

POLK COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION, JULY 2021



AS OF JUNE 2, 2021 ALL FULLY VACCINATED WISCONSIN 4-H STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS DURING PROGRAMS. We ask that individuals who are not fully vaccinated, including youth under 12, continue to wear masks. Staff and volunteers will not enforce mask wearing or ask for proof of vaccination for those not wearing masks. Masks may still be worn if preferred and individual masking choices should not be interpreted as an indicator of vaccination status.

- **Outdoors:** Physical distancing is no longer required outdoors for vaccinated people. Individuals who are not vaccinated should maintain 6 feet of physical distancing and, if physical distancing is not possible, wear a face covering.
- **Indoors:** There are no group size limits on indoor gatherings as long as a minimum of 6 feet of physical distancing is able to be maintained, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Transportation:** Any individual who is not vaccinated should wear a face covering when driving or riding with others. Vehicle occupancy is recommended to be no more than 50 percent of capacity when travelling with an unvaccinated individual(s).

Additional information can be found at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/>

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR CLUB?

Would you like your Club featured in the next Clover Newsletter? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! To share your club's story please email Kerry at: kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

CLUB REPRESENTED WHEN THE MONEY GETS SPENT?

The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board of Directors is an important group for the Polk County 4-H Program. This Board Oversees the Program and Makes Important Decisions About How and Where the Financial Resources of the Program Are Spent. They Also Provide Direction for The Educational Programs. Each Club Can Send One Adult and One Youth Member as Representatives to The Board. Youth Have an Equal Voice at The Table. The Board Meets Six Times a Year.

JULY 19, 2021 7PM FAIR PARK

4-H ONLINE ACCESS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES & LEADERS!

Families with approved enrollment can now edit their project selections. Click on "View" near the member's name on the "Family Member List" Screen. In the column on the left side of the screen, click on "Projects". There is now an "Edit" button on the projects page. Clicking on Edit will open a window similar to the add projects screen which was completed during enrollment. Be sure to ADD and Save changes.

As updates are made to the new 4honline for access for families and club leaders we will continue to share when available.

END OF YEAR FORMS ARE 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 1st.

INVITING ALL ADULTS OR YOUTH LEADERS INTERESTED IN HELPING TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM.

As you may know there have been limited classes provided to enhance the program & involvement in the Shooting Sports project. There are also only a few adult leaders. In order to keep the project going, more assistance is needed. Changes we would like to see added are actual classes held to expand the program and to explore more of the Natural Resources area. Anyone interested or has ideas on how to improve this project, please contact Chad or Stacey Lutsey or UW – Extension office.

Dear 4-H Families & Friends:

Once again it is fair time in Polk County, and people have worked hard to bring this year's fair together after a challenging year for everyone. Patience and understanding will be appreciated as we all work together to make it a great experience. Here are a few tips and some important information to make your fair experience enjoyable and educational. Please call our office, or your club organizational leader if you have questions about how any of this works. New Families are encouraged to attend an orientation ahead of the fair. Please see inside this newsletter or the fair website <https://polkcountyfair.com/> for updated or 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 28. 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 28 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 29. 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, August 1st NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

New Family Fair Orientation will be held Monday, July 19th 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 all is 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 will see you at the fair!!

Sincerely,

Chuck Prissel
4-H Youth Development Agent

POLK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 5:** Dog Project– Obedience: Beginners 6-7pm, and Showmanship 7:10-7:30pm, Polk County Fairground (Crops Building)
- 6:** Dog Project– Agility: Foundation is from 6pm-6:45pm, Beginners are from 7pm-7:45pm and Intermediate & Seniors are from 8pm-8:45pm., Polk County Fairground (Crops Building)
- 6:** Dog Project– Rally: All levels are from 6pm-6:45pm at the Polk County Fairground (Crops Building)
- 8:** 4-H Clothing Revue
- 10:** Dog Show/Judging for Premiums (Pre-Fair) – Polk County Fairgrounds
- 17:** Cat Show (more information to follow)
- 17:** Championship Aerospace Fly-Off, 8:30am at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 19:** New Family Fair Orientation will be on Monday at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds.
- 28:** Quality Meats Livestock Weigh Ins, starting at 8:30 am (See Quality Meats Page for more information).
- 28:** ALL ENTRIES, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THEY ARE JUDGED, are to be brought to the fairgrounds and in place by 7:00 p.m. Except for junior, open, and senior flowers which must be in place by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.

28: 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.

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29th-August 1st: POLK COUNTY FAIR

August

15: Club Financial Records are due into the Office

17: exhibitor and registered bidder picnic and awards presentation at the fairgrounds on Tuesday August 17th starting at 6:30 pm.
(in place of Carcass Show)

FAREWELL EILEEN, YOU WILL BE MISSED!!

Dear 4-H Families,

As many of you know, I have decided to retire effective July 5. It has been a pleasure working in Polk County these past 2 ½ years. What an opportunity to re-connect with my youth through 4-H leaders that I have known since we were in 4-H together. The 4-H tradition runs strong in my family. My mother talked about her 4-H club, Royal Order, which operated between Wanderoos and Big Lake during the 1930's and 1940's. I have many fond memories of my time in the Little Falls Livewires 4-H club: great leaders, supportive parents, club demonstrations, projects, softball and much more. I am sure many of you have the same memories and stories.

Thank you to the leaders, parents, youth, and 4-H staff who have been part of this 4-H journey with me. Your dedication to 4-H is to be celebrated every day. My wish is that you will continue to empower our youth through the educational opportunities you offer for kids. 4-H is not about ribbons. 4-H is about education, youth development, family, community service and much more. As I leave my position, I am not leaving 4-H. I will continue to be a proud 4-H volunteer. I look forward to seeing you at the Polk County Fair.

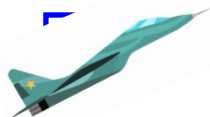
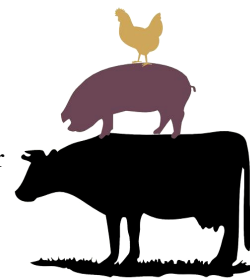
Eileen Van Dyk

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 21-28 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.



AEROSPACE FLYING/LAUNCHING DATES

The Championship session will be held on July 17 with check-ins starting at 8:30 a.m. and flying and judging to follow. You must register to fly! If you have questions, contact Matt Babcock at 612-308-8888, or babber85@gmail.com

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.



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 4 feet by 8 feet (4x8). You must include the Polk County Fair dates, July 28,29,30,31 & Aug. 1 at St Croix Falls, and your club name must appear on the sign. Sign should be up by July 1st, the sign needs to be on private land, not on the road right of way. Get permission from the landowner.

Submit a color 8x10 photograph and the location of your sign by July 20th to:

Judy Bainbridge
2267 170th St
Luck, WI 54853
Phone: 715-553-0801



Judging will be based on creativity and advertisement value and judging will be done by the Polk County Fair Board. Only news signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200.00 or the second place of \$100.00. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50.00 for one sign. Sign should be taken down by August 5th.

**THE FAIR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS:
A GOAT LOAD OF FUN**



HORSE PROJECT HAPPENINGS! Clinic Announcements and 4H Horse Project happenings will be on the Horse Project Facebook page. If you are new to the project please request to join this group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/polckohorseproject>

4-H CLOTHING REVIEW

Clothing Review is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 7:00 PM at the 4-H Building on the Fair Grounds. Registration information is located in this newsletter. Members must also enter the Clothing Review on their fair entry form. Exploring Project Members are also eligible for the Clothing Review.

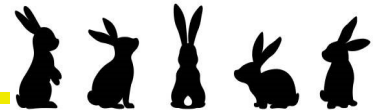
RABBIT WORKSHOP!

There will be a Rabbit Workshop on July 11, 2021 at 2pm. We will meet at the Polk County Fair Park at the Rabbit Barn. We will talk about rabbits and answer questions. We will tattoo any rabbits needing to be tattooed.

Questions?

Becky Larson: 715-294-2830

Carol Suckut: 715-410-5078



PRE-FAIR EVENT SCHEDULE



ATTENTION 4-H CAT PROJECT MEMBERS; PET PAL & CAVY PROJECT MEMBERS! This year the Polk County Fair Cat Show will be held prior to the Polk County Fair, on Saturday, July 17. All cats will be vet checked at 10am and all cage decorating will be done by show time. Show time is at 10:30am. Cats are to be left in cages until show is done. Please see the Polk County Fair Premium book for cage dimensions and more details. Also, Pet Pals and Cavies will judge this day, beginning at noon.

CREATIVE WRITING

ENTRIES ARE 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 Monday, July 19th 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.

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 4H Ambassadors are willing to help out! They are putting on a **New Family Fair Orientation** on Monday, July 19th, 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



4-H PRE-FAIR DOG SHOW JULY 10, 2021

Polk County Fair Park, St. Croix Falls
Crops Building (West Side of Fair Park)

Agility

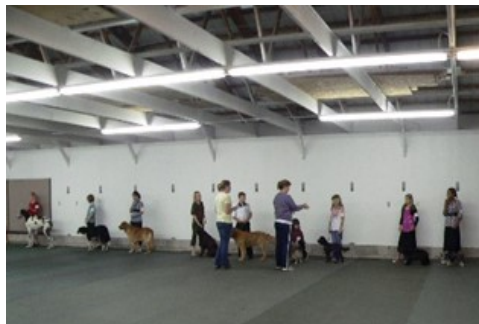
Registration 7am-7:30am

Judging 8am

Obedience/ Showmanship/Rally

Registration 9am-9:30am

Judging 10am



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 information to Charles.prissel@wisc.edu or kerry.hill2@wisc.edu or call in at 715-485-8600. You can also mail in this form/information to:

**Polk County Extension Office
100 Polk County Plaza, Suite 190
Balsam Lake, WI 54001**

Name:

Address

Phone #:

Areas You'd be Willing to Help With:

Times you are Available to Help (Please circle AM, PM or both):

Wednesday: A.M. P.M.

Thursday: A.M. P.M.

Friday: A.M. P.M.

Saturday: A.M. P.M.

Sunday: A.M. P.M.

QUALITY MEATS EXHIBITORS – IMPORTANT FAIR WEIGH-IN INFORMATION FOR ALL SPECIES!

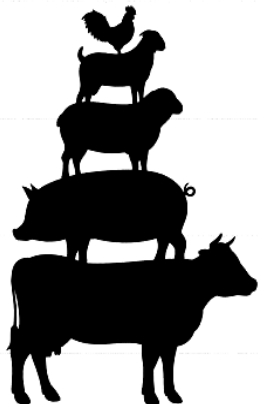
Please note these important reminders for the Quality Meats Project for the 2021 Fair.

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

Livestock animals need to be in place on Wednesday, July 28th 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 prior to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday of the fair before you will be allowed to weigh-in your animals, hogs are excluded. 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 1 certificate per exhibitor
- ♦ Education Card – You must have attended and received signatures from 1 approved 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.

QUALITY MEATS EXHIBITORS – CARCASS SHOW INFORMATION

We will NOT be having our traditional carcass show on Thursday following the fair.

In place of the carcass show we will be having an exhibitor and registered bidder picnic and awards presentation at the fairgrounds on Tuesday August 17th starting at 6:30 pm.

This event will provide an opportunity for all exhibitors to personally thank all of the people and business that support the quality meats animal projects thru awards sponsorship and attendee the auction.

POLK COUNTY FAIR PREP AND WORK DAYS SET FOR 2021

The Polk County Fair Society has set the following work days to get ready for the 2021!! Work dates will be the two Mondays prior to the fair July 19th and 26th, and Saturday, July 24, as work/set-up days. Times will be 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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.



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.

NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

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 715-557-0811.

EMMA MOORE AWARDED ELIZABETH SALTER-EBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Madison, Wis. (May 4, 2020) – The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awarded Emma Moore of Balsam Lake, Wis. a \$750 Elizabeth Salter-Eby Memorial Scholarship.

Emma was a member of her 4-H club since 1st grade and was a recipient of the Key Award. She was active in her club's roadside cleanup project and volunteered at her 4-H fair food stand. She served as president of her club and was a Cloverbud/Explorer youth leader.

Emma is working on her Master of Science in occupational therapy degree at The College of Saint Scholastica. She volunteers on service learning mission trips for the Medlife Club at her college and for her church youth group. She currently works as a Care Coordinator at The Human Development Center.

"Our 4-H youth exemplify true leaders," says Brenda Scheider, Director of Development for the Wisconsin

4-H Foundation. "Emma is a great example of a young person who is using the skills learned through 4-H to 'make the best better'. I know that our future is bright because of our 4-H youth."

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awarded more than \$21,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H students pursuing higher education. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped young people develop the skills they need to meet the demands of our complex and ever-changing world. 4-H has grown from a rich history of agricultural clubs that helped the University of Wisconsin-Extension connect families to research-based advancements in farming technology and techniques. Today's 4-H still boasts strong programs in agriculture and animal science and has grown to include science, leadership, healthy living and communications programming that help Wisconsin youth build a healthier and more prosperous future.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. Nearly 150,000 youth and more than 22,000 volunteers participate in and support Wisconsin 4-H programs. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports 4-H youth who take part in various 4-H leadership, development, and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting www.Wis4HFoundation.org.

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