

CLOVER CONNECTION



Let's Get Ready for the Fair!

Information about pre-fair events, when to bring your exhibits to the fair and more can be found on page 7!

Summer Garden Bash

READY, SET, BLOOM!

Come join Polk County 4-H as we explore everything garden, from flowers to pollinators, to relaxation. Cloverbuds (grades K - 3) and friends are invited to join us in our garden adventure. Both 4-H members and non-members are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, July 9th at the Dresser Community Hall
9 am - 1 pm

Register using the QR code by June 28th



LOOKING FOR 4-H FORMS & APPLICATIONS?

4-H forms and application can be found on our website, <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

All Record Book reviews, Leadership Award forms, Club Community Care and Pride Reports are Due in the County 4-H Office on September 3rd

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

July 2024

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14 ~Pullorum Testing	15 ~4-H Leaders Federation Meeting ~Mail in Fair Signs	16	17 ~Ambassador Meeting ~New Family Orientation ~Fair Prep & Work Day	18	19 ~Cat and Pet Pal & Cavy Pre-Fair Show	20 ~Fair Prep & Work Day
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July

- 1: Fair Signs Must be Up!
- 4: HAPPY 4th OF JULY!
- 4: Extension Office Closed
- 6: Archery Pre-Fair Shoot will start at 8am at the Osceola Rod and Gun Club
- 6: Robotics Pre-Fair Run Off . Registration starts at 12:30, event is from 1-5pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF
- 7: Last day for fair entry changes
- 9: Cloverbud Day Camp, 9am-1pm at the Dresser Community Hall
- 13: Pre Fair Dog Show
- 13: Pre Fair Aerospace Flying and Launching, 2pm at the Polk County Fair Park
- 14: Pullorum Testing, 6pm-8pm at the Small Animal Barn at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 15: 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting, 7pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 15: Fair Signs must be mailed to Judy Bainbridge
- 17: Ambassadors Meeting starting at 5:30pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 17: New Family Orientation, starting at 6pm in the 4-H building at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 17: Fair Prep and Work Days, 5:30-9pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 19: Cat and Pet Pal & Cavy Pre Fair Show. Check in starts at 5:30pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 20: Fair Prep and Work Days, 8am-Noon at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 22: Fair Prep and Work Days, 8am-Noon
- 24: Bring your entries to the fair between 1-7pm
- 26: Robotics Youth Demonstrations at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 11am-12
- 25-28: POLK COUNTY FAIR!!**

August

- 1: 4-H Record Book Workshop, 6:30-8pm at the Polk County Justice Center
- 2: Learn to Use the Force! 9am-3pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 5: Fair signs must be taken down
- 15: Quality Meats Exhibitors Appreciation Picnic, 6:30pm at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 24: .22 Caliber Youth Shoot, 10am at the Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club

September

- 1: 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment begins!
- 2: Extension Office Closed!
- 3: Record Book reviews, Leadership Award forms, Club Community Care and Pride reports are due. Please drop off at the Extension Office.
- 13-15: WI State Horse Expo, Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis WI

QUALITY MEATS EXHIBITORS APPRECIATION PICNIC INFORMATION

on Tuesday August 15th starting at 6:30 pm.

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

We will be having an exhibitor, volunteer, and registered bidder picnic and awards presentation at the fairgrounds

AMBASSADORS MEETING July 17th at 5:30pm at the fairgrounds with New family orientation starting at 6pm.

Plan to come to lead this and to sign up for times to help at the fair!

POLK COUNTY 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING

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 15TH AT 7PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIR

END OF YEAR FORMS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 3RD

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 3rd. Packets with these forms will be mailed the week of August 1st.

SERVE GROW THRIVE MAKE

4-H Record Book Workshop

Thursday, August 1st, 2024
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Polk County Justice Center

Do you want help completing your 4-H Record Book? Join us for an evening of hands-on instruction on all the ins and outs of this important record keeping tool!

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Polk County Fair Contest 2024

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 fair dates (July 25, 26, 27 & 28), location (St. Croix Falls Fair Grounds), and your club name.

Sign should be up by July 1st, and be taken down by August 5th. The sign needs to be on private land, not on the road right of way. Make sure to get permission from the landowner.

Submit a color 8x10 photograph of your sign, the location by July 15th to:

Judy Bainbridge
2267 170th Street
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 of \$100.00. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50.00 for one sign.

**The Fair Theme for this Year is:
ROCK THE FLOCK**



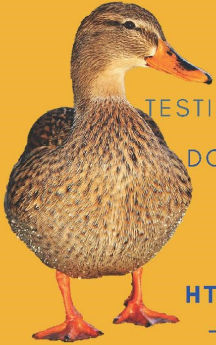
POLK COUNTY FAIR 2024

PULLORUM TESTING

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH 4-8PM

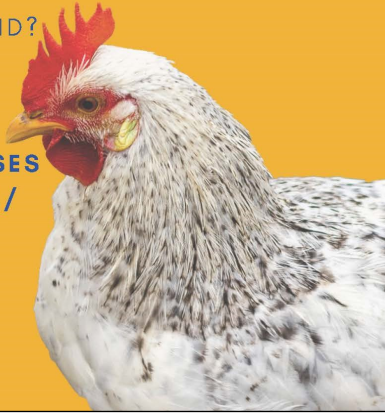
SUNDAY, JULY 14TH 6-8PM

TESTING WILL BE HELD AT THE SMALL ANIMAL BARN.



DO YOU HAVE A PREMISES ID?
TIME TO RENEW YOUR
PREMISES ID?
VISIT:

[HTTPS://WIID.ORG/PREMISES-REGISTRATION-RENEWAL/](https://wiid.org/premises-registration-renewal/)



All birds 4 months and older will need to be tested to be shown at the fair. Turkeys need additional testing over 6 months.

.22 CALIBER YOUTH SHOOT

BALSAM LAKE ROD AND GUN CLUB HAPPENING ON AUGUST 24. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10AM, SHOOTING STARTS AT 11AM. You do not have to be a member to participate, and there is no cost! Ammunition will be provided and if you need to borrow a firearm, they will have some to shoot with. Snacks afterwards (Hot Dogs and Cookies) Balsam Lake Rod and Gun will also be providing two .22 rifles as prizes! Come out for a great chance to win a prize and learn something along the way. This is not a 4H sanctioned event, but a great time to show your support for a very valuable partner to our program.

Learn to Use the Force!

August 2nd, 2024
From 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Polk County Fair Grounds
800 E Louisiana St, Saint Croix Falls, WI 54024

Open to youth in grades 5-8
<https://forms.gle/m1QDpzbfGnk3acfUA>



Learn to Use the Force – move objects, shoot marbles, and pick up metals with the power of electromagnetism!

Electromagnets are everywhere! They are a major component of vacuums and computer hard drives. But how do we make these magnetic forces work for us? How do we control their power?

Join UW-Madison staff and students to explore electromagnets, electricity, pathways to higher education and related career paths. Through Learn to Use the Force Kit youth will learn basic circuitry to create an electromagnet. Once tested the electromagnetic device will be modified into a marble shooter.



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WI STATE HORSE EXPO!

Friday, September 13-
Sunday, September 15

Located at the Wisconsin State Fair Park

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws hundreds of youth and horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of educational project and riding competitions focused on horse experience.



PLEASE SIGN UP NOW FOR THE FOOD STAND AT THE 2024 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 and attending 4-H Camp must take a shift at the Food Stand either with your club or as an individual. **WE NEED, AROUND, 8 TO 12 PEOPLE PER SHIFT WORKING (3 ADULTS AND THE REST CAN BE KIDS). THE CLUBS WHO HAVE MORE HELPERS MAY WANT TO SPLIT THE 4 HOUR SHIFT INTO 2 HOUR INCREMENTS. IF YOU HAVE A LARGE CLUB, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN UP FOR MORE THAN ONE 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 outside of food stand door (across from the 4-H office door) 15 minutes early for on-the-job training. Please wait for further instructions before going into the food stand.

Wednesday, July 26th

11am-3pm 1) Cushing

3pm-7pm 1) Cedar Lake

7pm-10pm 1) Deronda Diplomats

Thursday, July 27th

10am-2pm 1) Scenic View

2) Bone Lake Beavers

2pm-6pm 1) Cattail Clovers

2) Little Falls Livewires

6pm-10pm 1) West Sweden

2) South Milltown



Friday, July 28th

10am-2pm 1) Jolly Milltown
2) Indian Creek

2pm-6pm 1) Northern Lights
2) Northern Lights

6pm-10pm 1) Forest View
2) Forest View

Saturday, July 29th

10am-2pm 1) Beaver Brook Badgers
2) McKinley Vikings

2pm-6pm 1)
2)

6pm-10pm 1)
2)

Sunday, July 30th

10am-2pm 1) Pleasant Lake

2pm-4pm 1) Shooting Stars

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.

There should be only 8-12 people working in the food stand TOTAL. At least three of those people need to be adults.

If two clubs are working together, please arrive before your designated training time to decide who is working in the food stand.

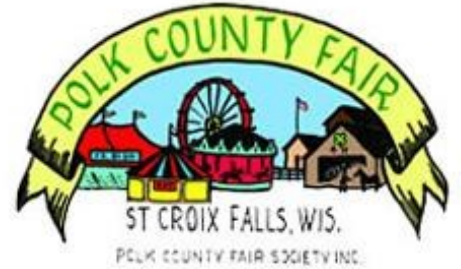
Everyone young and old MUST bring a CLEAN cap or visor to wear working the 4-H Food Stand. Exceptions are individuals able to tie all hair back including bangs. Thank you ahead of time for your cooperation

4-H Food Stand coupons can be purchased through the Extension office. Please reach out to Kerry to learn more about these coupons, or to request some for your club.

Kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

ATTENTION! When arriving for your shift, please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your shift outside of the food stand door (across from the 4-H Office) for training.

LET'S TALK Fair!



Thursday – Sunday
July 25th - July 28th
www.PolkCountyFair.com
2024

FAIR ENTRIES

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 24th.**

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 28th
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

POLK COUNTY FAIR PREP AND WORK DAYS SET FOR 2024

The Polk County Fair Society has set the following work days to get ready for the 2024!! Work dates will be:



- Wednesday, July 17th 5:30pm-9:00pm
- Saturday, July 20th 8:00am-12:00pm
- Monday, July 22nd 8:00am-12:00pm

THIS YEAR THE EXHIBITOR PACKETS CAN BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY, UNDER THE ENTERTAINMENT TENT

New Family Orientation

Polk County Fairgrounds 4-H Building

Wednesday, July 17 6:00 p.m.

Get answers to your questions and learn more about the Polk County Fair

Join us to learn about:

Judging | Tour of the Fairgrounds | Exhibitor Tags | How to Display Your Projects | Answers to All Your Questions about the Fair!

For more information:
Contact Us at (715) 485-8600 or lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

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ROBOTICS PRE-FAIR RUN-OFF JULY 6TH, 2024

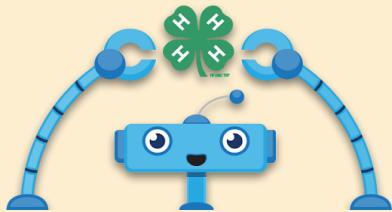
12:30-5:00 P.M. FIRST

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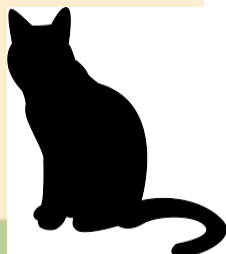
NEVADA ST; ST. SCF All models under ROBOTICS - LEVEL 1 All 8 Lot numbers & LEVEL 2 Lot numbers 15 through 26 & LEVEL Lot numbers 30 through 32, and 38 through 45 will be judged for ribbons and premiums at the Pre-Fair Run-Off that will be held at the First Presbyterian Church building at 719 Nevada St., St. Croix Falls.

THE RUN-OFF DATE THIS YEAR IS JULY 26TH, 2024. REGISTRATION IS AT 11:00-NOON. YOU MUST

REGISTER TO RUN. All Robots in these lot numbers Must sign up for and be Demonstrated in the Natural Science building at the Polk County Fair on Saturday in order to receive premiums, unless excused by 4-H Agent, Lindsay Spindler. Demonstration time spots to be determined at the Run-Off. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Miller-Frey 715-557-1467.



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 19. 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 5:30pm.



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, July 13th at 2pm. Championship session will be held on the same day. **You must be register to fly!** If you have questions, contact Matt Babcock at 612-308-8885

If it's raining, the date will change to July 14th at 2pm

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.



PRE-FAIR ARCHERY WILL BE HELD ON **JULY 6TH** FROM 8AM TO NOON AT THE OSCEOLA ROD & GUN CLUB. If possible, we ask that younger shooters utilize the earlier hours and the older shooters the later hours. If you have any question please contact Amy Bateman, 651-442-9414

4-H DOG PROJECT MEMBERS: This years Pre-Fair Dog Show will be scheduled for Saturday, July 13th at the Polk County Fair Park.

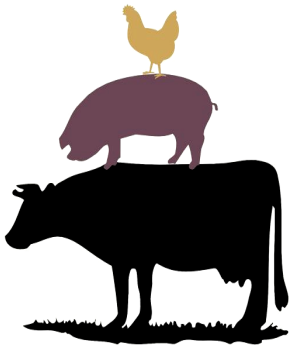
Please contact Nancy Wilson for more information, applerivernan@gmail.com



LIVESTOCK ANIMALS need to be in place on Wednesday, July 24th in time for weigh-in and all market animal paperwork must be turned in by 5pm that day!

DAIRY AND LLAMAS must be unloaded and stalled by noon on Thursday, July 25th. Animals may be brought in on Wednesday.

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.

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

Please note these important changes & reminders for the 2024 Quality Meats Fair Projects.

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th

MARKET ANIMAL ARRIVAL CUTOFF TIMES:

Hogs 10:30

Market Goats and Sheep 1:00 p.m.

Market Beef 4:00 p.m.

MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH-IN TIMES:

Hogs – 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Market Goats and Sheep – 1:30 p.m.

Market Beef - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

MARKET ANIMAL ULTRASOUND TIMES:

Hogs – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Market Goats and Sheep – 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Market Beef - 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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 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. 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 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 or signed attendance sheet from 2 approved educational events. 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.

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 contact either Karrie Melin-Swenson, Fair Livestock Committee Co-Chair at 715-557-0811, or Hans Johnson at 715-781-3902

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.

Livestock Skill-a-thon and Judging Times

All Exhibitors Welcome

Hogs: Wednesday, July 24th, 12pm

Sheep: Wednesday, July 24th, 2-4pm

Goats: Wednesday, July 24th, 7pm

Beef: Thursday, July 25th, 6pm

OUR 2024 4-H CAMPERS!



What's Up With Your Club?

To help promote the dairy industry, the Pleasant Lake 4-H club passed out free cheese sticks, cow stickers, and cow tattoos on Saturday in front of Dick's Fresh Market in Osceola.



Pictured: Eli Sanders & Dixon Maki



Pleasant Lake 4-H Club toured Horse Creek Holsteins as well as Newman Farms to see the different ways dairy farms work and the differences in technology that is used on today's farms.



Deronda Diplomats 4H club performed Dragon Trouble at the Talent expo in April. The kids had a blast making props & performing.



Bone Lake Beavers Participated in the Frederic Parade



The South Milltown 4-H helps with Adopt a Highway, plus they rake up the pine needles at Half Moon Lake Beach prior to the Lions youth fishing contest. For Dairy Promotion members handed out yogurt at the kids fishing contest to kids and adults. This year they also added aluminum cans to their recycling program.





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