



Welcome to your weekly addition of the Chippewa Chatter! We are looking forward to sharing with you the latest and greatest in the 4-H world in weekly updates.

Dear 4-Hers, Parents and Friends of 4-H,

I recently read a post on Facebook about a county fair in Michigan and the livestock auction. The girl, who's pig was overweight, asked the auctioneer to still sell the pig and all proceeds would benefit her cousin, who was battling stage 4 stomach cancer. The auctioneer agreed - and the pig sold, was donated back and sold again for over \$13,000!

The fair provides us with the largest opportunity to showcase our great organization of 4-H. What ways are we going to tell the story of the 2019 Northern Wisconsin State Fair? Is it going to be about how Quality Meats program rallied together and worked in partnership with the NWSF to provide a show arena that meets our needs? Is it going to be a young exhibitor who worked endlessly to advance their project and winning an award of excellence on their exhibit? A surprise animal running around the fair? How much fun our youth had participating in the Ag Olympics and building their future 4-H friendships?

The stories we can tell about the fair are endless. For some of us adults, our greatest childhood memories come from the fair. Let's continue to make the fair about our children - regardless of what organization they belong to. Our fair village is greater than our club, community or county - it provides our young people the foundation and relationships needed for them to succeed in life. Young people will always remember how someone else makes them feel; remember, the judge can be someone's favorite and least favorite person during the show and be mindful of the message sent to the youth exhibitors. The reason why face-to-face judging is occurring in the youth building is to give the youth an opportunity to continue their learning with a positive adult, who cares. Let's continue to grow our village and continue to make the best, better!

Many activities, shows, and fairgoers will make the week of the fair fly by. Events will be posted on social media and promoted around the fair to help us showcase our program and allow the public to see the depth and breadth of the Chippewa County 4-H program that we love. Please promote these to anyone interested - word of mouth is the number one reason why a family joins 4-H!

As the month of July progresses, the next Chippewa Chatter will be sent out at the end of the month due to the fair activities and camp. I am looking forward to July and working with your 4-Her at the fair and at camp. Their enthusiasm is contagious and working with them reminds me why I chose working in 4-H as a career. I look forward to watching them succeed in the show arena, youth building, as a camp counselor or a camper this summer!

Best,

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