

**BALSAM LAKE,
WI 54810**

-Margaret Fuller

New Family Fair Orientation

Clover Connection

JULY/AUGUST 2019

Dear 4-H Families & Friends:

It's fair time in Polk County once again, and there are a few things we would like to share with you to help make your fair experience more enjoyable and educational. Please call our office, or your club organizational leader if you have questions about how any of this works. It is when people don't ask questions, or make assumptions, that families don't have a positive fair experience. Please see inside this newsletter or the fair premium book for additional information.

Fair Reminders

- **ALL ENTRIES, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THEY ARE JUDGED, are to be brought to the fairgrounds and in place by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24th.** Except for junior, open, and senior flowers which must be in place by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.
- **Livestock animals need to be in place on Wednesday July 24th in time for the following weigh-ins: Hogs - 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.; Meat Goats- 6:00- 6:30 p.m.; Sheep 6:30- 7:00 or to follow goats; Steers - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. ALL PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN BY 6 PM WEDNESDAY!!!**
- **Dairy and llamas must be unloaded and stalled by noon on Thursday July 25th.** Animals may be brought in on Wednesday.
- Each entry will have an entry tag. **Pick-up your entry tags at the Administration Building starting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, and ATTACH ENTRY TAGS to exhibits before you bring them to be judged.**
- It is your responsibility to make sure your entry is well taken care of during the fair. If your entry is an animal, you must care for it, if it is a plant, you should water it, etc.
- **All entries must stay in place until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 28th NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- Check the fair book or fair web site at www/polkcountyfair.com for judging times and information!!

New Family Fair Orientation will be held Monday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building. More information is inside this newsletter.

Here are some other tips to help make this a positive experience:

- 1) **Fairs are for learning!** Whether you receive a blue or pink ribbon, it is what you learn at the fair that is important. Be sure to keep your ears and mind open when the judges are speaking. Judges are teachers and exhibitors should be learners. Whether you agree with the judge or not, remember that the judge is human and interested in helping you learn.
- 2) **Fairs are for fun!** Use the fair as a chance to meet new people and get reacquainted with those you have met in the past.
- 3) **Fairs are for everyone!** Not only 4-H members, but parents, leaders, cousins, friends, and everyone else who comes to the fair. While they are there, let us show and tell them what 4-H is all about. Let's make the fair 4-H promotion week.
- 4) **Fairs are for cool heads and cooperation.** The heat, excitement, and desire to do well at the fair can sometimes lead to misunderstandings. Sometimes we forget that we are all after the same goal . . . to help kids learn and have fun. If everyone works toward cooperation, everyone will end up winning in the end.

Best of luck to each of you, and I'll see you at the fair!!

Sincerely,

Chuck Prissel

4-H Youth Development Agent

July & August Events in Polk County

July



- 1..... Dog Obedience Class
- 2..... Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 4..... Happy Independence Day - Office will be Closed
- 8..... Dog Obedience Class
- 9..... Dog Agility/ Rally Class
- 9..... State 4H Plant-Science Day, Wautoma, WI
- 13..... Dog Show: Fair Park
- 15..... 4H Ambassador Mtg. 6pm
- 15..... Fair Clean-up/Set up 8am-Noon
- 15..... New Family Fair Orientation 6:30pm
- 20..... Fair Clean-up/Set up 8am-Noon
- 22..... Fair Clean-up/Set up 8am-Noon
- 24..... Polk County Fair Entry Day
- 25-28... POLK COUNTY FAIR!!**

August

- 1..... WI State Fair Quality Meats Carcass Show
- 1..... 4-H Day Camp
- 6..... 4-H Day Camp
- 8..... 4-H Day Camp
- 1-11....WI State Fair**



Notice to Dairy Exhibitors



All exhibitors showing a purebred animals must submit all pedigree and identification information for each purebred animal to be shown. Exhibitors using the Online Entry System will not need to complete an additional paper form as the on-line system will capture this information. Exhibitors using a paper mailed in form will need to send with

their fair entry form this information on the supplemental form (PINK) provided. Exhibitors of grade animals must fill out the form to the best of their knowledge.

Any changes must be completed by the change deadline – July 12, 2019. This includes changes or completion of

pedigree and identification information for purebred classes.

The dairy committee reserves the right to verify that the correct animal is exhibited as entered. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS** shall be allowed.

Changes in Fair Entries

The deadline for changing your fair entries is July 12, 2019. The best option is to call Michelle at 715.781.0725. If you mail changes to Michelle, you must make sure they reach her by July 12th.

This deadline is important as entry tags, judge's sheets, and show catalogs all need to be prepared for the fair. Each change you

make can affect a number of areas that need to be altered so please call with changes as soon as possible.

If you get to the fair and discover a mistake, you will need to come to the Administrative Building. We will determine the source of the error and determine if you will be allowed to show the exhibit for premium or for ribbon only. If you forgot

to enter an exhibit on your entry form, you will only be allowed to show for ribbon. However, you will still have the opportunity to learn from the judge and the experience.

If you have question, please ask your club leader or extension staff.

We all want to make sure you have the best possible fair experience.

See you at the fair!



Did You Know?

Did you know that 4-H forms, such as M.E Forms, Records Book Forms, Club Financial Records, etc., are all available right on your own computer!? They

are all PDF's and are all printable or writeable. For your convenience, there is also a link to make sure you have the most recent Adobe Acrobat installed on your

computer. Just follow the link: <http://polk.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/>

Polk County Fair Sign Contest

The Polk County Fair Board is, again, sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign **MUST** be at least four feet by eight feet (4x8). You **MUST** include the Polk County Fair dates, July 25, 26, 27, and 28, at St. Croix Falls, and your club name must appear on the sign.

The sign needs to be up by July 1, the sign needs to be on private land, not on the road right of way, and you must get permission from the landowner. By July 20, please submit a color 8inx10in photograph of your sign and the location to,

Judy Bainbridge
2267 170th Street
Luck, WI 54853
Phone: 715.553.0801

Judging will focus on creativity and advertisement value, and the Polk County fair board will do all judging. Only new signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200, or the second place of \$100. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50 for one sign. All Polk County signs are to be By August 5.



Quality Meats Program Weigh-in Dates and Times for 2019 Fair

Livestock animals need to be in place on **Wednesday, July 24th** in time for the following weigh-ins,

Wednesday, July 24 , Paperwork check-in, 8:30am-6pm

Weigh-in Times

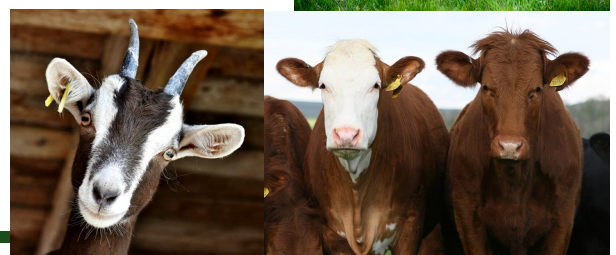
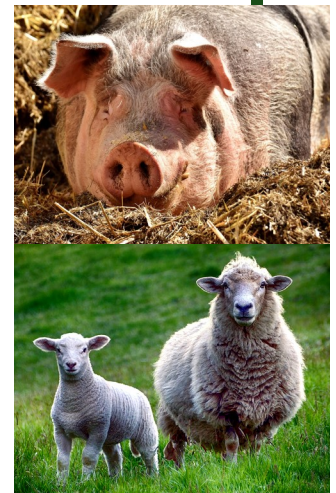
Hogs: 8:30am-Noon

Goats: 6pm-6:30pm

Sheep: 6:30pm, or following goats, to 7pm

Steers: 7pm, or following sheep, to 8pm

All paperwork needs to be in order and turned into the show barn office by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday to receive your weigh-in card before your animal will be allowed to cross the scale. Hog paperwork does not need to be turned in before crossing the scale.



Polk County Fair Food Stand Schedule

Please sign up NOW for the Food Stand at the 2019 Polk County Fair. We want to get the schedule made out so everyone gets a copy in the July newsletter. Everyone taking a 4-H sponsored trip must take a shift at the Food Stand either with your club or as an individual. We need at least eight youths per shift and you must send three adults for your club's shift. When your club decides, which shift you would like to work, please contact Kerry at the Extension Office, 485-8600.

All shifts need to report 15 minutes early for on-the-job training. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office, at 715-485-8600.



Wednesday, July 24 2019

11am-3pm 1) Little Falls Livewires

3pm-7pm 1) Jolly Milltown

7pm-10pm 1) Eagle View

Friday, July 26 2019

10am-2pm 1) Northern Lights

2) Joel Jets

2pm-6pm 1) Lucky Horseshoe

2) Beaver Brook Badgers

6pm-10pm 1) _____

2) _____

Sunday, July 28 2019

10am-2pm 1) Knotty Pine

2pm-4pm 1) Shooting Stars

Thursday, July 25 2019

10am-2pm 1) Forest View

2) Indian Creek

2pm-6pm 1) Bone Lake Beavers

2) Cushing

6pm-10pm 1) Deronda Diplomats

2) _____

Saturday, July 27 2019

10am-2pm 1) McKinley Vikings

2) Pleasant Lake

2pm-6pm 1) Cattail Clovers

2) _____

6pm-10pm 1) West Sweden

2) _____





Polk County Livestock Reminders

All of this information has been shared previously in either the Polk County Fair Book, this "Clover Connection", mailings from the Extension Office or at meetings and is put here as a reminder for exhibitors.

1) No common livestock watering tanks are allowed. Each exhibitor must provide and use their own watering buckets.

2) All breeding beef and dairy animals need to have a metal ear tag, a breed

registration number, a breed registration tattoo, or a USDA ear tag on the animal prior to being brought to the county fair. Tags can be obtained from your veterinarian.

3) For all swine, sheep and goats, please read carefully the Animal Health Rules on pages 20-27 of the Polk County Fair Book for specific instructions.

4) Exhibitors are asked for cooperation in animal

bedding packs not to be deeper than 8" (which follows along with the Wisconsin State Fair rules). Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call the Polk County Extension Office, at 715.485.8600.

Pre-Fair Event Schedule

Creative Writing Entries Due!

If you signed up for **Department 31J: "Crazy About Books and Creative Writing"**, **Lots 29-43**, **your entries are due to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 11th by 4:00 p.m.** !!! Due to the nature of these entries, reading and critiquing them takes time and we need to provide our judge enough time to effectively evaluate the entries. Late entries will not be accepted! For questions, please call the Extension Office at 715.485.8600.

Dog Project Members

The Polk County Pre-Fair Dog Show will be held two weeks before the fair, on Saturday, July 13th, at the Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and judging begins at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars now for the pre-fair event.



Aerospace Pre-Fair Flying/Launching Dates



To receive premiums and ribbons in lot numbers 1-17 and 23-28, flying and launching sessions will be held at the Polk County Fair Park on Saturday, June 22 and June 29, 2019. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and flying and judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. for rockets and air-

planes. Championship session will be held July 12 at 8:30 a.m., Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Flying and judging will follow, must register to fly. If you have questions, contact Matt Babcock- 612-308-8888.

To qualify for the championship model airplane and model rocket fly-off in lots 1-17 you must fly three categories: hand launch, catapult launch, and rubber powered. Lots 23-28 must fly two categories; target

accuracy and parachute duration, an exhibitor must have attended one of the first two sessions and earned at least one blue ribbon in any of the model airplane or model rocket lots numbers from 1-17 and 23-28.



Help Needed for the Polk County Fair

People are needed to help record and place ribbons on exhibits during judging time at the Polk County Fair. If you would like to help in an area, please send the following sheet back or call the Polk County Extension Office at 485-8600.

**Registration Form For:
Help at the Polk County Fair**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Area(s) You Would Be Willing To Help With:

Time(s) You Are Available To Help:

☐ A.M. ☐ P.M.

Day(s) Of the Fair:

☐ Wednesday ☐ Friday
☐ Thursday ☐ Sunday
☐ Saturday

Please return this form to the Extension Office at 100 Polk Plaza, Suite 190, Balsam Lake, WI 54810, or call: 715-485-8600



Exhibitors Entering Plant Soil Projects

Linda Owens will answer questions for anyone with questions on preparing crops or vegetables for display at the fair. If you have questions, please contact Linda at 715.653.2663.

Fitting & Grooming at the Polk County Fair

REMINDER!

The clipping and grooming of dairy animals by exhibitors while on the fairgrounds is to be done by the exhibitor and can be assisted by his or her immediate Dairy Leaders and/or FFA Advisor or owner.

Polk County Fair Prep and Work Days Set for 2019

The Polk County Fair Society has set the following work days to get ready for the 2018 Polk County Fair!!

Work dates will be the two Mondays prior to the fair July 15th and 22nd, and Saturday, July 20, as work/set-up days. Times will be 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



Attention New 4-H Families!

Attend the New Family Fair Orientation

Is your family new to the fair? Do you have questions about what happens at the fair as a 4-H member? The ambassadors are willing to help out! They are putting on a **New Family Fair Orientation** on Monday, July 15th, at 6:30 p.m. The ambassadors will walk you through the fairgrounds and give you very useful information regarding the fair including:

- ◆ Where to pick up entries
- ◆ What buildings are used for
- ◆ How to check in and out of the fair
- ◆ Other interesting events at the fair
- ◆ Answers to any of your questions
- ◆ What actually happens in face-to-face judging

Notice to Livestock Exhibitors

The **Load-Out System** that has been used and worked well in the past few years will once again be implemented for livestock exhibitors when leaving the fair on Sunday. Each barn will have a color designated to it; and numbers will be handed out on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in each barn by the Barn Superintendent. Announcements will be made in the Show Barn prior to the Little Britches Show. This load out system applies to all animals including rabbits and poultry where animals are not

carried out.

This system is used to expedite safe load-out of animals and supplies. Exhibitors can help by being ready to load when it's

their turn. If everyone works together and helps each other out during this process, it will run more smoothly.

Trailer parking will be designated in the Northeast farthest part of the parking lot. **Trailers cannot be parked**

near the barns or in exhibitor parking areas.

If you have questions, please call Karrie Melin-Swenson, Fair Livestock Committee Chair at 715-483-9797.



See You At The Fair!



Thursday - Sunday
July 25th - 28th
www.PolkCountyFair.com
2019

End of the Year Forms Due September 1st

Just a reminder that all Club Forms, Youth Leadership Forms, Record Book Award Forms, and Club Community Pride and Care Forms, etc. are due to the Extension Officer by the end of the office day on September 1st. Packets with these forms will be mailed the week of August 6th.



BEES, BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES

4-H Day Camp

August 1, 2019 9 am—3 pm at Polk County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building
August 6, 2019 9 am—3 pm at Mc Kinley Town Hall, Hwy. 48
August 8, 2019 9 am—3pm at Stanton Town Hall, 2245 Cty. Rd. T
Deer Park, WI (in St. Croix County)



Are you looking for a day full of lively learning and adventure? Join Polk County 4-H at ***Bees, Bugs and Butterflies Day Camp***. Youth (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will participate in a day filled with fun hands on learning activities, games, songs, and snacks. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet and engage with youth from around the county. This one-day event is being offered in St. Croix Falls, McKinley, and Deer Park. The cost of registration is \$5.00 per youth and includes all activities and snacks. **All youth need to bring a bag lunch. Non 4-H youth are welcome and encouraged to participate.**

Day Camp 2019 Registration due July 19th

(1 registration per youth)

Name: _____ Grade: _____ 4-H Club _____ (if applicable)

Address: _____ City/ Zip: _____

Parents Signature _____ Phone Number _____

Please check the day your child plans to attend:

_____ August 1, 2019 at Polk County Fairgrounds
_____ August 6, 2019 at McKinley Town Hall, Hwy 48 in McKinley
_____ August 8, 2019 at Stanton Town Hall, Deer Park

Please list any health concerns or allergies: _____



Campers registration and \$5.00 check due by **July 19**: Please make checks out to Polk County 4-H Leader's and mail registration and check to 100 Polk County Plaza, Suite 190, Balsam Lake, WI 54810.

Quality Meats Exhibitors – Important Fair Weigh-In Information for ALL SPECIES!

Please note these important reminders for the Quality Meats Project for the 2019 Fair.

All Species will need to be weighed in the new Scale Building.

Livestock animals need to be in place on Wednesday, July 24th in time for the following weigh-ins: **Hogs – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.;**
Meat Goats – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.; Sheep- 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. or to follow Goats; Steers – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. or to follow sheep. ALL
PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN BY 6 PM WEDNESDAY!

All species will be weighed in on Wednesday. Please see this newsletter for the weigh-in times for your species. You will not be allowed to participate in the Quality Meats portion of the fair if your animals are not weighed in on the Wednesday of the fair. **Hogs should be unloaded at the scale house and not the hog barn. Light weight hogs will have the option to return home if they have not entered the barn. Once they have entered the barn they must go to slaughter.**

All steers will be unloaded into the designated steer unloading area east of the tin barn on Wednesday starting at 1pm. This is a “holding area” for steers to calm down before being weighed-in or stalled. Committee members will be on hand to monitor steers.

Paperwork must be turned in at the Show Barn Office from prior to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday of the fair before you will be allowed to weigh-in your animals. We recommend you turn in your paperwork early because it will get very busy at the office when the weigh-ins start. Quality Meats Committee members will be in the office during that time to check-in paperwork. Once your paperwork is signed off by a committee member you will receive a color-coded weigh-in card for each animal. Turn in this card when you weigh-in your animal.

All paperwork must be thoroughly completed prior to check-in. Paperwork not completely filled out will not be accepted. The following paperwork is to be turned in at the Show Barn Office:

YQCA Completion Certificate

Education Card – You must have attended and received signatures from 2 approved educational events. Remember that the Carcass Show **DOES NOT** count as an educational event. 1 card per exhibitor

Feed Sheet – 1 sheet per animal, filled in completely.

Drug History Sheet – Please make sure you fill out the animal identification portion of the sheet and PRINT and sign the bottom of the form. 1 sheet per animal.

Buyer Contact Form – **Each family must contact at least 2 NEW buyers and submit the completed forms.** New buyer means anyone who did not purchase an animal in last year’s Quality Meats Auction. Also, new buyers cannot be from the same organization. For example, you cannot contact Countryside Co-op in Amery because they have a location in Durand, which purchased an animal last year.

Please bring all your paperwork to the office by family. It helps us to process your paperwork quickly and smoothly. It also speeds up the line so you can get your animal/s weighed in on time.

Showmanship participation is required of all exhibitors who wish to sell in the auction. Please make sure that you participate in at least one showmanship class for one of your species.

