner.

I Dare You: Phil Rynish, Crystal Star and Alicia Wably, B-Square

4-H Key Award: Jessica Franklin, Bent Arrow, Veronica Havard, Wide Awake Forward, Amanda McLermon, Country Slickers and Drew Spranger, Buchanan Badger.

Volunteer of the Year: Rose Rynish

Friends of 4-H: Kuehne Livestock and Winnegamie Dog Club

2009 Theme: Imagine the Possibilities

New Clubs: Lucky Horseshoes - Main Leader, Mary Curtis

Resource Leaders: Sonja Voight, Cloverbuds; Jenny Schaumberg, Creative Stitchery

3,664 youth participated in 4-H youth development programs.

- 871 youth were in community 4-H clubs

- 1,612 youth in Adventures in Dairyland

- 1,176 youth were in special interest programs and camp

- 96 youth leaders assisted with community clubs

- 401 adult volunteers assisted youth

Members and Leaders from the Woodworking project made handicap picnic tables at the Dairy Bar.

The curriculum 4-H Explore Science was developed to help teach youth about different scientific concepts and skill sets through the coordination of summer intern, Danille Schroth. Over 300 youth ages 7-12 participated.

Food committee displayed kitchen utensils entitled "Grandma's pantry". This is in celebration of the 125th Outagamie County Fair.

Emily Stille, Bent Arrow 4-H took 1st place in the 4-H Senior Division Plant Science Day and represented Wisconsin at the National Horticulture Convention in Harrisburg, PA.

Samantha Schroth, Wide Awake Forward 4-H placed 1st in Sr. division at the WI Make It With Wool Contest.

Toby Paltzer completed 50 years as a 4-H Youth Leader Mentor.
Jeanne Baum, 4-H Youth Agent, retires after 33 years of service.

I Dare You: Amanda McLernon, Country Slicker and Michael Jacobs, B-Square.

4-H Key Award: Samantha Schroth, Wide Awake Forward and Lessa Whitman, B-Square

Volunteer of the Year: Phil Hietpas

Friends of 4-H: Fox Valley Technical College and Center Town Hall

2010 Theme: Shake, Rattle and Role

843 members and Cloverbuds

26 active clubs in Outagamie County

321 Adult volunteer leaders

Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association has developed a year-long calendar of events for 4-H members. Multiple activities for members, leaders and families to be involved at both club and county levels including music and drama festivals, speaking and demonstrations contests, project learning day, training, tournaments, team building activities, fun days, and state and national educational trips.

35 county-wide activities to engage 4-H members as they learn leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Melinda Pollen was hired as new 4-H Youth Development Education

Youth Leaders had a spirit station at the Fox Cities Marathon on Sept. 19

Tractor Supply Company offers Paper Clover Promotion.

Key Award winners: Lindsey Schroth, Wide Awake Forward, Isaac Stille, Bent Arrow, Danie Sprangers, Buchanan Badgers

I Dare You: Samantha Schroth, Wide Awake Forward and Veronica Havard, Wide Awake Forward

Volunteer of the year: Bill & Kay Otto

Friends of 4-H: Robert "Toby" Paltzer Jr and Doug & Donna Langner

2011

Resource Leaders: Brian Stille, Aerospace; Gretchen Rahmlow, Dog Agility; Chris Lewis, Dog; Tammy Stille, Foods & Nutrition; Tom Brown, Pork Production; Amy Bedard, Sheep

New 4-H Committees:

Outreach	Chair, Sheila Vander Zanden
Club Mentoring	Co-Chair, Sheila Vander Zanden and Phil Hietpas

25 4-H Clubs

240 4-H project leaders

Over 700 4-H members

Top Five 4-H Projects:

- 270 members in Photography
- 157 members in Foods & Nutrition
- 155 members in Ceramics
- 127 members in Woodworking
- 123 members in Pork Production

STEM Workforce Development started with 3 Outagamie County 4-H members participating.

AmeriCorps VISTA provided assistance to 4-H programming.

I Dare You award recipients: Vinson Buman, B-Square and Lindsey Schroth, Wide Awake Forward.

4-H Key Award recipients: Megan Hoefler, Buchanan Badgers, Gabrielle Jochman, Wide Awake Forward, and Emily Stille, Bent Arrow.

Volunteer of the Year: Tim Schroeder

Friends of 4-H: Johnson Dairy

2012

Resource Leaders: Tammy Stille, Natural Science; Corey Vander Zanden, Robotics

23 4-H Clubs

260 Adult Leaders

Over 700 members

Training focused on youth leadership and how youth could be given leadership roles at any age.

Through the efforts of the Outreach and Wood Working Committees, 30 Benches were made for the Farm Technology Days and to be used for the Fair and other Outreach events.

Club mentoring redeveloped the Officer's Training and worked with clubs. Started the county wide President's Club which included the Vice presidents and a Treasurer's club.

Outagamie/Waupaca County Rocket Launch was held, May 18 at the Stille property.

Outreach Committee promoted for 4-H at Breakfast on the Farm, Wilton Cake Decorating at the county fair winners: Joy Vandenberg, Olivia Baum, Zoe Thompson, Chelsea Baum and Jada Baum

Secretaries Club was added to the Club mentoring Committee to provided assistance in organizational skills.

4-H Youth Leaders organized a 4-H Family night at the Timber Rattler Game.

Key Award winners: No one applied

I Dare You award recipient: Emily Stille, Bent Arrow.

Friends of 4-H: Jean Grosek and Crystal Print INC.

2013

New Club: Valley Eagles- Two Club combined (Valley and Mighty Mustangs)
Main Leaders, Cheryl Peotter and Chuck George

Resource Leaders: Mike Diedrich, Dairy; Tammy Fritsch, Dairy; Sarah Rasmussen, Dairy; Rose Rynish, Drama; Jeremy Trost, Drama; Terry Wolter, Goats; Dan Rynish, Goats; Jenny Peters, Sheep; Lori Gonnering, Photography

4-H Youth membership statistics showed that only 6% of 4-H youth in Outagamie County are from farming families.

Through the efforts of the Club Mentoring committee, it was noted that the changes to the youth officer's training increased the yearly average attendance of participants. Officers displayed a high amount of satisfaction with the training and high interest in participating in the Officer's half time event.

The Action Center Stage was placed under the 4-H Outreach committee.

4-H Summer Stem Academies offered a three-session program that included Robotics Rule, Gateway Academy and Magic of Hog-Warts.

The Youth Leaders led, with the support of the Adult Leaders and 4-H Outreach committee, held a "Hunger For 4-H" event. This included Trunk-N-Treating, 4-H games and activities, project displays, and a car show.

Casey Plamann started as the 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Cassie Zillmer, Fairview represented 4-H in the Quarter Horse Congress.

The American Spirit Eastern Coastal States started with Brooke Kaufert, Woodlawn and John Stille, Bent Arrow as the first to go.

The "I Dare You" program was changed to "Outstanding Youth Leader award. Emily Stille received this award.

4-H Key award recipients: Seth Harrmann, B=Square, Nate Rynish, Fast Trackers, and John Stille, Bent Arrow.

The Volunteer of the Year award was changed to Volunteer of Distinction where people submitted names to the county educator and a card was sent with positive quotes that were submitted about the recipient.

Friends of 4-H: Barry Kailhofer and Gary Knaack

2014

Resource Leaders: Andra Braatz, Cats; Laurie Penterman, Rabbits

The Outagamie County 4-H Outreach Committee focused on introducing and promoting 4-H programs through community events, promotional fliers, media promotion and the 4-H Action Center Stage at the county fair.

4-H Yard signs were distributed to 4-H families throughout the county.

44 Dog project members participated in a newly designed, 12-week training program thanks to the committee leader's redesign.

Nineteen youth completed in three educational sessions for the first annual Bacon Contest.

2014 marked the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Wisconsin. Outagamie County leaders and members took a bus to Madison to enjoy the celebration.

American Spirit delegates: Amanda Capaul, Bent Arrow, Payton Manteuffel, On the Go and Sarah Shepro, B-Square

Key Awards: No one applied

Friends of 4-H recipients: Tractor Supply Company, Ron Nelson and Marion Wichman

2015

Resource Leaders: Jeanne Baum, Clothing; Tammy Stille, Speaking and Foods & Nutrition

4-H Youth and Family Development Coordinator worked with four volunteer mentors to support the Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders Association.

78 youth enrolled in the youth leadership project and completed community service projects including: playing bingo with residents at Brewster Village, garbage pick-up at Black Otter Lake in Hortonville and assisting at an Operation Military Kids event.

CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship was offered for the first time. Recipients: Nate Rynish, Fast Trackers, Willian Penterman, Buchanan Badgers, and Danielle Schlueter, B-Square.

American Spirit Delegates: Sara Harrmann, B-Square, Jim Stille, Bent Arrow, Kaitlyn Schlueter, B-Square, Sydney Truehart, Fat Trackers, Kat Braatz, Wide Awake Forward, and Maddie Waters, Wide Awake Forward.

Key Award recipients: Seth Harrmann, B-Square, Kate McCloy, B-Square and John Stille, Bent Arrow.

Friends of 4-H recipients: Tim Diermeier, Tim Sassman, and Bill & Kay Otto

2016

Resource Leaders: Andrea Braatz, Camping; Sheila Vander Zanden, Foods & Nutrition; Steve Green, Swine; Josh Koleske, Theatre Arts, Drama; Ashley Rubens, Youth Leader Advisor; Rose Rynish, Youth Leader Advisor; Jena Vander Logt, Youth Leader Advisor

New committee: Outagamie County 4-H History

Over 1500 4th grade students taught this year through the Adventures in Dairyland program.

26th Annual Family Learning Day, formally known as Project Learning Day.

Foods & Nutrition Workshop was hosted at the Fox Valley Technical College, Johnes Dairy Farm Culinary Theatre.

Youth Leader meeting held at Xtreme Air.

4-H County Newsletter get rebranded to 4-H Connections.

The Action Center stage fills two stages, inside and out, at the fair.

4-H Livestock members need to have their animal ear tags by April 15, 2017

Cal-agamie County 4-H Camp. A joint camp at Upham Woods Learning Center.

Thrivent Choice Dollars was established through the efforts of Sue Erdmann, to support Outagamie County 4-H programming.

Outagamie County 4-H Communication Arts Festival. This includes Speaking and Demonstration activities.

Marriages Made in Outagamie County 4-H was a highlight of the Action Center stage featuring: Bill and Dorothy Paltzer and Pat and Rose Rynish.

Youth Leaders once again are helping the homeless as their community service.

Key Award recipients: Marissa Hoefler, Buchanan Badgers and Kaitlyn Schlueter, B-Square.

American Spirit Trip: Alexa Hurlbutt, Fast Trackers, Jack Loken, Woodlawn, Morgan Seitz, Crystal Star, and Joy Vandenberg, B-Square.

Friends of 4-H recipients: Bill and Dorothy Paltzer, Ruth Theobald, Troy Lanwehr and Jeanne Baum.

2017

Resource Leaders: Stacey Farly, Dairy; Cheryl O'Connell, Dairy; Eric Voight, Dairy; Al Lemke, Fishing, Scale Models; Bill Maraszek, Swine

4-H members and leaders continue their volunteer efforts. 248 adult volunteers spend over 13,000 hours volunteering in their various roles and 670 youth members spent a total of 6,691 hours of community service project work serving their communities and learning what it means to give back and to demonstrate generosity.

4-H Family Learning Day hosted 11 sessions and taught 70 participants.

The Adventures in Dairyland program reached more than 1,700 local fourth grade students.

4-H Youth and volunteers collected 290 pounds of pop tabs that were taken to Goldin Iron & Metal Recycling. Goldin also matched the funds to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

State Photo Exhibit: Sara Boughton's photo "Morning Glory Pool" was one of the top 12 in the state 4-H Photo Exhibit. Exhibit was on display at the Wisconsin State Fair.

Super Club Half Time Event was held to assist the current club officers, county wide, as they journey through the year.

Gone but Not Forgotten project was a new Youth Leaders project. Kayla Viste joined the staff as the interim 4-H Educator.

4-H Key award recipients: Amanda Capaul, Bent Arrow, Sara Harrmann, B-Square, Angela Penterman, Buchanan Badgers, and Jim Stille, Bent Arrow.

American Spirit delegates: Calista Capaul Bent Arrow, Savannah Jens, Country Slickers, Zenon Patzner, On The Go, and Morgan Seitz, Smile Awhile.

Friends of 4-H: Duane and Sheila Vander Zanden, Marcia Spaulding, Joan Behle, and Vicki Hanschke.

2018

Resource Leaders: Bonnie Massholder-Zillner, Cats; Nichole Littmann, Communications; Darleen Hahn, Dog; Sandy Sullivan, Drama; Laura Meulemans, Drawing & Painting, Goats, Dairy; Morgan Wolters, Goats; Joshua Koleski, Poultry; Pat Rynish, Swine

4-H volunteer hours were collected from 227 adults and 589 youth. Adult volunteers support our programs by assisting the youth members during meetings, projects, trips and other events. Adult volunteers support the mental, emotional, physical and educational growth of our youth.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a quality assurance program for youth.

4-H Press Team is promoting 4-H and County events through media outlets such as Facebook.

High Five to our 4-H Offices was Half Time the theme of this year's 4-H Offices SuperClub Half Time Event.

Outagamie County, Wisconsin 4-H'ers Team up with Microsoft to create "Tech Changemakers".

New Form of Communication: The 4-H Minutes with Kayla Viste, 4-H Educator.

American Spirit delegates: Christian Julius, Fast Trackers, Makayla Mashlan, Fast Trackers, and Elise Rosenau, Bent Arrow.

4-H Key award recipient: Makayla Mashlan, Fast Trackers

Friends of 4-H: GreenStone Farm Credit Union, Mike Salter, Brian and Tammy Stille, and Rose Rynish.

2019

Resource Leaders: Tammy Kurey, Photography

4-H Volunteers hours were collected from 228 adults and 591 youth totaling over 20,000 volunteer and community service hours.

Research has shown that 4-H youth grow up to be productive members of their communities who look for ways to give back and help where needed. Youth give back to their communities in many ways: roadside cleanup, making blankets for nursing homes and for emergency responders to give out, donating to families in need, providing petting zoos for community events.

Outagamie County 4-H members participated in the Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Contest.

Alicia Schroeder-Haag is our new 4-H Program Coordinator.

Key Award recipients: Christian Julius, Fast Trackers Allison Stencil, Fast Trackers, Katie Stille, Bent Arrow, and Joy Vandenberg, B-Square.

American Spirit recipients: Gideon Patzner, On The Go, and Emmalyn Spangers, Country Slickers.

Friends of 4-H recipients: Sally and Ernie Anderson, and Elsie and Charles Marcks.

2020

Resource Leaders: Nichole McSherry, Communication; Sue Erdmann, Paper Art

Outagamie County moved most of its programming to virtual formats allowing for youth and families to participate in the comfort and safety of their own home. General club meetings tried to devise a safety plan for continued meetings in person with social distancing and masks.

186 Outagamie County 4-H Volunteers worked tirelessly in 2020 to switch our regular programming to a virtual platform almost overnight for our youth. Club volunteers continue to meet virtually, communicate electronically with members and adapt to a different way of meeting and engaging with their local communities.

The 4-H Outreach Committee, composed of 4-H adult and youth volunteers, designed and displayed two "Join 4-H" billboards on highway 41 in August and September to encourage membership.

Alicia Schroeder-Haag with the support of the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association prepared "Fun in a Box" programming available to all members and non-

members. These boxes offered activities and educational components for youth and their families to participate at their home. A total of 156 boxes were distributed. Another way to connect to this year of disconnect.

Family Learning Day and Drama Fest were some of the few face to face events that occurred during 2020.

Youth spot lighting in the newsletter started in 2020.

Clubs came up with clever ways to communicate with their members.
4-H Foods Committee moved the Foods revue to a live zoom event.

Retired 4-H agent, Bill Shaw passes away on December 18, 2020

Due to Covid shut downs there were no Leader's dinner, trips or 4-H at the fair.

4-H Key award recipients: Makenna Cox, Fast Trackers, and Emmnaly Sprangers, Country Slickers.

2021

Resource Leaders: Kerry Marcks, Cats; Sheila Vander Zanden, Citizenship; Sarah Spiegel, Poultry; Pamela Knaack, Vegetables

Calumet and Outagamie Counties once again partnered to provide a two-day camp in place of an overnight camp.

4-H Horse Association Hunter Hack Clinic began on how to safely jump their horse over fences.

Discover 4-H Boxes & virtual training for non-4-H members were developed.

Northland Festival Foods Outreach Event, where members and volunteers shared

basic information about 4-H and offered a hands-on petting zoo.

An updated officer's training program was introduced.

4-H Thriving Model, creating a high quality 4-H program measure by survey participants. This year's score is 5.8 out of seven. No bad just coming off a covid year of programming changes.

2021 brought 4-H back to a new normal. Everyone enjoyed being back at the fair.

2021 WI 4-H Hall of Fame inductee, Sheila Vander Zanden, first Volunteer from Outagamie County to be chosen.

The Cloverbud committee inducted Cloverbud Bingo. A new interactive way to explore 4-H.

4-H Key award recipients: Stacy Marcks, Fast Trackers and Abigail Veaser, Fast Trackers.

Friends of 4-H went to all the main leaders. They received a Mum plant.

2022

Resource Leaders: Tony Dietrich, Beef & Swine; Debbie VanderHeiden, Cake Decorating; Tammy Stille, Clothing; Tim & Thereasa Schroeder, Sheep

Family Learning Day at FVTC for members and non-members: sixty-two attended.

Outagamie County 4-H reached 442 members in the 2021/2022 membership year.

Eighty-two youth, thirteen and older, participated in the Wisconsin 4-H Thrive Model Survey and rated the overall quality of the Outagamie County 4-H Program as a high-quality program.

A Cloverbud event was held at Mosquito Hill Nature event-Owl Learning.

Holiday candy making food project, teaching members how to make difficult homemade and old-fashioned candies.

One day conferences, 4-H Spark Days, were offered at 3 UW campuses.
Wild West Camp with the theme for this year's Cal-Agamie camp.

4-H Band was back at the County fair after 2 years.

4-H Key Award recipients: Mike Stille, Bent Arrow and Susan Koleske, Fast Trackers.

Friends of 4-H recipients: Ellen LaMarche, Norbert Theobald, and Pat VanDenHeuvel.

2023

New Clubs: Valley Eagles changed their name to Valley Epic

Resource Leaders: Scott Wedmayer, Goats; Rachel Penterman, Rabbits

541 4-H members were supported 160 adult volunteers.

4-H day camps in June and one overnight camp from August were offered for youth in Outagamie and Calumet counties. In total one hundred youth took advantage of these camps.

Outagamie County 4-H Educator started to bring 4-H into classrooms during the school day with two different programs. ChickQuest teaches third grade youth all about incubating Chicks through science experiments and the collection of data. Cloverbuds in the classroom works with Kindergarteners to teach different project topics. Both programs have reached almost 150 youth.

Clothing members made pillowcases; one to take and one to give to the Harbor House.

Outagamie County 4-H Outreach committee marks an all-time high of events attended to help promote 4-H.

Outagamie County 4-H Horse/Horseless Horse competed at the State 4-H Horse Bowl. Outagamie county beginner's team came in first in their division as the Grand Champions.

4-H Key award recipient: Jaxon Cox, Fast Trackers, Ben Harrmann, B-Square and Luke Stille, Bent Arrow.

Friends of 4-H recipients: Larry & MaryJo Plamann, Mary & Bill Koleske, and Mary Hoefler.

2024

New Club: River Valley Hawks - Main Leader, Tiffany Schmidt

The Music, Communications, & Talent Festival offered three components in one event. Incredible talent was offered by 4-H members at the event.

Youth Leader's Mosaic Project. Mission of the Mosaic Project, to provide an opportunity for people to share a recollection or memory of a mentor that they were encouraged, taught, or influenced by. It was unveiled at the Fair.

Soldering circuits Workshop offered and well attended.

Action Center Stage hosts the biggest Pie Contest to date. Thirty-five pies in total.

Centennial preparations, get your reenrollment in by October 15 and received a free Centennial T-shirt.

Centennial T-Shirt design winner, Lydia Schmidt of River Valley Hawks

4-H Resource Leaders celebrated 60 years.

Alyssa Seitz started as the 4-H Associate Educator

The Food committee offered Soup and Focaccia and Let's Bake a Pie workshops with Kelsey Country Kitchen, a former member of Crystal Star.

Grace Van Driel received the \$2500 Henrickson memorial Scholarship from the WI 4-H Foundation

4-H Key award recipient: Jeremiah Vandenberg, B-Square

Friends of 4-H recipients: Don and Diane Jarvais.



Reflections from the 4-H Program Educator

Serving as the 4-H Program Educator in Outagamie County over the past seven years has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career. As we celebrate 100 years of 4-H in our county, I'm filled with gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to a legacy that has shaped generations of young people, families, and communities.

From club meetings and fair projects to campfires and community service, I've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the power of youth voice, leadership, and growth. Our 4-H members continue to inspire me with their creativity, resilience, and willingness to lead with purpose. I've been equally moved by the dedication of our volunteers, some of whom have given decades of their lives to mentoring youth and fostering strong community ties.

Over these past seven years, I've worked alongside passionate families and partners to expand access to meaningful learning experiences. Together, we've created programs that promote belonging, innovation, and the core values of 4-H through our head, heart, hands, and health. Whether guiding youth in camp counselor trainings, launching new STEM activities and classroom clubs, or supporting youth leadership, I've seen the true impact of what happens when young people are empowered to thrive.

Outagamie County 4-H's 100-year milestone is a reflection of a deep-rooted commitment to positive youth development. I'm humbled to be a part of this remarkable journey and excited for what the next century holds. The future is bright, because our youth are beyond ready to show others that Outagamie County 4-H is where the Outstanding Stand Out!

With pride and gratitude,
Alicia Schroeder-Haag



4-H Program Educator (2018-2025)

Outagamie County Extension Agents

4-H CLUB AGENTS - Title later changed to *4-H Youth Agent later changed to
**4-H Youth Development Agent

Gale L VandeBerg	7/1/46 - 7/1/52
John E Powers	10/1/51 - 8/15/54
Norbert Schachtner	8/16/54 - 3/15/56
Joe L Walker	5/16/56 - 7/31/58
Courtney Schwertz	8/4/58 - 5/1/66
*William D Shaw	6/6/66 - 8/3/96
*Sharon Hutjens VanDyck	6/12/67 - 7/24/68
*Joan Rolfs	8/1/68 - 8/31/70
*Carol Evans Shephard	10/1/70 - 8/17/73
*Barbara Halpin George	8/13/73 - 3/5/76
*Jeanne Endres	6/7/76 - 9/1/79
*Cindy Konopacki Jaggi	9/4/79 - 8/29/80
*Jeanne Endres Baum	9/2/80 - 6/10/09
*Barbara Becker	10/16/96 - 10/26/98
*Mike Hibbard	5/3/99 - 2/12/02
**A. Jennifer Neumann	1/2/03 - 1/6/05
**Melinda Pollen	3/1/10 - 2/28/13
**Casey Plamann	9/16/13 - 4/1/16

4-H PROGRAM EDUCATORS - Title changed from 4-H Youth Development Agent
to Educator

Kayla Viste	1/15/17-12/31/18
Alicia Schroeder-Haag	12/04/18-present

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADER OFFICERS (2001-2025)

2001

President Bev Lehrer
Vice-President Sharon Jenquin-Reynolds
Secretary Jeremy Trost
Treasurer Sue Keyzers
Directors Mary Schaumburg
Judy Koleske

2002

President Sharon Reynolds
Vice-President Mike Figlinski
Secretary Darlene Schultz
Treasurer Sue Keyzers
Directors Judy Koleske
Karen Oskey

2003

President Mike Figlinski
Vice-President Duane Ihde
Secretary Darlene Schultz
Treasurer Mike Stevens
Directors Karen Oskey
Deb Early

2004

President Duane Ihde
Vice-President Pete Wachtendonk
Secretary LuAnn Peters
Treasurer Mike Stevens
Directors Deb Early

2005

President Pete Wachtendonk
Vice-President Debbie Kozak
Secretary LuAnn Peters
Treasurer Laura Tews
Directors John Sanks
Tammy Stille

2006

President Debbie Kozak
Vice-President Penny Pudlo
Secretary Marge Havard
Treasurer Laura Tews
Directors Tammy Stille
Sue Otto

2007

President Penny Pudlo
Vice-President Jeremy Trost
Secretary Marge Havard
Treasurer Sue Erdmann
Directors Phil Hietpas
Julee Scheller

2008

President Jeremy Trost
Vice-President Tim Diermeier
Secretary Dar DeBruin-Hein
Treasurer Sue Erdmann
Directors Phil Hietpas
Angie Hintz

2009

President Tim Diermeier
Vice-President Therese Schroeder
Secretary Dar DeBruin-Hein
Treasurer Brian Stille
Directors Angie Hintz
Sharon Reynolds

2010

President Therese Schroeder
Vice-President Phil Hietpas
Secretary Darlene Schroth
Treasurer Brian Stille
Directors Sharon Reynolds
Sheila VanderZanden

2011

President Phil Hietpas
 Vice-President Rose Rynish
 Secretary Darlene Schroth
 Treasurer Tammy Stille
 Directors Sheila VanderZanden
 Sharon Henn

2012

President Rose Rynish
 Vice-President Dan Rynish
 Secretary Mary Hoefler
 Treasurer Tammy Stille
 Directors Sami Davies
 Jack Peters

2013

President Dan Rynish
 Vice-President Josh Koleske
 Secretary Mary Hoefler
 Treasurer Robin Kettner
 Directors Jack Peters
 Abby Hopfensperger

2014

President Josh Koleske
 Vice-President Brian Stille
 Secretary Michele Hefter/Mary Hoefler
 (7/14)
 Treasurer Robin Kettner
 Directors Abby Hopfensperger
 Karen Doersch

2015

President Brian Stille
 Vice-President Sheila Vander Zanden
 Secretary Mary Hoefler
 Treasurer Rose Rynish
 Directors Karen Doersch
 Amy Vander Logt

2016

President Sheila Vander Zanden
 Vice-President Phil Hietpas
 Secretary Tammy Stille
 Treasurer Rose Rynish
 Directors Amy Vander Logt
 Lisa Sprangers

2017

President Phil Hietpas
 Vice-President Pat Rynish
 Secretary Tammy Stille
 Treasurer Brian Heyer
 Directors Lisa Sprangers
 Patty Lorenz

2018

President
 Vice-President Tom Brown
 Secretary Emily Sprangers
 Treasurer Brian Heyer
 Directors Patty Lorenz
 Al Lemke

2019

President Tom Brown
 Vice-President Pam Knaack
 Secretary Emily Sprangers
 Treasurer Rose Rynish
 Directors Al Lemke
 Lisa Lemke

2020

President Pam Knaack
 Vice-President Robin Kettner
 Secretary Tammy Stille
 Treasurer Rose Rynish
 Directors Char Coenen
 Mary Hoefler (1 yr term)

2021

President Robin Kettner
Vice-President Emily Stille
Secretary Tammy Stille
Treasurer Rose Rynish
Directors Char Coenen
Lisa Sprangers

2022

President Emily Stille
Vice-President Pam Knaack
Secretary Dar DeBruin-Hein
Treasurer Rose Rynish
Directors Lisa Sprangers
Laurie Penterman

2023

President Pam Knaack
Vice-President Elizabeth Marks
Secretary Dar DeBruin-Hein
Treasurer Rose Rynish
Directors Laurie Penterman
Katie Rickert

2024

President Elizabeth Marks
Vice-President Sheila Vander Zanden
Secretary Tammy Stille
Treasurer Rose Rynish
Directors Katie Rickert
Gail Leitermann

2025

President Sheila Vander Zanden
Vice-President Lisa Sprangers
Secretary Tammy Stille
Treasurer Rose Rynish
Directors Gail Leitermann
Ellen Wheaton

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH LEADER OFFICERS (2001-2025)

2001

President	Katie Keyzers
Vice-President	Ashley Voight
Secretary	Kim Kubat
Treasurer	Trina Buss
Reporter	Sara Keyzers
Recreation	Adam Vosters
Recreation	Todd Schaumberg
Advisors	Jim & Sandy Buman Toby Paltzer Mark VanderLinden Mark & Sonya Voight Jeff Zwier

2002

President	Ashley Voight
Vice-President	Adam Vosters
Secretary	Sara Keyzers
Treasurer	Matt Brugger
Reporter	Adam Schaumberg
Recreation	David Dietzen
Recreation	Troy Jansen
Advisors	Jim & Sandy Buman Toby Paltzer Mark VanderLinden Mark & Sonya Voight Jeff Zwiers

2003

President	Adam Vosters
Vice-President	Alanna Rynish
Secretary	Danielle Broeren
Treasurer	Jason Busch
Reporter	Christina Gollnow
Recreation	Doug Vosters
Recreation	Adam Schaumberg
Advisors	Jim & Sandy Buman Toby Paltzer Mark VanderLinden Mark & Sonya Voight Jeff Zwiers

2004

President	Alanna Rynish
Vice-President	Greg Cebulski
Secretary	Danielle Schroth
Treasurer	Alicia Rynish
Reporter	Sarah Knorr
Recreation	Alisha Voight
Recreation	Zach Egert
Advisors	Jim & Sandy Buman Toby Paltzer Mark VanderLinden Mark & Sonya Voight

2005

President	Greg Cebulski
Vice-President	Alisha Voight
Secretary	Danielle Schroth
Treasurer	Andrew Baum
Reporter	Alison Schroeder
Recreation	Amber Leitzke
Recreation	Alicia Rynish
Advisors	Jim & Sandy Buman Toby Paltzer Mark VanderLinden Mark & Sonya Voight

2006

President	Alisha Voight
Vice-President	Danielle Schroth
Secretary	Elizabeth Stille
Treasurer	Kyle Jacobs
Reporter	Alicia Walby
Recreation	Angie Ebben
Recreation	Luke Rynish
Advisors	Jim & Sandy Buman Toby Paltzer Mark VanderLinden Mark & Sonya Voight

2007

President Danielle Schroth
Vice-President Angie Ebben
Secretary Alicia Walby
Treasurer Luke Rynish
Reporter Kyle Jacobs
Recreation Eric DeWitt
Recreation Amanda McLernon
Advisors Jim & Sandy Buman
Toby Paltzer
Mark VanderLinden
Mark & Sonya Voight

2008

President Angie Ebben
Vice-President Amanda McLernon
Secretary Alicia Walby
Treasurer Kyle Jacobs
Reporter Becky Meulemans
Recreation Phillip Rynish
Recreation Samantha Schroth
Advisors Jim & Sandy Buman
Toby Paltzer
Mark VanderLinden
Mark & Sonya Voight

2009

President Amanda McLernon
Vice-President Samantha Schroth
Secretary Jena VanderLogt
Treasurer Brandon DeWitt
Reporter Megan Hoefler
Recreation Michael Jacobs
Recreation Corey VanderZanden
Advisors Jim & Sandy Buman
Toby Paltzer
Mark VanderLinden
Mark & Sonya Voight

2010

President Samantha Schroth
Vice-President Jena VanderLogt
Secretary Lindsey Schroth
Treasurer Vinson Buman
Reporter Kendra Gonnering
Recreation Courtney Gonnering
Recreation Danie Sprangers
Advisors Jim & Sandy Buman
Toby Paltzer
Mark VanderLinden
Mark & Sonya Voight

2011

President Jena VanderLogt
Vice-President Kendra Gonnering
Secretary Lindsey Schroth
Treasurer Vinson Buman
Reporter Courtney Gonnering
Recreation Megan Hoefler
Recreation Spencer DeWitt
Advisors Jim & Sandy Buman
Michele Erdmann
Toby Paltzer
Mark VanderLinden
Mark & Sonya Voight

2012

President Kendra Gonnering
Vice-President Emily Stille
Secretary Sadie Miller
Treasurer Zach Stille
Reporter Gabriel Jochman
Recreation Joe Koleske
Recreation Nate Rynish
Advisors Sandy Buman
Michele Franchini
Toby Paltzer
Mark VanderLinden
Mark & Sonya Voight

2013

President Emily Stille
 Vice-President Willie Penterman
 Secretary Gina Sayler
 Treasurer Zach Stille
 Reporter Sadie Miller
 Recreation Abe Gonnering
 Recreation Nate Rynish
 Advisors Michele Franchini
 Toby Paltzer
 Rose Rynish
 Tammy Stille
 Mark VanderLinden
 Ashley Voight

2014

President Willie Penterman
 Vice-President Ben VanderLogt
 Secretary Amanda Stingle
 Treasurer John Stille
 Reporter Kelsey Hefter
 Recreation Marissa Hoefler
 Recreation Brandon Main
 Advisors Michele Franchini
 Rose Rynish
 Ashley Voight

2015

President Ben VanderLogt
 Vice-President Marissa Hoefler
 Secretary Jim Stille
 Treasurer John Stille
 Reporter Kelsey Hefter
 Recreation Kat Braatz
 Recreation Seth Harrmann
 Advisors Michelle Franchini
 Rose Rynish
 Tammy Stille
 Ashley Voight

2016

President Marissa Hoefler
 Vice-President John Stille
 Secretary Alexa Hurlbutt
 Treasurer Jack Loken
 Social Media Katie Stille
 Recreation Autumn Mulroy
 Recreation Jim Stille
 Advisors Michelle Franchini
 Rose Rynish
 Tammy Stille
 Ashley Voight

2017

President John Stille
 Vice-President Jim Stille
 Secretary Alexa Hurlbutt
 Treasurer Jack Loken
 Social Media Katie Stille
 Recreation Autumn Mulroy
 Recreation Jim Stille
 Advisors Michelle Franchini
 Rose Rynish
 Tammy Stille
 Ashley Voight

2018

President Jim Stille
 Vice-President Makayla Mashlan
 Secretary Katie Stille
 Treasurer Rachel Sullivan
 Social Media Maddie Waters
 Recreation Kyle Smet
 Recreation Mike Stille
 Advisors Al Lemke
 Lisa Lemke
 Rose Rynish
 Tammy Stille
 Amy Vander Logt

2019

President	Makayla Mashlan
Vice-President	Bryce Barker
Secretary	Savana Hurlbutt
Treasurer	Christian Julius
Reporter	Katie Stille
Recreation	Courtney Uitenbroek
Recreation	Emmalyn Sprangers
Advisors	Lisa Lemke Rose Rynish Tammy Stille Amy Vander Logt

2020

President	Bryce Barker
Vice-President	Isabelle Delfosse
Secretary	Savana Hurlbutt
Treasurer	Susan Koleske
Social Media	Katie Stille
Recreation	Stacy Markcs
Recreation	Luke Stille
Advisors	Kerry Marcks Rose Rynish Tammy Stille

2021

President	Isabelle Delfosse
Vice-President	Stacy Marcks
Secretary	Jake Stille
Treasurer	Susan Koleske
Social Media	Mike Stille
Recreation	Burke Sprangers
Recreation	Luke Stille
Advisors	Kerry Marcks Rose Rynish Tammy Stille

2022

President	Stacy Marcks
Vice-President	Susan Koleske
Secretary	Jake Stille
Treasurer	Beth Casper
Social Media	Mike Stille
Recreation	Burke Sprangers
Recreation	Luke Stille
Advisors	Kerry Marcks Rose Rynish Tammy Stille

2023

President	Susan Koleske
Vice-President	Burke Sprangers
Secretary	Jake Stille
Treasurer	Beth Casper
Social Media	Bryanna Farrell
Recreation	Stacy Marcks
Recreation	Easton Wenninger
Advisors	Kendra Lanaville Kerry Marcks Rose Rynish Tammy Stille

2024

President	Burke Sprangers
Vice-President	Jake Stille
Secretary	Rebekah Stille
Treasurer	Jeremiah Vandenberg
Social Media	Johanna Vandenberg
Recreation	Mary Ellen Marks
Recreation	Serena Horak
Advisors	Kendra Lanaville Rose Rynish Tammy Stille

2025

President	Jake Stille
Vice-President	Johanna Vandenberg
Secretary	Myah Ellsworth
Treasurer	Serena Horak
Social Media	Bridget Danke
Recreation	Jeremiah Vandenberg
Recreation	Mary Ellen Marks
Advisors	Kendra Lanaville
	Rose Rynish
	Tammy Stille
	Lori Vandenberg



NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS DELEGATES (2001-2025)

- 2003 - Anna Tews, Fast Trackers
- 2004 - Eric Baum, Wide Awake Forward
Alicia Rynish, Fast Trackers
- 2005 - Alisha Voight, Country Slickers
- 2006 - Andrew Baum, Wide Awake Forward
Luke Rynish, Fast Trackers
Danielle Schroth, Wide Awake Forward
- 2007 - Angie Ebben, Valley
Kyle Jacobs, B-Square
Alicia Walby, B-Square
- 2008 - Jessica Franklin, Bent Arrow
Veronica Havard, Wide Awake Forward
- 2009 - Samantha Schroth, Wide Awake Forward
- 2010 - Lindsey Schroth, Wide Awake Forward
- 2011 - Gabrielle Jochman, Wide Awake Forward
- 2012-2022 No one applied/attended
- 2023 - Burke Sprangers, Buchanan Badgers
Johanna Vandenberg, B-Square
- 2024 - No one applied/attended
- 2025 - Bridget Danke, B-Square

CPF- Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Recipient

2015

Nate Rynish
William Penterman
Danielle Schlueter

2016

Sarah Schultz
Marissa Hoefler
Kate McCloy
Seth Harrmann

2017

Brandon Main
Kaitlyn Peters
Kaitlyn Schlueter
Angela Penterman
Alyssa Seitz

2018

Briana Arnold
Travor Balthazor
Sara Harrmann
Trevor Stevens
Madeline Waters

2019

Anthon Diedrich
Savannah Jens
Adam Spranger
Allison Stencil

2020

Joy Vandenberg

2021

Christian Julius
Anna Stencil
Benjamin Diedrich
Clarissa Sprangers
Logan Stevens
Calista Capaul
Isabella Delfosse

2022

Alicia Thern
Cianna Diedrich
Samantha Brownson

2023

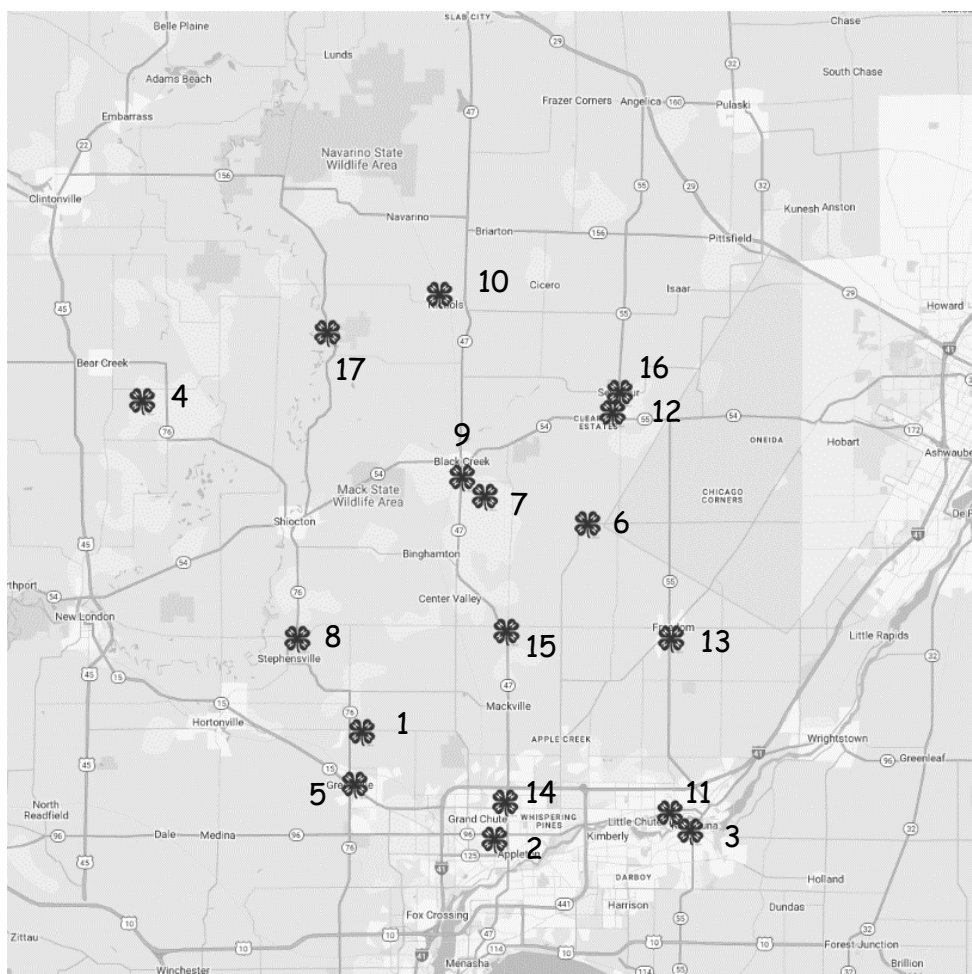
Ben Harrmann
Elizabeth Casper
Susan Koleske
Magdalen Patzner
Erika Stencil
Autumn Lorenz
Karlie Marks

2024

Grace VanDriel
Burke Sprangers
Jaxson Cox
Nolan Schmidt
Ava Lorenz
Katelyn Bodde
Stacy Marcks
Jeremiah Vandenberg
Allison Heegeman
Brooklyn Danke

2025

Allison Gagnow
Nicholas Peters
Jacob Stille



2025 Outagamie County 4-H Clubs

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. B-Square | 10. North Star |
| 2. Bent Arrow | 11. River Valley Hawks |
| 3. Buchanan Badgers | 12. Shooting Stars |
| 4. Busy Bears | 13. Smile Awhile |
| 5. Country Slickers | 14. Valley EPIC |
| 6. Crystal Star | 15. Wide Awake Forward |
| 7. Fairview | 16. Wild Grove |
| 8. Fast Trackers | 17. Wolf River Beavers |
| 9. New Horizons | |

Human Interest Stories

Schaumberg 4-H Legacy

The Schaumberg 4-H legacy started in about 1958 joining the Wild Grove 4-H Club. Irene Schaumberg was a leader in the Wild Grove club for 42 years. Carl was the first to join in 1958. It continued with Christine, about 1961 and Jon in 1963. Some of the main projects they took were dairy, leathercraft, woodworking and clothing. The club meetings were held at Idlewild School on the corner of Vandenheuvel Rd. and Hwy 54. Activities Carl, Christine, and Jon participated in were: Citizenship Shortcourse in Washington DC and Little IFYE exchange in Colorado and Indiana. They all showed in Dairy at the State Fair, participated in youth leadership and received the Key Award.

The Second Generation included Carl's children Steve and Carrie, and Jon's children Bill, Nick, Todd and Adam. Some of the many projects were dairy, beef, woodworking, clothing, child development, cooking, cat, photography, ceramics, electricity and youth leadership. Trips attended by the group were: 4-H camp, Washington Focus, State to State exchange, National Congress. All participated in the Wisconsin State Fair either in demonstration, dairy or clothing revue. All received awards at the County Recognition Night and the Key Award.

Wild Grove meetings were held at the Seymour Middle school in the multi-purpose room. Carl was an electricity and field crops leader. Diane was main leader, foods and clothing leader, and served on the 4-H county executive board and a county resource leader. Jon was a dairy leader. Mary was a cloverbud, foods and nutrition leader and main leader. She served on the 4-H county executive board.

Third generation 4-Hers would be Gabby, Evie, Isabella, Maggie, Zoe, Noah and Jack Schaumberg, Lucas and Emma Habeck. All are members of the Crystal Star 4-H Club. Projects they are taking include foods & nutrition, sewing, ceramics, cats, chickens, handyman, drawing and painting, plants, vegetables, dogs, child

development, photography, and woodworking. All participated in drama fest and fair promotion.

4-H trips:

- Lucas Habeck, Gabby Schaumberg & Evie Schaumberg have attended Explore Wisconsin.
- Gabby Schaumberg Counselor: 4-H day camp
- Lucas Habeck: 4-H camp, Outagamie Youth Leaders

Koleske Family

The Marcella and Robert Koleske family had stayed active in 4-H for many years.

Marcella was in as a member in the 1940's. Then involved their 10 children over the years. All 10 graduated from 4-H and so did many grandchildren and a few great grandchildren. Several of the children are still in 4-H as leaders.

Robert and Marcella were main leaders for many years. And Superintendent at the fair as well helping out the county.

Our brother was on the first exchange trip to Ohio. First time flying for most of the students. Many other trips were awarded to family members. Like Washington DC and Madison.

It was an amazing time and will never regret the time that we have given. Thank you for all the opportunities we have received.

Carrie (Schaumberg) Habeck

I was a member of the Wild Grove 4-H club in Seymour for more than 10 years. Every one of them, I was in the Clothing project. I made everything from simple T-shirts, to my prom dresses and my graduation dress. My greatest 4-H memory is being able to go down to State Fair. I was able to go down as part of the Clothing Revue. Back in the 90's, Outagamie County had a Foods & Clothing Revue

held at the Northland Mall in Appleton. There, we would get to model our outfits for the judges. Once you turned 14, you were eligible to be selected to go down to State Fair to model in the Expo Building. It was always a lot of fun down there. The first day we were there, we would meet with a local model who would give us tips and guidance on how to model our garments. Then we had a big primer where all the 4-H'ers from our session would model. We would be down there for 3 days, modeling about 4 times each day. It was always a fun time getting to know kids from other counties, some of them you would see year after year. I still stay in touch with a few of the girls I met 30+ years ago. It was a great way to be a part of the State Fair without having to show animals.

Sonya Voight

For almost 60 years, 4-H has been making a positive impact on my life and it has led to a pathway of opportunities for my whole family. My 4-H journey began when I was 9 years old and became a member of the Chief Shioc 4-H club. In 1969, Marge Schmidt and our mom Dorothy Curtiss formed the Countryside 4-H club. Our club name originated from the local 'country school' in our area. Our meetings were conducted in our home since our members consisted of my family along with a few neighborhood kids. Some of my fondest memories of my early 4-H years were...

- Collecting bundles of newspapers for our paper drive
- Selling concessions for Chuck Sausen/Country Farms (hot dogs sold for \$.25)
- Float building for the Seymour Centennial Parade
- Family picnics/Halloween parties/etc
- Club trips with 4-H families
- Basketball tournament - took 1st place in 1984
- Showing hogs, chicken, & cats at the county fair
- Attending Junior Leaders (now Youth Leaders)

As the oldest of 6 siblings, I continued to help my 4-H club and my siblings with their projects after graduation in 1975. Through 4-H, I met and married my husband Mark Voight. Mark's family was and continues to be involved in the dairy project. After Mark and I married, we became Youth Leader advisors and served in

that role for many years. During that time, I also became the cloverbud leader for our local club the Hortonville Harvesters and then continued on to be the cloverbud leader for Country Slickers club which I have continued in that role to this day. My passion for 4-H continued as I began to raise a family of my own. 4-H roots took hold in our daughters, Ashley and Alisha, and we are proud of the values that 4-H has instilled. Through various projects, club officer positions, and community service, we watched as 4-H helped them to grow more confident, responsible, and become lifelong learners. Now we have the privilege of seeing our grandchildren follow in our 4-H footsteps. I'm so grateful for the legacy 4-H is continuing to build one generation at a time.

Thank you 4-H for 100 years of shaping lives, building character, and creating memories that last a lifetime. Through every project, fair, and meeting, you've been more than just an organization. Here's to the heart, hands, head, and health that have built a century of dreams!

Casey Plamann

My favorite B-Square memory is back when B-Square was smaller; club meetings were held at members' houses. Some of my fondest memories of 4-H were the fun times we shared at the different member homes.

Donna (Diermeier) Langner

4-H has been a part of the Clarence and Ethel Diermeier family for over 60 years. All 16 children were 4-H members, with many grand and great grandchildren also following in their parents footsteps, making 4-H an important part of our lives. Cooking, sewing, gardening, electricity, woodworking, natural resources, basket weaving, and photography were some of the projects enrolled in. Dad and Mom were 4-H leaders for many years, electricity, and natural resources, basket weaving were just a few of the projects they taught. The July days leading up to fair week were filled with everyone working on their fair entries, sharing one sewing machine, a small kitchen, the table filled with stencil painting, leaf prints, insect collections, woven baskets, photography displays to name just a few projects. Most years multiple trips were needed to get the many entries to

Seymour. 4-H was not just monthly meetings; we took part in speaking contests, music festivals, drama, demonstrations, 4-H camp, and the many 4-H trips, making new friends and wonderful memories.

Rhonda Spaulding-Ashman

Started 4-H with the Ellington 4-H club at the age of 9 in 1973. Transferred to the Country Slickers club in Greenville in 1974. At Country Slickers, I held almost every office during my 4-H years. I participated in many county events; demonstration, foods revue, speaking contest, music festival, basketball tournament, Camp Tapawingo, Camp bird as a camper, dishwasher, camp counselor and permanent staff; 4-H state trip exchange to Penn. Washington citizenship participant, and Washington conference (one of four selected from state), and state fair. After graduating from 4-H at 19, I became an adult leader. I was part of country slickers, then Issar 4-H club. In 1983 while working as a building attendant, I met my husband in the veggie building and rode the octopus with him that first night. We were married august 1986. I started the Shooting stars 4-H club around 1989 and continue to be a leader with this club. My children spent 10 years in 4-H. We continued to be leaders and promote learning and community service. My daughter is a leader now that she is too old for 4-H. My husband, daughter, and I continue enter open class at the fair for over 25 years.

Kay Otto

Many years of family, friends, and fun in 4-H. I started out in 1970 in the old dairy bar. Which was under the old grandstand. Many years in the dairy bar. They were very rewarding. I met many willing youth and adults. Who made our days enjoyable. It's awesome to meet these people today. And talk about how fun and rewarding. It was to work in the dairy bar. My family and many youth and leaders helped. When we were short handed in the dairy bar. My daughters and grandchildren still talk about me calling them for help. I love them all for the respect and help. Many youth and adults would work extra hours when needed also. To keep this big fundraiser going for 4-H. Not to hurt anyone's feelings. I can't name the many youth and adults. That made my day such a success as well as fun. At the same

time. We all worked together. Therefore, I would like to say "THANK YOU ALL". For the pleasure of working 40+ years in the dairy bar. I also had wonderful co-workers JoAnne Wussow, Faye Wichman, and Deb Schmidt.

Sue Otto

My family joined 4-H in 1970. I was 9 years old. We joined the Cicero Busy Bees 4-H club. And that was the beginning of our family. Having 4-H a part of our lives for the next 50+ years.

There are 5 children in our family. We took various projects over the years. The dairy project was one of the big projects we did. There were various dairy judging events. We participated in. In 1974 there was a fitting and showing clinic. It was held at Jim Krahn's farm. We were shown how to get cattle ready to show. Then they broke us up into teams of 3. And we had to get a calf ready for show. We showed the work we did with the calf. Trophies were given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. I got a 2nd place trophy. I was pretty proud of that.

We showed cattle at the county fair for about 13 years. Dad also became the dairy leader for the club. When I graduated from high school. I became the dairy leader for the club. Dad became one of the dairy superintendents for the fair. He retired from that job in 2017.

The foods and nutrition project we were also involved in. JoAnne Wussow was my first foods leader. Then after a few years mom also became a foods leader. Along with Joanne. We entered the foods revue every year also. When I was a freshmen in high school. I took foods as a class. My mom went to parent teacher conference. The teacher told mom she wasn't teaching me anything. That goes to show you. 4-H is a great tool in life.

Woodworking is another project we took. Otto Wagner was our leader. He taught us there is more to woodworking. Than nailing 2 pieces of wood together and painting it. We also did sewing, macramé, knitting, crocheting, childcare, and youth leadership.

We have received various awards for our record books. There was always an achievement night in November. I received the Outstanding Holstein girl award in 1978.

We also participated in music and drama festival. The basketball tournament held around February or March. June dairy month we would hand out cheese and crackers at the local banks. We worked on floats for the parades. Connecting the float theme to 4-H.

Every year we helped make decorations for the dairy exhibit at the fair. And helped put them up. When we were old enough. We helped in the dairy bar at the fair. Mom and JoAnne Wussow became superintendents for the dairy bar in 1988. Mom retired from the dairy bar 2017. I still helped her in the dairy bar until she retired.

Cicero Busy Bees ran its course. And in the about 1990. The club didn't have enough members to continue anymore.

I went on to be a leader for foods and nutrition project for the Golden Rule Club. Which also folded in the late 1990's. Because of lack of members. I then became a project leader for Crystal Star Club for a couple years. I then joined the Woodland Hustlers Club. As a foods and nutrition leader. I was also an assistant main leader for the club.

I still help record at the fair in the 4-H arts and crafts. I have started doing that in 1990.

4-H was a good learning experience for me. It helped develop me into the person I am today. I have made many lifelong friends thru 4-H. My niece and some of my nephews were also in 4-H. Until they graduated from high school. My family has truly been touched by 4-H.

Duane Wussow

I am 92 years old. I am thinking back to the best of my knowledge about my 4-H experience.

I think I was one of the first members of Cicero Busy Bees 4-H club. We met at the Toad Creek School House. Mrs. Roy Frisbie was our main leader. I was in the dairy project and had Jersey calves. Herman Wussow, my father, was the project

leader. Mr. Kimball from Seymour would come to our farm and do educational meetings for the dairy members.

One year at the fair there was not enough room in the barn for all of the entries so the Jersey calves were put in a tent. During the fair, there was a bad rain storm in the middle of the night. The tent blew down and we had a huge mess.

Joanne Wussow

I, Joanne Wussow, got involved in 4-H when our oldest son, Larry, joined Cicero Busy Bees 4-H club. He had rabbits as a project. He entered them at the Outagamie County Fair. He was chosen from the county to attend a trip. All of our six children joined 4-H.

Cicero Busy Bees entered a musical presentation in the county contest. Randy Wussow, Becky Barth, Jayne Dey, and Richard Dey entered as a quartet at the county Music Festival. They performed at many different places. I was asked to help Ida Winterfelt in the 4-H Dairy Bar. When Ida retired, Kay Otto helped me run the Dairy Bar. Bill Otto and Duane Wussow helped also. Kay continued after I retired. Randy Johnson made sure we had good ice cream for our famous malts!

Bill Shaw and Jeanne Baum from the Extension Office plus their office staff were great help making Outagamie County in Wisconsin tops!

At age 92, I still enjoy being at the Outagamie County Fair to help with the Foods area. I work with my daughter, Penny Pudlo, as superintendents.

4-H has changed since sports activities have become more popular. 4-H can be a great learning experience for youth and their parents. I treasure the hours spent in Outagamie County 4-H.

Pete Wachtendonk

I love woodworking like my grandfather Pete Wachtendonk. He did woodworking so I carried it on. I needed to show kids how to woodwork - plans - wood - tools and how to. I started out with Norb Theobald - Mel Klarner at the Black Creek grade school - 2 hours of telling kids what it's all about - it was a show and tell. Jeanne Baum said we should do hands on. We came with tools and tried to work that way - but we needed more. At that time, I said I'll open up my shop - 3 car garage heated - lots of room, and it worked. Over the years we made birdhouses - duck houses - benches, did community service. There was a person who got \$500 from a grant from their place of work. There was a county fundraiser, so with lumber gotten Norb, Mel, and myself cut out, set up for the kids to come and put everything together. There was birdhouses, feeders, benches, layered eagles which were sold at the fair. We had a turnout of 48 kids we had a yard full. I won't forget about the benches for the fairgrounds, that was really rewarding which will last a long time.

Marion Wichman

March, 1941 - November, 1952

As a 4-H member for 12 years (ages 10-21) I attended and took part in many meetings, programs and events. The county Leader and Jr. Leader meetings were held at the Black Creek Community Hall. After many meetings, Mrs. Ernest Schuster taught and directed Square Dancing for those who wanted to stay and take part. It was lots of fun.

Outagamie County 4-H members attended County 4-H Camp at Cooked Lake in Northern Wisconsin.

The county Fair was held during August in Seymour. The Home Economics building and cattle barn were located on the northeast side of the fairgrounds where the carnival is now. A snow fence was set up in a circle on a grass area nearby for showing and judging cattle and livestock. The pig and sheep barns were west of the

grandstand. A very small Dairy Bar was located in the Home Economics building and served grilled cheese sandwiches, ice cream and white and chocolate milk. Dress Revue judging was held during the fair. On Friday night, the girls did a revue before the grandstand performance. Usually, two girls were chosen to represent Outagamie County in the State Fair judging and dress revue.

Agricultural and Home Economics teachers from Seymour High School helped at the fair and at many programs during the year.

Many members were chosen to represent Outagamie County at the National 4-H Club Congress for their excellent project work. This Congress was held in Chicago in November for 5-6 days, and was sponsored by national companies in the United States. The companies sponsored Chicago tours, luncheons and dinners where participants met and dined with company presidents or their representatives.

Many of the main club leaders and Jr. Leaders from the county would attend a District Leaders Conference for several days, which was held at the Baptist Assembly in Green Lake.

A County Achievement Program was held on a Saturday or years later, a Friday night in November where awards were presented to club members.

My first record books were 5x7 with a green cover and black printing, and a 5x8 white book with green printing. Both had 6-8 pages, where I answered questions about the projects.

The County 4-H Office was located in the lower level of the Outagamie County Court House in Appleton.

Sears Roebuck sponsored a special Victory Garden Contest and special canning contests during the time of World War II.

All of these programs left an impression on me that I have used during my lifetime. I continued in 4-H being a leader for over 60 years. My children and grandchildren have been members and a great-granddaughter will be joining 4-H this fall.

Here's to one of the greatest programs in the world!

Sommers/Wichman 4-H Fun Facts 1941-2025

Total of 33 different projects spanning 84 years and 5 generations.

All involved with the Wide Awake Forward 4-H Club in the Town of Center.

List of 4-H projects taken:

- Adventures
- Aerospace
- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Basketry
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- Woodworking

Dorothy Paltzer

Rural one-room schools in this country were at the birth of the 20th century, the gathering place of families. Some without a good deal of hope for the future, or that was what some educators thought as they observed the attitudes of farmers and youth toward their goal in life.

The farmer was then a "hick" in the eyes of city folks. Many farmers thought farming was an existence, calling for not much intelligence or thoughtfulness.

To lift the vision of farmers was the goal of many early pioneers in boys and girls and 4-H clubs. My Grandpa was one of those pioneers. He started the Fairview Club at our one-room school just as a way to get farm families together.

They chose Dairy as the project because every farmer had a cow. He held the meetings at the school and encouraged everyone to come. Later the meetings were held in the homes because all school pupils did not participate. His children all joined and in 1931 the club joined 4-H. That is when sewing was introduced to the girls in the club. As the years went on, more projects were introduced to the members. The parents volunteered to be project leaders according to what they were interested in. My mother was the sewing leader and I learned to sew and taught my daughters. 4-H members back then did not realize volunteers did not get the credit they deserved. It would not make a thrilling story if we would recount the hours of time, the words of encouragement, the miles of travel, and the personal sacrifices. My father was selected to attend the National Conference in Washington, DC. My family would not have had the opportunities to attend these out of state trips if it were not for these early leaders. I gained confidence in public speaking and went to State competition.

At age 20, I graduated and became a leader along with my husband Bill, who I met through 4-H. Later as a leader, I was a member of the State Clothing Committee and went to Washington DC for training. I have had many rewarding experiences and memories, new people we met and lasting friendships. None of this would have happened without 4-H and the challenge of grandpa Nick.

Norbert & Ruth Theobald

4-H is family in Outagamie County. In Black Creek, WI it started in 1931 with Nick Rettler & Florence (Rettler) Stingle being leaders of the Fairview 4-H Club. Also Mr. & Mrs. William Beyer and daughter Marguerite (Beyer) Herman were 4-H leaders for Sunny View 4-H club. The 4-H club names originated from the names of one-room country schools in the area.

Norbert & Ruth (Stingle) Theobald were members of these two 4-H clubs. They both started 4-H at age 10. Norbert's parents were active in providing their home as a 4-H meeting place. Ruth's club met at the leader's homes. Norbert belonged to Fairview and Ruth to Sunny View.

While in 4-H, Ruth took Food Preservation, Clothing, and Gardening. In 1947, an abnormally late snow storm occurred on Memorial Day weekend. This is etched into Ruth's memory because despite the snow, her garden was awarded the county's Sears Garden Award that year. The crowning proud touch to her garden was leaf lettuce planted in the shape of 4-H. A representative from Sears personally viewed ten 4-H member's gardens to determine the award. The award was given by Henry Goseck who was with the Sears program at the time. The Henry & Jean Goseck Family still sponsor the 4-H Resource Leader's Dinner each year.

Food Preservation was a necessity in the home. Ruth shared with her parents and nine other siblings. One summer she recalls preserving 100 quarts of cherries all from the trees on their farm. Besides the cherries, she canned numerous other fruits and vegetables. She earned a trip to Green Lake Camp for her industrious efforts.

Norbert was active in the field crops and cattle projects while he was a 4-H member. He remembers the pride he felt receiving blue ribbons on his crop entries.

Although they didn't meet in 4-H, they both graduated from 4-H at 21 years of age. In 1951, Ruth then joined the Older Youth Group that put on plays at the Pix Theater. The main purpose of the group was to put on entertainment performances. Each performance included a play Ruth participated in, a jug band selection, and a dance & song selection by the Sunbonnet girls who wore straw hats and square dance apparel. After 4-H graduation, Ruth became a leader of Smiling

Hill 4-H with Marcella Rettler & Lillian Wolf. Ruth remained there until she married Norbert.

They had 3 children. Their sons became scout members and their daughter wanted a similar club experience. So they contacted Dorothy & Bill Paltzer who were with the Fairview 4-H in Appleton, and their daughter Susan began 4-H. That led to the boys, Gerald & John, becoming 4-H members as well. Ruth became a Garden leader and Norbert was the Wood Working and Electricity project leader.

As the years went by, Mrs. Evelyn Simon, the 4-H Garden Resource Leader and Garden Superintendent at the fair, asked Ruth to take over for her. The same year, 1982, Norbert was asked to be the County 4-H Resource Leader of Woodworking with Pete Wachtendonk and Melvin Klarner. Bill Shaw was the 4-H agent at the time. When a request for updated 4-H fair booths was made, Norbert was placed in charge of the construction with Pete Wachtendonk. He also helped renovate some of the Junior Fair Building's inside structures as well.

Norbert and Ruth both served as officers of the 4-H County Leaders board at different times and went to the National 4-H Leaders Forum in Chevy Chase near Washington, DC.

After Ruth's sister, Janet (Stingle) Springstroh, and her family moved back to Black Creek, they volunteered to become co-leaders of the Fairview 4-H because the current main leaders retired. In 1981, with 50 4-H members enrolled, the club celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Their children were at graduation age and the same year the club sadly dissolved.

When their daughter's four children were of 4-H age, they too became 4-H members, along with Susan being a project leader. Thus, 4-H is family.

Marriages in 4-H

Bill & Dorothy (Rettler) Paltzer

Bill and I met at the fair in 1958. He was showing cattle and I was in the Dress Revue. We would see each other at the 4-H events, but our first date was the Basketball Tournament in 1960. He was playing for Woodlawn and I was watching.



We graduated together in 1963. Two-weeks after we were married, October 5, 1963.

Pat & Rose (Kettner) Rynish

Back in "our" day, in March, only two things mattered to the teenagers of Outagamie County 4-H. The Basketball Tournament, and working the concession stand. It was an excellent time for everyone to get together and have some fun. It was the reason Pat Rynish stayed in 4-H. Junior Leaders was so much fun!

Rose and the Koleske girls (Beth and Ann) were working the concession stand one evening. Pat walked up to the counter at the same time Dean Brochtrup did to get something. Rose asked if they were brothers. So not really knowing each other, Pat and Dean just looked at each other and went with it and said, "well...yeah....we are." The gag went on a couple more days and a new friendship was forming between the entire group. Kolene VanPatten and David Dey eventually joined the clan also. They often would get together at the Junior Leader's meetings or Shakey's for pizza, or a movie, or both.

One fateful Saturday night, it was planned for everyone to meet at the theater for the latest movie. As it turned out, Ann and Beth were grounded for some reason and bailed. Kolene and Dave each ended up with last minute plans and Dean was going fishing or something. Upon finding out it was just the two of them, Pat asked Rose if she still wanted to go and she said sure. And that's how it all started.....

Pat graduated 4-H in 1981 and belonged to Workers and Wonder 4-H club in the town of Seymour. Rose graduated in 1982 with the Ellington 4-H club in the town of Ellington.

Pat and Rose were married in October, 1984 and will be celebrating 35 years of marriage this fall. Both are still involved with Outagamie 4-H. Most of the original group still keeps in contact with each other.

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