

The Clover Connection



See You at the Fair!



2022 July/August Edition

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 18TH, 2022 7PM AT THE 4-H BUILDING, POLK COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS.

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 WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, AT 6:30 P.M.** Please meet us at the 4H food stand in the 4H Building. 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

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 clubs story please email Kerry at: kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

Dear 4-H Families,

It's fair time again and we are so excited to see the culmination of all your hard work! We would like to make sure that all our families, new to 4-H and returning, are aware of some important information.

FAIR REMINDERS

- Clean Up Days at the Fairground - Please plan to attend one or more days to help get everything ready for the fair.
- Wednesday, July 20th 5:30 pm-9:00 pm
- Saturday, July 23rd 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- Monday, July 25th 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- All entries, regardless of when they are judged, are to be brought to the fairgrounds no earlier than 1:00 pm and in place by 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 27th. Exceptions are junior, open, and senior flowers which must be in place by 6:00 pm Wednesday.
- Each entry will have an entry tag. Pick up your entry tags at the Administration Building starting at 12:30 pm Wednesday and **attach entry tag to exhibits before you bring them to be judged.**
- Dairy and llamas must be unloaded and stalled by noon on Thursday, July 28th. Animals may be brought in on Wednesday.
- Livestock animals need to be in place on Wednesday, July 27th in time for weigh-in and all market animal paperwork must be turned in by 5:00 pm that day.
- All entries must stay in place until 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 31st. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

New Family Orientation - Any families looking for more information on showing at the fair, where things are located, and answering of questions you have are encouraged to attend. Orientations will be held Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 pm. Please meet at the 4-H Food Stand.

A Few Tips to Remember During the Fair

Youth, adults, and volunteers alike have put so much time, effort, caring, and emotion into their projects. Please keep this in mind and be respectful of their contributions to our fair, no matter what that may look like. A kind word, a helping hand, and patience are all very appreciated especially when the heat and emotions may get the best of us. Remember, we are all learning and growing. If everyone works toward cooperation, everyone will end up winning in the end.

Thank you all for your commitment to the youth of Polk County 4-H!

Sincerely,



Lindsay Spindler
4-H Program Educator

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 ~Fair Signs Must be Up ~Registration Due for Cloverbud Day Camp	2
3	4 Happy 4th of July!	5	6	7 MN Tour	8	9 4-H Horse- shoe Tourna- ment in Cen- turia
10 ~Pullorum Typhoid Test- ing ~Pre-Fair Aer- ospace Fly- Launching Event	11	12	13	14 Creative Writing Entries Due to the Office	15 Cloverbud Day Camp	16 Pre-Fair Dog Show at the Polk County Fairgrounds
17	18 4H Leaders Federation Meeting	19	20 ~Polk County Fair Clean Up Day ~Ambassador meeting ~New Family Fair Orientation	21	22 Cat and Pet Pal & Cavy Pre-Fair Event	23 Polk County Fair Clean Up Day
24	25 Polk County Fair Clean Up Day	26	27 ~Livestock Animals must be in place in time for weigh-ins ~All entries MUST be brought to the fairgrounds	28 Polk County Fair ~Dairy & Llamas must be unloaded	29 Polk County Fair	30 Polk County Fair
31 Polk County Fair						

July

- 1: Fair Signs need to be up on private land with owners permission
- 1: Registration Due for Cloverbud Day Camp
- 4: Office Closed
- 7: MN Tour
- 9: 4-H Horseshoe Tournament. Starting at 10:30am located in Centuria at the Centuria Park
- 10: Pullorum Typhoid Testing . Polk County Fair Grounds, 4pm-8pm
- 10: Pre-Fair Aerospace Flying/Launching Event. Polk County Fairgrounds starting at 2pm.
- 14: Creative Writing Entries Due to the Extension Office by 4pm
- 15: Cloverbud Day Camp, Joy Lutheran Church in Centuria, 9:30am-1pm
- 16: Pre-Fair Dog Show at the Polk County Fairgrounds starting at 9am
- 18: 4H Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds in the 4H Building
- 20: Polk County Fair Clean Up Day! 5:30pm-9pm
- 20: Ambassador meeting, 6pm at the 4H Food Stand at the Polk County Fair.
- 20: New Family Fair Orientation, 6:30pm, Meeting at the 4H food stand
- 22: Cat and Pet Pal & Cavy Pre-Fair Event. Polk County Fairgrounds starting at 5:30
- 23: Polk County Fair Clean Up Day! 8am-12pm
- 25: Polk County Fair Clean Up Day! 8am-12pm

28-31: POLK COUNTY FAIR!

August

- 4: Record Book Workshop, 6-8:30pm at the Polk County Justice Center
- 16: Quality Meats Exhibitors-Appreciation Picnic. Starting at 6:30pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds



**PULLORUM
TYPHOID
TESTING**

June 30, 2022 4-8pm
July 10, 2022 4-8pm

Polk County Fairgrounds

This is mandatory for all poultry older than 4 months of age except turkeys.

Questions? Please contact Tina Memmer
tm.memmer@gmail.com
(715) 553-0913

Get ready for some summer fun. Centuria is hosting a
4-H HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT this summer

during **Memory Days**. On July 9th from 10:30 am-done, with registration starting at 10am, at the Centuria Park, kids ages 5-18 can participate in this free tournament. Trophies awarded to winners. Horseshoes can be provided to borrow for the duration of the event, or kids can bring their own. Kids can enjoy an afternoon in a lifelong sports activity. Please contact Jenelle Larsen at 715-485-8600.



AMBASSADORS MEETING

July 20th at 6pm at the fairgrounds with New family orientation starting at 6:30pm. Plan to come to lead this and to sign up for times to help at the fair!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CLUBS FAIR SIGN POSTED FOR ALL TO SEE AND ADMIRE,

please send the clearest JPG copy you have available to **Chad Lutsey** at chad.lutsey@gmail.com. He would love to help you get them posted on the Polk County Fair Facebook Page

END OF YEAR FORMS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST

Just a reminder that all Club Forms, Youth Leadership Forms, Record Book Award Forms, Graduation Forms and Club Community Pride and Care Forms, etc. are due to the Extension Officer by the end of the office day on September 2nd. Packets with these forms will be mailed the week of August 1st.

Polk County Fair Sign Contest 2022

The Polk County Fair Board is sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign must be at least four feet by eight feet (4x8). Each sign must include the Polk County Fair Dates(**July 28,29,30,31, 2022**) the location (St Croix Falls) and your club name. **Signs should be up by July 1st** and **MUST** be placed on private land with permission from landowner.

Submit by mail a color 8x10 photograph of your sign with the location by July 13th to:

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



Judging will be based on creativity and advertisement value. Judging will be done by the Polk County Fair Board. Only new signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200.00, or the second place award of \$100.00. ALL clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50.00 for their one sign.

Signs should be taken down by August 5th

The theme for this years fair is:
160 Years of Polk County Tradition

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP

Do you know what it takes make a great record book? If not, you're not alone! Come for a working workshop on creating your 4-H record book. We will go over what to include, how to fill out forms, the importance of record-keeping, and help you through getting started. Please bring a laptop or other device if you would like to use the fillable forms, or we will also have printed forms for you to hand write on.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH FROM 6:00 - 8:30 PM
POLK COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, BALSAM LAKE

FAIR INFORMATION

Guidelines for Youth Working in the Food Stand!



Youth should be twelve years old to work in the food stand.

Youth under twelve can work in the food stand, but need to have adult supervision. Adults are needed at all shifts to help with certain jobs and to supervise all youth.

Everyone young and old **MUST** bring a CLEAN cap or visor to wear working the 4-H Food Stand. Exceptions are individuals

able to tie all hair back including bangs. Thank you ahead of time for your cooperation

POLK COUNTY FAIR PREP AND WORK DAYS SET FOR 2022

The Polk County Fair Society has set the following work days to get ready for the 2022!! Work dates will be:

Wednesday, July 20th 5:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday, July 23rd

8:00am-12:00pm

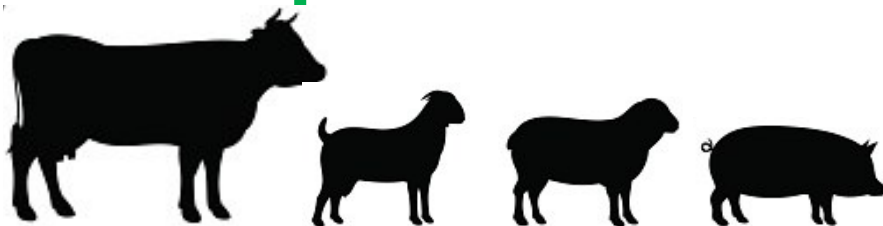
Monday, July 25th

8:00am-12:00pm



DAIRY AND LLAMAS must be unloaded and stalled by noon on Thursday, July 28th. Animals may be brought in on Wednesday.

LIVESTOCK ANIMALS need to be in place on Wednesday, July 27th in time for weigh-in and all market animal paperwork must be turned in by 5pm that day!



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.

FAIR ENTRY REMINDERS!

All entries, regardless of when they are judged, are to be brought to the fairgrounds no earlier than 1pm, and in place by **7pm on Wednesday, July 27th.**

Exceptions are junior, open and senior flowers, which must be in place by 6pm Wednesday.

Each entry will have an entry tag. You can pick up your entry tags at the Administration Building starting at 12:30pm Wednesday, and attach the entry tag to exhibits before you bring them to be judged.

All entries **MUST** stay in place until 4:30pm on Sunday, July 31st. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

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.

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 Sunday, July 10th at 2pm. Championship session will be held on the same day, July 10th. You must be register to fly! If you have questions, contact Matt Babcock at 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.



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.

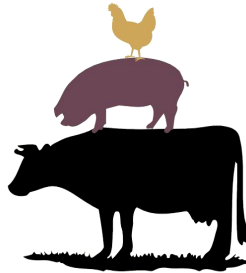
1) No common livestock watering tanks are allowed. Each exhibitor must provide and use their own watering buckets.

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 19-27 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.



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 22. All cats will be vet checked at 5:30pm and all cage decorating will be done by show time. Show time is at 6pm. 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 6:30pm.



PRE-FAIR DOG SHOW

The Polk County Pre-Fair Dog Show will be held two weeks before the fair, on Saturday July 16th, at the Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls. Registration begins at 8am and judging begins at 9am. Please mark your calendars now for the pre-fair event.

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 14TH 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.



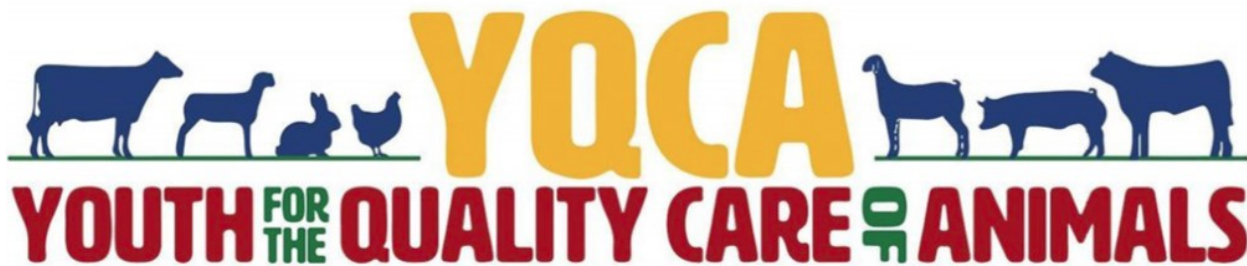
NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

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 contact either Karrie Melin-Swenson, Fair Livestock Committee Co-Chair at 715-557-0811 or

The **Load-Out System** that has been used and worked well in the past few years will once again be



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

Please note these important changes & reminders for the 2022 Quality Meats Fair Projects.

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

LIVESTOCK ANIMALS NEED TO BE IN PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH IN TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING WEIGH-INS:

Hogs – 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Meat Goats – 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Sheep- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. or to follow Goats

Steers – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. or to follow sheep.

ALL PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN BY 6 PM WEDNESDAY!

All species will be weighed in and scanned 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 – Appreciation Picnic Information

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 16th 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 attend the auction.

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW FOR THE FOOD STAND AT THE 2022 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, Kerry.hill2@wisc.edu or call at 715-485-8600.

All shifts need to report 15 minutes early for on-the-job training

Wednesday, July 27th

11am-3pm 1) Little Falls Livewires
3pm-7pm 1) Jolly Milltown
7pm-10pm 1) Deronda Diplomats

Thursday, July 28th

10am-2pm 1) Cushing
2)
2pm-6pm 1) Bone Lake Beavers
2)
6pm-10pm 1) Pleasant Lake
2)

Friday, July 29th

10am-2pm 1) Indian Creek
2)
2pm-6pm 1) Beaver Brook
2) Beaver Brook
6pm-10pm 1)
2)

Saturday, July 30th

10am-2pm 1) Northern Lights
2) Northern Lights
2pm-6pm 1) Cattail Clovers
2)
6pm-10pm 1)
2)

Sunday, July 31st

10am-2pm 1) Shooting Stars
2pm-4pm 1) Shooting Stars



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Club Happenings!



Shooting Stars participated in June Dairy Month, Dog Show– Grooming Demonstration and Outpost Camp during the month of June

Pleasant Lake 4-H club partnered with Dick's Fresh Market in Osceola and passed out chocolate milk & string cheese to customers to celebration June Dairy Days.

Pleasant Lake 4-H club also put together Farmer Goodie Bags to pass out to the hard working farmers in our area.



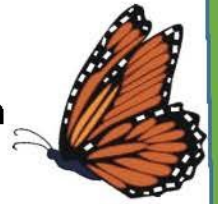
Photos from Area Animal Science Days, Golf Classic and Dairy Judging





The Buzz about Pollinators

4-H Day Camp



July 15th – Centuria – Joy Lutheran – 9am-1pm

Want to participate in a fun filled day of games and activities? Join the Polk County 4-H for "The Buzz about Pollinators!" Youth (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will get to engage in a day filled with hands on activities, games, songs, and snacks. Youth will have the opportunity to meet and engage with other youth from around the county. This event will be hosted at Joy Lutheran Church in Centuria starting at 9am. There is no cost for this event. Participants will need to bring their own bagged lunch. Non 4-H members are welcome and encouraged to participate, so feel free to bring a friend!

Day Camp 2022 Registration **Due July 1st**

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

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Please list your health concerns or allergies: _____



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