

# Oconto Clover Connect

I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking, my **heart** to greater loyalty, my **hands** to larger service, and my **health** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



## July 2024

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Hello 4-H Families!

I hope that you all had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday and that your summer's have been going well so far! This month's newsletter is packed full of great information for all of our members who are preparing for the fair, as well as some great opportunities enjoy. This is such a busy time of year for 4-H programming, and I can't wait to see many of you shine while doing what you love. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the beautiful summer weather when we get it!

Take care,

Aimee Elkins  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/17	Oconto County Youth Fair – Cat, Dog, Horse, Small Animal Day	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/22-25	Oconto County Youth Fair	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/19	Open Class Exhibit Check-In (Non-Animal) 4-7 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/20	Open Class Exhibit Check-In (Non-Animal) 9-11 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/20	Open Class Judging (Non-Animal) 1 pm until completed	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/20	Junior Class Check-In/Judging (Non-Animal) 1-8 pm (Dinner Break 4:30-5:00 pm)	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/21	Junior Class Check-In (Sheep, Goats, Swine, Beef) 9 am-1 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/21	Junior Class Check-In (Poultry and Rabbit) 1-8 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/21	Weigh Ins (Starting with Hogs, Sheep, Goats and Beef to follow) 1:30-4:30 pm	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/21	Ultrasounds 1) Beef 2) Hogs 3) Goats 4) Sheep 5 pm until completed	Oconto County Fairgrounds

## Shooting Sports Update

Adults interested in becoming an instructor in their county shooting sports program can plan to attend an upcoming certification workshop: Saturday, September 14, 2024, in Marshfield. This is for archery, air rifle/rifle, air pistol/pistol, coordinator, muzzleloader and shotgun. The 2025 spring locations will be in Price County and Dane County. For more info, visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>.



## New Family Newsletter

There is a state resource available for new families, each month we will include a link to the newsletter for new families to check out. This month is information on 4-H projects. Click [here](#) to view the newsletter.

## Fair Project Scholarship

Peshtigo National Bank has announced the launch of a new Fair Project Scholarship, a program designed to support and recognize the hard work and dedication of County Fair participants. This scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to young farmers and fair participants who are actively working with fair animals.

### Scholarship Details:

- Eligibility: Open to all Shawano, Marinette, Oconto, and Langlade County Fair participants.
- Application Deadline: On or before August 15, 2024
- Award Amount: \$100.00
- Applicants are required to submit a completed application form and a photo(s) of themselves working with their fair animal.

### How to Apply:

1. Download the scholarship application form from the Peshtigo National Bank website at [www.pnbwi.com](http://www.pnbwi.com) or scan the QR code below.
2. Attach a photo(s) of yourself working with your fair animal.
3. Submit your completed application and photo(s) to [pnbpeshtigo@peshtigobank.com](mailto:pnbpeshtigo@peshtigobank.com) on or before August 15, 2024.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their application materials, with special consideration given to the dedication and effort demonstrated in their fair projects. Recipients will be notified in August, and their achievements will be showcased by Peshtigo National Bank to highlight their contributions to our local agricultural community.



## Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest

Cedar Crest Ice Cream is looking for a new flavor from Wisconsin 4-Hers again! This year's contest will kick off September 1 and entries will be accepted until November 15. We'll be sending more details in early August. More information can be found here: [Wis4HFoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/](http://Wis4HFoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/).



## Attention: Adult Volunteers

We still have a lot of volunteers that are in need of completing training. If you reenrolled but did not receive a confirmation email from UW-Madison with your role descriptions, you are not yet fully approved and need to reach out to us as soon as possible. The 4-H office will let you know what is needed and where to find the site to complete the necessary training(s). Contact the 4-H office at 920-834-6845 or email [aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu).

## Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) Due September 1

As in past years, all 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must complete and submit the following documents to their 4-H Program Educator by September 1: Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report; Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Audit Checklist; A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30; A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report; A current inventory of land, buildings, property, or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or greater; and Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.

This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax-exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Watch your e-mail for further information/forms. Or, you can visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/>

Please drop off at the fair Extension office during the fair for a chance to win a prize!

## New This Year at the Fair

A few years ago, we played breakfast on the fair video on a large TV in the Expo hall. We are hoping to try something NEW this year. We are inviting ANYONE (exhibitors, farmers, Ag Business, etc) to be creative and submit a video that we will then put together to create an Ag Education movie that we can play throughout the fair.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Timm (email in the image below). Also, please share with others that might be willing to showcase some Ag News! This isn't meant to be a professional video. It is meant to show some great things happening in Oconto County! Have fun with it!

### Advocate for Agriculture!

The Oconto County Youth Fair Board is searching for area agriculturalists, both youth and adult, to share their stories and help showcase the diverse landscape of possibilities within our county!

Who: Anyone, any age, in Oconto County with a phone or way to record a video.

What: Clips of tasks with an explanation of what and why you do the tasks within your day to day life involving the production, care, maintenance, etc. of your project or operation.

Where: Anywhere you are working on your farm, project, story to tell, etc.

When: All video clips must be sent to or shared with Mr. Timm at Gillett School District by August 1st. For questions or to submit a video, email [jtimmm@gillett.k12.wi.us](mailto:jtimmm@gillett.k12.wi.us)

Why: Help educate the public of what you do in your project and advocate for agriculture!



## Horse Project

The WI 4-H Horse Association has updated their handbook for the year. Link:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>

This is where you will find the calendar of events, information about specific state horse activities and rules, and much more.

### Horse Practice Ring Nights

\*Negative Coggins Required at your first practice\*

You must attend at least 1 Ring Night to participate in the horse show. More than 1 is recommended.

Thurs. July 11 6:00 PM Fairgrounds

Tues. July 23 6:00 PM Fairgrounds

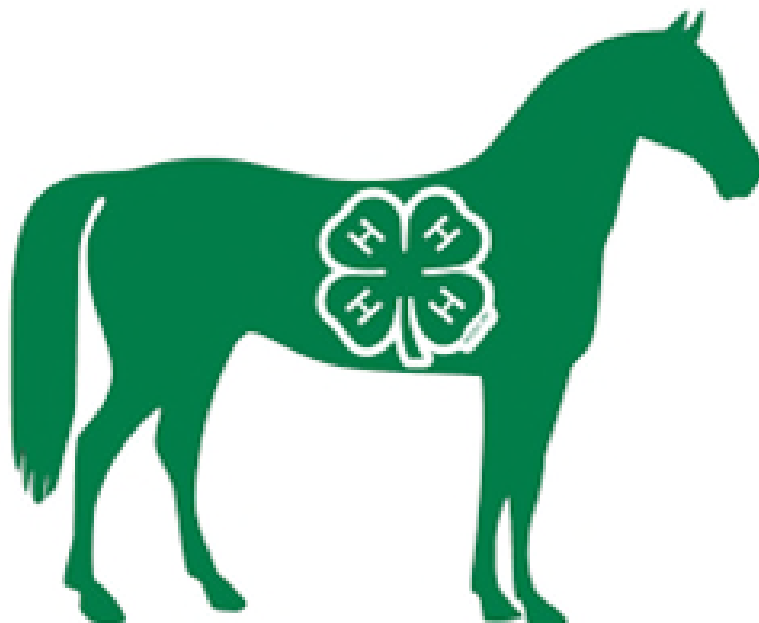
Thurs. Aug. 1 6:00 PM Fairgrounds

Thurs. Aug. 8 6:00 PM Fairgrounds

Wed. Aug. 7, all remaining paperwork is due to Kathie Beschta. Horse Health Record, Horse Project Record, Educational Points and Credits Record. Email, text or snail mail to Kathie Beschta.

Oconto County Youth 4H Horse Show

Sat. August 17th, 2024. 9:00 AM. Please do not arrive before 8:00.



## Camp MarOcoSha

We had a wonderful time at Camp MarOcoSha this year! A huge thank you to our amazing crew of campers, counselors, and adults!! Camp is such an incredible opportunity for youth and adults alike to explore their sparks and work on the core components of relationships and belonging that help all of us thrive!



## Amber Seitz Awarded Oscar G and Mary M Woelfel Memorial Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients. This year was another extremely competitive year, with only the top 5% of all applicants receiving scholarships. Scholarships are awarded through company and individual endowed funds by supporters who share a passion for 4-H and the leadership and life skills it teaches.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awarded Amber Seitz of Krakow, Wis. a \$1,000 Oscar G. and Mary M. Woelfel Memorial Scholarship.

Amber has been active in her 4-H Club in Oconto County for 10 years. Her projects are focused on livestock and agriculture, showing swine, sheep, and dairy cows at the county fair and state fair. She has held several leadership positions including Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association Secretary and President of her 4-H Club.

Amber is graduating high school and plans to attend UW-River Falls River-Falls to major in Animal Science and is pursuing to become a USDA meat inspector. Outside of 4-H, she has also been involved in Leo Club, National Honor Society, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, marching band, and FFA. One of Amber's most impactful 4-H activities has been volunteering at Breakfast on the Farm where she was able to support people learning about agriculture and share her passion with others.

"Our 4-H youth exemplify true leaders," says Brenda Scheider, Director of Development for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "Amber is a great example of a young person who is using the skills learned through 4-H to 'make the best better'. I know that our future is bright because of our 4-H youth."

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awards scholarships annually to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education. Scholarship recipients are selected based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals. This year \$29,000 in scholarships were awarded.

Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped young people develop the skills they need to meet the demands of our complex and ever-changing world. 4-H has grown from a rich history of agricultural clubs that helped the University of Wisconsin-Extension connect families to research-based advancements in farming technology and techniques. Today's 4-H still boasts strong programs in agriculture and animal science and has grown to include science, leadership, healthy living and communications programming that help Wisconsin youth build a healthier and more prosperous future.



## 4-H Day Camp

Join us for an interactive day of **LEARNING BY DOING** at our Marinette and Oconto County 4-H Adventure Day Camp on July 29th from 9 am to 3 pm at the Holt-wood Park Pavillion, 115 Holtwood Way, Oconto, WI 54153, please register prior. The deadline to register is July 22nd. The cost to participate is \$5 for 4-H members and \$15 for non 4-H members due at sign-in. Please bring a bottle of water and a bag lunch for the day. A snack will be provided. Reach out to Aimee Elkins, 4-H Educator with any questions: [aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu)



**4-H DAY CAMP**  
**JULY 29TH**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**OPEN TO KIDS KINDERGARTEN-4TH GRADE**

**FUN-FILLED DAY OF  
LEARNING BY DOING!**

Register by **July 22nd: \$5 for 4H members and \$15 for non-members** (due at sign-in)  
Please bring lunch and a water bottle, a snack will be provided.

Sign up here!  [Sign-up Link](#)

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OCONTO COUNTY



**AT HOLTWOOD PARK LARGE PAVILLION 115  
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Contact Aimee Elkins at  
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920-834-6485 with any questions

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## Submissions Wanted!

Did you want to share about a successful 4-H event that you just hosted? Do you have an upcoming 4-H event that you want to promote? Do you have a fun experience or 4-H story to share? Send your news, notes, reports, and articles to us along with a photo, and we'll include in the next issue. See below for our email and mailing addresses.

**Deadline: All contributions are due by the 15th of the month to make it into the next publication.**

## Feedback

Please do not hesitate to provide feedback, both positive and negative to us. Sharing your thoughts, ideas, and observations helps your Extension Office do the best we can to serve you. Please send us an email so that we can follow up with you.

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**Oconto County 4-H**



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## Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association Board of Directors

President – Brooke Schaal (Little Seedlings)

Vice President – Riley Windus (Lena Rocketeers)

Secretary – Amber Seitz (Morgan Badgers)

Ann Sievert - Treasurer (Morgan Badgers)

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## Oconto County Youth Fair Decorated Cake Auction

Young people ages 5 through 19 years are invited to enter the Oconto County Fair Decorated Cake Auction. The auction will take place the Saturday afternoon of the Fair in the Exhibition Hall.

### Rules:

- Entrants must be either a member of and Oconto County 4-H, Scouts, FFA or other youth organizations or reside in Oconto County to enter.
- The cake may be made from scratch or from a boxed mix.
- Entries must be brought to the Fair on a non-returnable board, plate or pan.
- Entries will be accepted in the Exhibition Hall between 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2024 in the back of the Expo Hall.
- Entrants must be present for the auction as they will present their cake while it is being sold.
- **A 3X5 inch card must be attached to the entry with the following information:**
  - **Name and age of the entrant**
  - **Address of the entrant**
  - **Club of the entrant**
  - **A short profile of the entrant – school, hobbies, school/community activities, etc.**
  - **Type of cake and theme for decoration**
  - **Short explanation of why cake and decorating theme was selected.**
- Entrants must bring at least two people to bid on their cake.
- Entrants will receive the amount bid for their entry less 8% commission to the Fair Board to help cover program expenses.
- Fair rules prevent exhibitors from selling more than one item at a Fair auction. Therefore, exhibitors qualifying to sell a project in the Sale of Champions would have to choose between selling their cake or their project.
- These rules are specific to the Cake Auction only.

Questions about the auction can be directed to Oconto County Fair Board via email [ocontocountyyouthfair@gmail.com](mailto:ocontocountyyouthfair@gmail.com) or Debbie Woods (920) 373-1212.



# Plywood Pals: A Creative Cut Out Contest at The Oconto County Youth Fair!

**Calling all creative minds!** We're inviting groups to participate in the Plywood Pals Contest, a fun and educational competition showcasing your artistic talents and celebrating agriculture at the Oconto County Youth Fair!

**Theme:** This year's theme is "**Sew It, Grow It, and Show It**". Your cutout should represent something related to agriculture, highlighting the importance of farming and food production.

**Eligibility:** The contest is open to all groups within Oconto County.

## Materials:

- Design and paint a fun and colorful cutout one sheet of pre-cut, ½ inch thick plywood. (does not need to keep the square shape)
- Paints, stains, and other non-toxic decorative materials.
- **Safety First!** All tools used for cutting or shaping the plywood must be used by adults only.

## Cutout Specifications:

- The cutout must be related to agriculture and include an Ag related fact/statistic for fairgoers to learn something new. *This could be a farm animal, a piece of farm equipment, a crop, or a scene depicting a facet of agriculture.*
- **Photo Opportunity:** It must incorporate an element into your design that allows fairgoers to have a fun photo opportunity (e.g., a giant ear of corn with a cutout face in the middle, a tractor with a space for someone to sit in the driver's seat).
- The design should be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages.
- Consider incorporating an open space or frame where people can comfortably stand behind the cutout for pictures.
- **Sturdy Structure:** Ensure the cutout is stable and freestanding.
- No offensive content or language is allowed.
- All groups are responsible for transporting their completed artwork to and from the designated drop-off/pick-up location at the fairgrounds.
- Power outlets will not be available at the display location.

## Entry Process:

- Fill out the online entry form by June 30, 2024, by clicking this [LINK](#) and completing the online form.
- **Delivery:** Have you completed the cutout set up on the Fairgrounds between August 20 and August 21, 2024.
- **Removal:** All cutouts need to be removed by noon on Monday, August 26, 2024.

## Judging:

- Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, adherence to the agriculture theme, and the effectiveness of the photo opportunity element.

**Prizes:**

- First Place: \$300.00
- Second Place: \$200.00
- Third Place: \$100.00
- All other entries will receive \$50.00
- \*\*\*The winners will be announced and awarded at the Buyer's Banquet\*\*\*

**Display and Photo Opportunity:**

- All entries will be displayed throughout the Fair at a designated location.
- Encourage fairgoers to take photos with your cutout and share them on social media using the hashtag #PlywoodPalsContest.

**Let's celebrate agriculture and have some creative fun at the Fair!**



# 2024 Oconto County Fair Event Calendar

## Saturday, August 17

8:00am	Small Animal/Caged Bird Registration
8:30am	Small Animal/Caged Bird Show
9:00am	Horse Show
9:00am	Cat/Dog Show Registration
9:30am	Cat Show
Immediately After the Cat Show (approximately 10:00-10:15am)	Dog Show

## Monday, August 19

4:00pm-7:00pm	Open Class Exhibits (Non-Animal) Check In
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## Tuesday, August 20

9:00am–11:00am	Open Class Exhibits (Non-Animal) Check In
1:00pm - Until Completed	Open Class Judging (Non-Animal)
1:00pm-8:00pm <i>(Dinner Break 4:30-5:00pm)</i>	Junior Class Check-In/Judging (Non-Animal)

## Wednesday, August 21

9:00am-1:00pm	Junior Class ( <b>Sheep, Goats, Swine, Beef</b> ) Check In
1:00pm-8:00pm	Junior Class ( <b>Poultry and Rabbit</b> ) Check In
1:30pm-4:30pm	Weigh Ins ( <b>Starting with Hogs, Sheep, Goats and Beef to follow</b> )
5:00pm - Until Completed	Ultrasounds <b>1) Beef, 2) Hogs 3) Goats 4) Sheep</b>

## **Thursday, August 22**

9:00am	Swine Show
	Sheep to Follow Swine Show
1:00pm-5:00pm	Junior Class (Dairy) Check In
6:00pm	Opening Ceremony
6:30pm-10:30pm	Homegrown Band (Beerstand)
7:00pm	AG Olympics

## **Friday, August 23**

9:00am	Rabbit Show
10:00am	Beef Show
12:30pm	Randy Peterson Music for Kids
2:00pm	Mischief and Magic Show
3:00pm	Goat Show
3:00pm-7:00pm	Ken and Kris Band (Beerstand)
4:00pm	Rabbit Kiddie Showmanship
5:00-6:30pm	Truck Pull Registration
5:00pm	Randy Peterson Music for Kids
6:30pm	Mischief and Magic Show
7:00pm	4x4 Truck Pulls
7:00pm-11:00pm	Rapid Transit Band (Beerstand)

## **Saturday, August 24**

9:00am	Dairy Show
9:00am-12:00pm	Cake Registration
9:00am	Poultry Show
9:00am	Draft Horse Pull
10:00am	Mischief and Magic Show
12:30pm	Randy Peterson Music for Kids
2:00pm	Mischief and Magic Show
3:00pm	Cake Auction
3:30pm-6:30pm	Music by Leo G (Beerstand)
4:00pm	Poultry Kiddie Showmanship
4:00pm-5:00pm	Tractor Registration
5:00pm	Mischief and Magic Show
6:00pm	Tractor Pull
6:30pm	Randy Peterson Music for Kids
7:00pm	Exhibitor/Animal Formal Show
8:00pm-11:30pm	Music by Jordan Blanchard (Beerstand)

## **Sunday, August 25**

9:00am	Mischief and Magic Show
9:30am	Kiddie Showmanship Registration
10:00am	Kiddie Showmanship
11:00am-12:00pm	Bidder Registration
12:00pm	Sale of Champions
1:00pm-5:00pm	Band to Be Determined (Beerstand)

# 2024 Youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Training



**Pound Town Hall – Coleman, WI on Tues/Thurs, July 23/25 and 30/Aug. 1**

**Cost: \$45/person**

**9 a.m. to 3:15 pm**

**Who Needs To Attend the Training?** Any 12 to 15-year old who may need to operate any type of farm machinery on, or across, a public road in Wisconsin. Others are welcome to attend the course, but only those older than 12 may receive certification. Those 16 years old and older without a valid driver's license can also utilize this training to be legal to drive farm machinery on public roads.

**Legal Review:** In Wisconsin, 14 and 15 year-olds who have successfully passed the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Farm Machinery Course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads for their parents or grandparents' farms AND can work for other farms and do the same. Current Wisconsin law allows 12 and 13-year olds who have completed the course to legally operate farm machinery only when working for their parents or grandparents' farms. If you employ persons under 15 years or who do not have a driver's license, it is highly recommended that you have them attend the training, whether they drive on public roads or not. You may want to talk to your insurance agent to double-check about requirements based on your policy.

### **Some Logistics:**

**–All participants MUST be in attendance on August 1 for testing.** You can miss one of the other days and complete self-study to 'make up' that time, but must be at testing day.

– Participants need to bring their own lunches, a refrigerator will be available for storage. Families are welcome to provide snacks, Scott will have water and/or lemonade and/or milk available.

– The course will emphasize hands-on and skill-building exercises, including first aid and fire safety from local emergency response personnel. We will be analyzing machinery for safety aspects, conducting on-farm safety assessments, and dozens of other activities, along with videos and course material review.

Call Scott Reuss, Regional Crops/Soils Educator, at either 715-732-7510 or call/text to 715-701-0966 if you have any questions, or you can e-mail to [scott.reuss@wisc.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@wisc.edu)

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Registration Form - Tractor & Machinery Safety - please print

Coleman

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Legal Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail to the following address by July 19, with a check for \$45 per participant and made payable to UW-Extension. OR contact Scott with the above information by then!

Marinette County Extension  
1926 Hall Avenue  
Marinette, WI 54143