

# Eau Claire County 4-H

## Clover Leaves



January 6, 2026



Banquet Photos available

Thank you to Kim Liss, Hope Wallace, and Beth Schwartz for taking photos at the Eau Claire County 4-H Awards Banquet. You can find all of the photos in the “Box” folder accessed by the button below. If you have trouble accessing them, please reach out to Rachel Hart-Brinson at [rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu](mailto:rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu).

## 2025 Banquet Photos

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're rounding up **12 awesome volunteers (ages 10 & up—adults too!)** to join us at the Home & Garden Show on **Sunday, February 22nd** at the **Chippewa Expo Center**. The event runs from **9am–3pm**, and we've got two volunteer shifts available:

- **9am–12pm**
- **12pm–3pm**

Questions?  
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## Volunteer at the 2026 Home & Garden Show!

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We need 6 volunteers per shift, and you're welcome to pick just one—then enjoy exploring the Home & Garden Show during the other half of the day! Youth under 10 are welcome too, as long as they volunteer with someone age 14 or older. The more, the merrier!

*We've got two super fun volunteer roles:*

**-4-H Activity Table Helper:** Help kids paint rocks or build with LEGOs at our hands-on

activity tables! These stations are always a huge hit and tons of fun.

**-Lampert Lumber Activity Helper:** Team up with Lampert Lumber staff to support youth in making bird houses, tool boxes, and more!

Questions? Reach out to Gracie Gray at [glgray2@wisc.edu](mailto:glgray2@wisc.edu)

Sign-up to volunteer at the Home & Garden Show

## Parent Meeting



**6:30PM Tuesday, January 6  
Pleasant Valley Community Center**

## 4-H Shooting Sports 2026 Season Kickoff!

Mandatory Parent & Youth Meeting Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 PM at Pleasant Valley Community Center

We're excited to begin another year of 4-H Shooting Sports, and we can't wait to welcome new and returning youth to the program!

At this meeting, families will be able to:

- \*Learn what the 4-H Shooting Sports program offers
- \*Register youth for Air Rifle and/or Archery
- \*Choose preferred practice day and time
- \*View and order apparel available online
- \*Pay group fees

**A parent/guardian and the participating youth should attend.**



## Dog Project Kick-off Meeting 6PM on January 8

The dog project orientation meeting will be on January 8, 2026, 6pm at the Pleasant Valley Community Center.

The meeting is for families interested in or already enrolled in the dog project. Please bring to the meeting: Yourself and a hard copy of your dog's current vaccine records. **DO NOT** bring your dog.

If you have questions before the meeting please email the dog project leader, Deb Motzing at [Deb.motzing@gmail.com](mailto:Deb.motzing@gmail.com) or call (715)559-4492.

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Eau Claire County 4-H Cloverbud Activities!



**FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>: PAWS & VALENTINES**

**MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>: READING ROUND-UP**

**APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>: EARTH EXPLORERS**

**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>: LEGO PLAY & BUILD**

**Come join us for a free series of fun, hands-on Cloverbud activities just for 4-H members!**

We ask that a parent or guardian stay with their Cloverbud for the entire program!

4-H is a family focused program, and siblings are welcome if that is what works best for your family! Activities are offered the first Tuesday of the month

**February-May**,

from **6-7 PM** at the Extension Eau Claire County Office.

Contact Gracie Gray at

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## Eau Claire County 4-H Cloverbud Activities

Save the date for a free series of fun, hands-on Cloverbud activities just for 4-H members! We ask that a parent or guardian stay with their Cloverbud for the entire program. 4-H is a family focused program, and siblings are welcome if that is what works best for your family! Activities are offered the first Tuesday of the month **February-May**, from **6-7 PM** at the Extension Eau Claire County Office. No registration required. Contact Gracie Gray at [glgray2@wisc.edu](mailto:glgray2@wisc.edu) with questions.

## EVENTS

# CLOVERBUD ACTIVITY REMINDER PAWS & VALENTINES



Come join us for a **free**, fun, hands-on Cloverbud activity! Youth will learn about the Eau Claire Community Humane Association and will make Valentines for the animals who live there! Youth will also learn about the 4-H Dog Project. **There will be dogs and at this activity!** We ask that a parent or guardian stay with their Cloverbud for the entire program! 4-H is a family focused program, and siblings are welcome if that is what works best for your family!



**WHEN: February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 PM- 7 PM**

**WHERE: Extension Eau Claire County Office**

**For members in grades Kindergarten - 2nd**

**No registration required, contact Gracie Gray  
at [glgray2@wisc.edu](mailto:glgray2@wisc.edu) with questions**

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## Cloverbud Activity: Paws & Valentines - February 3rd, 2026

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# CHIPPEWA, DUNN & EAU CLAIRE

## 4-H SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION

### CONTEST

**January 31, 2026  
from 9am-Noon**

**Elk Mound High School**

405 University St, Elk Mound, WI 54739



For more details and to register, visit the Speaking and Demonstration Dashboard at [go.wisc.edu/a6speakdemo](http://go.wisc.edu/a6speakdemo) or scan the QR Code

Have questions? Reach out to your local 4-H Extension Educator for assistance.



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## The 2026 Tri-County Speaking and Demonstration Contest January 31 from 9-12

This is more than a competition—it's an opportunity for 4-H youth to develop crucial life skills, express their passions, and build confidence. Held at Elk Mound High School, this event is open to all 4-H members, including Cloverbuds. Registration begins at 9:00AM, with presentations starting at 9:30 AM.

Speaking & Demonstration Registration

# Project Exploration Day

SAVE THE DATE  
**March 14, 2026**

**Grades: K-5**

**Location: Extension Office**

Participants sign up for 3, 45-minute sessions

**SESSION LEADERS NEEDED!!!!**



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## Project Exploration Days -- March 14, 2026

### **SESSION LEADERS NEEDED:**

Youth and Adult Volunteers, we need you! Please sign up to share a session with K-2 or 3-5 graders in one or more slots from 9-noon. Fill out the Google Form **by January 25**.

[Project Exploration Session Leader Sign Up](#)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

## 4-H Discovery Day

LE Phillips Memorial Library

February 28

12:30-4:30PM



Sign Up  
for Shifts



### Help Promote 4-H!

Sign up to lead a session at 4-H Discovery Day at the LE Phillips Memorial Library from 1:00-4:00. Set up is at 12:30PM. Please promote to your club members. Animal projects welcome!

[4-H Discovery Day sign up](#)

CHIPPEWA, DUNN & EAU CLAIRE

## PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Music, Movement, & Drama Categories

# Save the Date!

March 7, 2026  
9am-3pm

Elk Mound High School

Registration opens Jan 12



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## Performing Arts Festival--Save the Date March 7

Save the Date for the Performing Arts Festival, Saturday March 7 between 9 and 3 (depending on registrations.) Rules and regulations can be found at the Performing Arts Festival website. Watch for more information on registration starting January 12.

[Performing Arts Festival website](#)

Chippewa, Dunn & Eau Claire County 4-H

# ART U

FEBRUARY 12-MARCH 12

**Virtual Instruction:** Grades K-6 | **In Person Instruction:** Grades 7+

**Showcase Exhibit:** March 12th at UW-Stout

## COST:

4-H Members: \$5.00  
Non 4-H Member: \$10.00

## REGISTER AT:

[go.wisc.edu/artu2026](http://go.wisc.edu/artu2026)  
or scan QR Code by  
January 13th, 2026



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## Art U Registration Open Now

Art U is a virtual Art Project program led by Art Education students at UW-Stout for those in grades K-5. Grades 7 and up are in person at UW-Stout. February 12 - March 12. The last night is a showcase exhibit.

Cost: 4-H members \$5.00, Non-4-H members \$10.00

Register before January 13.

Art U Registration

# Volunteer Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

**March 13, 2026**

**6-9PM**

**Location: Extension Office**

**For Youth & Adults**



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## Volunteer Retreat--Save the Date!

Adult and Youth volunteers are encouraged to attend to learn more about themselves, build relationships across the county, and make plans for the coming 4-H year. March 13, 6-9PM at the Extension Office. More details, soon!

**OLDER YOUTH COUNCIL**



# Eau Claire County 4-H Older Youth Council 2025-2026 Calendar of Events

**Sunday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.**

Kickoff Meeting, Eau Claire Sport Warehouse, 2983 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Monday, October 6, 5:30 p.m.**

National 4-H Week Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Pleasant Valley Community Center

**Monday, November 3, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Feed My People Service Night, 2610 Alpine Rd • Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Monday, November 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Tactical Escape, Oakwood Mall, 4800 Golf Rd #70, Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Monday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.**

Glass Orchard, 130 Deerfield Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Friday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. arrival, 6:30 p.m.**

Clearwater Parade, Grand & First Avenue, Eau Claire

**Sunday, December 14, 3:30 p.m.**

County Banquet, Pleasant Valley Community Center

**Monday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.**

Beaver Creek, S1 County Hwy K, Fall Creek, WI 54742

**Monday, February 2, 6:00 p.m.**

Bowling at Bowlwinkles, 1616 N Clairemont Ave #1, Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Sunday, February 22, 8:00 a.m. to noon**

Sarah Nelson Memorial Pancake Breakfast, Pleasant Valley Community Center

**Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m.**

Painting at The Paint Shack, 2524 Golf Rd #2C, Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Monday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.**

Goat Farm Tour at Lymett Farms, 6667 36th St Colfax

**Monday, May 4, 6:00 p.m.**

Archery at Banbury Place, Enter through door number 17

**Monday, June 1, 6:00 p.m.**

Reboot Social, 220 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Monday, July 6, 6:00 p.m.**

County Fair Prep, Expo Center Pavilion, 5530 Fairview Drive, Eau Claire, WI

## Older Youth Council

Older Youth Council is open to any youth enrolled in the 4-H program who is in 7th grade and up.

They do a variety of service and fun. It's a great way to increase your leadership skills.

Contact leader, Jodi Thesing-Ritter at [thesinjm@uwec.edu](mailto:thesinjm@uwec.edu) or Rachel Hart-Brinson at [rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu](mailto:rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu) for more information.

**2026**  
*Sarah Nelson Memorial*  
**Pancake**  
**Breakfast**



**Sunday, February 22**



8:00 AM TO NOON

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Adults \$10.00

Children \$5.00

Children 4 & Under Free

Sponsored by the Eau Claire County 4-H Older Youth Council

Proceeds to benefit Joshua's Camp and Sarah Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund

## Sarah Nelson Memorial Pancake Breakfast

February 22, 8am-noon at the Pleasant Valley Community Center.

Adults: \$10, Children: \$5, Under 4, Free



## OYC Meeting February 2

Bowl Winkles: 6:00-8:00.

1616 N Clairemont Ave #1 for Dinner & Bowling

**STATE 4-H EVENTS**



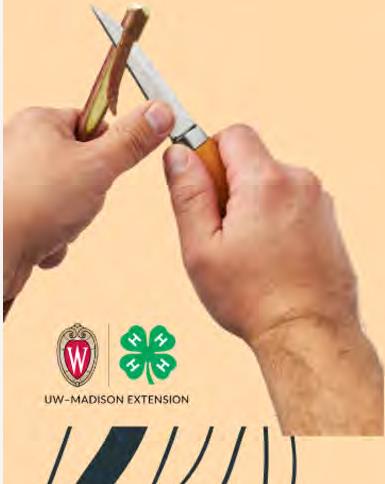
# WONDERS WITHIN WOOD

*Carving and Design Distance Learning Kit*

**Audience: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up**

**Register By: Jan 5th in 4HOnline**

**Cost: \$5**



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**Participants will get to:**

- Explore how people first began thinking about and making carvings by using several different art mediums
- Connect with carving traditions, and head outdoors to observe and journal
- Begin building green wood carving skills by shaping a flower from fresh wood

**Zoom with our Artist in Residence: March 24 from 6:30-7:30 PM**



## Distance Learning Opportunity--Wonders Within Wood

Ready to carve out some creativity?

Join us for an exciting hands-on series designed for youth in 5th grade and up—and their trusted caregivers! Together, you'll dive into the art of green wood carving, exploring history, culture, and sustainability while building real-world skills.

In this interactive experience, you'll:

1. Discover how wood carving traditions have evolved over time
2. Learn the difference between green wood and dry wood
3. Practice selecting and harvesting sticks for carving
4. Gain basic carving skills and create your own wooden flower masterpiece

Before you start carving, check out our knife safety tips and get ready to work side-by-side with your caregiver. This series is all about connection, creativity, and community—with plenty of opportunities to share ideas and celebrate your progress online. Youth can Zoom with Artist Derek Brabender on March 10th to share their work.

Let's carve a path to new skills and future goals—together! Register by Jan. 5 in 4HOnline and pay the \$5 fee for the kit that includes an interactive curriculum guide, art supplies and an informational insert on selecting a good carving knife (not included).

4-H Online

# REGISTRATION OPEN

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK  
EVENTS

## 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

JANUARY 31, 2026



EVENT HELD AT THE MEAT SCIENCE & ANIMAL BIOLOGICS  
DISCOVERY BUILDING, UW MADISON CAMPUS

SEE REGISTRATION GUIDE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION



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## 4-H Meats Judging Contest

Held on the UW-Madison campus on January 31 at the Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building. See the Registration Guide for more information.

[Meat Judging Registration Information](#)



## REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

WHO

Youth in grades 3-5, parents, leaders

WHERE

Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center

WHEN

March 14-15, 2025

REGISTER JAN. 12<sup>TH</sup>- FEB. 8<sup>TH</sup>



## Art Beat--Registration Opening Soon

For Art Lovers in grades 3-5, their parents, and project leaders. Located at Upham Woods, March 14-15. Registration will be open in 4-H Online January 12-Feb 8.

4-H Online

4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

# 4-H March 2026 Calendar Raffle

## \$10.00 Ticket with Cash Prizes from \$50 - \$400

**THANK YOU!**

**FOR SUPPORTING  
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
4-H PROGRAMS +  
SCHOLARSHIPS!**

**2026 Calendar Raffle**

**4-H Leaders Association – Eau Claire County**  
**227 1<sup>st</sup> St W, Altoona, WI 54720**

**Ticket Cost: \$10.00**

Prizes drawn at 4:00 pm  
at Extension Eau Claire  
County, 227 1<sup>st</sup> St W,  
Altoona, WI 54720  
on dates shown.

License No: R0005640A-47530

March 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 \$100	2	3 \$100	4 \$400	5 \$100	6	7 \$100
8 \$100	9	10 \$100	11	12 \$100	13	14 \$100
15 \$100	16 \$50 \$50	17 \$200	18	19 \$100	20 \$50 \$50	21 \$100
22	23	24 \$100	25	26 \$100	27	28 \$100
29	30	31 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100				

The 4-H Leaders Association is sponsoring a calendar raffle for March 2026. Proceeds support Eau Claire County 4-H Programs, 4-H Camp, and Scholarships for Educational Experiences.

We are asking 4-H families to help raise funds so that we can continue this work for the next generation of 4-H youth. We are having our 2nd Annual Calendar Raffle in March 2026. We are encouraging each 4-H family to sell at least 10 raffle tickets. This year's scholarship recipients will be asked to sell an additional 5 raffle tickets, which they were given at the County Banquet. Other 4-H families can get raffle tickets from their club leader. Scholarship recipients and club leaders will be asked to return raffle ticket stubs and money to me by Friday, February 20th or bring them to the Sarah Nelson Pancake Breakfast on February 22nd.

Checks can be made out to Eau Claire County 4-H Leaders. Please contact me with questions.

Wendy Duerkop, Leaders Association President 715-579-0006



## Next Meeting - January 13

We have a full Executive Board! Thank you to all who have stepped up.

Leaders Association Meetings are held at the Eau Claire County Extension Office the 2nd Tuesday of September, November, January, March, May, and June. 6:00pm will be a time to hear policy updates, ask the 4-H educator questions, and brainstorm club ideas. Meetings will start at 6:30pm. PLEASE make every effort to send a representative to these meetings. Attending is how we make connections and learn from each other to bring the best program we can to the young people in our clubs. It connects your local club program to the wider county program and makes you aware of the wider opportunities in 4-H so that you can promote those to your club members.

[2025-2026 Leaders Association Google Folder](#)

[2024-2025 Leaders Association Google Folder](#)

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