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FAIR



INSIDE:

Events and attractions, photos,
entertainment, and articles
featuring this year's fair.

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Welcome to the county fair

The Oconto County Youth Fair is scheduled a week later than usual, the weekend of Aug. 24-27, at Zippel Park in Gillett. Activities are planned nearly every day beginning Aug. 19, with the formal opening ceremony scheduled as usual at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, observed by American Legion Post 74.

A complete schedule of the week's events can be found on Page 5 of this special section.



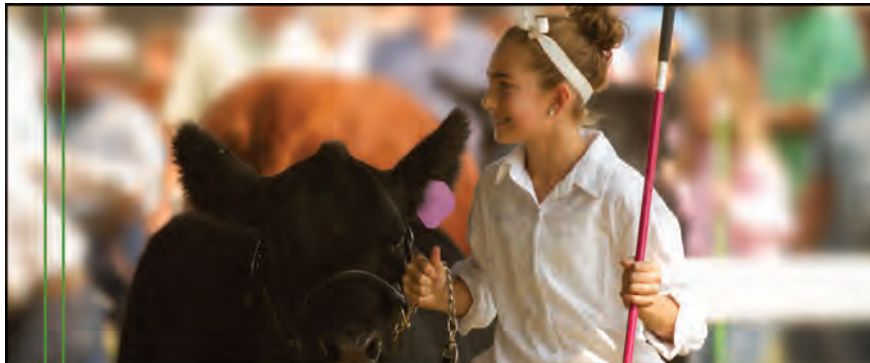
Members of American Legion Post 300 in Gillett present American flags before the opening ceremony of the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair.

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Oconto County Youth Fair organizers work hard to make the weekend as family friendly as can be.

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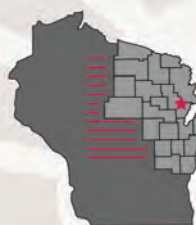
Judge Bob Peter directs entries in the goat show during judging at the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair.

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Having been judged and earned their ribbons, farm animals in the exhibition barns remain curious and enjoy the company. FILE | NEW MEDIA

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Events calendar for Oconto County Youth Fair Week

All events take place at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, Zippel Park, Gillett

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

8 a.m. Small Animal/Caged Bird Registration
8:30 a.m. Small Animal/Caged Bird Show
9 a.m. Horse Show
9 a.m. Cat/Dog Show Registration
9:30 a.m. Cat Show, followed immediately by
Dog Show (approximately 10-10:15 a.m.)

MONDAY, AUG. 21

4-7 p.m. Open Class Exhibits (Non-Animal) Check In

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

9-11 a.m. Open Class Exhibits (Non-Animal) Check In
1 p.m. until completed - 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. 23

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Junior Class (Sheep, Goats, Swine, Beef) Check In
1-8 p.m. Junior Class (Poultry and Rabbit) Check In
1:30-4:30 p.m. Weigh Ins (Starting with Hogs, Sheep, Goats and Beef to follow)
5 p.m. until completed - -Ultrasounds 1) Beef, 2) Hogs 3) Goats 4) Sheep
7 p.m. Mini Tractor Pulls

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

9 a.m. Swine Show
Sheep to Follow Swine Show

1-5 p.m. Junior Class (Dairy) Check In
6 p.m. Opening Ceremony
6:30-10:30 p.m. Homegrown Band (Beer stand)
7 p.m. AG Olympics

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

9 a.m. Rabbit Show
10 a.m. Beef Show
12:30 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
2 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
3 p.m. Goat Show
3-7 p.m. Ken and Kris Band (Beer stand)
4 p.m. Rabbit Kiddie Showmanship
5-6:30 p.m. Truck Pull Registration
5 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
6:30 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
6:45 p.m. Driver Meeting
7 p.m. 4x4 Truck Pulls
7-11 p.m. Rapid Transit Band (Beer stand)

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

9 a.m. Dairy Show
9 a.m.-noon Cake Registration
9 a.m. Poultry Show
9 a.m. Draft Horse Pull
10 a.m. Mischief and Magic Show
12:30 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
1-5 p.m. TNT Polka Band
2 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
3 p.m. Cake Auction

3:30-6:30 p.m. Nick Gonnering Band (Beer stand)
4 p.m. Poultry Kiddie Showmanship
4-5 p.m. Tractor Registration
5 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
6 p.m. Tractor Pull
6:30 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
7 p.m. Exhibitor/Animal Formal Show
8 p.m.-midnight Fire On High Band (Beer stand)

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

9 a.m. Mischief and Magic Show
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 (Beer stand)



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Presale wristbands are good for unlimited rides during one of five time slots during the fair: 6-10 p.m. Aug. 24 through Aug. 26 and noon-4 p.m. Aug. 26 and 27.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15 each; during the fair they will be \$25 each. Families can buy them at Peshtigo National Bank locations in Gillett and Oconto Falls, NEW Credit Union in Oconto Falls, and Gillett Handiworks.



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Reese Windus, left, explains how he raised Gibby to judge Heather Tetzlaff during the cat show at the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Small animals, horses go first

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. 19 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 ani-

mal shows begins 30 minutes before the program.

How do the judges decide which house pet gets a blue ribbon? After awarding the 2022 Best of Show to Gibby, Reese Windus' tabby cat, judge Heather Tetzlaff said there are a number of factors.

"Grooming, of course, is important — the ears, the nails, how clean the cat is and its body condition," Tetzlaff said.

Reese also had to describe the cat for the judge, and that presentation is a factor in determining the top prize.



The TNT Polka Band performs during the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair. The group is scheduled to return Saturday afternoon of this year's fair. FILE | NEW MEDIA

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