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Newsletter

 **Outdoors Forever Club**
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Spring 2026

Youth Committee Report

April 10 8:30-10:30am students from Mauston Hight School will meet at the Carl Nelson Property to help remove invasive species. Anyone interested in helping can meet in the parking lot along Hwy. 12-16. On May 7th around 9am the 5th graders from the Mauston School district will meet at the Lemonweir Farm to learn about forestry, fire control, wildlife management, pollinator habitat, outdoor safety, conservation law enforcement, and protection from insect borne diseases.

Please Respect Our Neighbors

Members of the Juneau County Outdoors Forever Club are reminded to stay within the designated property lines while on club grounds. It is essential to respect the boundaries of the Club's property to ensure safety, respect our neighbor's property lines and to maintain ethical hunting practices. The club has received some calls regarding our properties that people (not necessarily members) aren't following these laws. The OF membership is comprised of great people, that want to do good things for our land, water and neighbors and that is why we would like to just ask our membership to do the right thing and stay within our borders. Remember if you see a problem report a problem.





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Long Term Planning Committee

LTP currently has three items they are working on for review or consideration by the BOD and the general membership

First is related to the pier that was given to us by the City of Mauston. We are planning to place the pier in our trout pond on Meyer Road. This will hopefully give better and more comfortable fishing access to elderly or disabled fishermen who want to use it. We are currently in the process of getting a bid to add some railings to the pier to increase safety for those using it.

Secondly, we are reviewing the clubs By Laws concerning what would be the disposition of our property in the unlikely possibility there was dissolution of the club. We do not expect that to ever happen, but it is still in the best interest of the club to address this no matter how remote the possibility. The club has been fortunate enough to accumulate significant assets in land, buildings, and at times cash. As a club we want our Board of Directors to have a clear ability to make sure our assets are transferred to make sure the mission and goals of our club are met with our assets into perpetuity.

Lastly, we are working on the final design of the Outdoors Forever Legacy Foundation. This is an idea we have been working on for the club for nearly a year. The idea is to put in place a quasi-endowment fund so that we are in a position to fundraise and/ or accept monetary gifts from individuals or estates and build an investment vehicle that would help us fund our operations into the future. The idea is to have various giving levels with recognition posted in our new Learning Center. The LTP Committee is putting together a plan design and has researched the legal and asset management side of this idea. Our hope is to have a final plan in place for review by the BOD in the next 30 days. Assuming the plan it approved we would then work to finalize all the details and roll out the Foundation vehicle prior to the 4th quarter of the year.

Habitat Committee

Plans are being made to plant food plots on the Duffy & Larson Rd. properties and Lemonweir Farm. One hundred more oak trees were ordered and will be planted on the Lemonweir Farm the week of April 20. The Larson Rd. habitat will need to be mowed twice this summer to keep undesirable plants under control. The pollinator seed was planted along Hwy. N across from the clubhouse last fall and there will be some interesting plants growing this summer.

New Learning Center Report

The new Outdoors Forever learning center is moving along, we hope to have this completed by fall of 2026. All the wiring has been installed with the expertise of Myles Connor of Gray Electric. Hundreds of feet of wire was used on this project. Jeff Scully, Bill Duckwitz helped with the layout for the lights and ceiling fans. Next step will be the insulation once this is completed the drywall and wainscoting will be installed. Again, we would like to thank Meadow Valley Log Homes for the donation of the log wainscoting.

New Learning Center



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A Note from the Editor

The LTP Committee has informed us that there is a fair number of individuals that would like to get more involved with the club's activities. If you are one of them, please email us at outdoorsforeverclub@gmail.com with your interest and we will pass the email along to the appropriate committee chair. They will then contact you with more information.

Kid's Day 2026

The date is April 25th. from 9 am to noon at the clubhouse. Lunch will be provided and we ask you to dress for the weather as many activities will be outside. The list of planned activities are: Bird house building; Tree Planting; Archery; Shed Antler hunting; Wildlife habitat and Fishing Instruction. You can register on our website (Home page) or call Tom Jordarski at (608)458-4979.

Upland Bird Committee

Happy Spring Everyone! The recent dumping of snow certainly put a damper on things but with better weather in the forecast we look forward to beginning preparations at the pheasant pens. This year we have a couple projects in mind to continue making maintenance easier in the future. Fingers crossed that Mother Nature cooperates! Once the snow clears work will begin so we can be all ready to go when the chicks arrive in June. We are looking forward to another great year and appreciate all those of you who lend a helping hand throughout the year. Thanks to the club membership for the continued support!

Women's Day (New)

This event is scheduled for March 28th from 9 am to 11 am. It will be a basic firearm and archery informational session to get familiar with various forms of firearms and bows. There will be no live firing. As of printing time, we have around 10 registered guests. There will also be a discussion on what are the next steps to use the knowledge gained at this seminar. The cost will be free.

Banquet News

Our 40th. Annual banquet was a smashing success! We sold out for the first time in many years. It was great to see old faces and also many new ones. The banquet committee did a great job putting things together with a new lineup along with some good old standbys. Thanks to our MC Jim Dillin and his crew from the high school for helping out; Down Range LLC (New Lisbon) for assisting us with the guns and registrations; cater The Cook Shack for the delicious Prime Rib & Half Chicken; and finally the New Lisbon Community Center, our host.

Banquet Photos



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Lucky 3 Raffle

This was a new venture for the club put together by Garret Manthe. The response was very good as we almost sold out.

The three winners were:

Grand Prize:
2025 CFMOTO ATV
Jeremy Readerd from Grand Marsh

2nd Place:
CZ Teal O/U
Randy Scherwin from Union Center

3rd Place:
Yeti Cooler
Jordan Hamm from Pewaukee

Thanks to Jay's Power Sports of Mauston in assisting with the prizes.



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GRAND PRIZE
2025 CFMOTO CFORCE
400 ATV in green
Beavertail Xpres 15 ATV trailer
2 man ladder stand
waterfowl decoy package
turkey decoy package
pop up blind & more

2nd PLACE
CZ Teal O/U
12 Gauge shotgun

3rd PLACE
Yeti Tundra 45 cooler

\$100 a ticket

Drawing: Annual Banquet, March 7, 2026
At the New Lisbon Community Center at 7pm
\$100 a ticket | Only 150 tickets sold | Don't need to be present

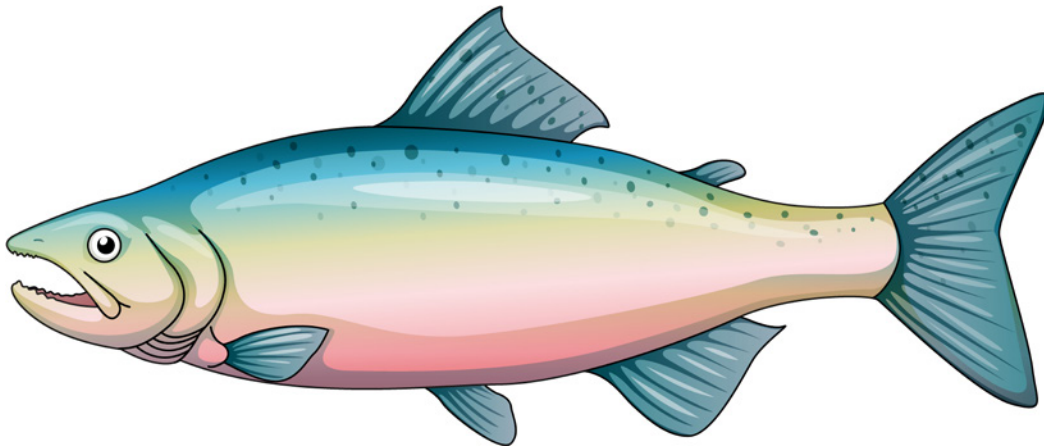
8 Gun Raffle

Always a success run by Dennis Hazel. We also Want to thank Stars & Strips for the help and display of the guns. The winners are posted on our website on the Banquet and Raffle Page.

Trout Committee

ODF approved purchase and stock trout for 2026 for the Meyer Rd fishing pond. This is the second year that the club has purchased trout for this program instead of raising them, aprox.450 rainbow trout will be stocked just in time for the first Sat.in May opener. The pond is located on Meyer Rd past the Nazarene church next to the interstate There is a handicap cement pd at the site also All Wisconsin fishing regulations still apply for this water please check Wis trout regulations.

The Club is currently getting bids on upgrading the pier that was donated to us from the City of Mauston. The installation of railing will improve safety and accessibility.



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If you want to help or have an idea for a project contact the committee Chair.

Dues Based on Calendar Year

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