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Eau Claire County's 4-H Newsletter



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

Hello fine 4-H folks,
It's the end of the school year, but the time when project learning is really kicking into high gear. It's exciting. And, as the pandemic outlook in the U.S. keeps looking up, we are seeing our guidance change again. Masks are recommended for people who are unvaccinated. Physical distancing is required for people who are not in the same household. We want people to be safe during 4-H programming. There are still people falling seriously ill from COVID in Eau Claire. (See the front page of the Leader Telegram, June 4.) Please make decisions that will keep everyone safe at our events. I will be wearing masks in solidarity with the unvaccinated kiddos who we're asking to wear masks. Please consider how you will be encouraging mask wearing. (And, remember that health information is private and it is inappropriate to ask vaccination status.)

We are getting ready for a summer of programming... Summer camp is next week! We have 38 young people registered to participate plus 12 counselors and some wonderful adult volunteers who are making this program happen in an unprecedented year. We are ready for fun!

The Clothing Revue is back! It will be held at the Pleasant Valley Community Center on June 24 at 6:30PM. Please see page 5 for registration information or check Facebook for a google form link.

While you are working on your projects, remember that a GREAT way to build life skills is to keep records of what you spent and how much time you spent on the project. This will help you when you complete your record book. NOW, is when you should be thinking about that record book so that it is not a last minute project. Please see updated directions and forms at: [4-H Forms/Registration – Extension Eau Claire County \(wisc.edu\)](https://www.wisc.edu/4-H-Forms/Registration-Extension-Eau-Claire-County). Record book completion helps build skills and makes you eligible for awards and scholarships at the county level.

Last, but not least, Eau Claire County Fair exhibit entries are due June 11. Enter your fair projects at [FairEntry.com](https://www.fairentry.com). Contact the Fair Coordinator, [Debbie Kitchen](mailto:Debbie.Kitchen@ecfair.org), to get your questions answered.

All the best,

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**Does your club or project group
have a Facebook page?**

Let us know about it so Extension can be a fan. Be sure your club/project “likes” [EC County UWEX](#)—let us help each other get the word out!

New to 4-H this year?

Be sure to “like” [Eau Claire County UW-Extension](#), and the [Expo Center](#), on Facebook to stay current of 4-H and Fair info!

AND

Add “[Extension Rachel](#)” to your friends.



Project Literature

Need 4-H publication materials?

EC County 4-H’s Publication Library just grew! In addition to materials for the many projects we already had, we just received publications on the following project areas:

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| + Adult Leadership | + Science: Wind Power and Robotics | + Health |
| + Service Learning | + Celebrate Art | + Aerospace |
| + Scale Models | + Photography | + Horses |
| + Theatre Arts | + Sewing | + Rabbits |

See the full library list here: “[Project Literature Library](#)”. Come to the Extension Office to check-out materials for a month, free!

If you are a **club officer**: we have publications to help you better understand your duties! Contact the Extension Office to borrow them.

Looking for **Cloverbud** materials? Contact the Extension Office.

You can always purchase your own items at

www.4hmall.org

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CLUBS!

Submit the minutes from your last meeting for admission in the *Clover Leaves* so your members can see the highlights and other clubs can see your good example!

Email to Andy by the 20th of each month.

Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us

Calendar

June 7-10: Summer Day Camp Series (Register through 4-H online. See Page 6 for details.)

June 14: 4-H Meats Judging Contest

June 16 & 22: Animal Area Science Days—Marathon County & Jefferson Counties

June 17: Volunteer in Preparation Training

June 24: Clothing Revue, 6:30PM

June-July: ECASD partnered programming

July 20-22: Farm Tech Days (Eau Claire County)

July 26-Aug 1: Eau Claire County Fair

Aug 20-22: State Dog Show/Obedience (Tomah)

For more programming, please see the Virtual Learning Community Page: [Virtual Learning Community](#) – [Wisconsin 4-H](#) or check out “Events” in 4Honline



Volunteer in Preparation Training

Who should take Volunteer in Preparation Training?—Anyone who is planning on being a volunteer with 4-H! If you're going to be planning events for young people with a 4-H hat on, you need to take VIP as part of the process to become a certified volunteer.

I will be holding a VIP training via zoom on June 17 at 11AM. Contact Rachel (rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu or 608-572-3656) to get added to the attendee list.

Leaders

Eau Claire County 4-H Leaders Association

June 9, 2021

6:30 PM

Agenda Items:

- Plat Books
- Summer Camp budget request
- EC County Fair Food Stand
- Farm Tech Volunteering
- Eau Claire County Fair Volunteering
- State 4-H Policy updates

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/91929374833?pwd=NWVkNHBFZjdkSHNVSWIEcjZnaUh4UT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2937 4833

Passcode: 288985

One tap mobile

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4-H On the Air Schedule



Club leaders! It's time to reserve a month for your club to do 4-H On the Air! Eau Claire County is the first Saturday of the month,

Please contact Andy at the Extension office by calling 715-839-4712 or email Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us to reserve your month. We will need the club name, contact person, and phone number and email.

Thanks!

1st Saturday Of The Month

Month	Club	Contact
June	Russell Corner Badgers	Jill Welke
July	Pleasant Valley Clovers	Wendy Duerkop
August	Rodell Busy Bees	Amanda Robinson
September	Eau Claire Adventurers	Amy Hahn
October	Pleasant Hill Go Getters	Jodi Thesing-Ritter
November	Little Red Cardinals	Penny Helwig
December	Pleasant Valley	Heather Iverson



Congratulations, Jesse Groell!

Congratulations to Jesse Groell for winning a WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship!

Way to go, Jesse!

Market Match

The Eau Claire Downtown Farmers Market is still in need of volunteers to work the Market Match table on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. You would report to the Market Manager, Deidra, at 8:15 and you will be done at 12:30.

If your family would like to volunteer a morning, please go to this Google Document to sign up [2021 Market Match Volunteer Sign Up - Google Docs](#)

You can also call Andy at the Extension office to sign up, or if you have any questions about the program/volunteering.



REMEMBER!

For all information related to the Eau Claire County Fair, go to

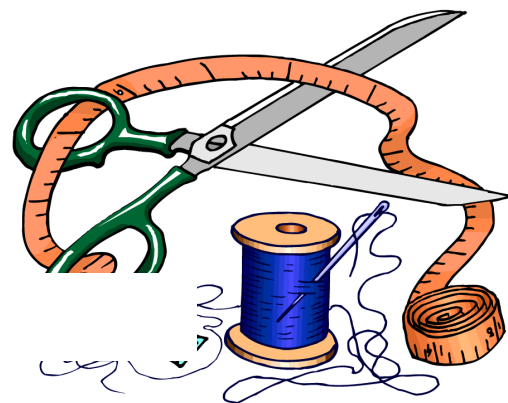
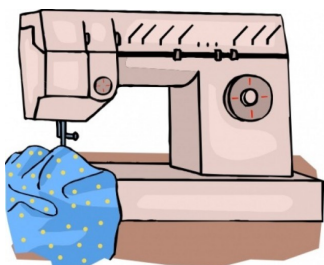
[Eau Claire County Fair](#)



2021 Fair Book Correction

We have found an accidental omission in the 2021 Fair Book. Under 18-A, Cultural Arts, YA, Creative Work, Lot 32, Any Other, was accidentally deleted. Please make note of that.

It will be in Fair Entry when you go to enter.



Clothing Revue—June 24

The Clothing Revue is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 PM.

The entry forms are on the following 4 pages, first Clothing Construction, then Looking Good.

You have the option of printing the forms and turning them in to the Extension office or filling out a Google registration form.

Registrations are due to the Extension office by Tuesday, June 15.

Clothing Construction <https://forms.gle/9WNnw6GqV1WSWHk96>

Looking Good <https://forms.gle/51Wj8ZNQQxjLJvti8>

Clothing Revue—June 24, 2021
Registration-6:00 p.m.
(Modeling Tips in between)
Judging-6:30 p.m.

ENTRY FORM FOR CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION ENTRIES

(Use this form if you are sewing your garment or garments.)

This entire form with your narration must be completed and turned in at the time of entry. Be sure to attach your narration or write it in on the form on the next page. All entry materials are **DUE at the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.**

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Department: _____ Class: _____ Lot: _____

Item Description: _____

1. Fiber content _____

2. Pattern Company & Number _____

3. Type of notions used (interfacing, seam bindings, zipper, etc.) _____

4. Cost _____

5. Care _____

Narration (should be 8-10 sentences in length). Write it in "story form" on the next page and include:
(check off the items below when you have included them in your narration)

_____ Your name & club

_____ Something interesting about you

_____ Description of your garment (including fiber content and care)

_____ Accessories used

_____ Where the garment will be worn

_____ You may include the cost if that is information that you wish to share

_____ Make use of adjectives (such as elegant, glamorous, colorful, sporty, versatile, comfortable, etc.)
and make it interesting!

Adult available to assist with event? (Name) _____

Write your Clothing Revue Clothing Construction narration on this page.

Narration (should be 8-10 sentences in length). Write it in "story form" and include:

- _____ Your name & club
- _____ Something interesting about you
- _____ Description of your garment (including fiber content and care)
- _____ Accessories used
- _____ Where the garment will be worn
- _____ You may include the cost if that is information that you wish to share
- _____ Make use of adjectives (such as elegant, glamorous, colorful, sporty, versatile, comfortable, etc.) and make it interesting!

(check off the items above when you have included them in your narration)

You also have the option to register online by using the Google Document at
<https://forms.gle/9WNnw6GqV1WSWHk96>

Clothing Revue—June 24, 2021
Registration—6:00 p.m.
(Modeling Tips in between)
Judging—6:30 p.m.

ENTRY FORM FOR “LOOKING GOOD” ENTRIES

(Use this form if you purchased your garment or garments.) This entire form with your narration must be completed and **all entry materials are DUE at the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2021**. Be sure to attach your narration or write it in on the form on the next page. **Items entered in Looking Good for Clothing Revue may NOT be entered in Looking Good at the fair.** You must enter **DIFFERENT** items in this category at the county fair.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ e-mail address: _____

Department: _____ Class: _____ Lot: _____

Item Description: _____

1. Describe how this garment fits your coloring, figure type, height, and age.

2. How will it fit into your wardrobe? _____

3. Is it practical, or is it a fad? _____

4. What accessories will you wear with this garment? _____

5. Construction: Is the garment well made so that it will wear well? _____

Does the construction affect the appearance? Explain. _____

6. Care: What care does this garment require? (machine or hand wash, dry clean, ironing?)

7. How does the care it requires fit with how you will use it? _____

8. Cost: What was the total cost of this garment? _____

Describe how this cost fits into your budget, and why the cost is justified.

9. Fit: Did the garment require any alterations? If so, explain. Describe decisions made in the sizing, length, etc. _____

10. Is there an adult available to assist with the event? (Name) _____

Narration (should be 8-10 sentences in length). Write your narration on the next page in “story form” and include: (check off the items below when you have included them in your narration)

___ Your name & club

___ Something interesting about you

___ Description of garment (including fiber content and care)

___ Accessories used

___ Where the garment will be worn

___ You may include the cost, if that is information that you wish to share

___ Make use of adjectives (such as elegant, glamorous, colorful, sporty, versatile, comfortable, etc.) and make it interesting!

Write your Clothing Revue "Looking Good" narration on this page.

Narration (should be 8-10 sentences in length). Write it in "story form" and include:

- _____ Your name & club
- _____ Something interesting about you
- _____ Description of your garment (including fiber content and care)
- _____ Accessories used
- _____ Where the garment will be worn
- _____ You may include the cost if that is information that you wish to share
- _____ Make use of adjectives (such as elegant, glamorous, colorful, sporty, versatile, comfortable, etc.) and make it interesting!

(check off the items above when you have included them in your narration)

You also have the option to register online by using the Google Document at
<https://forms.gle/51Wj8ZNQQxjLJvti8>



These links aren't working. If you would like a copy that has working links, please contact Andy at the Extension office and he will email you a copy.

For Immediate Release

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days 2021 Will Award 3 Scholarships To Eau Claire County Area Students

EAU CLAIRE, WI (May 27, 2021) —Wisconsin Farm Technology Days 2021 today announced that three scholarships are available to Eau Claire County and surrounding area students for post high school agricultural training. While applications are due by August 20, 2021, all candidates must participate in the Eau Claire show that will be held July 20-22, 2021 at Huntsinger Farm, the largest producer and processor of horseradish in the country.

The three scholarship awards are for \$2,000, \$1000, and \$500 respectively among qualified applicants who have participated in Farm Technology Days since planning began.

Students interested in applying for the scholarships who have not yet participated in any of the planning for the Eau Claire show can find volunteer opportunities at <https://www.wifarmtechdays.org/volunteers>.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must take post high school agriculture related training, long or short course within the University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System. (This includes the study of Genetics, Landscape, Architecture, Biochemistry, Bacteriology, Food Industry, Horticulture, Environment Sciences, Agriculture Journalism, and other agriculture related fields of study.)
- Candidates for the scholarships must be an Eau Claire County or neighboring county resident and attend school in one of those counties. Neighboring counties are Chippewa County, Clark County, Jackson County, Trempealeau County, Buffalo County, Pepin County, and Dunn County.
- Candidate must be planning to enter their senior year of high school or 1st year of college at the time of application in the fall of 2021.
- Candidate rank in the upper 50% of the class preferred with a minimum grade point of 3.0. Please attach high school transcript with the application.

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- Candidate must have participated in the Eau Claire County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days activities at some time during the period of 2018 through 2021.

Full [requirements](#) and application [form](#) are available at <https://www.wifamtechdays.org>.

About Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is a three-day outdoor event showcasing the latest developments in production agriculture, including practical applications and recent research and technological developments. This is the only farm show of its size in the United States that is organized and run entirely by volunteers. As the largest outdoor agricultural event in the state, it welcomes more than 45,000 attendees, with more than 600 commercial and educational vendors. The first WFTD show was named Farm Progress Days and was held in Waupaca County in 1954.

About Agriculture in Eau Claire County

Agriculture works hard for Eau Claire County every day. Family-owned farms, food processors and agriculture-related businesses generate thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity while contributing to local income and tax revenues. Eau Claire County, though dominated by the dairy industry, raises everything from meat goats to milking sheep to apples, grapes and vegetables. The county has seen farm numbers rise, while farm acreage has declined to an average farm size of 155 acres. Migration from the city to rural areas has resulted in smaller farms producing a variety of products. A diverse population has created opportunities to fill ethnic and specialty food niches. Meanwhile, county institutions and farmers have joined forces to produce fresh, healthy products to meet a growing demand for local food.

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Silent Auction At the Fair

Friday, July 24 after 6 PM
through
Saturday, July 31 at 10 PM.

The Silent Auction at the Eau Claire County 4-H Fair helps with the funding of the fair. Individuals, clubs and businesses from around the community can donate items or baskets. These donated items will be on display in an online site called 32Auctions.com and in the upper area of the Expo Building.

We are looking for donates from clubs, individuals and businesses. Donations may be delivered to Kathy Gehrke or Miranda Nelson. We ask that you indicate your individual name, club name, or business name that is donating the item(s) or basket along with a description of what you are donating, and a value of the item(s). We are asking that all items to be donated should be made by July 17.

If you would like to bid on any item or basket at the Silent Auction, there will be information on our new website <http://eauclairecountyfair.com>. Please include your name, address, phone number, and cell phone number (if you have one) when creating an account to bid.

The Silent Auction ends on Saturday at 10 PM. If you are the highest bidder, you may pick up your item(s) or basket and pay for them between 2 and 3 PM on Sunday at the Fairgrounds. We will contact you via your info in your bidding account if you are the highest bidder and have not picked your item or basket. If you cannot pick your item up by 3:00 PM, please make arrangements when contacted that you are the winning bidder.



TRACTOR SAFETY



Tractors are a valuable part of any farm business but can be unsafe if employees are not prepared with the right training. This course offers basic farm safety skills, proper tractor operations, connecting and using implements, and more. Get the job done more safely and efficiently!

Twelve-year-olds are eligible for a State of Wisconsin Certificate to drive tractors for their parents. Youth ages 13 and older are eligible for a Federal Certificate on their 14th birthday, allowing them to drive tractors for an employer. Youth involved in hazardous occupations other than on a farm operated by their parents must have a Certificate of Exemption from these regulations to engage in such employment.

**Eligible students must be 12 years old or older prior to the beginning of the course.*

COURSE DETAILS

Date: Monday, June 14 - Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Time: Monday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (in-person training & driving)

Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (in-person training & driving)

Wednesday: 8-10 a.m. (in-person training & driving)

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (in-person testing & drive test)

**Additional independent study will be required outside of class.*

Cost: \$100

Registration closes Monday, June 7, 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Emergency Services Presentation
- Electrical Power Distribution Energy Presentation
- Tractor Controls and Checks
- Using Three-Point and Power Take-Off Connections
- Safe Materials Handling

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

- Farm Safety Basics
- Proper Tractor Operations
- Connecting and Using Implements
- Identifying Agricultural Hazards

REGISTER TODAY

// Visit: cvtc.edu/tractorsafety

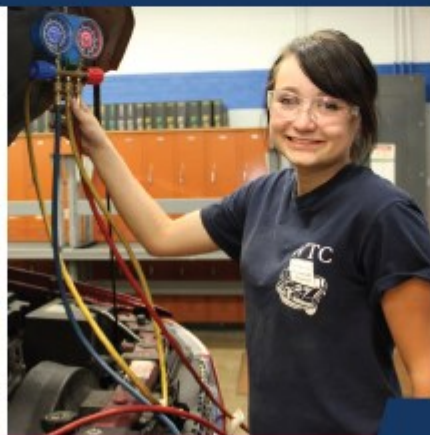
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Visit www.cvtc.edu/tractorsafety to sign up!

CVTC HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION CAMP

JUNE 28-29, 2021 | 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.



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CVTC HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION CAMP

CVTC and local high schools have partnered to offer students an opportunity to explore numerous exciting careers available in the rapidly changing transportation industry. This camp will explore the basics of our Truck Driving, Diesel Truck Technician, Automotive Maintenance Technician, Auto Collision Repair & Refinish Technician, and Motorcycle, Marine & Outdoor Power Products Technician programs here at CVTC. Hands-on labs and activities lead by instructors who worked in industry will provide an opportunity to see what these career areas are really about. Our hope is that through this camp we can give high school students a chance to navigate their interests and career options to develop the most successful, individualized career path.

JUNE 28-29, 2021 | 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

- CVTC Diesel Education Center & CVTC Business Education Center*
- Available to high school students ages 15 and up
- \$25 per camper

*See cvtc.edu/Camps for addresses

READY TO REGISTER?

// cvtc.edu/Camps

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“Capture What’s Great in Midwest States” 4-H Photography Challenge Rules & Submission Guidelines

Eligibility: Open to youth in grades K-13 in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-reg>

*Youth must be enrolled in their state 4-H program.

Challenge summary

Highlight something that stands out about your town, county, state or travels to another Midwest state. There are a lot of hidden gems around the Midwest so get out and capture them.

Submission guidelines

Choose up to three (3) of your best pictures. Submit up to three jpg or jpeg images via email to fourhphoto@umn.edu by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on June 30, 2021. In the email, use the subject line “4-H Midwest Photo Challenge” and in the body, please include the child's name, grade and state. Once your email submission has been received and your registration verified, you will receive a confirmation email.

Submitted photos will be displayed in a slideshow. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize the top quality images. All participants will have their names entered in a random drawing for prizes.

Be creative! Show what makes the Midwest states great! Subject matter is OPEN to all things Midwest!

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Tips for better photographs

- * Landmarks can be an awesome way to show off your hometown or state. Some landmarks like Mount Rushmore or the Mall of America are known worldwide; how can you show it in an unique way? There might be other landmarks, nature areas or historical sites that are only known to locals and should be seen by many other people.
- * Here are a few tips that may be helpful for this challenge:
 - Try to stand at an angle from a building, a statue or large equipment and include three sides so the viewers can tell that it is three dimensional.
 - Watch the backgrounds for extra clutter. Can you move to the left or right or higher/lower to eliminate clutter or unnecessary objects veering out from behind your subject.
 - Move in close to your subject to eliminate items that are not a part of the story you wish to tell, but not so close that you cut off part of it. Show the whole person including their feet or purposely just their head and shoulders.
 - It's okay to have people/cars in your landscape pictures to show how big or how far away the landscape is. They often add a point of interest for your eyes to land on.
 - If there is an object that could move in your picture, be sure to have more space in front rather than behind the object so it looks as if it has room to move forward (e.g. car, animal, person running or batting a ball).
 - Be respectful of monument, attraction and facility rules.

Build your skills with these resources

[4-H Photography Curriculum](#)

[Minnesota 4-H Photography project page](#)

[Tips for landmark and monument photography](#)

Questions? Email fourhphoto@umn.edu

Virtual Learning Community Opportunities to Teach & Lead

*Virtual Learning Community – Opportunity to Teach and Lead in 2021

Across the Division of Extension we have been learning and improving our transition to virtual spaces. You haven't heard from the Virtual Learning Community since our Summer Virtual Learning Community, but Positive Youth Development in virtual spaces has continued to grow and develop. Since summer we've been building out virtual opportunities and had over 500 people registered for our first ever Virtual Fall Forum AND hundreds of volunteers registered and participated in our Virtual Annual Leader Trainings. In order to continue building out a community of learning around the state, **we need Youth Leaders and Adult Volunteers!**

Below are some commonly asked questions:

Why are we inviting YOU?

We have BIG DREAMS:

- provide high, quality virtual opportunities for youth and families across the state, **Kindergarten-13th Grades and Adults**
 - involve **YOUTH and adult leaders, staff and community partners** in facilitating planned activities
- provide **additional promotion** for programs that are being offered across the state

What type of content are you looking for?

We are looking for project area content, leadership trainings and open spaces for youth to engage and connect around other topics/areas of interest. If you have an interest or passion and are willing to share it with others, we'll help make it work in a virtual space.

Does the session need to be new?

Nope. We know that many participants were just getting to know the calendar and as they did never attended all the sessions that might have interested them. Also, if you're like us, you've been learning and tweaking. If you have a program that you have already offered and are willing to offer it again, please do!

Can I submit more than one session?

Absolutely! We all know that virtual programs are most effective in 40 minutes, so if you have too much content for one session, a series is great. We've also learned from our evaluation that participants enjoy seeing each other more than once and recognizing faces and names.

Is there a deadline to submit?

Nope. Programs are needed ongoing! Submission dates are weekly. After you submit, sessions will be reviewed by a committee of youth leaders, volunteers and staff using our Positive Youth Development learning review process adapted for virtual learning.

I would like a little more information about Virtual Learning Community before I submit. Where can I go?

Fair enough. With the lessons learned, we have a new submission process, facilitator support resources, a uniform registration process, evaluation process and a plan for promotion and marketing. Our website can be found at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>.

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Okay! I'm convinced. Where do I submit?

Submissions can be made at: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_2idXsm8tPCVGILz.

With the easy to use back button, you can explore the submission form to learn a little more about the types of sessions and content.

What happens after I submit?

Our committee will respond to submissions with a follow up e-mail or call to the primary contact within a week.

The Virtual Learning Community knows how important supportive relationships within youth development spaces are to creating community, valuing youth voice and empowering action in our communities. We are committed to ensuring that anyone who wants to find an engaging, educational, and FUN online connection will be able to do so easily. We hope you will help us make it happen.

In closing, as we wrap up 2020, we want to celebrate so many of you for being a part of our programming. It has not been an easy year, but we appreciate all of you continuing to engage and “learn by doing.”

Looking forward to connecting with even more of you in 2021!!

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY



THE FUTURE OF FARMING IS HERE!

Calling all 4-H Families! We need your help! The 4-H Leaders Association will be staffing Food Tent #1 at the 2021 Farm Technology Days. We need 40 volunteers each day- July 20-22. We plan to use the funds raised from this fundraising opportunity to help support youth development programming including trips for our 4-H youth. We hope every family in our 4-H program will volunteer for at least one shift. You can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4baaac2ca7ff2-food>

Please visit the sign up TODAY to register for your shift!



Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project Celebrates the 26th Annual Open Household Pet Cat Show!



4-H Sanctioned Event
*** Face Coverings are
Required to Attend***

"Mystical, Magical World of Cats"

Sunday July 18 , 2021

9:00am - 3:00pm

Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center

1202 South Wildwood Avenue Sheboygan WI

Admission!!
\$2

**ages 6 and up
or Cat food
donation of 3 cans
or 1 bag per person
-to be given to local
shelter-**

Fun For All!!

**Vendors,
Raffle Tables,
Silent Auction,
Decorated Cage
Contest,
Cat Costume Contest,
Spectator's
Choice Award,
Food Available**

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contact sheboygan4hcatproject@gmail.com or Alice Samse 920-467-1558**



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whepwi4h/>
Email: nbyogerst@gmail.com



"TRACKS" – May 2021

Participation in wildlife & forestry activities are open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Spring is finally here, and many green things are popping up! I recently spotted this unusual seed head at the New Fane Sportsman Club in Campbellsport. A quick Google search confirmed it was "snake grass" also commonly called horsetail.

While some of these spring arrivals are pretty to look at, many can be extremely invasive. Both native and non-native plants can take over fence lines, ditches, even gardens if not controlled. Some can also cause contact dermatitis, rashes, skin burns or other reactions. You can find a list on invasive species at:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/photos/index.asp>

Other things are happening in May:

Whooping cranes migrate north, Trilliums blooming, River otter pups arrive, & more.

Try your hand at a spring scavenger hunt.

<https://www.eekwi.org/explore/seasonal-observations/spring-savenger-hunt>



Excerpts from an interview with Shannon Stege, Committee Chair of the "Wildlife & Woods" Virtual Presentations.

What is Wildlife & Woods? *Wildlife & Woods are one hour on-line virtual sessions, where youth get to learn about different wildlife and trees through fun activities and short presentations led by youth.*

Who can attend? *Any 4-H youth, kindergarten to a year past high school, can join on-line to participate in activities through the chat box, annotating and talking.*

What do the youth learn about? *The Wildlife & Woods session themes vary. Some themes have been "Big Game Out West," "Songbirds & Fruit Trees" and "A Tropical Trip." The upcoming May session theme is "Wonderful Wetlands." Youth will learn about different types of wetlands, their value and unique habitat for diverse wildlife. Featured wildlife are river otter, tiger salamander and American bullfrog. The tamarack tree and some wildflowers will also be highlighted. Mark your calendar.*

When and where? *Wednesday, May 26, 7 pm sign up in 4-H Online to receive the Zoom link.*

The Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest was a success. 4-H youth entries were received from the following: Calumet, Eau Claire, Green Lake, Iowa, Monroe, Oconto, Oneida, Ozaukee, Pierce, Washington & Waukesha counties. Thank you, 4-H youth, for the wonderful entries and the judges for their valuable comments.

"Backyard & Back 40" Wildlife & Forestry Activities – We have topic suggestions for you. Just let us know and we'll email you: Wildlife/Forestry Activities - Anytime or Anywhere, along Wildlife WHEP Class Topics and Forestry Class Topics. There are topics for every interest and age group in the listings and we have more topics if needed. Need more ideas? Try these. 1.) Purple Loosetrife Beetle Growing Program, 2.) Building Bat Houses, 3.) Improving Habitat for Pollinators, 4.) Building Butterfly/Rain Gardens & Project Milkweed, 5.) Improving Habitat for Migrating Land Birds, 6.) Improving Upland Bird Habitats, 7.) Water & Riparian Areas Improvements, 8.) Forestry Fundamentals & Management Practices, 9.) Trees for Wildlife, Recreation, & A Renewable Resource, 10.) Understanding Distance, Directions, & Lay of the Land. 11.) And more.

Kerri, "TRACKS" Editor

Special Thanks are extended to the following for making the "Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H" & "Wisconsin 4-H Forestry" programs possible: Northern Kettle Moraine Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Forestry – Washington County; Safari Club International (SCI) Wisconsin Chapter; Wisconsin Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation; Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Friends; Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry State Committee Members. Advisor: Carlea Liermann





Reflect and Record

The end of summer is a great opportunity to stop and reflect on the past 4-H year. Many 4-H members reflect on their successes, their challenges, and their experiences through a 4-H record book. Record books are presented in a variety of ways, sometimes through journals, videos, or slideshow presentations. All of these formats allow 4-H members to reflect on their project goals and determine how much progress was made over the past year.

Keeping record books throughout a 4-H career will help youth end up with a summary of all that they've done through their time in 4-H. This summary can be helpful when filling out job and college applications. Record books may also be helpful when applying for county scholarships or awards.



Developing Life Skills

Keeping records of work during a 4-H career helps to grow important life skills.

- » **Self-reflection** on experiences and accomplishments
- » **Goal setting** for the future
- » **Planning and organizing** a successful project or experience
- » **Critical thinking** when challenges arise or things don't go quite as planned
- » **Budgeting** time to meet deadlines and budgeting money to cover the cost of supplies

Adults can **create space** for youth reflection.

- » Help your youth consider what their goals were for the past year and determine if they met their own expectations.
- » Begin to consider goals for next year. Ask questions like, "If you were going to do things again, how would you do them differently?"
- » Reflect regularly with your youth about their experiences at meetings and events.
- » Take a lot of pictures. Photos and videos are great ways to record participation in activities while also recording achievements.
- » Set aside a few minutes every month for 4-H youth to fill out records.

Clubs and counties may offer awards for keeping high quality records. Check with your local club leader or county educator to learn more.



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)





Track Your Progress

4-H members like you do awesome things every year. Keeping track of what you do in 4-H can help you to talk about your accomplishments with others. Many members keep track of what they did with a 4-H record book. Record books can be really helpful when you apply for college, jobs, or scholarships! If you are unsure of what record keeping your county does, ask your 4-H educator or a club advisor. A sample might be posted on your county webpage.

What should I record?

There's a lot that you can do in 4-H, so keeping track of everything might seem like a lot of work. If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, you should include it in your record.

- » Did you learn something?
- » Did you complete a project?
- » Did you accomplish a goal that you set for yourself?
- » Did you receive an award or a scholarship?
- » Did you travel somewhere with 4-H?
- » Did you spend or receive money for your project?
- » Did you make a presentation or give a speech?
- » Did you participate in a club activity?
- » Did you serve in a leadership role?

How do I record it?

Once you've got something to record, you have a lot of ways to keep track of it. Use whatever works best for you and the situation! You might use a mix of all of these things!

- » Write your record on a piece of paper, and keep all the paper in a folder.
- » Write all your records in a notebook.
- » Create a 4-H career scrapbook.
- » Set aside a box for ribbons, photos, and all your records.
- » Take a video of yourself where you talk about what you did.
- » Type your records in an online document.



Completing a craft project or helping out with a club community service project are great things to include in your records!

**If you store your records online, have an adult help you keep your information safe!
It's always good to store an extra copy of your digital records somewhere.**



Club officers should record their time spent learning to lead.

Records should **always** answer these questions:

1. What did you do?
2. When did you do it?
3. What did you learn along the way?
4. What important details do you want to remember?

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Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

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Reminder:

YQCA



Requirements

Youth for the quality care of animals, YQCA is a mandatory requirement for all exhibitors showing any Beef, Dairy, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep & Swine at the Eau Claire County Fair 2021.

The cost is \$12.00.

***All species certificates need to be
email to: Tammy Schlewitz***

BY JULY 1st.

eccountylivestockproject@gmail.com

WEBSITE: YQCA.LEARNGROW.IO

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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Fact Sheet

In the fall of 2017, Wisconsin replaced the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) state program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This new and interactive program provides youth a number of options for an annual quality assurance youth certification. YQCA was created for youth in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects.

YQCA provides a common framework for food animal quality assurance programs which:

- ☐ **Strengthen the youth educational experience,**
- ☐ **Improve the care of food animals, and**
- ☐ **Promote a higher level of consumer food safety.**

This program allows youth to learn about other species of animals; not just the species they show. This program allows for the consistency of information being taught to youth in all states and in all species of animals.

YQCA content and modules demonstrate a progression of topic knowledge in designated age categories (Age as of January 1):

- ☐ **Junior (8-11)**
- ☐ **Intermediate (12-14)**
- ☐ **Senior (15-18)**
- ☐ **Young Adult (19-21)**

Each year, youth complete one new module in each the following categories:

- ☐ **Animal Welfare** (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.),
- ☐ **Food Safety** (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.)
- ☐ **Character Education** (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.)

YQCA gives families more flexibility in gaining this required certification, which is more convenient to accommodate busy seasonal schedules. It's estimated that youth will spend roughly 60 minutes completing modules each year. Participating in the online program also saves money on fuel and food costs that can come with attending trainings.

YQCA illustrates the next generation of learning and can be offered to youth in a couple of ways:

1. **Online curriculum** - a youth exhibitor annually will complete three interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. This is available 24/7 which allows exhibitors flexibility to take the course at their convenience.
2. **Face to face** - Trainer led program by either Extension personnel, Agri-Science teachers or veterinarians that have gone through a certification training.
3. **Online Exam** – upon passing an online youth member can achieve more than 1 year of certification.

YQCA replaced Wisconsin's MAQA program and the National Pork Board Youth PQA program, both of which are no longer in existence. Wisconsin 4-H and FFA leaders are pleased to share their joint support of this program which was implemented in Wisconsin starting in the fall of 2017. In addition, Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions required certification in YQCA for participation in 2018.

Why quality assurance education?

- ☐ The livestock industry and business are constantly striving for high quality, wholesome products.
- ☐ All species organizations have quality assurance programs. BQA, FARM (Dairy), PQA, etc.
- ☐ Consumers are more interested in how and where their food is produced.
- ☐ United States exports a lot of pork and beef. If there is a poor experience, that market is lost and it impacts the whole industry.



Value of Quality Assurance Education?

- ☐ Most county programs provide education around grooming, showing and feeding. Very few offer specific information on the day to day management of animals, their facilities and their needs.
- ☐ This program also shares information related to sportsmanship, telling your story and young adult topics such as, stewardship, careers and hot topics in agriculture.
- ☐ Exhibitions and their partners value this education to minimize the incidence of unethical practices.
- ☐ Youth and parents are further removed from agriculture and how animals are raised and cared for.
- ☐ Need for consistent information from state to state.
- ☐ Wisconsin and Nebraska research indicates youth learn and put into practice what they gather from quality assurance education.

What is the cost?

- ☐ \$12/person/year for the online modules that are different each year.
- ☐ \$3/person/year for the face to face trainings.

Why the Cost?

- ☐ Online education increases cost due to managing the learning platform, however it increases the fun for the user and learning outcomes are greater.
- ☐ Development of creative modules where the information stays current.

Is YQCA required?

- ☐ Wisconsin State fair requires YQCA for Junior exhibitors for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Dairy, Poultry and Rabbits.
- ☐ This certification is highly encouraged for all youth in the aforementioned animal projects in Wisconsin.
- ☐ Counties should require YQCA!
- ☐ Processing plants & marketing channels require it.
- ☐ State fair, national junior swine association shows and other national shows require it.
- ☐ Conversations occur on further requirements.
- ☐ This is an annual certification.

Special features:

- ☐ The program was heavily peer reviewed and reviewed for youth age appropriateness.
- ☐ The online system gives youth options to receive the material. The system will read the material to youth so they can hear it.
- ☐ Coupons can be purchased to minimize the cost. Examples are: Producer groups, leader's councils, FFA alumni programs, etc.

Access to the program both online and face to face:

- ☐ Log into <http://yqca.org>
- ☐ Follow the step by step instructions.

You can keep up with Wisconsin YQCA by going to <http://fvi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca> or by following the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program Facebook page.

Bernie O'Rourke can be contacted by email at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Updated: 11/7/2019

Club Minutes



PVC May 2021 Meeting Minutes

Before the meeting, Connor and the Thompson family led a recycling project where members made bird feeders from toilet paper tubes. The meeting was called to order by Allison and pledges were said. Roll call was taken by saying your favorite animal. We did a birthday clap for Rosie. Motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Ada and seconded by Conner. The treasurer's report was also read.

For old business we decided to go hiking at Beaver Creek Reserve on Sunday, May 23 at noon. A motion was made by Ada and seconded by Rosie for the club to pay trail fees for club members.

For new business, we decided to tour Nelson dairy farm on June 21 before the club meeting probably meeting there at 4:30 pm. Wathke's will confirm the date and time with Nelson's. After the tour, we will head to the Paint Shack for our meeting and rock painting that was postponed this month. If anyone else would like us to stop at their house to see a 4-H project after the farm tour and before the meeting, please let Wendy know. The Pleasant Valley Historical Committee is inviting our club to an informal get-together on June 23 from 4-6pm. Please RSVP to Betty Myren at 715-287-4123 or email dbmyren@trivest.net by June 18. Our club will be on 4-H on the Air in July. The Reck girls volunteered. If any other members would like to be on 4-H on the Air, please contact Wendy. Members were encouraged to sign up for a shift in the 4-H food tent at Farm Tech days. Please help if at all possible...you must be at least 16 years old. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4baaac2ca7ff2-food>

There was no youth leaders report. For the adult leaders report, we were reminded that if anyone needs reimbursement from the club, the fiscal year ends June 30. Adults are needed to help with 4-H camp. Please contact Rachel Hart-Brinson to volunteer. Watch for Market Match and Fair Entry sign-ups. For fair book, schedule, and updates go to www.eauclairecountyfair.com

At the end of the meeting, Seeley did a demonstration showing his Lego forest and Connor did one on diamond art. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by June and seconded by Seeley.

Maple Drive Boosters

Our meeting was held at our wayside and started at 7:00pm. We started our meeting with roll call and all shared what we were most excited for this summer. Then we moved onto the pledges and the secretary's report. After those were completed we went over the treasurer's report and moved onto recognition. Lisa recognized Kayna for organizing dinner and Sarah for picking up dinner. Lucia recognized everyone for successfully making it through the first full week of school. We then moved onto old business and discussed the mowing schedule and can pick up at the wayside. After the old business was approved we moved onto the new business where we discussed 4H camp and the different virtual learning opportunities. We then discussed fair raffle tickets and the fair in general and how it will go. We also talked about Farm Technology days and how we will be volunteering. After new business was approved we moved onto the general leaders notes where Lisa went over where our next meeting will be held.

Club Minutes

Pleasant Valley Secretary Report May, 2021

Pleasant Valley 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 20th of May at the Pleasant Valley Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Rachel Anderson at 6:36 P.M. The pledges were led by Sophie. We then celebrated May birthdays; Happy Birthday to Garrett. The Treasurer's report was sent out in an email. Paige made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Alana. Motion passed. The Secretary's report was sent out in an email and approved by the club. Alana made a motion to approve the secretary's report and it was seconded by Teegan. Our guest Robin Barnhardt shared about airplanes, he told us how he became a pilot, the steps to get your pilot's license and when you can fly. He also showed us his own airplane Lucy, the instruction panel and air traffic control.

We then recapped old business. Friends of the fair raffle tickets are to be given or mailed to Jenny Zimmerman. There were no new updates on the New 4-H guidelines. Old business was passed by Lindsay and seconded by Ava.

We moved on to new business. The 4-H Camp Enrollment Deadline is May 31st talk to Heather if you want a reimbursement form. Volunteers are needed for the Leaders Stand during the fair. The time slots are 3 hours for clubs. Family and Friends will be able to attend this year's fair. For anyone bringing animals to the fair a Stall and Pen Registration Form is due June 1st. Also YQCA Requirements to bring an animal to the fair is due July 1st. Farm Technology Days needs food tent volunteers if you are 16 years or older. If you have started working on your record books now would be a good time. As a reminder there is a new format for record books and They are due August 19th. This year we will be waiving the demonstrations and the meeting requirement in order to show at the fair. We discussed doing Bikes and Blizzards in the beginning of August. We will be doing optional demonstrations at the June meeting, this is an opportunity to show the club what you are working on for the fair. We will be doing kickball before the meeting at 6:00 pm. New business was passed by Teegan and seconded by Sam.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. by Alex and seconded by Amelia. Our next club meeting is Thursday, June 17th at 6:30 P.M. at Cleghorn Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Berg

Club Minutes

Pleasant Hill Go-Getters 5/10/21 Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Lily. We started by making cream puffs so we could get them into the oven to bake while we were having our meeting. The ingredients are listed on Lily's Facebook page. Next, we had Jillian and Grayson do pledges. Grayson also led the ice breaker, which was a Would you Rather! It was so fun.

Jodi gave the treasurer report. We have \$713 in checking and \$247.06 in Savings.

For Old Business, Abby talked a bit about the Paint Shack meeting and Jillian and Lyle talked about what they painted. We talked about YQCA, club dues, and there was no Clover Leaf Report because Alisha was absent. Abby and Jillian motioned the Old business.

For new business, we talked about our June and July meetings. We said we were going to the Town Hall for the June meeting to play yard games. We are replacing the flags at Lakeview Cemetery on May 15th at 8:45 am. We will have our clean up at Sherman Park on May 31st from 6-7:30pm. Entries for the fair start May 17th and are due by June 11th. Fair volunteering will start on June 11th. We will need people to help check in projects. For 4-H summer camps, sign up is happening now! There will be a 3-day camp for the older kids and 2 days for the younger kids. Lily will be a camp counselor. The flower fundraiser made \$1,363 minus our cost of \$1,067 for a total of \$295 in profit. We could charge more for the flowers next year. We talked about having a water fun day for the July meeting. New business was motioned by Jillian and Lyle. There were no demonstrations and happy early birthday to Jillian! Jillian and Grayson motioned for the meeting to end. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

After the meeting Heidi showed us how to make the whipped cream for the cream puffs and we all made ours as well. You can send a photo to Jodi of your finished cream puff!

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Hendrickson, secretary

Eau Claire Clovers

We started off our May 23 meeting with Miles and Marshal reading the pledges. Two new members joined our club this month, Charlie Weaver and Nivea O'Donnell.

The Secretary's report was sent out online

Patricia gave a small refresher on how to motion. The Treasurer's report was read, and Anna motioned, and Miles seconded.

In the old business, the Karl Peterson shoot was on April 24 and shout out to the Munions for running the food stand! The food review was May 16 and all YQCA classes must be done by June first. Miles motioned and Julia seconded old business

In New Business, sign up for projects is open until June 11, Friends of the Fair raffle tickets were sent out, and 50\$ was given towards a silent auction basket. Summer day camp will be from June 7-10 at the Cleghorn Community Center. Sign up is open until May 31st. The Clothing Revue will be June 24th and Market Match is now open for sign up. The Brat Bran will be June 5th at the Claremont festival, sign up is open now. There is a sign-up genius available to do so. Marshal motioned and Piper seconded.

In the Leaders report, Cindi shared that she would be taking over as leader until Francine can return. Marshal motioned and Anna seconded.

Next month's meeting will be geocaching at Lowes Creek County Park. Details can be found on Facebook.

FairEntry Deadline

JUNE 11TH

If you have any questions please contact
Debbie Kitchen 715.579.4703 or
email: eauclairefair@gmail.com

***All fair information can be found on
eauclairecountyfair.com website***



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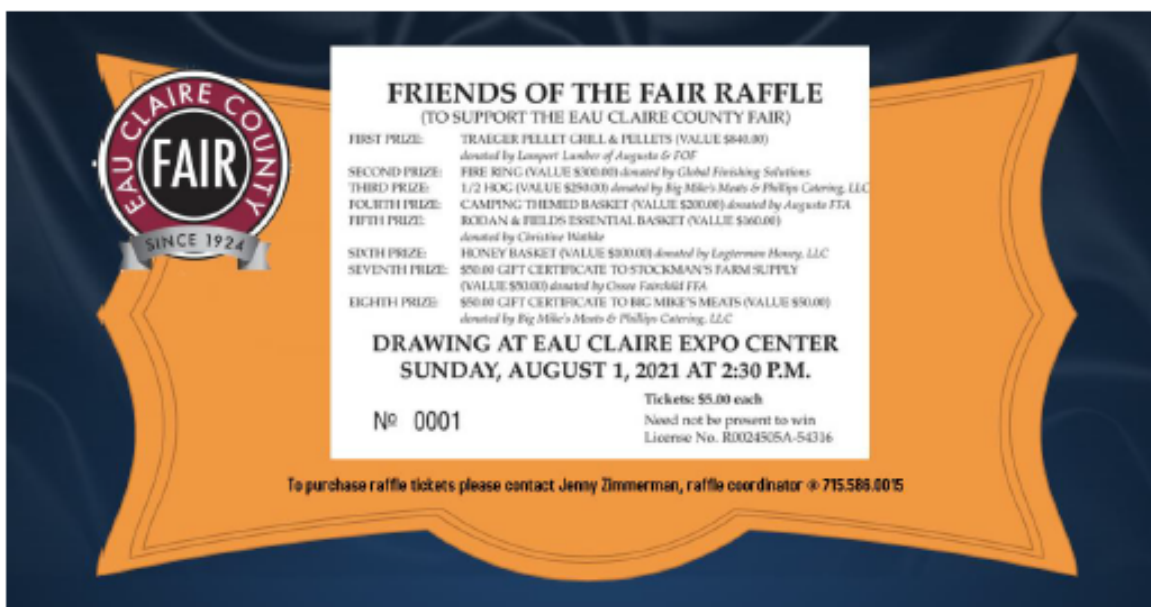
Eau Claire County Fair

July 28 – August 1, 2021

Tickets \$5 each

Drawing: Sunday, August 1 at 2:30pm

Need not be present to win



Each family who is exhibiting at the 2021 EC Fair, will be asked to do ONE of the following:

1. Sell/buy 5 raffle tickets (5 tickets at \$5 each = \$25)
2. Give a monetary donation of \$25
3. Provide a donation item for the silent auction, valued at \$25 or more

Tickets have been distributed, through a variety of ways. If you have not received your packet, wish to get more raffle tickets, or have any questions, please contact: Jenny Zimmerman – jenzimmerman3@gmail.com or 715-586-0015

Deadline: June 1 Please return your half sheet, tickets, and payment to Jenny Zimmerman (self-addressed envelope). Contact Jenny to make other arrangements if needed.

Thank you to those who have already returned their packets and purchased raffle tickets. Friends of the Fair appreciate your support!!

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Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair

Our Mission: To secure the resources needed to provide the financial stability that will assure the future of the Eau Claire County Fair as a family and youth focused community event.

A message from the Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair,

The Friends of the Fair (FOF) has worked tirelessly to ensure that the youth of Eau Claire County are able to participate and exhibit projects to show what they have accomplished over the past year. In order to achieve this goal and meet our mission, FOF annually strives to secure the financial support necessary to successfully host a fair. This couldn't be done without support, in-kind donations, sponsorships from businesses, community members, non-profit organizations, area grants, and by individuals and families who believe in supporting the youth.

In the past, FOF held a golf outing and dinner to help off-set the cost of the fairgrounds and raise funds for all expenses. More recently, a silent auction and raffle have been the main fundraising events and have been a huge success for FOF and the fair by covering the annual expense of the fairgrounds (typically \$5,200 per year). With changes taking place with the County and Extension relationships, as well as the Covid-19 mandates that are in place, financial support for the fair this year will need to look a little different. This year, to put on the fair, FOF is asking each exhibiting fair family for support.

Each family will be asked to do ONE of the following:

1. Sell/buy 5 raffle tickets (5 tickets at \$5 each = \$25)
2. Give a monetary donation of \$25
3. Provide a donation item for the silent auction, valued at \$25 or more

**** See enclosed slip for instructions****

Friends of the Fair understands these are difficult times for everyone. They, along with the Fair Committee, continue to look for cost saving measures through all aspects of the fair and follow up on any possible leads for donations and support, while continuing to host a high quality, youth and family focused event.

The FOF and the Fair Committee would also ask for families to volunteer at the fair. Volunteering helps reduce costs and is a great way to support the fair.

For our youth, the county fair fosters life skills, leadership, emotional and social development, and strength in family, amongst other important aspects. These benefits and elements, both direct and indirect, have been a tradition at our fair and are the reasons we are working tirelessly to continue to offer this experience to our youth.

Get involved and support the fair, while supporting our youth!

Thank you,

Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair Board & Committee



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Family Last Name: _____

Name(s) of Youth Exhibiting in Family: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate which option your family will participate in. Select ONE:

- ☐ Buy/Sell \$25 worth of raffle tickets (5 tickets total at \$5 each)
5 tickets are enclosed
Fill out raffle tickets, write check payable to: Friends of the Fair
Send to or drop off with Jenny Zimmerman at address below
- ☐ Donate \$25 to Friends of the Fair to cover 2021 Fair Expenses
Return the unsold raffle tickets
Write check payable to: Friends of the Fair
Send to or drop off with Jenny Zimmerman at address below
- ☐ Provide an item for the Silent Auction, valued at \$25 or more
To be dropped off at the Eau Claire Co Expo building on Wednesday, July 28, 2021
List what you intend to donate: _____
- ☐ Check here if you wish to sell/buy additional raffle tickets.
Please indicate how many you would like _____

Mail this completed slip, raffle tickets (sold & unsold) & payment to:

Jenny Zimmerman (FOF Raffle Coordinator & Secretary)

S15405 County Road R

Osseo WI 54758

715-586-0015

Jenzimmerman3@gmail.com



Greetings:

The Eau Claire County Fair Committee is excited to share our decision to move forward with the expectation of holding as much of the 2021 Eau Claire County Fair as possible. Regardless of what portion of the Fair may be held, we plan to provide a 2021 Fair experience for our exhibiting youth. We will be taking all required precautions to make the Fair safe for our exhibitors, volunteers, and judges as we move forward with preparations. We look forward to seeing our exhibitors and their projects at the 2021 Eau Claire County Fair!

Exhibitors that the 2020 Showcase would have been their last year showing will be allowed to exhibit one additional year at the 2021 Fair.

Updated Fair Books will be available March 15, 2021.

Fair Entry will be available May 1 – June 4, 2021 on Fair Entry.

Watch for updates: the Eau Claire County Fair Facebook page,
in the 4-H Cloverleaves, and the Friends of the Fair website
<http://eauclairecountyfair.com>

If you have any questions, please contact eauclairefair@gmail.com

Fair Sponsorship

If you would like to be a sponsor of the Eau Claire County Fair, please see the next three pages for the information and forms! Thank you for your support of the Eau Claire County Fair!



January 1, 2020

Greetings!

Since its first year in 1924, the Eau Claire County Fair has been an educational experience for patrons of all ages. This free and family focused event is held the last week in July, and truly has something for everyone. Visitors can enjoy the Classic Car Show, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Sports, Livestock Auction, Animal Exhibits, STEAM Day, Kid's Day activities on Friday and Saturday (*featuring a petting zoo, emergency vehicles, and safety displays*). Visitors can experience these and many more activities at the fair.

In an effort to create a more efficient sponsorship process for the Eau Claire County Fair, a streamlined application is furnished for your convenience. Sponsorship requests have been categorized for ease. This is an opportunity for you to contribute your support to the Eau Claire County Fair, with multiple levels available, including options to have your logo or name on the exclusive fair t-shirt for the 2020 Eau Claire County Fair!

None of these wonderful community opportunities would be possible without support from generous donors like you! The following page includes a breakdown of ways in which you can become or continue to be a partner in the future of the Eau Claire County Fair.

Sincerely,

Eau Claire County Fair Sponsorship Committee

Eau Claire County Fair Legacy Partner: (\$1,500+) You will receive all benefits associated with the Diamond Donors. Also, your company logo will be included beside your name on the official fair t-shirt and you will receive 5 complementary t-shirts for your support.

Diamond Donors: (\$1,000-\$1,499.99) Your name and company logo will be in color on the widely distributed fair brochure, included on our website and displayed on banners and event brochures throughout the fairgrounds. Your company name will be included on the official fair t-shirt.

Platinum Donors: (\$500-\$999.99) Your name will be listed in color on the fair brochure and included on our website and displayed on banners and event brochures throughout the fairgrounds.

Gold Donors: (\$250-\$499.99) Your name will be listed in color on the brochure and included on our website and displayed on banners throughout the fairgrounds.

Silver Donors: (\$100-\$249.99) Your name will be printed on our brochure and included on a banner during the fair.

Bronze Donors: (\$25-99.99) Your name will be listed with other generous donors on a banner during the fair.

If you are donating at a level that includes the promotion of your logo, please email your logo to lisa@johnsonlitho.com.

Questions? Please contact one of the following Sponsorship Committee Members with any questions you may have.

Debbie Kitchen [\(715\) 579-4703](tel:7155794703)
Cindi Syverson [\(715\) 864-7307](tel:7158647307)
Lisa Vetsch [\(715\) 271-5015](tel:7152715015)

Yes, I want to help the youth of Eau Claire County and support the Fair!

Please find enclosed my donation of \$_____. I would like my donation to go towards: (Please check all that apply). *Sponsorships are confirmed on a first come first serve basis.*

- ☐ Tent Sponsorships
- ☐ Special Fair Events (*Please indicate if you wish to support a specific event at the fair*)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Car Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Kid's Day Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FFA Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Class Beer/Wine Judging | <input type="checkbox"/> STEAM Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowboy Mounted Shooting Sports | | |
- ☐ In-Kind Donation (*Please specify the items donated and their value on the lines below*)
- Item:* _____ *Value:* _____
- ☐ Trophies/Ribbons/Fair Awards *If you wish, you may specify a category for the award you would like to sponsor on the line. (Ex. Computers, Natural Science, etc.)*
- OPTION #1* _____ *OPTION #2* _____
- ☐ Animal Awards
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock (<i>Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry/Rabbit |
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- ☐ Unspecified Monetary Donation (*Your generous donation will be applied as needed*)

Name: _____

Company Name (*If Applicable*): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Please indicate your level of sponsorship (*Refer to the letter for levels*): _____

If donating as an Eau Claire County Fair Legacy Partner, please indicate t-shirt sizes for all 5 shirts.

Checks can be made payable to: "Friends of the Fair" and sent to:
P.O. Box 434 Augusta, WI 54722

We are asking that your donations be submitted by **February 28, 2020**. Payment must be submitted before your name or company logo will be added to fair materials. All proceeds will help with the continuation of the Eau Claire County Fair. Your support is greatly appreciated!
