



4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



September/October, 2005

Dear 4-H Family:

“Make the 4-H Connection” is the theme for National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2005. The 4-H Connection is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is the largest youth development program in the United States.

Let’s share the 4-H Connection with youth and their families in our community. Make a list of the top five reasons to join 4-H. Share your top five list with two new families and invite them to join 4-H. Some suggestions from 4-H members for the top five list include:

- Learn to be a leader
- Make new friends
- Learn responsibility, and patience while working on projects
- Make cool projects
- Exhibit at the county fair
- Go to 4-H camp
- Learn to work with others
- Help others in the community
- Go on 4-H trips to Madison and Washington D.C.

As you are promoting Outagamie County 4-H, take a few minutes to find out how much you know about 4-H in our county. Answers are at the bottom of page 2.

1. Approximately how many youth are enrolled in the community 4-H clubs?
a) 556 b) 789 c) 954 d) 842
2. How many 4-H clubs are in Outagamie County?
a) 32 b) 38 c) 34 d) 37
3. What was the most popular project (most enrolled) in 2005?
4. What was the most popular animal project (most enrolled) in 2005?
5. How many 4-H leaders are in the county?
a) 298 b) 362 c) 421 d) 389

Promote 4-H and Make the 4-H Connection!

Sincerely,

JEANNE BAUM
4-H Youth Development Agent

ELLEN GUTZMAN
4-H Youth & Family Coordinator

MARCIA SPAULDING
4-H Program Assistant

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

September

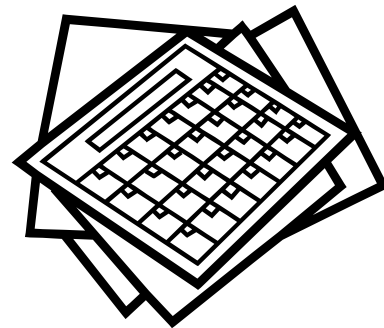
- 1 - 2006 4-H Project Year Begins – Re-enrollment Deadline is November 4
 - Organizational Meeting of each 4-H Club
 - Election of 4-H Club Officers
 - Plan Annual Club Program and Calendar
 - Promote the Extension 4-H Youth Program
 - Advise Members and Parents on 4-H Project Enrollment Opportunities
- 10-11 - State 4-H Horse Gymkhana, Walworth County
- 12 - Youth Livestock Committee Evaluation Meeting, **Seymour City Hall**, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Registrations due in Extension Office for Leader Recognition Dinner
- 15-18 - State 4-H Horse Expo, State Fair Park, Milwaukee
- 22 - Registrations due in Extension Office for Club/Officer Workshop
- 22 - **OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADERS AND FRIENDS OF 4-H RECOGNITION DINNER**, Doxbee's, Seymour, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 - 4-H Youth Leaders Meeting, Center Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 - Shawano County 4-H Leaders Evaluate Outagamie County 4-H Record Books, Shawano 7:00 p.m.
- 28 - 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee, UW-Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 28 - 4-H Main Leader (New & Experienced) Orientation, UW-Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 - County 4-H Club Officer Workshop, Black Creek Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 - **2006 4-H Club Information Registration due in Extension Office**

October

- 2-8 - **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK – PROMOTE UW-EXTENSION 4-H**
- 4 - Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Evaluate Waupaca County 4-H Record Books, Black Creek Elementary School Multi-purpose room, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 - County 4-H Resource Leader Dinner/Meeting, River Rail, Shiocton, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 - County Big Pumpkin, Giant Sunflower Contest, Center Town Hall, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 15 - 4-H Day at Fox Cities Children's Museum, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 15-16 - State 4-H Arts Camp, Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- 18 - **OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H MEMBER AND CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM**, Seymour High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 - State 4-H Fall Forum, Wausau
- 24 - 4-H Youth Leader Recognition Activity, Center Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 - 4-H Horse Association Board Meeting, Black Creek Library, 6:00 p.m.
- 25 - 4-H Horse Awards Program, Black Creek Library, 7:00 p.m.

4-H CLUB OFFICER WORKSHOP

Every club officer should plan to attend the workshop on Thursday, September 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Black Creek Elementary School. 4-H club officers affect the success of club meetings and programs. You are responsible for planning club meetings with your main leader. The workshop will include club meetings, individual officer workshops, and setting goals for your club. Let your main leader know that you can attend. Registrations are due to Jeanne Baum by September 22.



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4-H ENROLLMENT POLICIES

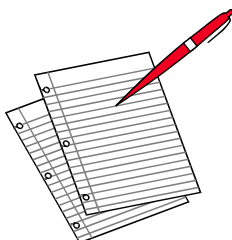
4-H year is September 1- August 31

MEMBERSHIP

- 4-H grade is determined as of September
- Cloverbuds – youth in 5 year old kindergarten through 2nd grade. Cloverbuds must enroll in the cloverbud project. They do not participate as member in other 4-H projects. Cloverbuds may not exhibit animals.
- Members – youth in 3rd grade through one year beyond high school graduation (grade 13)
- Graduation – youth may graduate following high school graduation or one year after high school graduation.
- Home-schooling – Children who are home schooled will participate in 4-H in their declared grade.
- Enrollment is made through the local clubs. Enrollment forms must be submitted to main leaders by club deadlines.
 - Re-enrolling forms are due the 1st Friday of November to the Extension Office
 - New enrollment forms are due the 1st Monday after January 1st to exhibit at the county fair of that year, however, new memberships are accepted at any time.
 - Once enrollment forms are turned in to the Extension Office, a project cannot be added or changed without a fee of \$20 per project; Youth Leadership can be added with a \$5 fee.
- Enrollment fees will be \$1.00 per project. There will be no charge for youth leadership as a project.
- Youth may only exhibit at the county fair in projects enrolled in for the current year. All 4-H members are expected to exhibit a minimum of one article at the county fair
- 2006 Outagamie County project guides with project code numbers have been distributed to 4-H club main leaders. All members and leaders must use the correct project code numbers when completing the enrollment form for next year. EACH CODE NUMBER IS CONSIDERED A SEPARATE PROJECT.
- Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leader Association membership is youth in 8th grade and up and enrolled in youth leadership. You must sign up for the project youth leadership (#121) on your 4-H member enrollment form. PARENTS/GUARDIANS should double-check all information on the member enrollment form before signing it and submitting the form to your club main leader to be sure that all information is accurate and complete. Read the 2006 project enrollment information before completing the enrollment form.
- To achieve a member must make a public exhibit and complete a 4-H Record Book.

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR LEADERS

All first year 4-H leaders must complete the 4-H volunteer application form, which is necessary for the required youth protection leader orientation certification program that was implemented in 1995. Forms are due with the leader enrollment form by club deadlines. First year leaders must attend a 2 hour orientation meeting. The meeting schedule for the 2006 program year will be announced in our November newsletter. All leaders must be certified by 3/1/2006. Forms are available from your 4-H club main leader.



ATTENTION ALL RE-ENROLLING LEADERS

The state 4-H program is requiring that all continuing 4-H volunteers complete the “Volunteer Behavior Expectations for Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development.” The expectation form must be signed and submitted to the Extension Office every year by each volunteer. The Extension Office will retain one copy and the volunteer will keep a duplicate. Enrollment cannot be processed without expectation form. The state 4-H program requires that all leaders have a background check every four years. An additional volunteer application (blue form) is not necessary.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

4-H ADULT LEADER RECOGNITION

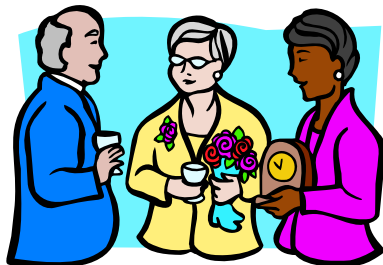
Outagamie County 4-H adult leader and friends of 4-H recognition dinner and program is Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m. at Doxbee's at Seymour. Dinner reservation letters will be mailed to all 4-H leaders on August 31. Reservations are due September 15.

The entertainment will be Keith Swett. Election of officers for the 2006-2007 adult leader executive committee will take place.

Dinner sponsors confirmed and the amount to be contributed will be as follows:

- ❖ GreenStone FarmCredit Services - \$200
- ❖ Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - \$200
- ❖ Great WI Cheese Festival - \$200
- ❖ Hansen Livestock Trucking - \$150
- ❖ Landwehr Carpets - \$150
- ❖ Outagamie County Soil Improvement - \$150
- ❖ Baylake Bank - \$100
- ❖ Capital Credit Union - \$100
- ❖ Scenic Valley Coop - \$100

We truly appreciate these sponsors. Mark September 22 on your calendar. Join us for an evening of fun and recognition.



NORTH CENTRAL LEADERS FORUM

The 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held November 10-13 in Rapid City SD. There will be sessions with useful ideas for your club or project leadership at home. Entertaining and insightful speakers, networking with other volunteers, and tours highlight the program. Check out the details in the registration book available at the Extension Office. Registrations are due September 9. Scholarships are available for ½ the cost.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 2-8

National 4-H Week is to be observed October 2-8. Let's promote and recruit 4-H members and leaders. Every 4-H Club should appoint a special committee to plan promotion activities in your community. The theme for this year is "Make the 4-H Connection."

Some ideas include:

- School visits
- Newspapers
- Window displays
- Church bulletins
- Tell 2 friends
- Community club program
- Children's museum – October 15
- Radio
- Posters
- School newsletters
- Invite a family to join

4-H promotional information was at the August leaders meeting. We hope to organize new clubs to increase our county enrollment and keep club membership at an easy size to manage. We hope that you can assist us in getting new clientele to organize new clubs in your communities. Please contact Marcia for additional assistance if needed. We have many marketing and promotional materials available for you to use.

The county 4-H promotion committee would like leaders and parents to ask their banks, stores, gas stations etc, if you can use their marquees to promote National 4-H Week, October 2-8. Please list the Extension Office telephone number 832-5123 or you can have a poster contest with club members and display them at local businesses.

4-H PROGRAM COMMITTEES

We are still in need of adult and teen leaders to be on county 4-H program committees for 2006. The list of the various committees was included on the back page of your August newsletter. Please send in that reply to Vicki as soon as possible. Most program committees will meet the evening of November 10 at the Black Creek Elementary School. We need your ideas and views for 2006.

4-H DAY AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

October 15, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Fox Cities Children's Museum, Appleton. We need help in project displays, hands on activities, small animal petting zoo, etc. Individuals and groups, members, leaders, parents. This can be a great marketing and promotion project for all clubs to show that in Outagamie County we all strive to "Make the 4-H Connection."

How about the sessions that the camp counselors taught this summer? Please call Marcia at 832-5122 if anyone is interested in helping with this great, fun filled event. We would like to see every club help out somehow. There was a sign up sheet in the Main Leaders marketing and promotion packet from the August leaders meeting. Please return to Marcia by October 1.

4-H YOUTH LEADER INFORMATION

Why not take the youth leadership project? If you are in 8th grade and up, you can simply sign up for youth leadership (#121) on your member enrollment form. This automatically makes you a member of the Outagamie County Youth Leader Association, a great place to meet people and have lots of fun. To learn more, why not attend the next meeting on Monday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. at Center Community Hall. This will be an organizational meeting to help everyone get acquainted. We'll also nominate officers, develop plans for fall activities, have a short educational program by the Humane Society and "make your own sundaes". Come with a friend and leave with at least 3 new friends.

COUNTY YOUTH LEADER RECOGNITION

The 2005 Youth Leader Recognition Activity will be held Monday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Center Community Hall. Youth leaders who held offices, were counselors, served on program committees, and are graduating from 4-H will be recognized. Letters will be sent to youth leaders in early October.

STATE 4-H PHOTO ENTRIES

Congratulations to Rebecca Gassner, Country Slickers and Jena and Alisha Krueger, Goal Getters for having their county fair photography entry selected for the 2006 State 4-H Photo Exhibit.

MEMBER INFORMATION

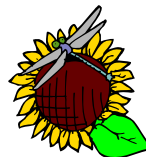
4-H MEMBER/CLUB RECOGNITION

County 4-H member and club recognition program is Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Seymour High School Auditorium. This recognition is based on member records submitted to the Extension Office.

Letters to award recipients will be mailed around October 6. Each member receiving a county award will get a plaque (unless they already received one) and a project disc. The project awards given are based on at least 10% of project enrollment by grade group. 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. Main leaders will notify the Extension Office with request and payment.

PUMPKIN/SUNFLOWER CONTEST

Youth that obtained seeds for the Big Pumpkin and Giant Sunflower contest sponsored by Tim Sassman, Northland Agriculture Services are to have their largest pumpkin weighed and largest sunflower measured at the 2005 contest on Thursday, October 6, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Center Town Hall.



Notices will NOT be mailed out. Please mark the date and time on your calendar now. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Wichman (733-6402) contest chairperson.

4-H ARTS CAMP

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 4-H members in grades 6-8 will be October 15-16 at Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells.

Explore the arts: act, take photos, construct art, make music, write, talk and listen and juggle. Participants get together for a great weekend experience including plenty of creative ideas to bring home for your club. Six youth from each county may apply. The cost is \$55 and includes a camp T-shirt. Scholarships for one-half the cost are available. Call Joan/Sherri at 832-5122 for an application. Applications are due September 9.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

HORSE INFORMATION

Sept 10-11 – State Gymkhana, Walworth County
Sept 15-18 – State Horse Expo, State Fair Park
Oct 1 – Distance Riding Logs due to Kathy Filen
Oct 25 – Recognition and Potluck, Black Creek Library, Board meeting 6:00 p.m., general meeting 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIR DATES 2006

The 2006 Outagamie County Fair will be July 12-16.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Misty Brum, Wolf River Shadows was named with one of the Top 10 photos in the 2005 Wisconsin 4-H Photo Display. The display, which features nearly 150 photos taken by 4-H members from 55 counties, was on exhibit at the 2005 Wisconsin State Fair Exposition Center, August 4-14. The photo has been selected to be on display in the Wisconsin Room of the National 4-H Center, Washington D.C. for one year starting this fall.
- Cassie Tate, Fast Trackers 4-H will participate in the State 4-H Gymkhana, September 10-11 in Elkhorn.

ALFALFA QUALITY CONTEST RESULTS

Results of the contest for youth sponsored by the Forage Council at the county fair are as follows:

Junior Division (9-13 years old)

- 1st – Jake VandeWalle, Wild Grove
- 2nd – Alzada Roffers, Wild Grove
- 3rd – Darcie Roffers, Wild Grove

Senior Division (14-19 years old)

- 1st – Mindy Broeren, Valley
- 2nd – Tamara Casper, Valley
- 3rd – Adam Court

Prizes awarded were \$100, \$75 or \$50 savings bonds.

4-H Endowment Initiative

The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association Board has exciting news to announce and ask for your support. The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association was 1 of 6 organizations selected by the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region for the 2005-2006 Non-profit Matching Endowment Initiative. The 4-H Leaders Association is being challenged to raise \$10,000 from new sources from August 1, 2005 – September 1, 2006. If successful, \$10,000 in matching funds will be awarded in September 2006. If you're willing to be on the endowment committee or have any ideas, please contact Jeanne Baum. What a great way to insure the continued success and impact of the Outagamie County 4-H Youth Development Program.

4-H FALL HARVEST DANCE

The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association fall harvest dance will be held November 4, 7:30 -11:30 p.m. at Romy's, Black Creek. All family members and friends are invited.



Guidelines for the poster contest include: Poster should be displayed prior to the dance on poster board (no larger than 14"x 22"). Members should list name, club, age and where poster was displayed on the back. Bring poster to the dance on Friday to be judged no later than 8:30 p.m.

4-H club members and families will be selling advance tickets. Ticket price includes dance admission and raffle drawing of prizes. **ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAMS.**

4-H club main leaders received tickets at the August leaders meeting. Additional tickets can be obtained from Tom & Debbie Kozak, - 997-1534; Marcia Spaulding – 779-6897; Mary Lom – 739-4565; Sharon Reynolds – 766-7032; Angie & Kurt Hintz – 749-9227. Tickets are **NOT AVAILABLE** from the Extension Office and money and stubs cannot be turned in to the office. Return your money and stubs to any member listed above prior to 7:00 p.m. the night of the dance.

2005 POP TAB CHALLENGE RESULTS

Nine 4-H clubs weighed in pop tabs at the county fair.

Wild Grove	130 lbs
Fairview	118 lbs
Valley	84 lbs
B-Square	25 lbs
Shooting Stars	23 lbs
Buchanan Badgers	22 lbs
Woodland Hustlers	15 lbs
Woodlawn	7 lbs
Wolf River Beavers	2 lbs

Thank you to all participating 4-H clubs. The check for Ronald McDonald House was \$148.68. Thanks to Eileen Eggert for organizing and Joe Lehrer for hauling the tabs to Goldins. Start saving for next year.

FOTO FOLLIES - TRAINING FOR PHOTO LEADERS AND JUDGES

A statewide training workshop for Wisconsin 4-H youth and adult photo leaders and county fair judges, to be held Saturday, October 8, 2005 at Upham Woods Environmental Education Center, Wisconsin Dells, 8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

The conference costs \$30 per person, which includes three workshop sessions, a one-hour panel discussion, lunch, snacks and program materials. Workshop sessions include animal photography, digital photography, landscape photography, people photography, and scrap booking and other displaying techniques.

An optional “pre-conference” program is available Friday night, October 7 for those who want to travel early and lodge at the camp. This pre-conference begins with registration at 6:30 p.m. and costs an additional \$40 which features dorm lodging, snack, breakfast and two fun photo walks before the regular conference begins.

Conference registration deadline is October 1. For more information and registration materials, visit the Wisconsin 4-H Photography Project web page at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/photography.cfm> and click on events.

NEXT 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



The next 4-H family newsletter will be mailed October 26. 4-H club reporter's articles for this issue are due to Vicki by October 14.

4-H ART DISCOVERY DAY – WASHINGTON COUNTY

Who: All 4-H Members 4th Grade or Older and 4-H Leaders or Parents
When: Saturday, November 5
8:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Where: Washington County Fair Park Pavilion – Hwy 45 and PV, West Bend
Cost: \$12 (registration fee includes supplies and lunch)

Registrations are due by October 19. For more information and registration form contact Joan/Sherri at 832-5122.

Workshops include:

- Basketry
- Art of Hand Caning
- Glass Etching
- Stamping
- Needle Felting Pillow
- Corn Husk Flowers
- Weaving
- Tin Punching
- Scrap booking
- Egg Carolers
- Bent Wire Creations
- Jewelry Bead Making
- Create with Clay
- Creations with Clay Pots



NOW IN OUR 4-H CLUB

Bent Arrow – New officers were elected as follows: President: Jessica Franklin; Vice-President: Isaac Stille; Secretary: Emily Stille; Treasurer: Ben Cropsey; Reporter: Zack Stille; Sgt-at-arms: Kirsten Franklin. County activities were discussed.

Country Slickers – Officers for this year are as follows: President: Vanessa Gassner; Vice-President: Amanda McLernon; Secretary: Wes Walsh; Treasurer: Amy Ebben; Sgt-at-arms: Emily Coyle.

Fairview – County fair was discussed. Record books are due to the main leader August 12.

Fast Trackers – We will be tubing on the Little Wolf River. We are collecting items for the soldiers overseas. At our next meeting we will be having a silent auction.

On The Go – County fair was discussed. Record books were handed in.

Valley - We had a club picnic at Doyle Park. Nominations were taken for club officers. Maggie & Mollie VanGroll gave speeches.

Wide Awake Forward - County fair and trips were discussed. Bring to the next meeting donations of school supplies for the orphanage in Mexico.

Woodland Hustlers – Erica, Kyle & Brittany Gomm gave speeches. We will be having a bake sale September 10.

Woodlawn – County fair was discussed. We will be going to a Timber Rattler game in August.

4-H Club Leadership Team Training

4-H Club organizational leaders, youth and adult club leaders are invited to participate in a hands-on regional workshop on Saturday, November 12 at Brown County Extension Office, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The goals of the workshop are:

- To share new club resources that incorporate the essential elements of 4-H and help to strengthen local clubs.
- To try out new tools to take back to local clubs.
- To provide an opportunity for the youth and adults to network
- To create excitement and recognition for 4-H club efforts

Interactive activities may include, but will not be limited to, a club feedback form, resource list, volunteer role descriptions, breakout sessions about fundraising, member retention, education in the 4-H program, adult involvement and much more. All of which can be taken home and shared in local clubs!

Workshop Registration Information:

- The majority of the workshop cost is covered with a UW-Extension grant received by the Strengthening 4-H Club Leadership Work Team.
- There is a \$5 registration fee per volunteer. Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association will reimburse after you participate.
- Return the registration form by October 28. A confirmation letter and map will be mailed prior to the training.



Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Adult or Youth Volunteer Adult _____ Youth _____

I plan to attend the following workshop:
_____ November 12, Green Bay (Register by October 28)

Enclose \$5 per volunteer (made payable to UW-Extension) Amount enclosed \$ _____

Return to: Barb Chase
 UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Office
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