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# Welcome to the Oconto County Youth Fair

## Zippel Park bustles with activity and family fun all week

By **WARREN BLUHM**  
Editor-in-chief

It's not the Oconto County Fair. It's purposely called the Oconto County Youth Fair — a celebration and culmination of all the work the young people in 4-H clubs and FFA put themselves through to get to this weekend every August.

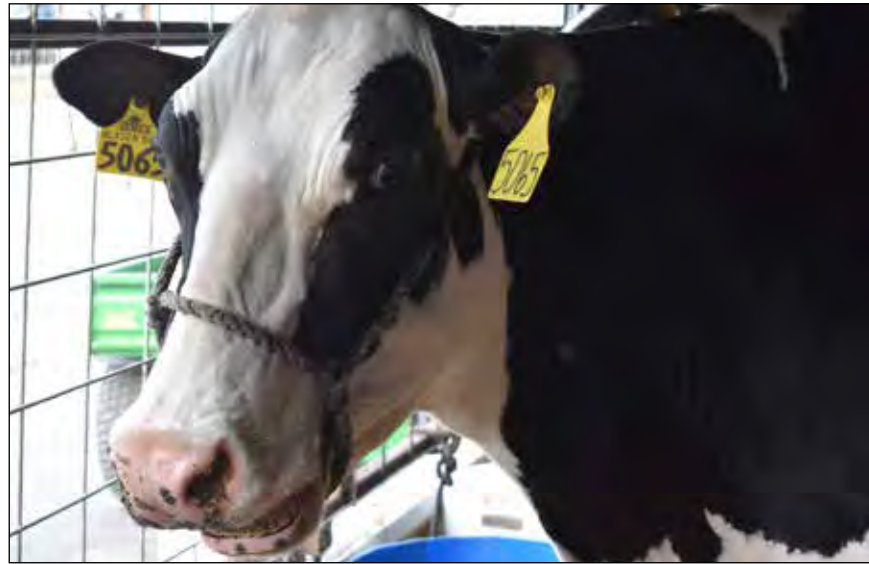
And it's a time for young people (of all ages) to have fun, together with their families.

This year's Oconto County Youth Fair is scheduled for Aug. 18-21, with a number of events also set for the morning of Aug. 13 (See Page 6). As has been the case for decades, the fair is based at Zippel Park in downtown Gillett.

"It is one of a few places where a family can go to have fun together for almost no cost," said Wayne Boos, vice president of the Oconto County Youth Fair Board, ticking off the reasons to come and enjoy. "There are a variety of animals for family members to see up close. There is free music provided that family members can listen to and even dance to, if their feet so move them. There is a wide variety of exhibits to see: farm equipment; quilting and handmade items; and fruits and vegetables grown by local youths. There is a horse show, a tractor pull, a horse pull, a pony pull and a truck pull that can be viewed for a low cost."

Boos said the group is also trying to expand the carnival area and rides to cater to all age groups.

Area organizations also help cut the cost of pre-sales of carnival ride tickets, added fair treasurer Cliff Gerbers.



Dairy cows are always among the stars of the Oconto County Youth Fair.

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The opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, led by area veterans, and including Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs Jackie Rosenbush, but the exhibition buildings will be bustling with activity all week. Non-animal exhibits are checked in and judged Monday and Tuesday, and the animal exhibition buildings start filling up on Wednesday — poultry, rabbits, sheep, goats, swine and beef, with the dairy cows moving in Thursday.

Even before the official opening, the swine and sheep shows are scheduled Thursday morning, and the Tri-State Amusements carnival rides and midway open for the weekend at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Longtime fair goers may notice a few improvements. Bingo is back after a successful trial at the 2021 fair; the schedule will be posted near the box office at the main exhibition building. Pony pulls have been added

to the popular Saturday morning horse pull. Increased lighting has been added toward the parking lots to address a safety concern, and the handicapped parking area has been upgraded.

"Each year, we have a suggestion box and are always asking for feedback," Woods said. "This year we took a closer look at some of those suggestions and tried to make improvements."

This year's fair will highlight Oconto County's emergency services agencies, Boos said.

"The County's Emergency Communication Center will be available for fairgoers to tour and see firsthand how the center can aid in emergency and disaster situations," he said. "Area fire, EMS and rescue departments will be at the fair to explain and, in some circumstances, demonstrate the services they offer to their community."

We hope to have specialized rescue equipment at the fair."

The Oconto County Sheriff's Office and area police departments will provide K-9 demonstrations at various times throughout the fair, Boos said, and representatives of area law enforcement agencies plan to be on hand and available to talk about concerns in their communities and what is being done.

Fairgoers can expect close to a full recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, which led to the fair's cancellation in 2020.

"Last year in 2021, we were as close to normal as we could," Woods said. "We are currently planning to do the same again this year."

One aspect of the traditional fair that the board hopes to bring back next year is the Fairest of the Fair, the official ambassador of the Oconto County Youth Fair.

"Our Fairest of the Fair Committee has been working for the past two years to bring this amazing opportunity back for our county fair," Boos said. "By no lack of their work and efforts, they had no applicants for 2022."

In hopes of increasing interest, the program was changed to a Fairest/ambassador position with participation open to both female and male contestants. The ambassador can be anyone age 18 or over with no age limit.

"We're hoping these changes may increase some interest and help overcome the old fallacy that only young, pageant queen-like contestants need apply," Boos said.

People interested in serving as ambassador for the 2023 Oconto County Youth Fair can learn more at [ocontocountyfair.org](http://ocontocountyfair.org).



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8:30 a.m. Small animal/caged bird show  
 9 a.m. Horse show  
 9:30 a.m. Cat show  
 11 a.m. Dog show

**Monday, Aug. 15**

4-7 p.m. Open class exhibits (non-animal) check-in

**Tuesday, Aug. 16**

9-11 a.m. Open class exhibits (non-animal) check-in  
 4-7 p.m. Open class judging (non-animal)  
 1-8 p.m. Junior Class check-in/judging (non-animal)  
 (Dinner break 4:30-5 p.m.)

**Wednesday, Aug. 17**

1-8 p.m. Junior Class (poultry and rabbit) check-in  
 4-6 p.m. Junior Class (sheep, goats, swine) check-in  
 6-8 p.m. (beef) check-in

**Thursday, Aug. 18**

9 a.m. Swine show, followed by sheep show  
 2-6 p.m. Junior Class (dairy) check-in  
 6 p.m. Opening ceremony  
 7 p.m. Ag Olympics  
 7-11 p.m. Chad Przybylski Polka Band

**Friday, Aug. 19**

9 a.m. Rabbit show  
 10 a.m. Beef show  
 3 p.m. Goat show  
 4 p.m. Rabbit kiddie showmanship  
 6:45 p.m. Driver meeting  
 7 p.m. W.U.M.P.A. 4x4 truck pulls \*

7-11 p.m. Rapid Transit band

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

9 a.m. Dairy show  
 9 a.m.-noon Cake registration  
 9 a.m. Poultry show  
 9 a.m. Draft pony and horse pull \*  
 1-5 p.m. TNT Polka Band  
 3 p.m. Cake auction  
 4 p.m. Poultry kiddie showmanship  
 6 p.m. Tractor pull \*  
 7 p.m. Exhibitor/animal formal show  
 7-11 p.m. Fire On High band

**Sunday, Aug. 21**

9:30 a.m. Kiddie showmanship registration  
 10 a.m. Kiddie showmanship  
 11 a.m.-noon Bidder registration  
 Noon Sale of Champions  
 1-5 p.m. Sugarbush Boys Polka Band  
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# Horses, cats, dogs, small beasts get an early spotlight

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto County Youth Fair is so big, it can't be contained in a single weekend.

A few years back, some of the competitions were spun off into a separate exhibition that takes place on the Saturday before the main event. This year those shows are scheduled for the morning of Aug. 13 at Zippel Park in Gillett.

The small animal and caged bird show is set to begin at 8:30 a.m., the horse show at 9 a.m., the cat show at 9:30 a.m. and the dog show at 11 a.m.

Registration for the smaller animal shows begins 30 minutes before the program.

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The Paratrooper ride is among the attractions that Tri-State Amusements is again bringing to the Oconto County Youth Fair.

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