Fair Committee Agenda December 13, at 7:00 pm

Bridge Creek Town Hall: S9515 Wis-27 Augusta, WI 54722

Those wishing to make public comments can submit their name and address no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting to Traci Martinson tompki9098@aol.com or attend the meeting in person. Comments are limited to three minutes; you will be called on during the public comment section of the meeting. A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

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- 1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Approval of Committee Minutes- Discussion/Action
 - a. October 24, 2023 minutes
 - b. November 8, 2023 minutes
 - c. December 7, 2023 minutes
- 5. County and Fair Relationship Discussion/Action
 - a. Fair Structure
 - b. Roles/Responsibilities
 - c. Code of Conduct

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- 6. 2024 Fair Discussion/Action
 - a. Fair Theme
 - b. 2024 Schedule
 - c. Fairbook
 - d. Committee Updates
- 7. Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports Discussion/Action
 - a. County Board MOU Missy
 - b. Livestock Derrick
 - 1. Fair Committee involvement with Livestock
 - 2. Fair Vet
 - c. Extension Rachel
 - d. Friends of the Fair Tammy
 - 1. Financial Report
- 8. Fair Coordinator Report Discussion/Action
 - a. Updates
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Future Agenda Items
- 11. Future Meeting Date:
 - a. January 10,2024 at 7:00pm
- 12. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes
Eau Claire County Fair Committee
October 24,2023 at 6:30pm
Pleasant Valley Community Center

- 1. Call to order at 6:47pm
- 2. Roll Call- Present: Meg, Tammy, Traci, Derrick, Rachel
- 3. Public Comment- None
- 4. Fair book Edits- Discussion
- 5. Adjourned
- 6. Future Meeting Date November 8,2023 at 7:00pm

Submitted By: Traci Martinson
Committee Chair

Fair Committee Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Bridge Creek Town Hall: S9515 Wis-27 Augusta, WI 54722

The meeting was called to order by Chair Traci Martinson at 7:03 pm. A confirmation of meeting notice was made.

Committee member Derrick Nelson called Role

Present: Traci Martinson, Derrick Nelson, Jodi Thesing-Ritter (webex), Devin Hadorn-Papke, Rachel Hart-Brinson, Missy Christopherson, Valerie Strauch, Tammy Schlewitz, Meg Mueller, Jenni Haan

Others: Charles Ellefson, Sarah Brown-Jagger, Steven Erdman, Darren Schlewitz, Jenny Zimmerman, Heather Erdman

Public Comment: None. Motion to close public comment by Missy Christopherson and second by Tammy Schlewitz.

Approval of Committee Minutes - Discussion/Action

- a. October 11, 2023 minutes
- b. Motion to approve minutes as presented without correction by Devin Hadorn-Papke and seconded by Valerie Strauch

County and Fair Relationship – Discussion/Action

a. Fair Structure

- a. Discussion was had about combining Fair Committee and Friends of the Fair to provide a more unified front at the fair. Eliminating confusion for who oversees what aspects of the fair.
- Tammy Schlewitz moved to form a working committee between Friends of the Fair and Fair Committee to explore merger options motion was seconded by Missy Christopherson
 - Committee Volunteers: Steven Erdman, Meg Mueller, Traci Martinson, Tammy Schlewitz, Jenni Haan, Derrick Nelson
 - ii. Working committee is scheduled to meet on December 7, 2023 at 7 pm at the Bridge Creek Town Hall.
- c. The earliest restructuring can take place is for the 2025 Fair. Final actions will need to be approved by Extension committee and County board.
- d. Meg will reach out to Jamie Buttke to help mediate in late January/early February to help facilitate these discussions moving forward.
- e. It was recommended that Fair Structure be added as a standing agenda item

b. Code of conduct

a. Devin Moved to add the IAFE to the Fair Book motion seconded by Valerie.

b. The code of conduct and rules and regulations of the fair were discussed further. Recommended to add a signature page and have all exhibitors sign them. Meg and Rachel will continue to work on drafting these rules for the fair visitors and adults. Meg will send out more examples from other counties' codes of conduct. Missy suggested posting these at the fair and Rachel suggested adding them to the Fairbook.

2024 Fair – Discussion/Action

a. Fair Theme

a. Derrick moved to have a theme contest for the 100th anniversary of the fair, accepting ideas from December 3- December 29. Motion was seconded by Tammy.

b. Fairbook

- a. Tammy moved to add exhibitors ages 8 through 20 according to ATCP 160 and strike line k through 19 and motion was seconded by Missy. Motion carried.
- b. Tammy moved to remove breed associations from the list of accepted youth organizations to exhibit at the Fair. and motion was seconded by Jenni. Roll call vote: Tammy-yes, Jenni-yes, Traci-no, Derrick-no, Valerie-no, Devin-no, Missy-yes. Motion failed breed association will still be allowed to exhibit at the fair.
- c. Devin Moved that Breed Associations are allowed to exhibit any project in the Fair book and motion was seconded by Valerie. Role call vote: Tammy-no, Jennino, Traci-yes, Derrick-yes, Valerie-yes, Devin-yes, Missy-no Motion passed.

d. Definition of fitting

- Valerie Moved to define fitting as clipping and spraying and derrick seconded the motions. Role call vote: Tammy-no, Jenni-no, Traci-no, Derrick-yes, Valerie-yes, Devin-yes, Missy-no. Motion Failed
- ii. Jenni moved to define fitting as fitting, clipping, washing, blowing, and applying fitting products and Tammy seconded the motion. Role call vote: Tammy-yes, Jenni-yes, Traci-yes, Derrick-no, Valerie -no, Devin-no, Missy-no. Motion failed
- iii. Missy moves to remove youth exhibitors from day of show. No second
- iv. Jenni moves to approve #20 as fitting is defined and Tammy seconded motion. Role call vote: Tammy-yes, Jenni-yes, Traci-no, Derrick-no, Valerie-no, Devin-no, Missy-yes. Motion Fails
- v. Devin moves to define fitting as clipping and product application and Valerie seconded the motion. Role call vote: Tammy-no, Jenni-no, Traci-yes, Derrick-yes, Valerie-yes, Devin-yes, Missy-no. Motion passes
- e. Devin moved to keep all the Breeds in the beef department and Valerie seconded the motion. Role call vote: Tammy-no, Jenni-no, Traci-yes, Derrick-yes, Valerie-yes, Devin-yes, Missy-no. Motion passes

- f. Discussion was had on the Eau Claire County Bred and Owned rule. Missy Moved to table the discussion and Devin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- g. Discussion was had on how to deal with animals that don't make weight for the auction at the fair and how to make it consistent across all species. Missy moved to send the underweight discussion back to livestock and Traci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Superintendent Applications

- a. Missy moved that 2023 superintendents need not re-apply but confirm their intentions by November 30 and Tammy seconded.
- b. Meg will reach out to all superintendents to accept or deny their position by the end of November.
- c. Derrick moves to open superintendent applications for all open positions after November 30, 2023, and motion seconded by Devin.

Committee Assignments

- 1. Fair Committee Chair- Traci Martinson
- 2. Animal Coordinator- Devin Hadorn-Papke
- 3. Expo Coordinator- Traci and Rachel
- 4. Awards Coordinator: Devin, Valerie, Meg
- 5. Schedule/Activities: Jenni
- 6. Sign-up Genius & Volunteers: Missy
- 7. Set up & Take Down: Derrick
- 8. Oversight (Insurance/Legal Health): Tammy
- 9. Food: Meg

Fair Committee Structure Fair Representative Reports- Discussion/Action

a. County Board- Missy

- a. The MOU is on the agenda at the next Extension committee meeting for its first reading. MOU most likely will not pass until the friends of the fair provide a financial report for the 2023 fair.
- b. \$10,000 passed in the county budget.

b. Livestock- Derrick

a. A working committee was formed to discuss bylaws and rules. Bylaws will be presented at the November meeting. If bylaws pass elections will be held. The committee is still working on the rules and will bring recommended changes to the December meeting.

c. Extension-Rachael

a. Margo Dieck is the new Health and Well-being coordinator and will be starting on November 29, 2023. Andy and Kristi are transitioning from county employees to state employees.

d. Friends of the Fair- Tammy

- a. Financial Report: No financials provided.
- b. The annual meeting is November 28 at 6:30 in Cleghorn and RSVPs are due by November 22.
- e. Fair Coordinator Report- Discussion/Action
 - a. Meg shared there has been discussion of changing the Fair Coordinator position from a one-year term to a two-year term. Possibly adding a Fair Coordinator Assistant position.

Announcements

a. Charles Ellefson announced that as of January 1st Corporation Counsel will be rotating between departments. Sarah Brown-Jagger will be the new person assigned to the Fair Committee. He will still be available to help with the transition process, ensuring the transition is as smooth as possible.

Future Agenda Items

a. Please share agenda items with Traci by December 6, 2023. The agenda will be posted by December 8, 2023.

Future Meeting Date

a. December 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Bridge Creek Town Hall.

Adjourn

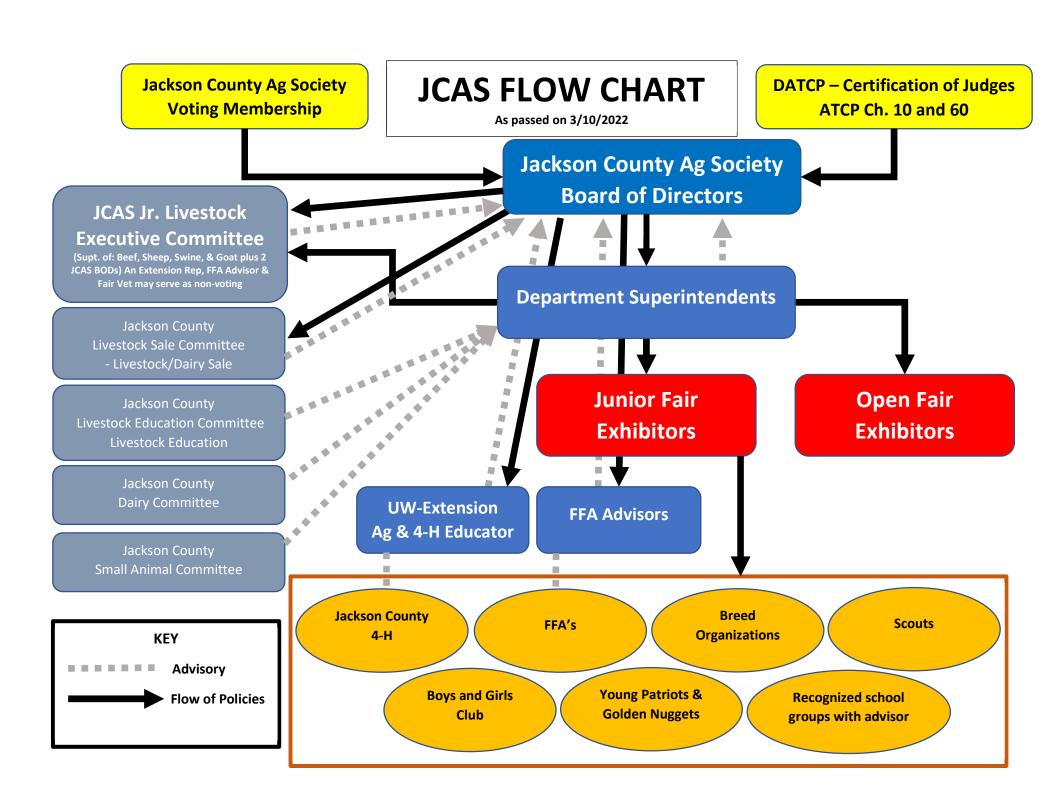
a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Meeting Minutes
Eau Claire County Fair Committee
December 7, 2023 at 7:00pm
Bridge Creek Town Hall

- 1. Call to order at 7:12pm
- 2. Roll Call- Present: Tammy, Meg, Steven, Traci Web: Derrick, Jodi, Heather D.
- 3. Public Comment- None
- 4. County and Fair Relationship Open Discussion
- 5. Adjourned at 8:05pm
- 6. Future meeting date December 13, 2023 at 7:00pm

Submitted by: Traci Martinson Committee Chair

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Eau Claire County Fair Code of Conduct for Disciplinary Process

All youth represent their respective program. It is important to behave in a manner that reflects positively. All Junior Fair Exhibitors participating in the Eau Claire County Fair are expected to adhere to the Mutual Respect and Trust Policy.

4-H leaders, FFA Advisors, Volunteer Adult Contacts, industry professionals and others are encouraged and allowed to give verbal or written educational instructions. This is an educational activity and learning by doing is the Eau Claire Fair's mission.

The act of making an entry in the fair, participating, and/or attending such events at the Eau Claire County Fair is giving verification that you will abide by the Mutual Respect and Trust Policy and understand the consequences of, and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the policy.

Step One: Counsel with involved youth privately to reach an understanding and stop the inappropriate behavior by the superintendent, Friends of the Fair, Fair Committee, or youth organization leader. This will be documented in the logbook in the fair office.

Step Two: Take disciplinary actions at the time of occurrence. This may consist of restriction of privileges, apology to the group, additional duties, etc. These repercussions can be administered by the listed leaders in step one. Parents will be notified, and this will be documented in the logbook in the fair office.

Step Three: If further disciplinary action is needed, two members of fair committee will join the incident observer to discuss further action to be taken including but not limited to:

- a. Removal from Fairgrounds
- b. Suspension, reduction and/or loss of premiums
- c. Suspension, reduction and/or loss of auction proceeds
- d. Loss of future show privileges
- e. Loss of privilege to be on Fairground property

If the infraction is deemed serious enough, immediate removal from the Fairgrounds with loss of fair privileges shall be enforced. This will be a temporary decision by the exhibitor's organizational leader and two fair committee members, until a formal, noticed Fair Committee meeting can be held.



EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FAIR, FRIENDS OF THE FAIR,

& EXTENSION Roles/Responsibilities

This document was created to assist in providing a better understanding of Eau Claire County Fair structure and responsibilities and how it relates to the Friends of the Fair and Eau Claire County Extension.

The amount of work required to undertake the fair and the increasing difficulty in finding volunteers with sufficient time in all aspects of society, this document clarifies the roles and looks toward the future for healthy succession planning.

The document aligns the roles of University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension Eau Claire County staff with the "Guidance on the Educational Roles of County Extension Educators at County Fairs" 2019 document provided by Extension and endorsed by the Wisconsin Association of Fairs. Eau Claire County in looking at opportunities to increase efficiencies in all departments by providing only mandated services understands that this means shifting work; but doing so toward the logical and more appropriate actors involved in future Fairs.

Due to the changes within Extension and Eau Claire County and its roles regarding the Fair, a paid Fair Coordinator was hired in 2019 for the 2020 Fair to help significantly reduce the potential for volunteer burnout, facilitate committee transitions, and eliminate Extension office administrative commitments with the goal of participating within the fair with Extension educational support. The current Fair Coordinator is working from home and is financially supported by the Friends of the Fair. The Fair Coordinator reports to the Friends of the Fair and the Eau Claire County Fair Committee as a non-voting member. The Fair Committee is a subcommittee of the Extension Education Committee. The Extension Education Committee plays a supportive role to the Fair Committee and acts as a liaison between the Fair Committee and the Eau Claire County Board.

The financials of the Fair are provided and reviewed by the State of Wisconsin, DATCP in a required, yearly report. This report is also provided for review to the Friends of the Fair, Eau Claire County Fair Committee and Eau Claire County Extension Education Committee.

Date	Fair Coordinator	Eau Claire County Fair Committee	Friends of the Fair	Extension Eau Claire County
	Role: Coordinates, sets up, and runs the operations of the fair. Reports to Friends of the Fair and provides updates to Fair Committee. Processes payments in coordination with FOF treasurer. Not a voting member of FOF or Fair Committee. Prepares financial reports for the state, FOF and county. Responsible for keeping Fair website updated.	Role: Sets Eau Claire County Fair policy and schedule, approves updates to the fair book. Oversees planning and execution of departments covered in the Fair book. Reports monthly to Extension Education meeting. Supports Livestock Project education and coordinate project events that are include in Fair book and take place at the Fair. Approves contracts on behalf of the fair for submission to FOF for payment.	Role: The financial support for the Eau Claire County Fair. Handles all finances and pursues sponsorships for the Fair. Promotes the Fair. Coordinates the special activities and events not covered by the Fair book.	Role: Leads and supports the 4-H Youth Development program, promotes the 4-H program and partners with the fair for educational opportunities. Extension shares Fair related updates that pertain to 4-H members and families.
September	 Share Fair Committee & FOF contact lists State paperwork Announce dates for next year's Fair Post next year's fair dates on WAF homepage 	 Election of officers Update Fair Committee contact list 	 Update FOF Committee contact list FOF Meeting 	Plan & organize Educational opportunities
October	 Fair Book changes Face-to-face judging Provide FOF & Extension Education Committee with Fair financial report 	 Review Fair Book changes Assign Fair Committee assignments Activities & Entertainment 	 FOF fiscal year Plan for the following years fair activities and entertainment 	● Plan & organize Educational opportunities

November	 Contact Expo for next year's Fair Contract Update Open and Jr. Class Fair book Work with FOF to update sponsorship letters and tracking spreadsheets Review stalling & entry fees 	 Finalize Updates for Open and Jr. Class Fair book Review stalling and entry fees Committee assignment updates Activities & Entertainment Updates 	 FOF Annual Meeting Election of Officers & Board of Directors Activities & Entertainment Raffle Coordinator start collecting donations Approve updated sponsorship letter/mailing labels from FOF Update sponsorship letter Update mailing labels Confirm sponsorship & recognition levels 	 Brainstorm educational projects/roles for fair in conjunction with Fair Committee Plan & organize Educational opportunities
December	 Contact contract companies Secure tents Entertainment & Activities 	 Approve Fair Book Committee assignment updates Activities & Entertainment Updates Discuss Judges Pay & Mileage 	 Research new donors Print letters and labels for sponsorship Set advertising budget 	Plan & organize Educational opportunities
January	 Recruit judges for fair Arrange for Activities & Entertainment Secure manure hauling for livestock Secure hotel for judges Contact Master Gardeners Contact Dog Superintendent for judging schedule Secure superintendents Develop fair schedule WAF Convention 	Committee assignment updates Activities & Entertainment Updates Comments on Fair Schedule	 Stuff and mail the sponsorship letters Contact Pedal Pull contract Confirm Beer and Wine Open Class Judging Event Research new donors 	 ◆Plan & organize Educational opportunities ◆Food Revue
February	 Recruit Judges Order ribbons through Blue Ribbon by 2/15 Get DATCP regulations for Fair book Contact food vendors 	 Committee assignment updates Finalize Fair Schedule Activities & Entertainment Updates 	 Distribution Raffle tickets Activities & Entertainment FOF Meeting 	Plan & organize Educational opportunities

	 Send out sponsorship Thank you letters for those received Update FairEntry 			
March	 Recruit Judges Confirm there are enough Thank you notes and envelopes for the fair Cookie recipe for contest Send out sponsor thank you notes 	 Committee assignment updates Activities & Entertainment Updates Policies & procedures for the check -in gate 	 FOF Raffle Activities& Entertainment Update advertising 	Plan & organize Educational opportunities
April	 Recruit judges for fair Secure night watchman, garbage, & security Send out reminder e-mail for Managerial Papers Contact WAF to request Fairest of the Fair appearance Send thank you notes for sponsorships received 	 Contact County to post open committee positions Committee assignment updates Activities & Entertainment Updates Decide the Distinguished Service and Partner in Fair Award Recipients: order plates and plaque (plates go to the extension office) 	 Update advertising Activities & Entertainment Organize special events Silent Auction Items Secure Volunteer Help FOF Meeting 	● Plan & organize Educational opportunities
May	 Launch FairEntry on May 1 Answer FairEntry questions Order Distinguished Service & Partner in Fair Awards Order Trophies/Awards Organize judge's paperwork Meal tickets 	Committee assignment updates Activities & Entertainment Updates Plan Fair Set-up	 Fair promotional materials Organize special events Coordinate volunteer help 	 Plan & organize Educational opportunities Older Youth Council participation in the fair

June	 Recruit/arrange Fair office staffing Send map of grounds to food vendors Clarify which departments can send to state fair and what projects are accepted Collect insurance certificates Plan Superintendent training Organize Facebook Live volunteers Organize photo volunteers Print exhibitor tags and Mutual Respect to put in envelopes Secure water donations Secure paper product donations Raffle permit Plan awards program Send out reminder stalling form Coordinate Expo Set-up Committee Meeting HotSpots for Expo 	 Committee assignment updates Activities & Entertainment FINAL Plan awards program Meet with Expo Set-up Group Coordinate volunteer help Send out invitations to County Board, Extension Education, & Civic organization members to attend Fair 	 Collect Raffle tickets Organize special events Meet with Expo Set-up Committee FOF Meeting 	 Plan & organize Educational opportunities Older Youth Council participation in the air Recruit volunteers for educational opportunities
July	 Re-do state fair exhibit invitation cards (include description, change age/grade order Make state fair chosen cards Arrange for printer/copier/computer for fair office Set up Expo Pre Fair walk thru Call Digger's Hotline 1.5 weeks before Fair starts Apply for tent permit Golf cart/vehicle waivers Send Expo/Livestock Award lists to Extension and the Livestock Secretary 	Committee assignments updates Set the next year's fair dates Finalize map	 Coordinate Volunteer Help Advertising Material Distribution FOF Meeting 	 Coordinate with Fair Coordinator to make state fair exhibit "you've been chosen" Plan & organize Educational opportunities Older youth council plan participation for the fair. Create 4-H promotion for fair Order supplies

	 Print labels for thank you notes and attach to appropriate trophies Arrange trophies/awards for all shows with thank you notes Arrange for the backdrop for Fair pictures Finalize Map for the fair and send to vendors ahead of time Organize Stalling information forms for superintendents Superintendent meeting Equipment double check run thru 			
Week before Fair	 Create department-specific trophy list from master awards list Make superintendent packets (judging instructions, department list, judging worksheet, trophy list, state fair/alternate cards where applicable, Ribbons) Create check-in/check-out system for judges and superintendents Print name tags for superintendents & judges Create set up and take down checklists (sign inventory?) Cleanup checklists for Expo, grounds, & barns Obtain cleaning supplies (mop, rags, ice cream buckets, Lysol, dish soap, Disinfect, & masks, etc.) 	Fair Committee – Double check assignment list to ensure your duties are completed. IF something is not done secure help to finalize list	Confirm Volunteers	 Prepare educational exhibits Order supplies

	 Golf cart signs "must be 21 years old to drive" Double check with night watchman/security/garbage 			
Week of Fair	 Organize "fair office" supplies Shelves for storage Golf cart signs Collect all paperwork for the state, health certificates, coggins test, & pullorum testing in binder. Post photos on Facebook page and fair website 	 Bleachers to EXPO (stored at Scot Zimmerman's) Fair Set up 	● Fair Set up	 Attend/Support Fair 4-H Educational Activities 4-H Promotional Activities
Week after Fair	 Compile and total judge payment sheets Collect fair judging results and put into report form from state and then submit 	Committee Members Fair Grounds walk through Barn floors power washed		
August	 Pay judges Make sure all paperwork is cleared with the state File all Animal Health paperwork Send in all state paperwork within 30 days Sign/notarize affidavit paperwork for the fair to send into the state Fair Checks sent to exhibitors Put together Thank You for the Fair Ad Send out survey to exhibitors 	 Evaluate Fair Brainstorm changes for next year Announce next year's Fair Dates 		 Evaluate fair programing Help with Fair Satisfaction Survey with Fair Coordinator

Final Approved 4/21/2021 by Extension Education Committee

Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair

Fair Coordinator

Board of Directors: Fair committee and FOF officers

Voting Members

Department Superintendents

Junior and Open class Exhibitors

Partners:

UW-Extension Agents and 4-H Program Coordinator

FFA

4-H

Scouts

Other Youth organizations

Livestock Committee/Leadership, Auction Coordinator