



4-H Connections Newsletter

November/December 2025

Educator's Corner

Racing Into Another Great 4-H Year!

September was full of excitement as our clubs competed in the Race to Re-Enrollment!

Congratulations to B-Square, our large club winner, and North Star, our small club winner. Your energy, enthusiasm, and dedication truly show the spirit of 4-H!

As we move into the final months of celebrating 100 years of 4-H in Outagamie County, there's even more to look forward to. Mark your calendars for November's Harvest Dance, a perfect way to gather with friends, enjoy music, and celebrate the season together.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, and families for making this milestone year so special. Let's keep the momentum going as we head into the winter months, creating memories, learning, and growing together in 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

November

10/31-11/2 Fall Forum | Green Lake

1 State 4-H Arts Ambassador Applications Open

5 WI 4-H Thrive Model Survey Opens for youth ages 13 and up

8 Harvest Dance | Colonial House, Freedom | 6:00 - 10:00 pm

15 4-H RE-ENROLLMENT DUE - <https://wi.4honline.com>

17 Family Learning Day Proposals DUE

18 New Family Welcome and Orientation | Extension Outagamie County | 6:00-7:30 pm

23 Kitties & Cocoa | 1:00-3:00 pm | Winnegamie Dog Club

24 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm

27-28 Extension Office CLOSED

Note: Not all dates are listed on this page! Please make sure you read the newsletter, and check your email so you don't miss anything!

December

1 Newsletter Submissions DUE for January/February

5 WI 4-H Thrive Model Survey CLOSED

15 State 4-H Arts Ambassador Applications DUE

24-25 Extension Office CLOSED

31 Extension Office CLOSED

31 Summer Camp Youth and Adult Staff Applications DUE

January

1 Extension Office CLOSED

5 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm

10 4-H Basketball | Immanuel Lutheran, Greenville

17 Breakfast at Kelsey's Country Kitchen

Upcoming Events

Program and Experiences Around the State

Don't miss out on any of the awesome opportunities that Wisconsin 4-H has to offer. Read more about Wisconsin 4-H Programs and Educational Experiences here:

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

Upcoming Events

4-H Leaders Returning and New!

All 4-H leaders (returning and first year) MUST complete the online volunteer application form: <https://wi.4honline.com> and required trainings each year. The state 4-H program requires that all leaders have a background check (every 2 years for returning leaders). "Grow Green" training is required for new volunteers.

Go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/> for more information on required trainings and registration.

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.

New Family Welcome & Orientation Night

November 18 | Extension Outagamie County | 6:00-7:30 pm

Welcome, new families, to Outagamie County 4-H! I am so excited that you decided to join us! My name is Alicia, and I am the 4-H Program Educator for Outagamie county. I know that your first year in this big program can be a bit overwhelming, so I wanted to try to help you feel more comfortable. I invite you to join me for a fun welcome and orientation. There will be some fun hands-on activities, games and great information that will help members and families get excited for all that 4-H has to offer!

Space is limited, register soon! Registrations can be found here: <https://bit.ly/NewFamilyOrientation25>.

Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Naming Contest

It's back! The contest runs now through November 15, 2025 and is open to all Wisconsin 4-H clubs.

CONTEST RULES:

Who: All 4-H Clubs in the State of Wisconsin are eligible.

What: Wisconsin 4-H clubs are invited to collaborate to imagine a delicious new ice cream flavor, and come up with an interesting flavor name. Each club may submit up to five entries.

When: Entries must be submitted to Cedar Crest Ice Cream no later than November 15, 2025, via online entry form or email.

Flavor Judges are looking for:

Fun, unique flavor names

Innovative, irresistible flavor combinations

Up to 3 inclusions (ie: candy pieces, swirls)

For more information, please visit www.cedarcresticecream.com

Upcoming Events

YQCA

January 5 and February 10 | Seymour High School

These classes will be instructor led, YQCA is also available online <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Watch your email for more information.

Breakfast at Kelsey's

January 17, 2026 | Kelsey's Country Kitchen, Black Creek

Do you enjoy breakfast? The Foods Committee is hosting two cooking sessions at Kelsey's Country Kitchen. The first session will be for younger youth. They will be making pancakes and preparing breakfast items. The second session will be for older youth who will be making omelettes and burritos. More information and registration will be coming soon. Please contact Jean Schroeder at 920-660-3842 or js3creeks@gmail.com with questions.

A Day of 4-H Basketball

January 10, 2026 | Immanuel Lutheran School Gymnasium, Greenville

Many of you asked for it and you got it! Since there was so much fun in January when we kicked off the first event of the centennial year, we are doing it again.

A Day of FUN 4-H Basketball. We need to know how much interest there is and how many 4-H members and leaders want to participate.

Sign up on the Sign Up Genius below by December 30 and please pass this information on to current 4-H members, leaders and 4-H alumni.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAAAE2DA1F94-52027283-2025#/>

If you have any questions contact: Rose Rynish prynishfam@gmail.com or Eric Hopfensperger hoppy1023@gmail.com

2026 Summer Camp Staff Applications

We are looking for camp Youth Staff (15-19 years old by June 1), Junior Counselors (14 years old by June 1) and Adult Volunteers (age 19 & older) to assist at summer camp. Examples of adult positions needed are: Outpost Leader, First Aid Coordinator, Bus Coordinator (see application for more information). Camp staff is required to attend training (dates will be posted on the website). Youth and Adult Staff Applications are due December 31. Applications and job descriptions are available on the website. This is an excellent leadership opportunity for both youth and adults to work together! Apply today, you won't want to miss it!

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



Upcoming Events

Save the Date! 2026 4-H Summer Camp!!!!

Tuesday, July 7: Cloverbud Day Camp (grades K-2), Extension Office

Wednesday, July 15: Adventure Day Camp (grades 3-7), Extension Office

Tuesday, July 21: Art Day Camp (grades 3-7), Extension Office

August 2-5: Summer Camp (grades 3-8), Army Lake Camp

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

Summer camp is Sunday, August 2 through Wednesday, August 5 at Army Lake Camp in East Troy, WI. Base Camp is for youth in grades 3-6, and Outpost Camp is for youth in grades 7-8.

For more information, please visit our website under the 4-H Camp tab.

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

WI 4-H Thriving Survey

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will again be inviting members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by National 4-H Leaders to help Wisconsin 4-H learn about the quality of our programs (<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/>). The information will help to show how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card! Please keep an eye out for messages in your email and more information about this important survey. If you do not receive an email and would like to participate, please contact Alicia.

Check out the Wisconsin Positive Youth Development Institute's Impact Report 2024 which highlights some survey results from last year.

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2025/05/WEB2_PYD-Report2024.pdf

Drama Festival

Save the date! The Drama Festival is scheduled for March 7 at Seymour High School. Clubs and their drama leaders might want to start reading plays now. Check out the scripts available at the Extension Office. Contact Alicia at Alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu with your questions.

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AND/OR IF YOU ARE JUST PARTICIPATING IN THE CRAFT/TREAT.
PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1ST.

Project Updates

Foods Revue and Cooking Contest

The County Foods Revue will be Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the Town of Center Town Hall. Start planning your menu and place setting, and practice making one food item of your choice. After many requests we will be doing the cooking contest again this year and the youth will be the judges again. More details will be coming when they are finalized. Contact Jean Schroeder at 920-660-3842 or js3creeks@gmail.com with any questions.

2025 State 4-H Dog Show

September 27-28 was the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show held in Antigo. Congratulations to the nine members from Outagamie County participating in Obedience, Rally and Showmanship. The many hours of training put forth to become a team with their dog is represented in the class results!

Halle Baus and Rocky - Novice B Obedience - Top Ten, Showmanship - Grade 6 - Third Place

Emily Baus and Bree - Pre-Novice B Obedience - Top Ten, Showmanship - Grade 4 - Fifth Place

Rennin Hopfensperger and Cody - Pre-Novice A Obedience - Third Place, Rally Novice - Sixth Place

Serena Horak and Scotch - Novice B Obedience - Top Ten

Serena Horak and Bonzo - Pre-Utility Obedience - First Place

Allison Kissling and Bentley - Pre-Novice B Obedience - Third Place, Rally Novice - Top Ten, Showmanship - Grade 4 - Seventh Place

Dylan Leitermann and Ivy - Grad Novice Obedience - Top Ten, Rally Advanced - Top Ten,

Showmanship - Grade 9-13 - First Place, Best Senior Handler (Also, Ivy passed her Canine Good Citizen test)

Keira Leitermann and Tina - Grad Novice Obedience - Top Ten, Rally Excellent - Top Ten, Showmanship - Grade 9-13 - Third Place (Also, Tina passed her Canine Good Citizen test)

Alicia Schroeder and Dakota - Novice B Obedience - Top Ten, Showmanship - Grade 9-13 - Fourth Place

Jacob Stille and Tippy - Pre-Utility Obedience - Top Ten, Rally Advanced - First Place

These kids did a fantastic job!



Project Updates

Plant Science Committee

Huge News! The Plant Sciences Committee is back, and wow are things looking promising and exciting for you exhibitors! As a goal to increase the interest and exhibits within horticulture, we are putting together some events and workshops to prepare you for the show hall, but we need YOU, to take a minute to fill out this form of interest to further help us coordinate these awesome events for your benefit.

To provide a glimpse at what may be in store, here are some things that we want to be accessible to you exhibitors: Houseplant workshop (creating dish gardens and terrariums), African Violet workshop, Outdoor Flower Displays/Pots, and a Cut/Fresh Flower workshop. Our goals of these workshops are to learn, and create something to exhibit at the fair next year.

If you are interested and just as excited as us, please fill out the form below and sign up for horticulture! If you have any questions please reach out to your Resource Leader and Committee Chair, Nicholas Peters at petersnicholas145@gmail.com or 920-277-4124.

Fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/4bfxEaDpA2fBABCQ6>

Congratulations

Graduating 4-H Members

Katelyn Bodde, Buchanan Badgers
Connor Bonnin, Shooting Stars
Jacob Bonnin, Shooting Stars
Alicen Gonnering, Smile Awhile
Jessie Griesbach, Fast Trackers
Allison Hansel, Smile Awhile
Allison Heegeman, B-Square
Keira Leitermann, B-Square

Sawyer McGlone, Fast Trackers
Nicholas Peters, Fast Trackers
Lydia Schmidt, River Valley Hawks
Jaiden Schroeder, Fast Trackers
Collin Spiegel, Smile Awhile
Burke Sprangers, Buchanan Badgers
Grace Van Driel, Country Slickers
Jeremiah Vandenberg, B-Square



WI Avian Quiz Bowl

Congratulations on winning the WI Avian Quiz Bowl contest and earning a spot at the National contest!

Team members are: Weston Spiegel, Outagamie County; Ciara Waltenberg, Portage County; Kennadi Bochert, Portage County; Colton Schulist, Portage County

Coach: Michelle Waltenberg, Portage County



Congratulations

Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

We had 11 of 17 clubs participate this year in either the pumpkin or sunflower contest. The seeds for the contest, along with the scale for weighing the pumpkins, were sponsored by Corey Ertl – CropSource N3890 French Rd, Freedom WI 54913. We appreciate his financial support to this special youth activity and ask that all 4-H participants would send Corey a note of thanks and appreciation as well. I would also like to extend our appreciation to Julie Marcks for chairing this activity.

Pop Tab Challenge is part of this event as well, and a special thanks goes to Emily, Brad and Zeke Sprangers for their help with this project. Approximately 660 pounds of pop tabs were collected from the clubs, and a check in the amount of \$822.12 has been donated to the Ronald McDonald House (\$411.06 from the pop tabs and a matching donation of \$411.06 from Goldin Iron and Metal Recycling).

Pumpkin Winners

Place	Weight	Name	Club
1	239	Allison Gagnow	Fast Trackers
2	180	Anne Gagnow	Fast Trackers
3	144	Caleb Werner	Wild Grove
4	114	Jack Rose	Smile Awhile
5	105	Elizabeth Werner	Wild Grove
6	103	Mason Stuewer	North Star
7	98	Hunter Froehlich	Crystal Star
8	93	Alexis Blaser	North Star
9	88	Melany Peters	North Star
10	84	Evelyn Rose	Smile Awhile

Sunflower Winners

Place	Inches	Name	Club
1	22.25	Elizabeth Werner	Wild Grove
2 (tie)	21.5	Anne Gagnow	Fast Trackers
2 (tie)	21.5	Joshua Manteufel	Wide Awake Forward
4	20.5	Eleanor Groenjes	Smile Awhile
5	20.25	Allison Gagnow	Fast Trackers
6	20	Caleb Werner	Wild Grove
7	19.25	Haelyn Nikolai	Fast Trackers
8 (tie)	19	Marshal Jacquot	B-Square
8 (tie)	19	Weston Spiegel	Smile Awhile
10	18.75	Jack Schaumberg	Crystal Star

Pop Tab Winners

Club	Pounds
B-Square	197.34
Wide Awake Forward	182.56
Fast Trackers	75.72
Crystal Star	50
Shooting Stars	48.78
Wolf River Beavers	33.98
Smile Awhile	24.41
Wild Grove	15.28
River Valley Hawks	14.82
Bent Arrow	9.35
Fairview	9.25
Country Slickers	1.14

Congratulations to our participants with the smallest sunflower (Ruxin Hopfensperger) and pumpkin (Amelia Zeinert)! They will be receiving an ornament as a prize.

Volunteer Leaders

Family Learning Day Workshop Proposals

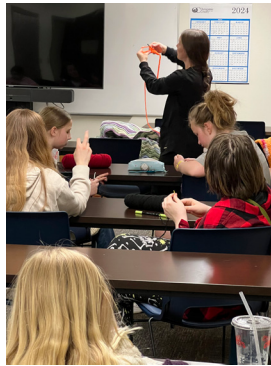
The Planning Committee of the 4-H Family Learning Day invites you to be a session presenter. 2026 4-H Family Learning Day Workshop Proposals Due November 17.

Saturday, February 21 | Location TBD | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

4-H Family Learning Day is an opportunity for youth, volunteers, and parents to learn a new skill and explore 4-H opportunities.

We will offer three one hour sessions with some flexibility for longer sessions if needed. We are also looking for volunteers (adults and/or older youth) to lead the following workshop topics:

- Electricity - How to make simple circuits or flashlights
- Card Making
- Paper airplanes
- Rocket building
- Learning to Leather Craft
- Build your own Hula Hoop
- Cake Decorating
- Ice Breaker Games to take back to your club
- Printing
- Rock Painting
- Drama Games
- Fly tying
- Macrame
- Simple woodworking projects



Many of these workshop topics have a lesson plan that can be shared and the office has a lot of supplies. If you don't see something that interests you, please feel free to sign up for a workshop that does.

Please help make this day a success by sharing your time, talent, and knowledge with others.

Don't want to teach a full workshop? Do you have a poster or display to share? Request a booth in our "4-H Showcase" area. Participants will get a chance to view displays and learn from you and your display without going to a class. If you have questions, please contact Alicia at 920-832-5127 or alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu. Please sign up to be a presenter by following this link <https://bit.ly/2026FamilyLearningDayWorkshop>.

All submissions will be reviewed by the planning committee and presenters will be notified in December if their workshop has been accepted.

Thank You Corner

Join 4-H Signs:

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank all families and businesses who proudly displayed a "Join 4-H" sign this year.

Reminder: The deadline to submit your photos has passed. To those who did submit photos, you MUST also attend the November 24 Adult Leaders Association meeting to be eligible to win a gift card.



2024-2025 Leader Recognition Dinner

Thank you to all of our leaders and friends who attended. Congratulations to our "Friends of 4-H"! The basket raffle was exciting as always and despite the lack of dessert (sorry about that), it was a pretty sweet evening. If you would like to share suggestions for next year about the location, menu, or even having entertainment again, please reach out to your executive board.

Outagamie County Friends of 4-H 2024-2025:

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Friends of 4-H Award: Joan Heindl, Ceramic Fever; Deb Marsh, Express Printing; Cindy Meulemans; and Lois Bittner. Thank you for all you do!



Outreach Wishes to Thank Our Helpers

With your support, we reach out to spread the good news about 4-H!

Greenville Movie Night:

Serena Horak, Allison & Hannah Heegeman, Alaina & Amelia Zeinert, Therese Schroeder, Alicia & Jean Schroeder, Jade, Jase and Ashley Wagner, Millie, Jenna, and Mary Sargent, Jim & Sandy Buman, Mark & Sonya Voight, Rennin & Abby Hopfensperger, Paige & Sandy Welhouse, Nicholas, Eliza and Kristi Compton, Miriam Dreblow, Eve & Dale Grosskopf, Miranda Nikolai with helpers, Bekah Stille, Lisa Sprangers, and Sheila Vander Zanden.

Parktoberfest:

Allison & Hannah Heegeman, Alicia & Jean Schroeder, Alaina, Amelia and Alison Zeinert, Riley, Karen, Autumn, Sophia, Tamar & Harlen Cooper, Naomi Oakley, Bekah Stille, Lisa Spranger, and Sheila Vander Zanden

Tough Kids Challenge:

Canceled due to not enough volunteers.

Thank You Corner

4-H Centennial Table

Donated by Carl and Diane Schaumburg on behalf of the Outagamie County Fair Association, and carved by Chad Danczyk of Bear Hollow Wood Carvers.

The table is in the entryway at Extension Outagamie County, stop by to see it soon!



Bits & Pieces

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. If you are unable to purchase items at this event, please email OC4H100@gmail.com. Cash or checks made out to Outagamie County Leaders Association in the correct amount please.

Centennial History Booklet

Anyone interested in a hard copy of the Outagamie County 4-H History booklet, please contact s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com. Please, one per family. A digital version can be accessed through the Outagamie County website as well.



Endowment Donations

In memory of Germain Kaphingst (Sheila Vander Zanden's mom) from: Dan & Mary Hoefler

Bits & Pieces

CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship

The Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship committee will award scholarships to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing a Bachelors, Associate, or another accredited program. Applications are due NO LATER than March 1. More information will become available online by January 15. Remember to read through the information and instructions carefully as there are a few changes for this year. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Vander Zanden at s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com.

Centennial Updates

Thank you to Outagamie County 4-H Centennial sponsors:

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**ALL OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS,
ALUMNI, & FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!**

4-H CENTENNIAL HARVEST DANCE

**NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025
6-10PM**

COLONIAL HOUSE IN FREEDOM

**\$5/person in advance
4 & Under are Free
Ticket includes soda & water,
snacks, & raffle entries!
Tickets are \$7 at the door**

Please mail or drop off
cash/check at the
Extension Office.



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 on 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.
- Presentation of Proclamation from Executive Thomas Nelson.
- 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.
- Race to re-enrollment winners were B-Square and North Star.
- Received a Certificate of Commendation for one hundred years of service from Governor Evers.



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!

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

Club Corner

Buchanan Badgers by Lincoln

The Buchanan Badgers 4-H Club met on September 8 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in Kaukauna. This was the first meeting led by the club's new main leader, Emily.

It was also the first meeting for the club's new officers: Kendra, Lucy, Nolan, Lincoln, Brady, Marisa, Elyse, and Mason. All new officers were reminded to attend County Club Officer Training to learn more about their roles and responsibilities.



The club talked about re-enrollment, since September is the month when members must sign up again for the new 4-H year. The top two clubs with the most members re-enrolled by the end of the month will win a pizza party.

The club also celebrated the club planter placing 8th at the fair over the summer. The Dairy Bar earned the club 3rd place thanks to the volunteers from the club who worked shifts during this year's fair. This spring, members were given pumpkin and sunflower seeds to plant. At the meeting, the club talked about the upcoming contest to see who grew the biggest ones.

The meeting ended with club demonstrations. Brady presented his pickle preserve project, Blake shared a project demonstration, and Kahlan showed how she makes pins.

The club discussed upcoming 4-H scholarships, which are due October 1, and reminded members about National 4-H Week, which will be celebrated October 5-11.

The next Buchanan Badgers meeting will be held Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Kaukauna.

Wide Awake Forward by Kadence

The meeting was called to order by Lydia at 6:45 pm. Discussed old and new business, such as fair results, enrollments, pop tab content, donations for leaders' dinner, election of club officers, and potential club activities. Played two games, guessing candy in a jar and a memory game. Meeting ended at 7:34 pm.

Smile Awhile by Jenna

We held our meeting on Tuesday September 2, 2025 at the Freedom VFW. We talked about making a basket for the Adult Leaders Dinner. We also reminded everyone that enrollment started and ends November 25. We voted for new officers. The new officers are Melanie as President, Abby as Vice President, Abianne as Reporter, Gabriel as Secretary and Madison as Sergeant at Arms. Officer training night is September 25 at Black Creek Elementary School. Some other upcoming dates in October are the Pop-Tab Challenge and Pumpkin and Sunflower Contest, which is Thursday October 9th at the Town of Center. National 4-H week is October 5-11. For October's Community Service we are planning on making Baby Blankets and donating Diapers and wipes along with the Baby Blankets.

Club Corner

Fast Trackers by Jenna

This meeting we started outside to play, "I Love my Neighbor who.....", as our get acquainted game. We introduced new families and visiting families to our club.

Clara and Oliver talked about their Space Camp trip and MaryEllen, Marty, and Ailee talked about their American Spirit Trip.

Our club earned 3rd place in percentage of families who worked the Dairy Bar at the fair. Several members and adults from our club entered in the pie contest and the King Arthur Flour contest at the fair. Pie results from our club: Champion – Bill, 1st – Pat, 4th– Edwin. Congrats!!

Next, we had newly elected officers. President: Claire. Vice President: Lola. Secretary: Maria. Treasurer: Clara. Reporter: Jenna. Social Media: Elena. We ended the meeting with an ice cream social.

Reminders:

- Keep saving POP TABS- Bring them to any meeting
- Leader's Banquet is September 18
- Register Today for WI 4-H Fall Forum October 31-November, 2 2025
- Please enroll right away. Reenrollment is due by October 15
- Enrollment dues are \$5 per member/cloverbud. \$6 Horse project members. Club family dues are \$10. Cloverbuds- no cost this year
- Pumpkin/Sunflower Contest and POP TAB weigh in are Thursday, October 9th 4-6 pm, Center Town Hall
- County Member Recognition Program: Seymour Auditorium Tuesday, October 2 at 7 pm
- Club Calendar Planning Meeting- Sunday September 28 6:30 at Rose's house
- A lot of educational trip opportunities are available. See the newsletter or ask Rose
- Next meeting is Monday Oct. 6th. Many fun activities are planned by youth leaders. You may wear a costume.





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