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Newsletter



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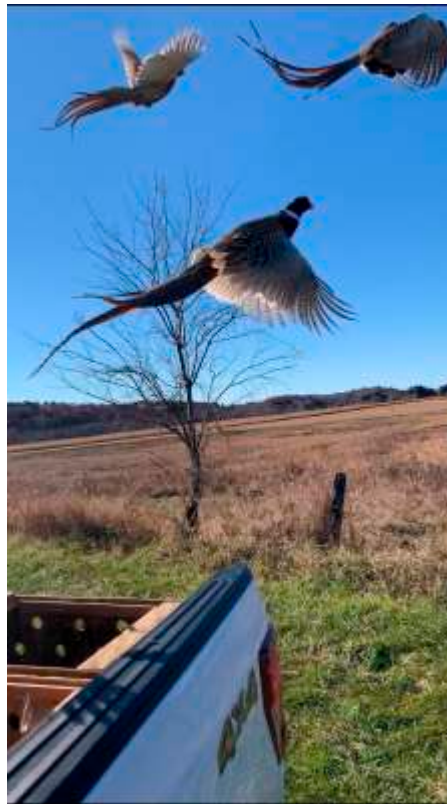
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2025 Winter

Pheasant Rearing

As the crisp frosty mornings become more prevalent some of you may be enjoying the banter of pheasant cackles amongst the prairie grass. I would like to again thank the membership for the continued support to the pheasant program. It was another successful year despite the challenging weather. Birds were healthy and grew wonderful plumage. We are not over the peak of pheasant season and sliding towards winter and season close. We hope you all found some time to enjoy watching these majestic birds out on the landscape. If you haven't taken in the sites yet, there is still time. Over the years we have been getting a number of reports of birds surviving the winter and maybe even a few having spring broods! That is encouraging news, and we will continue to put the most healthy birds we can on the landscape while continuously looking for opportunities to improve habitat. I'd like to give a special thanks to the crew who persisted through the weather this year volunteering their time to maintain the pheasant pens. This program wouldn't be possible without the dedicated members putting time in to raise these unique birds. Have a great winter!



LUCKY 3 Drawing

Grand Prize: Retail Value over \$10,000.00

2025 CFMOTO CFORCE 400 ATV in Green, Beavertail Xpress 15 ATV trailer (utility), 2 man ladder stand, waterfowl decoy package, turkey decoy package, pop up blind and more

Second Place Prize: CZ Teal Over/Under 12 Gauge Shotgun

Third Place Prize: Yeti Tundra 45 Cooler

Only 150 tickets to be sold for \$100.00 each. Tickets will be at Jay's Power Center with more announced on our Website and Facebook page. Drawing will be held at the Annual Banquet, March 7, 2026, at the New Lisbon Community Center around 7pm. Wisconsin Raffle License #R0010680-A-21859.



8 Gun Raffle is Back!

Ticket locations will be available on our website and announced on our Facebook page.

8 GUN RAFFLE



Drawing: **FEBRUARY 2nd 7 PM**
AT **Outdoors Forever Clubhouse**
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Guns on Display @
STARS & STRIPES SPORTING GOODS

GUNS DRAWN BOTTOM TO TOP

- 1st Weatherby Element Tungsten 12 ga Auto
- 2nd Mossberg 22-250 w/vortex scope
- 3rd Weatherby Obsidian 30.06
- 4th Savage 308 olive w/scope
- 5th TriStar Cobra 3 12 ga turkey
- 6th Savage 243 w/scope
- 7th Pointer 20 ga O/U
- 8th Ruger 10-22 75th Anniversary

ONLY 600 TICKETS

TICKETS SOLD HERE **\$20 a TICKET** Need not be Present to Win



Membership Registration 2026

Due by January 1, 2026 (Nonrefundable or transferable based on calendar year)
These forms available on www.outdoorsforeverclub.com & on our online store



Individual @ \$40.00 x _____ \$ _____
Husband & Wife @ \$70 .00 x _____ \$ _____
Lifetime Membership (NEW) @ \$1,000.00 x _____ \$ _____
Youth (Under18) @ FREE _____

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Newsletter email address: _____

Optional: If you would like to donate* to the following programs?

Trout Rearing Project \$ _____

Land Acquisition \$ _____

Upland Bird Rearing Project \$ _____

Kid's Day \$ _____

Learning Center Building

Total Membership and Donation \$ _____

Banquet Registration on Reverse. Please fill out and return to: Outdoors Forever, PO Box361, Mauston, WI 53948-0361 and enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope. Membership is required to attend the Banquet

*Your donations are tax deductible as ODF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

2026 BANQUET REGISTRATION

Banquet Date: March 7, 2026

General Information:

The banquet will be at the New Lisbon Community Center. You must be a member to attend. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. If your child does not want the youth meal, or they are 15 years old or more, they must register as an adult and pay the adult price Please indicate meal choice by using a number.

Social Hour begins at 4:30 PM and Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 PM.

Costs:

Adults(16 +) _____ @ \$50.00 each \$ _____

Prime Rib: _____

Youth (U15) _____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

Hamburger & Mac and Cheese

Optional:

Table Reservation for 8-10: _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Name: _____

\$100 Envelope x _____ Reservation*

\$200 Envelope x _____ Reservation*

Banquet Total \$ _____

Membership Total (from reverse) \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Any questions about the banquet, donations or helping, please email Jenn Rittenhouse at odfbanquet@gmail.com.

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment to: Outdoors Forever, PO Box 361, Mauston, WI 53948

REGISTRATION DUE BY FEBRUARY 15, 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS.

*Payment can be Cash or Check and be made at the registration both where the Envelopes will be available.

Membership Dues Structure & New Option

Dues Increase: It's Time.

There aren't many items that haven't gone up in price since 1987 except for the annual dues to belong to the OF Club. Back in 1987, gas was \$.75 / gallon, a dozen eggs were \$.78 (go figure, I'd think it's a bit harder to make a gallon of gas than produce a dozen eggs...I digress) and annual dues to belong to the premier local conservation group was only \$25.00 / person and \$40.00 / couple.

This last summer at the annual meeting, with the support of the board and the 2 following general membership meetings, we have decided to increase the OF Club dues to \$40.00 / person and \$70.00 / couple and the addition of a \$1,000.00 lifetime membership. These changes will be reflected in the 2026 membership application. The OF Board is interested in your opinion and constructive feedback, please feel free to reach out and share your ideas and / or any concerns you may have.



Banquet 2026

The 40th Annual Outdoors Forever Banquet will be held on March 7th, 2026 at the New Lisbon Community Center. This year we were able to hold the line on costs, and the will remain the same as last year. Social Hour begins at 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM with dinner starting then. We will be using the same caterers as last year and will have prime rib for the adult meal and hamburgers and mac & cheese for the Junior Members.

Due to Wisconsin raffle regulations, we will not be able to sell the envelopes by credit card. You will be able to reserve your \$100 or \$200 envelopes on the registration form or online and pay for them at the registration booth. We will accept cash or check.

We have new members on the Banquet Committee so you will see some changes to the raffles making this banquet bigger and better! If you would like to donate help and / or donate to the banquet, contact Jenn Rittenhouse at odfbanquet@gmail.com

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Update on Learning Building Construction

The Learning Center is progressing, but at a slower pace than anticipated. We are very grateful for the talented volunteer help and guidance, thus far.

Exterior walls have been foam sprayed by ED Insulation, Sparta. The foam insulation will help keep the building tight from bugs, rodents, and extreme weather. The next phase of insulating walls is “bibbing” (blown-in batting). Later, ceiling insulation will be installed.

The interior stud walls for restrooms, food-prep, and mechanical room have been constructed. Thank you to the work horse team of Jeff Scully and Ricky Hoffman for their carpentry, Phil Edgerton for the lumber - both outer perimeter and interior walls, and Greg Stalsberg for sheets of OSB.

The electrical service wires have been installed into the building and a 200 AMP breaker panel. The next step will be running interior wires for lights, outlets, etc. Once this is complete, the remaining insulation can be blown in.

Recently, Milestone Materials informed Dave Laridaen that Outdoors Forever has been selected as one of the recipients of their 2025 Big Dig Grant. This will go toward a new parking lot. Also, Meadow Valley Log Homes will donate 1640 linear feet of log siding for wainscot in the main meeting area.

If you are interested in donating time, materials, or money to our effort, or if you know a business willing to donate, please contact Dave Laridaen, 608-567-1071.



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

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