

# Clover Leaves



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EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

## Eau Claire County's 4-H Newsletter



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

Hello Fine 4-H Folks!

I keep feeling like time is evaporating. Where did October go????!!!

On to November ! Sign up for the 4-H Cultural Holiday Baking Mini Camp being held November 30 through December 21. See pages 7 & 8 for details. **Registration deadline is Nov 10, so don't delay!**

We hope to see you at the Eau Claire County 4-H Recognition Banquet on Saturday, November 13 at 1:30PM at the Pleasant Valley Community Center for Bingo, prizes, and 4-H recognition. We expect attendees to wear masks if over 2 years old. I am looking forward to seeing you all and celebrating the accomplishments of our 4-H young people and the adults who volunteer their time. Recognizing our youth is an important part of the 4-H program. I hope you will join us. See page 6 for more details.

We are happy to announce that we are setting the date for the Performing Arts Festival for March 5, 2022 in Cadott. (see p. 9). There will be some new entry options for solo or small ensemble music and drama pieces. Mark your calendars and start collecting your ideas. If you need plays, there are some in the office and I have a subscription to an online repository. Just let me know...

I am starting to plan the summer programming partnership with the Eau Claire Area School district. If any certified 4-H Volunteer wants to help develop a class through 4-H or any youth leader wants to help me lead project learning, please let me know by December 1.

Lastly, Luisa and I are discussing winter and summer camp. We need to know your interest in a Sat/Sun January weekend "leadership camp" and your interest in a summer 4-H camp. Please fill out this survey:

<https://forms.gle/eRhWd0xLs4eLbQGH9> Thanks!

Here's to a great 4-H year!!!

## November 2021

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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](http://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](mailto:Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us)

## Calendar

**Nov 13:** County Awards Banquet

**Nov 30-Dec 21:** 4-H Cultural Holiday Baking Mini Camp

**Nov 30:** Annual Leader Training

**Dec 15:** VIP Training

**January 31:** Annual Leader Training

**March 5:** Performing Arts Festival



## Leaders

### Eau Claire County 4-H Leaders Association

**Nov 9, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

On Zoom

#### Agenda Items:

- President Elections
- Leaders Food Stand at the Fair
- Fundraising
- Project Leaders
- Club type opportunities
- Banquet/Awards
- Thrive model

**Executive Board meeting at 6:15PM—use the same link**

## 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.

Please contact Rachel if you want to take this training.

**December 15 at 6:30PM** is the next scheduled VIP training. If that date does not work for you, please contact Rachel.

## 4-H On the Air Schedule



### 1st Saturday Of The Month

Month	Club	Contact
December	Pleasant Valley	Heather Iverson

### Club and Project Leaders!

Sign up now for the 2022 4-H On the Air! Eau Claire County 4-H is on the first Saturday of the month and the fifth Saturday in January. You can sign up by calling Andy at the Extension office or email him at [Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us) He will need to know your club name, contact person, their phone number and email.

## Dog Project

Do you have a dog and want to explore new activities with them? Consider joining the 4-H dog project. We would love to have you join us and explore teaching your dog new tricks as well as basic obedience and even a touch of agility. You can contact us at [ecdogproject@gmail.com](mailto:ecdogproject@gmail.com) or look for us on Facebook at Eau Claire 4-H Dog Project. You can also call Stephanie Sorensen at 715-829-2514 for more information.



## 4HOnline Enrollment & Re-enrollment Open!



Enrollment and re-enrollment is open at 4HOnline! Returning 4-Hers have until November 1 to enroll for the 2021-2022 4-H Year. Go to [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com) to do so. You can also sign up for new projects and drop any in which you do not wish to participate this year. (You have until May 1 to do so.)


Enroll now so you will continue to get all newsletters and other 4-H Information!

If you don't remember your password, scroll down a bit on the front page and click on "Reset password?"

This is also the time for new 4-H members to sign up, so tell your friends!

If you have any problems with this process, call Andy at the Extension office. 715-839-4712.





# EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BANQUET

SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 13

1:30-3:30PM

AT CLEGHORN  
COMMUNITY CENTER

S10414 Cty HH/I ELEVA, WI 54738

**GREAT PRIZES!  
FUN FOR ALL!**

**DUE TO COVID PRECAUTIONS A FORMAL MEAL WILL NOT BE SERVED.**

# THEME CONTEST FOR THE 2022 EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FAIR



The theme will be used  
to promote the fair at  
fair events and on  
promotional materials.

**WINNER OF THE CONTEST WILL RECEIVE  
\$20 CASH PRIZE.**

DEADLINE FOR THE THEME CONTEST IS November 15th.  
EMAIL YOUR ENTRIES TO: [eauclairefair@gmail.com](mailto:eauclairefair@gmail.com)

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

## Friends of the Fair Annual Meeting

Pleasant Valley Town Hall





# *Area 5/6/9 Cultural Holiday Baking*

**TUESDAYS AT 6:30  
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 21**

**NOVEMBER 30**

*Cranberry Cornmeal Cookies*

*Native America*

**DECEMBER 7**

*Melomakarona*

*Greece*

**DECEMBER 14**

*Vanilla Meringue Cookies*

*Bolivia*

**DECEMBER 21**

*Bûche de Noël*

*France*

**Registration opens October 27! More information to follow!**

# Cultural Holiday Baking Camp

It's that time of year again... The Cultural Holiday Baking Workshop is open for registration! This year, we'll be exploring more than just cookies! Dates for these sessions will be:

- November 30 Cranberry Cornmeal Cookies- Native American Cookies
- December 7 Melomakarona-Greek
- December 14 Vanilla Meringue Cookies-Bolivia
- December 21 Buche de Noel (Yule Log Cake)- France

We will meet at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Sessions will be recorded and sent out each week in case you are not able to join us.

Registration is open to youth in grades 3 and up on 4-H Online; if you are not a 4-H member don't fret! You can register as a participant and create a profile. If you need more information on registering as a participant, please find more information here: [Register for an Event](#). Registration closes on November 10th! Be sure to ask your county 4-H Educator if you have issues with registration!

The cost of the program is \$5 per participant for Eau Claire County with the option to add a Cultural Cookie Cookbook at an additional cost of \$15. If you have program-specific questions feel free to reach out to Andrea Rippley, the Trempealeau and Jackson County 4-H Program Educator: [andrea.ripple@wisc.edu](mailto:andrea.ripple@wisc.edu) or 715-538-3451.



Have you re-enrolled at 4HOnline for the  
2021-2022 4-H Year?

If not, please do so today at

[Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com)

It takes only a few minutes to re-enroll!

## Medication Safety

My Human Development and Relationships Colleague, Yia, is partnering on a project with the County Health Department around medication safety in the home. They are distributing kits this fall and winter that include one large or small medication lockbox, 2-3 deactivation bags, along with some informational flyers. If you or a family member has interest in receiving these kits, you can contact me or connect with Yia, directly at [yia.lor@wisc.edu](mailto:yia.lor@wisc.edu).



# **17<sup>th</sup> Annual** **Pleasant Valley 4-H** **Cookie Walk and Craft Sale**

**Cookies by the pound!**  
**Local vendors!**

**Where: Pleasant Valley Community Center**

**When: Saturday, December 11, 2021 10:00 am - Noon**



## **Performing Arts Festival 2022**

The Performing Arts Festival will be happening in 2022! It will be held Saturday, March 5 at the Cadott High School. Please mark your calendars.

The Performing Arts Festival will incorporate music performances (solo, ensemble and small group), drama performances (skits, short plays, one acts, readers theater and more) and then the speaking contest (interpretive reading, original speech, dynamic duos, demonstrations etc.).

The day will start with music performances in the morning, speaking throughout the day and drama in the afternoon. The Area 6 Educators are currently exploring food options to provide for families during the day.

We are looking forward to seeing your youth's, club's or group's creativity come out at the 2022 Performing Arts Festival.



**PLWG**  
PROGRAM LEADERS  
WORKING GROUP



# We want to hear from youth like you!

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION & SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Please join the **Access, Equity and Belonging Committee (AEBC)** for a listening session with youth and provide new and exciting ideas to help us establish a Youth Advisory Group.

### Focus Group Goals

- Provide a youth perspective and partner with AEBC in the decision-making process of building a youth advisory group
- Establish youth advisory group purpose
- Determine what makes a youth advisory group successful
- Identify barriers to youth advisory group participation

Open to youth and young adults ages 15-20.

Youth with diverse backgrounds and experiences are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Interested? Simply click and register via one of the four Zoom focus group links below:

**Tuesday  
September 14, 2021**

7:00 pm (EST) /  
4:00 pm (PST)

**Saturday  
October 12, 2021**

8:00 pm (EST) /  
5:00 pm (PST)

**Tuesday  
November 9, 2021**

9:00 pm (EST) /  
6:00 pm (PST)

**Tuesday  
December 14, 2021**

10:00 pm (EST) /  
7:00 pm (PST)

For more information, please contact, **Phillip Ealy** at [ple13@psu.edu](mailto:ple13@psu.edu)

The Access, Equity and Belonging Committee provides resources and professional development to 4-H professionals and 4-H volunteers to strengthen their capacity to engage and sustain the participation of diverse youth in 4-H, who will have equitable access and opportunity to fully engage and feel a sense of belonging in 4-H.

Dear Youth Cat Lover,

Thanks for your previous support of our Cat Shows. Enclosed is a copy of the Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project Youth Cat Show entry form. We hope you, your family and/or friends will be able to attend. This show is open only to Youth 3rd grade thru 12th grade and has extra creative activities to participate in. Attached are two shareable handouts. Please help us promote this show by sharing it via text/email/Facebook.

Thanks for your support,  
Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project



# CALLING ALL KIDS!

## YOUTH FUN CAT SHOW

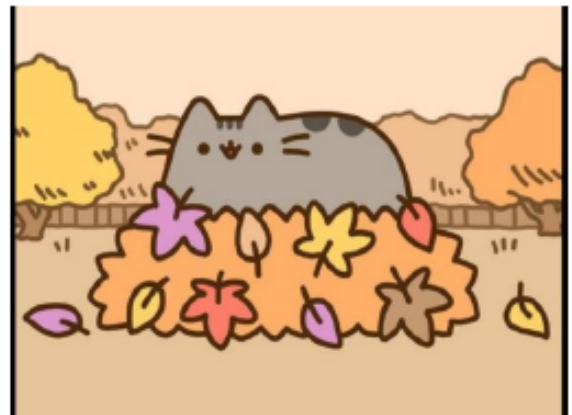
**November 13, 2021**

**Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church  
N5990 Country Aire Rd  
Plymouth, WI 53073**

For an entry form contact us at:

Facebook: [Sheboygan County 4H Cat Project](#)

Email: [sheboygan4hcatproject@gmail.com](mailto:sheboygan4hcatproject@gmail.com)



# CALLING ALL KIDS!

## YOUTH FUN CAT SHOW

**November 13, 2021**

**Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church  
N5990 Country Aire Rd  
Plymouth, WI 53073**

For an entry form contact us at:

Facebook: [Sheboygan County 4H Cat Project](#)



Interested? Contact the Extension Office for the application materials.





# 4-H Cloverbuds @ Home Mini Camp

## Areas 5/6/9

Explore the fun and exciting world of the 4-H Cloverbud project. This mini camp is open to all youth Pre K–2nd grade. Two activities will be offered each month (a virtual learning activity and an at home activity). This mini camp will run from December–April.



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**Zoom Workshops:**  
**2nd Thursday of each**  
**month Dec–Apr @**  
**6:30pm**



### YOU KNOW YOU'RE A 4-H'ER WHEN...

You plan your summer vacations and everything else around the fair...

When you confuse the 4-H pledge with the pledge of allegiance...

You're only 12 and you can run a meeting better than most adults...

You age out of the program and immediately sign leaders paperwork...

When the animal barns smell like home!





# Cloverbuds at Home

## Registration form

We are excited to offer the Cloverbuds at Home program again this year! This program is designed for **ANY** youth in grades K-2, not just registered Cloverbud members. Each youth will receive a box with 5 months of hands-on learning activities, running December-April (boxes contain several supplies, but youth will be responsible for supplies not included – these are items you have around your house). Each month offers **TWO** different educational opportunities! One staff-lead Zoom meeting, and one on your own opportunity. Please note that participating in the Zoom meetings are encouraged but optional. Each Zoom meeting will start at 6:30 pm and run approx. 30-45 mins, the dates are as follows; Thursday, December 9, Thursday, January 13, Thursday, February 10, Thursday, March 10, and Thursday, April 14.

Registration closes on Monday, November 22 so don't delay, register today!  
Your registration is not complete unless payment accompanies your form.

First and Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-up will be at the Extension Office in Altoona on the nights listed below. Please include a check with this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will pick our boxes up on Friday, December 3 from 8am-4:30pm

\_\_\_\_\_ We will pick our boxes up on Monday, December 6 from 8am-5:30pm

\_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to pick our boxes up on the designated pick-up times

Number of *Cloverbud at Home* boxes ordering: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to:** Extension, Eau Claire County

**Mail to:** Extension, Eau Claire County

ATTN: Rachel Hart-Brinson

227 First Street W,

Altoona, WI 54720

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Payment:

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash

\_\_\_\_\_ Check → Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

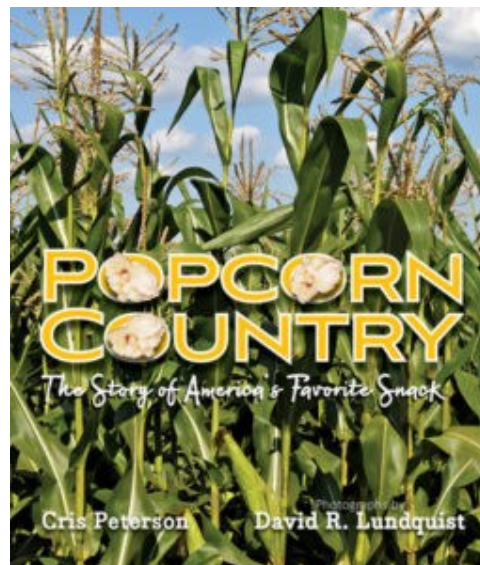
# Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

## 2021-2022 Essay Contest Information

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth and fifth-grade students. Each year the topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teachers, volunteers and homeschool parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture. The topic is selected after the Book of the Year is picked. The 2022 Book of the Year is "Popcorn Country" by Wisconsin author and dairy farmer, Cris Peterson. You can order the book [here](#).

This year's essay contest topic is, *'What's Popping in Wisconsin? The value of corn to our economy!'*

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. This year students must make three references to Wisconsin agriculture and a new essay grading rubric was developed. The essay contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located below. **Essays are due April 1, 2022.**



The contest is sponsored by We Energies, Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board, Wisconsin Corn and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Nine district winners will be selected with one being chosen as the state winner in May. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation for his or her class. Last year, more than 1,400 students participated in the contest.

Questions about the book or essay contest can be directed to Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Darlene Arneson at [darneson@wfbf.com](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com).

Go to [Essay Contest | Wisconsin Ag In The Classroom \(wisagclassroom.org\)](http://wisagclassroom.org) for the 2022 Essay Contest Flyer Packet

Club Leaders, Cindi Syverson would be glad to come to your club's meeting to present this to your 4-Hers! Contact her at [csyverson@charter.net](mailto:csyverson@charter.net)

## **4-H Clubs to Create Newest Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor: Entries Now Being Accepted**

Madison, WI [August 1, 2020] — [Cedar Crest Ice Cream](#), Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and the [Wisconsin 4-H Foundation](#) have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. More than 1600 clubs are eligible to create and submit a flavor ‘recipe’ with the top clubs named as finalists, and the top flavor produced for summer 2022.

According to Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, the contest is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to work together to develop and name their flavor. “The most exciting part of the contest is the winning flavor will be available through Cedar Crest beginning next July.” The annual contest has already yielded popular flavors including Deep Woods, created by the Baraboo Valley 4-H Club and Wisconsin Campfire S’mores, created by the Springbrook 4-H Club of New Richmond. This year’s winning flavor was Tractor Tracks, created by the Country Clover 4-H Club in Green Lake County.

A panel of ice cream experts chosen by Cedar Crest judges the entries. The company manufactures more than 80 flavors of ice cream, along with frozen custard, sherbet and sorbet at its Manitowoc, Wisconsin, plant, and distributes products in five states. Many of the flavors now produced by Cedar Crest, including Wisconsin Campfire S’mores and Big Muddy, are a result of the contest.

More information and the entry form are available at [www.cedarcresticecream.com](http://www.cedarcresticecream.com). **Entries are due by November 12, 2021.** The winner will be announced in December 2021.



**Winners of the 2020 Cedar Crest Ice Cream naming contest:  
Country Clover 4-H Club in Green Lake County**



# WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEING A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER



On average

**123**

people die by suicide each day

**1 in 5**

people live with  
a mental health condition



**Mental Health First Aid** teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

**Sign up for a FREE Adult Mental Health First Aid Training  
at <https://wirose.wisc.edu/community-programming/>**

## Virtual Adult Mental Health First Aid

First Aiders will complete a 2-hour, self-paced online class, and then participate in a 6-hour, Instructor-led Zoom Meeting.

### Upcoming Trainings

All trainings start at 9am and end at 3:30pm

- [Oct 25, 2021](#)
- [Nov 5, 2021](#)
- [Nov 11, 2021](#)
- [Dec 10, 2021](#)



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Trainings are offered through the Wisconsin Rural Opioid and Stimulant Engagement (WiROSE), funded by SAMHSA to address opioid and stimulant prevention, intervention, and recovery. WiROSE is a project of the Extension Health and Well-being Institute. An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements





# WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEING A YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER

**59.4%**

of Wisconsin Youth

have experienced depression, anxiety,  
self-harm or suicidal ideation in the past  
12 months

**1 in 5**

Youth live with  
a mental health condition



**Youth Mental Health First Aid** is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people.

**Sign up for a FREE Youth Mental Health First Aid Training  
at <https://wirose.wisc.edu/community-programming/>**

## Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid

First Aiders will complete a 2-hour, self-paced online class, and then participate in an Instructor-led Zoom Meeting. Limited to 20 adults.

## Upcoming Trainings

All trainings start at 9:00am and end at 3:00 pm

- [Oct 29, 2021](#)
- [Nov 30, 2021](#)
- [Dec 3, 2021](#)
- [Dec 17, 2021](#)

## Who should be trained?

- Teachers
- School staff
- Coaches
- Camp counselors
- Youth group leaders
- Parents
- People who work with youth



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# Positive Youth Development Media Collection

## Borrow Resources from the PYD Media Collection

The Positive Youth Development (PYD) Media Collection is a library of educational tools that can be borrowed from anywhere in the state. The collection has a new home and a new checkout system.

Visit the PYD Media Collection [website](#) to see what is available. You will find displays, skillathons, learning lab kits, interactive CD ROMs, DVDs, and more. Project materials currently include horse, dairy, livestock, small animal, and some arts. We have kept the most used and current materials. Most outdated materials have been removed.

There is no cost to order materials for Extension-sponsored programs. Non-Extension user groups must pay for outbound and return postage plus a \$10 handling fee.

To learn more about the PYD Media Collection, see lists of materials by project area, and find out how to request materials, visit the [website](#). Contact Monica Lobenstein, Learning Resources Specialist, [monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu](mailto:monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu) or 715-896-0377, with questions.





## Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whepwith/>  
Email: [nbyogerst@gmail.com](mailto:nbyogerst@gmail.com)



### "TRACKS" – October 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,

Did you know Wisconsin is home to a number of rare and uncommon mammals? In addition to a number of rare bats, Wisconsin is a heritage home to the snowshoe hare, the Canada lynx, northern flying squirrel, and American marten.

Here's more. Snowshoe hares are forest dwellers. Their coats are snow white in winter but turn brown when the snow melts. This color change takes about 10 weeks to complete. The Canada Lynx resembles a bobcat except they have solid black on the top and bottom of their tail. They have triangular ears with black tufts at the tips and are good climbers and swimmers. They are rare in Wisconsin and federally protected. The Northern flying squirrel uses its patagium (loose flap of skin between the front and hind legs) to glide between trees. They live 3-4 years and produce one litter per year between May and October. The American Marten is a member of the weasel family. They had to be reintroduced into Wisconsin after loss of habitat and over trapping significantly dwindled their numbers.

Source: [Wisconsin's Rare Mammals - Wisconsin DNR](#)

Looking for more outdoor inspiration and activities?

Check out this link for free resources! [Education and Learning | Wisconsin DNR](#)



#### Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Skill Level Workbooks

Check out the Wildlife & Forestry Skill Level Workbooks for your classes.

They are fun and fillable. (Approx. 10 pages each)

Request a copy of Skill Level 1 by email. Answers will be sent upon request.

Skill Level 2 (more advanced) is now available, too.



**Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest – April 1st & 2nd, 2022.** It's time to start taking pictures and getting ideas for the upcoming contest.

**Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry** committee members and youth leaders can do age specific hands-on activities in your county. We'll train your youth and adult leaders at the same time. Parents, youth, and adult leaders are encouraged to participate to find out how easy it is to lead these hands-on activities. Contact us anytime and reserve your program dates.

**"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 Whittails 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







## 4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their **interests** and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

### What is a **project**?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Cultural Projects
- Family, Home, & Health
- Outdoor Education (Natural Sciences)
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- STEM
- Start Your Own

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as **Cloverbuds**. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

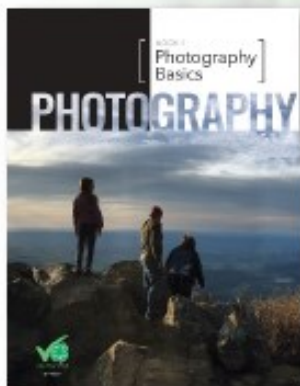
More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>

### 4-H<sup>®</sup> EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



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### What **resources** are available?

Each county's 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

### What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can be a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from [shop4-h.org](https://shop4-h.org) or your local Extension office.



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop Benson

### What is a **project leader**?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!



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







## Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppets
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H. I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H. I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G. I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H. I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H. I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

**Totals: A:\_\_\_ B:\_\_\_ C:\_\_\_ D:\_\_\_ E:\_\_\_ F:\_\_\_ G:\_\_\_ H:\_\_\_**

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication

C: Community Involvement

D: Cultural Projects

E: Family, Home, & Health

F: Outdoor Education

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

*Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension*

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# Experience Upham Woods!

If you or your club enjoys being outside and wants an experience a little further from Eau Claire, you could consider traveling to Upham Woods.

Check out some of the things other clubs and groups have been doing in the August 2021 newsletter: <http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/woods-writings-newsletters/>

There are links for registration for other experience days. Let Rachel Hart-Brinson know if you have questions or want more information before you register.



## Day Visits from 4-H Groups

We were so happy to see a few of our regular summer 4-H visitors out this month for day visits onsite; camp is always better when it's filled with the sounds of youth learning, exploring, and having fun!

- **Walworth Co. 4-H** was a great group to go canoeing with, tackle some Peanut Butter Mountain team building, and hike around Blackhawk Island. It was great to see the group bonding and they even got to close out with a campfire.
- **Upham Neighborhood Camp (includes Columbia, Sauk, Juneau, Monroe, Richland)**: Although this group was only here for a day, they managed to have a ton of activities. They had archery, arts and crafts, Scales, Scutes, and Skins, canoeing, and even a Blackhawk Island hike.
- **Jefferson County 4-H**: This group participated in an outdoor survival program where they discovered the necessities for survival and built shelters. In the afternoon the group embarked on a canoe trip around Beaver Island and enjoyed the hot summer day on water!

Special thanks to these groups for making the effort to bring some Upham-style summer camp to their 4-Hers!





# Club Minutes



## October 2021 Meeting Minutes Pleasant Valley Clovers

The meeting was called to order by Lindsay and pledges were said. Lindsay, Lillian, and Jemma all had birthdays in October. Members attending said their favorite Halloween candy. Installation of officers was held and Lindsay, Hannah, Emma, and Colin accepted their new roles. The motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Emma and seconded by Connor. Hannah read the treasurer's report.

For old business, we talked about interest in attending the Haunted Barn. Two dates were set up to meet on Friday Oct 22 at 7:00 and Friday Oct 29 at 7:00. A motion was made by Hailey for the club to pay for half of the cost of \$5 and Duane seconded. Attendees should bring a canned good along to get the discounted price. There was no other old business.

For new business, we discussed that families should sign up on the Calendar of Events to lead a project for the upcoming year. Reminder that county/state dues of \$10 are due and checks should be made to Pleasant Valley Clovers. The November Club banquet and meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov 14, at 3 PM. Connor made a motion for the club to give a \$20 gift card to Star Cup for a door prize for the county banquet and Beckett seconded the motion. It was decided that club members should bring new design ideas to the next meeting for our club T-shirts. Kylie suggested a club fundraiser at the Culvers on Golf Rd where she works. She will work out the date. There was no other new business.

For youth leaders' reports Lindsay said they spent most of the time discussing the haunted barn and officer training. For the adult leaders report, Wendy gave folders to each member along with record book instructions and information to set goals for the year. We were reminded to enroll in 4H online by Nov 1. The next Adult Leaders meeting is Nov 9th and each club is asked to have one additional adult attend. Let Wendy know if you are an adult interested in attending the virtual meeting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting for group photo, pumpkin decorating contest, and Halloween dance party was made by Hailey and seconded by Duane.

Respectfully submitted by CC Kortbein on behalf of Camy Kortbein





## Pleasant Valley October Secretary Report

The Pleasant Valley 4-H club held its October meeting on Thursday October 21st at the Pleasant Valley Community Center . The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Garret Richardson. The meeting began with pledges led by Alex, then the secretary's and treasurers report, which was sent out in an email prior to the meeting, was approved and passed by Paige, and seconded by Brayden. Then October Birthdays were announced, and a Happy Birthday clap and candy bar were given to Jude and Bryce. Then the club participated in an opening activity of Halloween themed telephones. Old business was reviewed by Garret, the club discussed online enrollment and club dues which are due by November 1st. We then discussed the club t-shirt sale, the order has been closed and should be coming before our december meeting. We also recapped our Culver's night fundraiser on October 12th and briefly discussed the plan for our annual Cookie Walk. Old Business was then passed by Rachel and seconded by Izzy.

New business was led by Garret, beginning with a reminder that the Haunted Barn will take place from 7 to 10pm on October 21,22,23,28,29,and 30th and they are in need of volunteers- the sign up is located on the OYC facebook page. The club decided to continue our yearly adopt a family/beacon house donation. Paige made a motion to donate \$450 to the cause and this was seconded by Jude. The club also decided to spend \$150 on supplies for our November tie blankets activity and the place of donation is undecided, this was approved by Izzy and seconded by Nate. Then the club decided to meet on November 24th at 10:00 am to decorate cookies for our club's cookie walk. Then the club decided to hold our paint shack activity on a meeting night for convenience and we agreed to do canvas painting as a club. Then Garrett reminded the club that Nominations for the banquet were still needed to receive the Distinguished 4-H leaders, Partners in 4-H, and the Judy Preston Award. New business was passed by Bryce and seconded by Brayden. Lastly important dates were reminded, The Haunted Barn on October 21,22,23,28,29,and 30th, on October 25th is the Friends of the Fair Culver's Night fundraiser, November 6th is the Fall Forum, November 13th is the County Banquet, November 18th is our next club's meeting, November 24th is our clubs cookie decorating activity, and December 11th is the Cookie Walk. Before the meeting was adjourned a Candy Corn guessing activity was led by Ava. Members of the club were invited to guess how many pieces of candy corn were in jars. Congratulations to our winners Kaydence, Paige, and Bryce. Then our meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by Jude, and seconded by Mariah.

Following our meeting our club held a costume contest, Congratulations to all the winners and those who participated. Then club members participated in Halloween games led by officers, there was pumpkin golf, bean bag toss, pin the nose on the pumpkin, halloween bag decorating, toilet paper mummy wrapping, and spooky relay

races. Lots of candy and fun was shared, and we are looking forward to our next meeting on November 18th at 6:30pm at the Pleasant Valley Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ava Wozney  
Pleasant Valley 4-H club Secretary

## Eau Claire Clovers 4-H Club-October 2021 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on October 17 at Leffel Roots Orchard at 4 pm. Before the meeting, one of the owners gave us an informational tour of the farm.

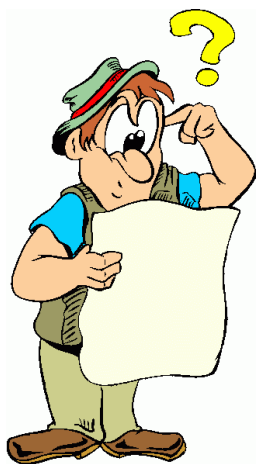
Patricia called the meeting to order. The pledges were said by Anna and attendance was taken. There were no birthdays. The secretary's report was sent out via Facebook.

The spirit cup went to the Geyen family for setting up the meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Kendall. In old business, 4-H online enrollment is due, dues are due (\$15 per member, \$40 cap per family", Officer training was on October 4th, interview clinic was on October 12TH, Your Club Charter application is due online by Nov 1st,

The FOTF meeting was held on September 28th, And Volunteers are needed for Ruby's Pantry to keep our space at the church available. Anna motioned and Katelyn seconded it.

For New Business, The Banquet is on November 13 at 1:30-3:30 at the Cleghorn Community Center, fund-raising for our club was set to be a Savers fundraiser, and a Culvers fundraiser, The 4-H Clovers mini camp is on the second Thursday of the month, Dec-April. Any peace cranes are due to the extension office by Nov 1st, The theme contest for the fair is open until November 15th, email [eauclairefair@gmail.com](mailto:eauclairefair@gmail.com) for entries, The haunted barn is Oct 23/28-30, and the FOTF Culvers night (Golf RD) id October 25 4-7pm. Anna motioned and Julia seconded.

The Leader's report was read with a need for Nov, Dec, and Jan leaders. The meeting was adjourned first by Maddie and seconded by Katelyn. October's community service is the Eau Claire Diaper Bank. We also need a leader next month.



Can't find your club's minutes? Encourage y our club secretary or leader to send them in!

Email them to Andy at [Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us) by the end of the month to have them included in the *Clover Leaves*!



## **Eau Claire County Fair Superintendent Application**

### **Department: Sheep**

Name:

Phone Number:

What are your qualifications?

Why are you interested in this position?

What is your past involvement in the Eau Claire (or other) County Fair?

Would you be interested in this position in future years?

The Fair is open to having co-superintendents. Are you interested in this option?

If so, please provide the name of someone you might have in mind to work with.

### **SHEEP SUPERINTENDENT:**

- Assist with initial weigh in and fair weigh in
- Stalling for the Sheep exhibitors
- Collect COOL Papers at weigh in and at the fair.
- Turn paperwork into Adult Secretary after weigh in
- Check in animals at the fair with health papers
- Set up show order for the show
- Organize animals according to sale order
- Assist with load out.

Please submit application [lp@johnsonlitho.com](mailto:lp@johnsonlitho.com) by November 15, 2021.





## **Eau Claire County Fair Superintendent Application**

**The Eau Claire County Fair Committee is looking for Superintendents in the following departments: Plant & Soil Science, Video/Computers, Foods & Nutrition, Senior Citizen Class/Open Class.**

Name:

Phone Number:

What are your qualifications?

Why are you interested in this position?

What is your past involvement in the Eau Claire (or other) County Fair?

Would you be interested in this position in future years?

Please submit application to [eauclairefair@gmail.com](mailto:eauclairefair@gmail.com) by November 15, 2021.