



4-H Connections Newsletter

September/October 2025

Educator's Corner

A New Year Begins!

Happy New 4-H Year! September marks the beginning of another exciting season of learning, growing, and connecting through 4-H in Outagamie County. I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our volunteers, the creativity of our youth, and the support of families who make this program thrive.

Enrollment opens September 4, and it's the perfect time to join or re-enroll.

Race to Re-Enrollment!

Clubs will race to re-enroll as many members as possible by the end of September for a chance to win a pizza party. Two clubs will win—one large and one small. Club leaders will receive more details soon!

Remember, 4-H is for everyone! Whether you're passionate about animals, arts, STEM, leadership, or community service, there is a place for you. Returning members can build on past experiences, while new families will find a welcoming community ready to help them grow.

This year, I encourage you to share 4-H with others. Invite a friend, classmate, or neighbor; you never know who might discover their spark. Together, we can create a program where all young people belong, lead, and build lifelong skills.

I look forward to another year of discovery, friendships, and fun in Outagamie County 4-H!

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4-H Program Educator

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NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, November 24 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

All leader meetings are open to ALL 4-H youth and adult leaders. We encourage regular attendees to bring someone new from your club each month. This is a great way to meet others and grow as an organization!

6:30 pm: Snacks provided by North Star, Shooting Stars, Smile Awhile



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Calendar

September

- 1 Beginning of 2026 4-H Project Year
- 1 Extension Outagamie County CLOSED - Labor Day
- 1 Proudly display "Join 4-H" signs in front of your homes through October 11
- 4 4-H Member/Leader Enrollment Begins go to <https://wi.4honline.com>
- 6 State 4-H Horse Gymkhana | State Fair Park, West Allis
- 11 Program Committee Budget Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 12-14 State 4-H Horse Expo | State Fair Park, West Allis
- 15 Program Committee Budgets DUE**
- 18 Registration DUE for Club Officer Training**
- 18 Leaders Association Recognition Dinner | Capital Centre, Appleton
- 25 Club Officer Training | Black Creek Elementary School | 6:00 pm
- 30 Club Charters DUE to Extension Office, Attn: 4-H**

October

- 1 Educational Travel Opportunities Applications DUE | UW-Extension Office**
- 1 November/December 4-H Connections Newsletter Articles DUE**
- 4 Tough Kid Challenge | Highlands Elementary School, Appleton | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 4-5 4-H Arts Camp | Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- 5-11 National 4-H Week | What is your club doing?
- 9 Pop Tab Challenge | Center Town Hall | 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- 9 Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest | Center Town Hall | 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- 10 "Join 4-H" Sign DUE to Sheila Vander Zanden**
- 11 State 4-H Dog Agility Show | Oshkosh Kennel Club, Oshkosh
- 11 Rabbit Project Meeting
- 28 4-H Horse/Horseless Awards and Elections | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 28 Member Recognition | Seymour High School Auditorium | 7:00 pm
- 31- 11/2 Fall Forum 2025 | Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake

November

- 15 Re-enrolment ends**

Upcoming Events

"Join 4-H" Sign Display Contest

Hey 4-H families! It's that time of year again to proudly display the "Join 4-H" in your yard or business. Between September 1 and October 11, show our county that we want families to join 4-H and experience what 4-H has to offer!

Those wanting to participate for a prize drawing of gas cards must email the address and picture of the sign displayed to Sheila at s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com by October 10. Please one entry per address. Drawing will take place at the November 24 Leaders Association meeting. You MUST be present at this meeting to win!

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



4-H Enrollment Information

- There is an update to training for volunteers beginning this fall. Volunteers who enroll will be required to complete one training annually that covers the content required in UW 1045 policy. This training will be embedded directly into 4-H Online and will be available in other offline formats for those volunteers that need an alternate delivery method.
- Re-Enrollment Policy: "All returning Wisconsin 4-H volunteers are required to re-enroll annually between September 1 and November 1. All required trainings and background checks must be completed by December 1. The 4-H Program Educator or their designee has until December 15 to approve all eligible returning 4-H volunteers. IMPORTANT: A submitted application/enrollment form does not mean that an individual is an approved volunteer. Adults who are not approved 4-H volunteers cannot be in custodial care of youth."

All enrollment for leaders, members and cloverbuds happens in 4-HOnline: <https://wi.4honline.com>. Enrollment fees are \$5 for members and cloverbuds, \$6 for horse project members. Clubs collect money and send one check from their club to the Extension Office payable to Outagamie County Extension. Enrollment fees are due by January 18, 2026.

Re-enrollment deadline for all leaders, members and cloverbuds is November 15, 2025. New enrollment is accepted until March 15 to be able to exhibit at the Outagamie County Fair. Once enrollment is submitted online, a project cannot be added or changed after March 15.

Volunteer Leaders: there are several projects that parents can be involved in. Please consider signing up for one to help youth learn and grow. Check with the main leader of your club for more information on leadership opportunities. You do not need to be an expert, just have a passion for the topic and learning.

Attention Youth in Grades 7-13: You are eligible to sign up for youth leadership on your member enrollment. This makes you a member of the Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leaders Association. As a youth leader you are able to participate in youth leadership activities, community service and join a great group of people who are ready to have fun!

Upcoming Events

4-H Outreach Opportunities

Date	Time	Event	Needs	Contact
September 13	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Parktober Fest 2025	Members & Animals	Sheila Vander Zanden
October 4	8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Tough Kid Challenge	Members & Small Animals	Lisa Sprangers
October 4	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Kaukauna Fall Fest	Members & Animals	Mary Hoefler

Please reach out to a committee member to sign up. Please note that some of the events may change. If you are ready to sign up, please reach out to the point of contact listed in each description.

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

County 4-H Club Officer Training

4-H clubs are expected to elect their new club officers in September and have them participate in the county-wide training on September 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Black Creek Elementary School. Even if the club member has served in an officer position before, it is highly recommended that they attend this educational event as the training is refreshed from year to year. Please register by September 18 <https://bit.ly/25OfficerTraining>.

National 4-H Week October 5-11

National 4-H Week will be observed throughout the United States including Outagamie County. All Outagamie County 4-H clubs are encouraged to form a special committee to help observe this occasion in your community and throughout Outagamie County. School "open houses," community window displays, and special news features are just a few methods to be considered to help tell our 4-H story to the general public.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

Seeds Sponsored by Corey Ertl – CropSource LLC
Thursday, October 9 | Center Town Hall | 4:00 – 6:00 pm



Members that obtained seeds for the big pumpkin and giant sunflower contest are to have their biggest pumpkin weighed, and largest sunflower measured at the contest. If you have questions, please contact Julie Marcks, contest coordinator, at 920-984-3599.

Pop Tab Challenge

October 9 | Center Town Hall | 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Bring your club's pop tabs to Center Town Hall to be weighed-in for the annual challenge. Money raised from the pop tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

2025 Member Recognition

Tuesday, October 28 | Seymour Auditorium | 7:00 pm

The 4-H member and club recognition program is based on members' record books submitted to the Extension Office. Letters to award recipients will be mailed early October. Each member receiving a county award will get a plaque (unless they already received one) and a project disc. If a member's first plaque is filled they need to show their completed plaque to their main leader along with a \$5 payment to request a second plaque from the Extension Office.

4-H Fall Forum

October 31 – November 2, 2025 at Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake

Fall Forum is a fun, engaging, and educational weekend for both adult volunteers and youth grades 7 and above.

The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups

You won't want to miss it! Registration will open on 4-HOnline in September.

Project Updates

Wisconsin Shooting Sports Project

If you are enrolled in shooting sports projects be sure to go to the State 4-H Shooting Sports website for the latest news and information, including certification requirements of adult volunteers and safety guidelines that need to be followed for project meetings:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/shooting-sports/>

2025 Adult Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops

Check out the Wisconsin 4-H website for more information on the 2025 workshops: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

2025 Saturday Certification Workshops, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. September 13, Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI Disciplines offered: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun.

4-H Arts Camp

October 4-5 | Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- Encouraging expression and participation in the arts with middle school age youth
- Supporting youth teaching opportunities where they learn to incorporate education, creativity, and reflection into the creative process
- Increasing awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level

For more date and more information go to

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

4-H Horse/Horseless Awards and Elections

Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

Please join us on October 28, Center Town Hall, 7:00 pm for awards night and elections. This is for new and current project members. If you have any questions about the horse/horseless project please reach out! Our website is: <https://outagamiecounty4horse.com/> Our Facebook page is: Outagamie County 4-H Horse Association.

Questions? Contact:

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Youth Leaders

Wisconsin Leadership Council

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wi-4-h-leader-council/>

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connect the county, regional and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Elected at the annual Fall Forum, the WLC helps to plan multiple statewide programs and provides leadership in those settings.

Educational Travel Experience (ETE)

Information and applications for all trip opportunities are available at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/travel/>.

If you have any questions contact Alicia Schroeder-Haag at alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu or 920-832-5127. There are scholarships available through the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association for up to 75% of the Educational Travel fees.

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

Other Trip Opportunities due February 1 include Explore Wisconsin, Summer Academy, Key Award and National 4-H Congress.

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



Volunteer Leaders

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

President - Sheila Vander Zanden - s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com

Vice-President - Lisa Sprangers - sprangerslisa@gmail.com

Secretary - Tammy Stille - tammy@stilles.org

Director - Gail Leitermann - gleitermann@yahoo.com

Director - Ellen Wheaton - ellen_wheaton@yahoo.com

Congratulations

4-H Band Thank You

There is no better way to celebrate 100 years of Outagamie County 4-H than with music. Congratulations to 2025 Outagamie County 4-H Band and Choir! Your performances at the fair were great! I heard many nice comments about what a wonderful job everyone did. It was exciting to have so many new faces and all the returning members! It is always an honor and a pleasure to work with all of you. We could not do what we do without all of you. I'm blessed by all the help and teamwork everyone put into the band and choir. Thank you for the lovely card and again for being part of the band and choir! I look forward to seeing all of you next year.

Donna Langner
Band Director

Congratulations Graduates!

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



Congratulations

4-H Action Center Stage Pie Contest

...AND THE 2025 Best Pie at the County Fair Is ...

4-H Division Winner: Top winner and recipient of the Centennial Pie Plate – Bent Arrow with a Creamy Raspberry Rhubarb Pie

First place – Wolf River Beavers, Cherry Blueberry

Second place – Smile Away, Strawberry Rhubarb

Third place – Buchanan Badgers, Cherry Berry

Fourth place – Fast Trackers, Lemon Creme

Open Class Division Winner: Top winner and recipient of the Centennial Pie Plate – Bill Koleske with a Cherry Pie

First place – Pat Rynish – Rimless Lemon, Raspberry

Second place – Sarah Spiegel, Peach Rhubarb

Third place – John Bourgeois, Blueberry Peach

Fourth place – Edwin Marks, Lemon Lime

Congratulations and many thanks to the pie contestants who entered this year's contest! Although the pie entries were down, they still were delicious as our excited audience continued to enjoy the samples! Consider entering the contest in 2026!

Thank you to our judges:

Roy Vander Zanden, certified judge

Joe VanThull, retired baker

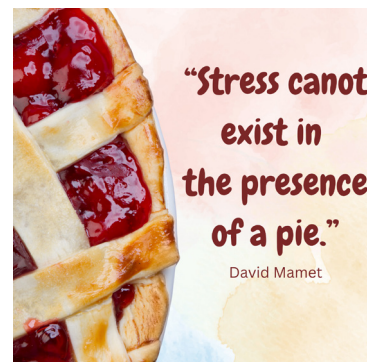
Rachael Luebker, Manderfield's Bakery

Raissa Ashman, 4-H Food Project Alumni

Monica Bales, Owner/CEO of il Bar Coffeehouse and Cafe

Judy Trull, former B & B owner/baker, also appeared on Fox 11 "Cooking with Amy"

Thank you to Rebecca Oberg and Laser Engraving. Thank you to this year's pie contest support team: Mike & Aimee Stevens, Mark & Sonya Voight, Jim & Sandy Buman, Amy Metts, Elizabeth Rynish, Rebekah Stille and the Action Center Committee.



Thank You Corner

2025 Outagamie County Summer Camp - Thank you!

Outagamie County 4-H Summer Camp 2025 has officially wrapped up, and what a week it was! We had a fantastic time at Army Lake Camp in East Troy—swimming, canoeing, making new friends, climbing the rock wall, enjoying arts and crafts, and taking part in so many other awesome activities. We had 71 campers register, 16 counselors, and 11 adults!

A huge thank you goes out to our incredible youth and adult staff. Your hard work, energy, and dedication made this camp possible—we truly couldn't have done it without you!

We hope all our campers had an unforgettable experience and are already counting down the days until next summer. We're currently collecting photos to create our new camp video, which will be shared with all campers along with a camp evaluation—so keep an eye on your email for those!

If you'll be in grades 9–13 next year, or if you're an interested adult, watch for 2026 staff applications and "Save the Date" announcements in upcoming issues of the 4-H Connections Newsletter.

Cheers until next year,
Your Camp Director
Alicia



The Action Center Stage 2025

The Action Center Stage looked a little different this year as we relocated and our focus was the Outagamie County 4-H Centennial.

Our first acts always included performance and demonstrations from our members. Thank you to Weston Spiegel, Caitlynn Morack, Katherine Cook, Camilla Hubert and the Schill Family. Presentations from our trip recipients always tell the story of wonderful education trips. This year we had both the 4-H Band and Choir, thanks to the participation of current and alumni members under the excellent direction of Donna Langner and Jayne Zuleger. Special guest Tom Nelson, Outagamie County Executive, honored Outagamie County 4-H with a presentation of an executive proclamation proclaiming the year 2025 as the "4-H Centennial Year in Outagamie County." Following was a social time for alumni to visit, reminisce while enjoying treats hosted by Sharon Reynolds and the Centennial Committee.

Thank you for another entertaining year at the Action Center Stage!



Outagamie County 4-H Centennial

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Outagamie County 4-H Centennial

Horse Obstacle Challenge

On Saturday August 2, the Outagamie 4-H Horse Association celebrated the 4-H Centennial by holding an Obstacle Course Challenge Fundraiser with participation open to the public. A course with 14 obstacles was set up in the horse arena at the fairgrounds. Participants consisted of 17 youth and 26 adults. Participants and their horse were able to choose between completing the course in hand and riding. Participants were judged on each obstacle and timed to complete the course.

Throughout the day, the 4-H Youth provided the public with horse demonstrations and hands-on activities that included Dressage, Ranch Riding, Tack Up Skit, Stick Horse Races and Grooming and Braiding. In addition to the demonstrations, a scavenger hunt was available to participate in. Prizes were given to participants in the scavenger hunt as well as the stick horse races based on age groups.

Many local businesses donated to support the 4-H Horse Association with monetary donations as well as basket raffle items. Kelsey's Country Kitchen attended and provided food and beverages for the participants and public throughout the day.

Participants in the Obstacle Challenge attended from all over North East Wisconsin. Participants included members of 4-H, parents, 4-H Alumni, and other horse owners. As the day concluded, ribbons and prize money were handed out to the top four in each class of participants. Youth riding winners were Allison Maass, Sydney Marcussen, Kaiya Wheaton and Brooklyn Trembl. Youth In Hand winners were Sofie Wheaton, Caleb Werner, Liberty Trembl and Alexis Marcussen. Adult Riding winners were Heather White, Lisa Gerbers, Lauren Szablewski and Kelsey Skenadore. Adult In Hand winners were Klara Rosenthal, Kathy Jansen, Jen Kralheim and Shirley Thiel.

A grateful shout out the people who assisted in organizing the event, assisted in set up, clean up, and during the event. We had a great group of people who volunteered to make this event happen and run smoothly.



Outagamie County 4-H Centennial

4-H Centennial Updates

We are over half way through the year-long centennial celebration! Here are some of the highlights so far:

- Lydia Schmidt won the logo contest. The logo was printed in t-shirts and merchandise.
- Great turn out at the Basketball tournament!
- The Century of Flavors winner was Joselyn Novitski with her entry "Polish Cookies."
- The centennial history booklet is printed.
- Special Centennial menu at the Outagamie County Fair.
- Special Band and Choir performance at the Outagamie County Fair.
- Special Alumni Social at the Outagamie County Fair.
- Special Power Point of the history of projects and club...ongoing.
- 4-H Night at the Timber Rattlers Baseball game.
- 4-H Centennial Horse Obstacle Challenge Fundraiser.
- Alumni Social at Center Town Hall.



Calendar of Contests

As a part of the Centennial Celebration, we are planning many contests throughout the year to help share our excitement about 4-H with others in our surrounding communities. Please watch the website <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4hcentennial/> and Facebook for details and updates on the following contests and more!

September - Race to Re-Enrollment

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

November - 100 Ways to be Thankful

December - 100 Hours of Community Service

Reminder to track your hours for the community service challenge.

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

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

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

"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 5,587 youth participating in 4-H clubs (134 Cloverbuds and 780 members) 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 1,548 fourth graders throughout the county in 2004, participation expanded to a high of 1,963 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 2,185 youth in 2005. 34 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 county wide 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 History

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

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 4-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.

Bits & Pieces

Centennial History Booklet

Anyone interested in a hard copy of the Outagamie County 4-H History booklet, please contact s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com by October 1, 2025.

Please, one per family. Note copies will be available at the Leaders banquet and a digital version can be accessed through the Outagamie County website as well.

Outagamie County 4-H Centennial Merchandise For Sale



There is a limited amount of merchandise available for sale. Items will be sold at the Harvest Dance. Unable to purchase items at these events, please email OC4H100@gmail.com. Cash or checks made out to Outagamie County Leaders Association in the correct amount please. Email OC4H100@gmail.com to purchase!

Club Corner

Fairview by Ashlyn



For our July meeting we met at the Black Creek Lake Park, we started our meeting by cleaning up the Welcome To Black Creek sign. Some of the weeds were taller than some members! We wrapped up our meeting by sharing how we all did at the County Fair. Our members had a successful fair! After our meeting ended a few took a dip in the lake!

Fast Trackers by Halle

First, we had members' reports. Claire talked about her steer Taylor and her feeder calf Milo. She won Grand Champion for beef carcass at the fair. Then Thomas gave a report on his RC car he built at a summer camp last year, and he won a blue ribbon on at the fair this year.

Thank you Dairy bar workers and a huge thank you to those who worked more than one shift and brought in extra family or friends to work also. Thank you also for the families that did the widow promotion, fair booth, and planters. The Booth earned the top award with a Grand Champion. We placed 3rd in the window promotion and 6th in the planter contest. We did very well!

Pie contest results at the fair. 1st Bill 2nd Pat 4th Edwin. We had 3 participants enter from the club and those three placed in the top 4. Congratulations! After the meeting our youth leaders set up an obstacle course with hay bales and water balloons. Everyone enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun!

Reminders:

Keep saving POP TABS and bring them to any meeting.

Record books due to Rose by August 11th



Club Corner

Smile Awhile by Jenna

We held our meeting on Tuesday June 3, 2025 at the Freedom VFW. We were supposed to pick up garbage in the park, but now we will be doing that at the August meeting due to the weather. We handed out fair passes and entry tags. The Outagamie County Fair will be held Wednesday June 25 through Sunday June 29 2025. We also reminded the families that non animal entries are on Tuesday June 24 2025 from 12:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday June 25 2025 is Animal entry day. We reminded all the families that they need to sign up to work a shift in the dairy bar. We talked about the Cheesefest parade and that they were looking for more people to walk in the parade. We also reminded that club what they need to wear, and that hair needed to be pulled back when working the food booth that we do at Cheesefest. We also mentioned breakfast on the farm. Club t-shirts were handed out for anyone that was at the meeting. If you weren't at the meeting you were to pick them up from Sarah's house. There are some upcoming dates for shooting sports. The date for archery is Saturday June 21, 2025 at Memorial Park in Combined Locks. There is also a date for anyone inserted in the shooting trap. The dates for that are June 16, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18 starting at 6:30 p.m at the Outagamie Conservation Club. We also talked about the dates for summer camp which is August 3-6. There are also dates for day camp which are July 8, July 10 and July 22. We also asked the kids to think about running for an officer position. We are not having a meeting for July due to the 4th of July. So the next meeting is Tuesday August 5, 2025 at the Freedom VFW.





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