



4-H Connections Newsletter

January/February 2024

Educator's Corner

Happy New Year!

Have you created any New Year's resolutions with your projects? This year, I plan on learning how to crochet!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to enjoy another year with 4-H. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the volunteer survey! Our office is working to review all the submitted information, and get in contact with a few participants. If you have not completed the survey yet, you can do so here: <https://bit.ly/2026OCVolunteer>.

Another big thank you to all our amazing youth who completed the Thrive survey! Results will be available soon.

It's not too late to apply for camp counselor or camp adult staff positions for this upcoming summer! Applications are open on the website. For more information visit <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp/> or contact me directly.

Best of luck with your New Year!

Alicia Schroeder-Haag

4-H Program Educator

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NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, January 26 | 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 Bent Arrow, B-Square, Busy Bears



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Calendar

January

- 1 Extension Office CLOSED
- 4 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 5:30 pm
- 5 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm
- 10 A Day of 4-H Basketball | Immanuel Lutheran School
- 15 Camp Staff Interviews | Extension Office | 6:30 pm
- 17 Breakfast at Kelsey's Country Kitchen | 2 Sessions
- 18 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 5:30 pm
- 19 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:30 pm
- 26 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm
- 27 Horse Association Business Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:00 pm
- 27 Horse Association Educational Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

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!

February

- 1 Educational Travel Experiences Scholarship Applications DUE**
- 1 Newsletter Submissions for March/April DUE**
- 1 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 5:30 pm
- 7 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl | UWGB – STEM Innovation Center
- 7 Registration for Drama Festival DUE**
- 9 Registration for Family Learning Day DUE**
- 10 YQCA | Seymour High School | 7:00 pm
- 15 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 5:30 pm
- 21 Family Learning Day | Location TBD | 8:15 am - 12:30 pm
- 24 Horse Association Business Meeting | Center Town Hall | 6:00 pm
- 24 Horse Association Educational Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

March

- 1 Application for CPF Scholarship DUE**
- 1 Dog Project Training | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 - 5:30 pm
- 3 Meat Processing Workshop | Haen Meat Packing
- 7 4-H Drama Festival | Seymour High School
- 10 Meat Processing Workshop | Haen Meat Packing
- 13-15 ArtBEAT! | Upham Woods

Upcoming Events

A Day of 4-H Basketball

January 10 | Immanuel Lutheran School, Greenville

It's Basketball time once again in Outagamie 4-H. We are going to have some fun and bring back the basketball tournament for one day only. It will look different. Please sign up in as many areas in which you are interested as we need volunteer referees as well.

Please share this opportunity with 4-H alumni. We would love to see a full house! The plan is to begin our day at 9:00 or 10:00 am depending on interest. Participants will be divided into teams and will play a few games. All ages are welcome! Youth Leaders will provide concessions. Please come out and support this event.

WHAT IS NEEDED FROM YOU:

1. Sign up to participate:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAAA2DA1F94-52027283-2025#/>
2. If you have already signed up, please make sure your email address and age are listed (or if you are an adult) so teams can be divided evenly.
3. If you can no longer participate, please remove your name.

Advanced sign up required and no day of sign ups allowed. Final details will be sent via the email you provided.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Rose Rynish prynishfam@gmail.com or Eric Hopfensperger hoppy1023@gmail.com.

Breakfast at Kelsey's

January 17 | Kelsey's Country Kitchen, Black Creek

Do you enjoy breakfast? The Foods Committee is hosting two cooking sessions at Kelsey's Country Kitchen.

Session 1

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 am
Ages: 10 and Up
Purpose: Learn how to make omelets and breakfast burritos.

Session 2

Time: 10:45 am - 12:00 pm
Ages: Open to Members and Cloverbuds of all ages
Purpose: Learn how to make pancakes and sausage/bacon with fruit cups or fruit salad.

Cost: \$5.00 per person, per session to hold the spot. We will offer a waitlist as needed. Money is non-refundable if unable to attend without notification. Payable to Outagamie County Leaders Association and can be sent to the Extension Office (3365 W. Brewster St., Appleton 54914). Have hair pulled back or wear a hat or hair net. Bring an apron, if wanted.

Any questions please contact Jean Schroeder at 920-660-3842 or js3creeks@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

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 920-832-5127 or alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu. 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 February 1 for Explore Wisconsin, Summer Academy, Key Award and National 4-H Congress.

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

Mastering the Art of the Brat

Save the dates Tuesday, March 3 and 10 for making brats at Haen Meat Packing, Inc. for the meat class. Due to the cost of beef, Haen's decided to do brats instead of beef sticks.

This class qualifies as an educational credit for anyone in the livestock project that plan to sell an animal in the auction. Registration will be coming out soon.

Questions? Contact Jean Schroeder at 920-660-3842 or js3creeks@gmail.com.

Drama Festival

March 7 | Seymour High School Auditorium | 8:00 am | **Registration DUE February 7**

Clubs and their drama leaders should be diving into scripts and starting practices by now. Check out the scripts available at the Extension Office if you still need one. All Club Main Leaders have been sent more information including registration information.

Contact Alicia at alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu or Amy at amy.beck@wisc.edu with your questions.

Paint-A-Turtle: Cloverbud Ceramic Event

March 21, 2026 | 9:00 am

\$5 per Cloverbud | Registration limited to 25

Location: W3928 Kropp Rd. Seymour (Shop is connected to Cindy Meulemans' house)

There will be various turtle options to choose from. Payment should be made payable to OC 4-H Leaders Association and mailed to the Extension Office in advance of the event.



Upcoming Events

Paint a Gnome Friend

April 11 | 9:00 am

\$17 per member

Location: W3928 Kropp Rd. Seymour (Shop is connected to Cindy Meulemans' house)

Come and paint a gnome all cleaned and fired, paints included. You can chalk it or antique it. Payment should be made payable to OC 4-H Leaders Association and mailed to the Extension Office in advance of the event. 

Foods Revue

Save Saturday, April 11 for the Foods Revue at Center Town Hall with the same format as last year. Set up for place setting will start at 8:30 am, followed by judging 9:00 am - noon. This is open to any youth in 4-H. Plan a menu and place setting and make one item from your menu for the Foods Revue. Start planning and practicing the food item you would like to make.

Registration will be coming out in February. If you need any help with how to do this, contact someone from the Foods Committee or Jean Schroeder at 920-660-3842 or js3creeks@gmail.com.

"Taste the Passion, Feel the Heat"

The Cooking Contest is open to anyone who is involved in 4-H. Categories will be Chicken Soup or Chili. They must be made from scratch. The contest will take place during the Foods Revue which will be on Saturday, April 11, at Center Town Hall. Participants need to be there by 9:30 am. Awards will be given for the Best Chicken Soup and Best Chili. The judges will be whoever is attending or participating in the Foods Revue. Registration will be coming out soon. Any questions contact Jean Schroeder at 920-660-3842 or js3creeks@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

2026 Family Learning Day

February 21 | Location TBD

This day promotes many of the opportunities that Outagamie 4-H has to offer, provides experiences to try new projects, participate in project meetings, and offers the chance for adults and teen leaders to share their knowledge. You are invited to join us for a day of fun hands-on learning!

Who: Youth in grades 5K to 12 and leaders/parents

Time: 8:15 am to 12:30 pm

Registration: Open January 5 - February 9

Cost: This event is brought to you by Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association. Invite family and friends to register! Open to the Outagamie County Community - you do not need to be a current 4-H member to participate.

Schedule:

8:15 - 10:15 Registration

8:30 - 9:30 Session 1

9:30 - 9:45 Break

9:45 - 10:45 Session 2

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:00 Session 3

During the breaks, stop by the Showcase room to learn what else Outagamie County 4-H has to offer, whether it's a project, event, activity, or an opportunity to expand your 4-H experience outside of the County. Reminder that the Showcase displays and tables will only be available to view from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Pre-registration for a showcase display is required and due by February 9. Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis. We reserve the right to cancel sessions if registration is too low.

Register online: <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/family-learning-day/> or call 920-832-5123.

Family Learning Day Sessions

Canine CPR and First Aid

3rd grade - 5th grade, 6th grade - 8th grade, High school (9th-12th grade), Adult

Learn to save your dog's life in case of emergency. Canine manikins available to practice on. Bring paper and pen to take notes.

*Note: See the website for full session descriptions
<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/fld/>

Preschool Concept Flip Books

3rd grade - 5th grade, 6th grade - 8th grade, High school (9th-12th grade), Adult

Create a fun Flip-Book for Preschool-Age children. Think about a simple concept appropriate for preschoolers (colors, shapes, numbers, etc.) and design an original hands-on learning tool.

Upcoming Events

Family Learning Day Sessions

Quacks, Honks and Gobbles: The Other White Meats

Youth of all ages, 5K-2 (Cloverbuds) require an adult, Adult

Want to find out how to prepare your birds for a market sale? This is for those who would like to try raising ducks, geese, and turkeys for meat. Find out what kinds of birds work best, what to feed them, and how to pick them.

Hatching: From Chicken to Chick

Youth of all ages, 5K-2 (Cloverbuds) require an adult, Adult

Have you ever thought about hatching your own chicks to show at the fair? Or maybe you just want a bunch of cute Easter chicks? Maybe dad said no more chicks the last time you went to Tractor Supply? Come and learn what techniques work for the ideal hatch environment.

Simple Stitches

Open to everyone

Learn four basic hand sewing stitches that you can use to create hand sewn items, embellish existing items, or mend items with rips or tears. Basic stitches can also begin a journey to hand embroidery.

Love Your Cat!

Youth of all ages, 5K-2 (Cloverbuds) require an adult, Adult

Come join us to decorate cat shaped cookies and learn about different cat coat colors!

Pajama Pants Palooza

Youth of all ages, 5K-2 (Cloverbuds) require an adult

Come join us to sew your own pair of flannel pajama pants. Bring flannel fabric, sewing notions and sewing machine (if you have them).

Finger Knitting

6th grade - 8th grade, High school (9th-12th grade), Adult

Learn a simplified beginning knitting technique. Supplies included!

*Note: See the website for full session descriptions
<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/fld/>

What Color Are You?

High school (9th-12th grade), Adult

Using Real Colors, you can identify your personality type and get a chance to meet with people similar and different from you!

The Wonders of Weaving

Open to everyone

This modern take on weaving encourages incorporating various textiles into your one-of-a-kind woven masterpiece. Participants will receive an innovative pocket-sized loom and then be able to display their work on the loom or remove it for further projects.

Learning to Lead Nature Walks

Youth of all ages, 5K-2 (Cloverbuds) require an adult, Adult

Nature is neat, but how do you go about getting others to appreciate that fact? Join Paul List, Conservation Engagement Specialist with the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust, to find out! In this session, we'll go over how anyone (yes, even you) can lead a group on an engaging nature walk that helps people connect with the wonder of the world around them. We'll discuss ways to prepare in advance, share tips for keeping folks interested, show you what to do when you come across a mystery tree, and practice the most important skill of all: walking backwards.

Bring clothes/footwear for walking outside.

Intro to Knitting & Crocheting

Youth of all ages, 5K-2 (Cloverbuds) require an adult, Adult

For anyone at any level! Lois will help you find what you need to advance your skill. No supplies necessary. Members are welcome to bring a project they are already working on.

Project Updates

Attention Beef Project Exhibitors

New this year for market exhibitors only!

Picture(s) of market tag in your market animal(s) ear must be uploaded to Fair entry online account. Fair entry online will be open to upload pictures of your market animal(s) and their market tag(s) December 15, 2025. Please get pictures uploaded as soon as possible!

- Deadline January 15
- Instructions to upload can be found on the fair website and the Outagamie County Livestock Youth Facebook page

Tags will be available starting October 21, 2025 at the Livestock Meeting, January 5 YQCA meeting, or please contact: Steve Hackl (beef superintendent) 920-843-2305.

Attention Sheep, Swine and Goat Project Exhibitors

New this year for market exhibitors only!

Picture(s) of market tag in your market animal(s) ear must be uploaded to Fair entry online account. Fair entry online will be open to upload pictures of your market animal(s) and their market tag(s) December 15, 2025. Please get pictures uploaded as soon as possible!

- Deadline April 15
- Instructions to upload can be found on the fair website and the Outagamie County Livestock Youth Facebook page

Tags will be available starting October 21, 2025 at the Livestock Meeting, YQCA meetings, March educational meeting or contact the following:

Steve Green (swine superintendent) 920-362-4025

Therese and Tim Schroeder (sheep superintendents) 920-284-5272

Morgan Wedemeyer (goat superintendent) 920-366-3205

Please remember that all youth planning on selling an animal in this year's fair market sale must complete YQCA and send their completed certificate to Amy Beck at the Outagamie County Extension Office, amy.beck@wisc.edu.

YQCA meeting dates:

Monday, January 5

Tuesday, February 10

There will be two in-person YQCA trainings in Outagamie County to be held at Seymour High School, Ag Department (Room 418) at 7:00 pm for both nights. Please enter through Door 1 by the office.

Project Updates

Horse Project News

Please check out our website and join our Facebook page (Outagamie County 4-H Horse Association) for the latest updates. Our educational meetings are the fourth Tuesday of January, February, March, April, May and October. Everyone is invited to attend even if you are not enrolled in the horse project.

During our January 27 meeting, we will have a brief introduction to the horse project and then on to horse trivia. If you are interested in learning more about horses, you can join our Horse Bowl and Hippology teams. We will be starting weekly practices in January.

Please reach out to Ellen if you have any questions at 920-268-6622 or ellen_wheaton@yahoo.com.



Dairy Judging Team

Dairy Project members, would you like to learn more about how to judge dairy cattle? Joining the Dairy Judging Team, you will learn how to judge dairy cattle and place them according to their features. We do not have dates for the Area Animal Science Days yet, but if interested in being part of the team, contact Jean Schroeder at 920-660-3842 or js3creeks@gmail so we can start training.

Scholarship Opportunities

CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Scholarship

Complete applications due March 1, 2026

The CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Committee will award scholarships to 4-H members who plan to further their educations as a full-time student pursuing either a Bachelor's, Associate, or another certified accredited program.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a current Outagamie County 4-H member in good standing, having participated at least on the club and county levels.
2. Applicants must be a current 4-H member in their last year of high school or their first year of post-secondary schooling if they stayed in 4-H.
3. Applicants must have been a member for a minimum of 4 years with an accredited 4-H program and must be a current member of an Outagamie County 4-H Club.
4. Must have a minimum high school or post-secondary school grade point average of 2.5.
5. Must send either by email, US postal service (must arrive by due date of March 1) or drop off at the extension office, a completed application form and necessary documents and letters of recommendation, all together before 4:00 pm March 1.

Contact Amy Beck with any questions amy.beck@wisc.edu. Application and guidelines will be posted on the website .

Congratulations

Executive Committees

Congratulations to the Youth and Adult Volunteer Leaders who were elected to serve on the executive committees of the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders and Youth Leaders Associations for the 2025-2026 year.

Adult Officers

President, Lisa Sprangers
Vice President, Amber Leitzke
Secretary, Miranda Nikolai
Director, Ellen Wheaton
Director, Abbey Metz-McGlove

Youth Leader Officers

President, Johanna Vandenberg
Vice-President, Serena Horak
Secretary, Rebekah Stille
Treasurer, Clara Giacomini
Social Media, Bridget Danke
Recreation, Mary Ellen Marks, Lucas Habeck

State 4-H Agility Dog Show

Outagamie County kids and dogs had a fun day and had super runs at the State 4-H Agility Dog Show.

- Keira Leitermann/Ivy - Tunnels off leash -Top Ten JTT off leash - 2nd place Reserve STD. AG - 2nd place Reserve
- Serena Horak/Scotch - Tunnels off leash - Top Ten JTT off leash - Top Ten STD. AG -Top Ten
- Serena Horak/Bonzo - Tunnels off leash - Top Ten JTT off leash - Top Ten STD. AG - 2nd - Reserve
- Rennin Hopfensperger/Nala - Tunnels off leash - Top Ten JTT off leash - Top Ten STD. AG - Top Ten
- Rennin Hopfensperger/Tater - Tunnels on leash - Top Ten
- Halle Baus/Rocky - Tunnels off leash - 2nd - Reserve JTT - off leash - Top Ten
- Emily Baus/Brie - Tunnels off leash - Top Ten JTT - off leash - Top Ten STD. AG - Top Ten
- Allison Kissling/Marty - JTT off leash - Top Ten
- Kaiya Wheaton/Bandit - Tunnels on leash - 1st place - Grand JTT - on leash - Top Ten STD. AG on leash - 2nd - Reserve
- Alicia Schroeder/Dakota - Tunnels off leash - Top Ten JTT off leash - Qualifying Score Ribbon



Thank You Corner

Join 4-H Promotion Signs

Thank you to those that proudly displayed the "Join 4-H" signs!! This year's winners of the contest each received a Kwik Trip card: Alison Zeinert, Patty Lorenz, Lori Vandenberg and Rose Rynish. If you need a sign for this year, they are located at the Extension Office.

Mosquito Hill Nature Tour



Thank you to the Cloverbuds and friends/families that joined us for the Mosquito Hill Nature Center hike. We had a beautiful weather day and the colors on the hill were spectacular!

We learned about how animals prepare for winter, fed the fish, and enjoyed the outdoors. Watch for more Cloverbud events via email and newsletter!

Kitties and Cocoa Event

The cat project got together and hosted Kitties and Cocoa. We talked about showing a cat and how to get your cat ready for the fair. Everyone was able to practice showing a cat. We made Christmas kitty snow globes! We look forward to seeing everyone at our cat workshop during Family Learning Day.

Thank you to Sofie Wheaton for planning and hosting this event!



Bits & Pieces

Music, Speaking, & Talent Festival

Mark your Calendar for Saturday, April 18

Come showcase yourself while improving your skills and stage confidence.

Music

Solo/Duet, Sing, Play an Instrument, Dance, Etc.

Club Entry or Groups of 3 or More

Speaking

Demonstration (Show "How To" Do Something)

Speeches: Prose, Poetry, Team Reading, Original Speech

Talent

Magic, gymnastics, martial arts, juggling, etc.

Guidelines and registration can be found in the March/April Connections Newsletter. Guidelines are posted on the website: <https://bit.ly/26MSTGuidelines>.

4-H Promotions

The Outreach committee is looking for non-4-H related events that we could attend or provide information for you to promote 4-H and all it has to offer! Please contact a committee member listed in the Family Handbook. Promotional totes are filled with 4-H material and waiting for you to check out from the Extension Office.

Action Center Stage

Attention all 4-H members, clubs and leaders!! We are interested in YOU sharing your talent on the Action Center Stage during the 2026 Outagamie County Fair. From theatrical and music talent to creative activities, WE NEED YOU!! Please consider a time that you could take a moment to share and shine! Single talent spots are great, or consider a group performance or activity.

Please contact Lisa Sprangers at sprangersisa@gmail.com to register. We look forward to seeing YOU on the stage!!

Updated County Contact Info

Going forward, please use the emails listed below to connect with county staff:

Amy Beck: Amy.Beck@wisc.edu

Becky Zoglman: Becky.Zoglman@wisc.edu

Ina Montgomery: Ina.Montgomery@wisc.edu

Nicole Platkowski: Nicole.Platkowski@wisc.edu

Bits & Pieces

Printed Newsletter

The first newsletter of the year is mailed to every family. Future newsletters will be sent via email and available on our website: <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/newsletters/>.

If you would like to continue to receive newsletters in the mail, please contact Nicole at 920-832-5123 or nicole.platkowski@wisc.edu.

Membership Dues

All members will be assessed club dues for membership. The Outagamie County 4-H membership fee is \$5, \$6 for horse project members. Dues support the county 4-H program and accident insurance. Individual clubs may also have club dues paid on a yearly basis. 4-H Clubs, the Leaders Association and the Program Committees also conduct fundraisers to offset program expenses.

Project Supplies

The office has an abundance of items for you to borrow for your next club meeting or event. Below are some of the things we have available.

- Leather Craft Supplies
- Rubber Stamps
- Curriculum
- PlayWorks & other group games/ice breakers
- Plays Magazine
- Art Supplies (crayons, markers, scissors, rulers, beads, buttons, etc.)
- Fly Fishing Tie kits
- LEGOs
- Speaker System



Deposits may be required.

Have another idea? Reach out to the office and we might be able to help you find what you need.

4-H Centennial Updates

- 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 of "Polish Cookies."
- The Centennial History booklet was printed. Volume 2 – Clubs and Projects printing in 2026.
- WHBY- Hayley Tenpas interviewed Johanna Vandenberg & Alicia Schroeder-Haag about 4-H.
- Special Centennial menu at the Outagamie County Fair.
- Centennial Pie Contest winners were Bill Koleske and Bent Arrow.
- 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 PowerPoint of the history of projects and clubs.
- 4-H Night at the Timber Rattles Baseball game.
- 4-H Centennial Horse Obstacle Challenge Fundraiser.
- Alumni Social at Center Town Hall Winner of the Cake decorating contest: Rose Rynish.
- Presentation from The Outagamie County Fair Board - A beautiful wood carved table located in the entrance of the Extension Office.
- 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.
- Centennial Fall Harvest Dance filled with fun, food, basket raffle and dancing for all!!
- 100 Hours of Community Service.



Outagamie County had a full year of events serving our members, alumni and community. Thank you for supporting all these events!! Help keep the momentum of 4-H going as we enter into our next Century of Outagamie County 4-H programming.



Outagamie County 4-H Centennial 1925-2025

What an exciting and eventful year of celebrating our rich history through contests, events and fun! Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible.

Centennial Sponsors

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*The Club & Project Booklet is in the process of completion. Publishing in 2026.

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Dance Committee

Lori Vandenberg
Rose Rynish
Kendra Lanaville
Abbey Metz-McGlone
Betsy Marks
Sheila Vander Zanden
Mary Koleske

Special Events

Jean & Alicia Schroeder,
Century of Flavors
Mary Koleske
Rose Rynish
Katie Rickert
Amber Leitzke, Dairy Bar
Specials
Ellen Wheaton, Centennial
Horse Obstacle

Behind the Screens

Nicole Platkowski
Amy Beck
Becky Zogelman
Amy Metts

Thanking those who submitted articles, put up fliers, re-posted events on Facebook, made phone calls and those who inadvertently were missed in the listing.

*Extra "100 Years" booklets are available at the Extension Office.

Club Corner

B-Square by Eliza



The B-Square 4-H Club held its latest meeting at 6:00 pm on December 1st, where they collected food for the Dale Food Pantry, then started with a roll call where members shared their preference between a candy cane or a Christmas cookie. The members welcomed a new family to the club and afterwards had a festive Christmas potluck and pizza party which the club members had won, with the meeting beginning after dinner. During the meeting, Mrs. Hopfensperger shared the club's appreciation for all Mrs. Vandenberg has done as an assistant leader. Post-meeting activities highlighted seasonal fun, as members engaged in making cards and ornaments for nursing home residents, participated in a "most festive" contest, and concluded the evening with a cheerful gift exchange.

Buchanan Badgers by Lincoln

Kaukauna – The Buchanan Badgers 4-H Club had its November meeting on November 10 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Our birthday kid for the month was Ella.

During Old Business, everyone signed the updated club bylaws. We also thanked the Kavanaugh family for hosting our club project and potluck day, which was really fun.

During New Business, we talked about the Thrive Survey, which helps show how we're doing in youth development. Camp counselor applications are due on December 31. We also learned about the Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest, where judges look for cool and creative flavor names and combinations.

A bunch of members did demonstrations. Evie showed a metal pig she made by welding pieces together. Archer showed his painted market pecan duck. Aaron demonstrated how to tape and wax a hockey stick. Anna shared a raccoon painting she made on a canvas from an art place she went to.

For our club activity, we had our club awards. Members were recognized for their record books and the work they did on their fair projects this year.

Club Corner

Fairview by Mayson

Our December meeting was held at 6:30 on December 1st at the Black Creek Town Hall. At this month's meeting we talked about our club's achievements from this year. To celebrate those achievements we had a pizza and ice cream party and played 4-H BINGO! Our club collected Christmas items for the Salvation Army, and a lot of nice items were donated! This coming Friday our club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Sal's Food in Black Creek. The Wagner Family was super kind and made all the members of our club a Fairview 4-H Christmas ornament and a 4-H keychain! Pictured right is Amelia with her ornament and keychain and members of the club playing BINGO!



Fast Trackers by Jenna

This meeting started with member reports. We had Anne talk about the pumpkin contest. She explained how their family grows the pumpkins. Then Addie talked about her dog, Ochre, in the dog project. Fast Trackers got 3rd place in the pop-tab weigh-in. Allison got 1st in pumpkins, Anne got 2nd for pumpkins and for sunflowers, Allison got 5th for sunflowers, Haelyn got 7th for sunflowers. Oliver and Clara talked about attending Fall Forum and what they did there. Then Mary Ellen and Emmett talked about the youth leader project planning and what activities and meetings they were planning.

After the meeting we had the recognition program. Many members got County Recognition for how they did on their record books. Twelve members received the Golden Book Award. Two graduating members were present to be acknowledged, Jaiden and Nicholas. Leaders were also recognized. 4-H members were then recognized in our club and got a "quote" Rose made that represented a memorable moment of the year. After the meeting, the youth leaders picked names for their secret Santa.





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