



OCTOBER 2026  
NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### No School Fall Fun Days

Fridays, October 2, 16 and 30  
9:00-11:00 AM

Looking for something to do with your kids on a No School Day this fall? Stop by Clearwater Farm on a Friday morning to visit the animals and explore the gardens. This event is FREE and open to the public!

### SPARK! at Clearwater Farm

Monday, October 19  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

SPARK! is a FREE cultural program for people living with memory loss and their caregivers. Enjoy a relaxing morning of engaging conversations, creative activities, and friendly farm animals. To register, call (507) 319-9156 or email [info@clearwaterfarm.org](mailto:info@clearwaterfarm.org).



### Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 24  
3:00 - 6:00 PM

A family-friendly Halloween event held down on the farm! Join us for an afternoon of games and prizes, hands-on crafts, farm animals, and a kids costume contest at 5:30. Food will be available for purchase, and Scouting America will be onsite serving up their delicious Dutch oven cobbler! Bring your costume and trick-or-treat bag. \$5 per kid. Members receive a discount!



## A Job Well Done!



The brand new wall along the farm is finally complete, and we couldn't be happier! The wall itself was generously donated to the farm, and the fencing along the wall was funded by Clearwater Farm. We would like to give a shout out to our amazing Grounds Team for working so hard to install the new fence. This amazing group of volunteers is led by Isaac Mayer and Greg Schaub. We are truly blessed with community support. We would not thrive without all of you!

[www.clearwaterfarm.org](http://www.clearwaterfarm.org)

# Many Heartfelt Thank-Yous



We would like to thank everyone involved in making our online auction a huge success! We are excited to announce that we reached our \$10K goal with a grand total \$10,016.

Thank you to our Auction Chair, Kathy Landsinger, and her excellent team of volunteers for the many hours they spent acquiring a wonderful assortment of auction items. Thank you to all of the local businesses and individuals who donated items to our auction. And of course, thank you to everyone who placed bids, and congratulations to all the winning bidders!

Finally, we would like to thank the corporate sponsors who committed to sponsoring this year's Taste of Summer fundraiser and allowed us to keep the sponsor funds even after the event was cancelled. Those sponsors were Trust Point, Altra Federal Credit Union, Kwik Trip, MeriTrust, and Morrie's. Thank you to the individuals who reached out and donated cash to the farm to help offset the loss of revenue from canceling Taste of Summer. We hope to bring back Taste of Summer in 2027!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you love Halloween? We do, too! We invite you to join us as we prepare for our annual Halloween Spooktacular happening on Saturday,

October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up before the event and assisting with activities during the event. If you are interested in helping out, please send an email to [info@clearwaterfarm.org](mailto:info@clearwaterfarm.org).

**CLEARWATER FARM**  
Onalaska, WI

# Volunteer Appreciation Party!

Celebrate with us!

## Sunday, November 8, 2026

**3:00PM START TIME - Rain or Shine at Clearwater Farm in Onalaska**  
760 Green Coulee Road | Onalaska

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| <b>Packers Game &amp; Campfire</b><br>3:25PM Kick Off<br>vs. Patriots | <b>Food &amp; Beverages Provided</b><br>Brats, burgers, hot dogs,<br>and beverages supplied.<br>Bring a dish to share. | <b>Chili Cook Off</b><br>Get out those chili recipes!<br>Those wanting to bring a pot of<br>chili will compete against others!<br>A winner will be selected. |
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Please RSVP to [info@clearwaterfarm.org](mailto:info@clearwaterfarm.org) or text Shari at 608-780-5682

**CLEARWATER FARM**  
Onalaska, WI

# HALLOWEEN Spooktacular

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026**  
760 Green Coulee Road, Onalaska

Join us for Family Fun

**3PM-6PM**

**\$5 per kid\***  
Adults are free!

**KIDS COSTUME CONTEST**  
STARTS AT 5:30PM

**CRAFTS GAMES ANIMALS FAMILY FUN**  
FOOD WILL BE SERVED  
SCOUTING AMERICA ONSITE

Happy Halloween from Clearwater Farm

\*Clearwater Farm Members save \$1 / kid

Event is weather permitting.

## Join Us

### Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia



*"Help me understand why this is happening to my wife."*

In the United States alone, more than 6 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's. Join us to learn about:

- The impact of Alzheimer's
- The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia.
- What happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors.
- Current research and treatments available to address some symptoms.
- Alzheimer's Association resources.

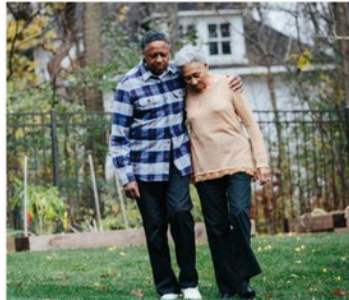
This free program is in partnership with:

**Clearwater Farm**  
760 Green Coulee Road  
Onalaska, WI



Designed for a general audience (those living with dementia, caregivers, interested community members, neighbors and friends)

[www.alz.org/wi](http://www.alz.org/wi)  
24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900  
Hablamos Español 414.431.8811



**Wednesday, Nov 18th**  
**1:00-2:00PM**

**To Register call**  
**Clearwater Farm:**  
**(262) 497-8374**

## Community Partner

Clearwater Farm is proud to partner with Aptiv, a local organization that is committed to providing a spectrum of innovative support for individuals with disabilities so they may live more independent lives. Last month we welcomed two groups of volunteers from Aptiv in La Crosse and Black River Falls.

Our new volunteers enjoy visiting the animals each week and taking part in daily farm chores. They work hard to sweep walkways, empty trash cans, feed the animals, collect eggs, and make sure the hay box is filled for our visitors. Thank you to Aptiv for providing their clients with this opportunity to engage in farm life!



## SPARK! Oktoberfest

We had a great turnout for SPARK! last month! We celebrated Oktoberfest and enjoyed Oktoberfest BINGO, bratwursts, pretzels, and beer tasting. Cheers! Thanks to our incredible volunteers for leading exercises, providing snacks, and getting crafty! We made beautiful greeting cards using fall photos from the farm and surrounding area. We hope to see you all again for another morning of SPARK! on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be Pumpkins and Possibilities!



### JOIN US!

**WHEN:** Third Monday of every month  
**TIME:** 10:30AM-12:00PM  
**WHERE:** Clearwater Farm  
760 Green Coulee Rd., Onalaska



## 2026 SPARK! SCHEDULE\*

**Farmtoberfest**  
September 21

**Pumpkins and Possibilities:**  
**An October Harvest Fest**  
October 19

**Grateful Gatherings**  
~~November 15~~

**Date Change:**  
November 9th

**Winter's Warm Embrace**  
December 21

\*No scheduled events for January.

**To register, please email or call:**

**(507) 319-9156**  
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## SEPTEMBER SNAPSHOTS



Work day with Western  
Cares volunteers



No School Fridays welcome  
new families to the farm.

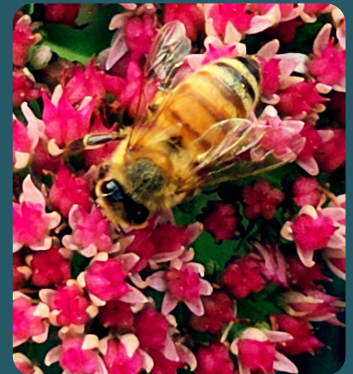


Creating photo greeting  
cards during SPARK!



Making lip balm using  
all-natural beeswax

## GARDEN IN AUTUMN



Butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees are all taking advantage of the remaining flowers in our gardens. The days may be cooler, but there is still a lot to see! Stop by and check it out for yourself before we prepare the garden beds for Winter. When you're here, feel free to pick a little kale for our farm animal friends. Thank you to all of our hardworking Garden Club volunteers for creating such a beautiful outdoor space. If you have enjoyed spending time in the gardens this year, please consider joining our Garden Club in 2027!

## Animal of the Month



Freddie is a legend at the farm! Not only is this gentle barn cat around 16 years old, but he is also the famous kitty stolen from Clearwater Farm in 2024. An outpouring of community support led to Freddie's recovery in Sparta several days later. He returned to the farm unharmed and continues to live out his golden years by enjoying long cat naps, plenty of treats, and lots of love from visitors.

