

Clover Connection Newsletter

POLK COUNTY

March 2025



POLK COUNTY LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING

THE POLK COUNTY 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION BOARD OVERSEES THE 4-H PROGRAM, MAKING KEY DECISIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND EDUCATIONAL DIRECTION. EACH CLUB CAN SEND ONE ADULT AND ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, ENSURING YOUTH HAVE AN EQUAL VOICE. THE BOARD MEETS SIX TIMES A YEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 24
Polk County Justice Center





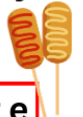




7:00 PM



Thursday, July 24 - Sunday, July 27

**LOOK INSIDE TO FIND OUT
WHAT THIS YEAR'S FAIR
SIGN THEME IS!**

MARCH

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 National Pig Day 
2 ~Sheep Workshop	3 World Wildlife Day 	4 ~Horse Project Kick-Off ~Sewing Workshop	5	6 ~EV3 Robotics Workshop National Oreo Cookie Day 	7	8
9 ~YQCA ~Beef Kick-Off Meeting ~Virtual Photography Workshop	10	11	12	13	14 National Pi Day 	15 National Corn Dog Day 
Lindsay will be gone for Ignite						
16 ~YQCA ~Swine Kick-Off Meeting	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21 National Flower Day 	22
Lindsay will be out of the office						
23	24 ~ Ambassadors Meeting ~ 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting	25 International Waffle Day 	26	27	28	29
30	31 National Crayon Day 					

MARCH

2: SHEEP WORKSHOP, 2:00PM AT THE JUSTICE CNT.
4: HORSE PROJECT KICK-OFF, 5:30PM AT JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CENTURIA
4: SEWING WORKSHOP, 6PM AT THE FIRST PRESB. CHURCH OF SCF
6: EV3 WORKSHOP, 6:30PM AT THE FIRST PRESB. CHURCH OF SCF
9: VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP, 6:30PM
9: YQCA 12:30 JUSTICE CENTER
9: BEEF KICK-OFF, 2PM AT THE JUSTICE CENTER
12-16: IGNITE, LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE
16: YQCA, 12:30 AT THE JUSTICE CENTER
16: SWINE KICK-OFF, 2PM AT THE JUSTICE CENTER
24: AMBASSADOR MEETING
24: 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING

April

1: SEWING WORKSHOP, 6PM AT FIRST PRESB. CHURCH OF SCF
1: DOG PROJECT MEETING, 6-7PM AT THE JUSTICE CENTER
6: RABBIT WORKSHOP, 2PM, POLK COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
10: SPHERO BALL & EV3 WORKSHOP, 6:30PM AT THE FIRST PRESB. CHURCH OF SCF
12: BARRON-POLK TALENT EXPO, TURTLE LAKE
22: SEWING WORKSHOP, 6PM AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCF
26: SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN, 9AM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
27: DOG PROJECT KICK-OFF, 2PM-4PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
29: SEWING WORKSHOP, 6PM AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCF

May

6: DOG PROJECT OBEDIANCE CLASSES START
8: SPHERO BALL AND EV3 WORKSHOPS, 6:30PM-8PM, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCF
9: DINO HUNT, 6PM AT THE BALSAM LAKE ROD & GUN CLUB
17: BEEF HAIR CLINIC, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
19: AMBASSADOR MEETING, 6PM
19: 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING, 7PM
21: HORSE PROJECT, TRAIN THE TRAINERS, 5:30-8:30PM, INSTRUCTOR ZACH HEDBERG, YOUTH LEADERS AND CLINICIAN. LOCATION TBD

Ambassador Meeting

Monday, March 24 at 6pm
Justice Center

Monday, May 19 at 6pm
Polk County Fairgrounds



LOOKING AHEAD TO SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

- Interstate Livestock Show, June 7th
- Northwestern Golf Classic, June 9th
- Pre-Fair Shoot for Shooting Sports, ALL AGES, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Shotgun (Trap) and muzzleloading, June 14 at 9am at the Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club
- Pre-Fair Shoot Archery, June 14th, Explorers Only
- Summer Academy, June 16-19th
- 4-H Camp, June 25-27
- Pre-Fair Shoot Archery, Jr. & Sr. Only, June 28th from 9am-12 at the Osceola Rod & Gun Club
- Pre-Fair Run Off for Robotics. July 12th, 12:30pm - 5pm

Kick-Off Dates

>>> HORSE KICK-OFF

March 4th at 5:30pm located at Joy Lutheran Church in Centuria.



>>> BEEF KICK-OFF

March 9 at 2pm located at the Polk County Justice Center.



>>> SWINE KICK-OFF

March 16th at 2pm located at the Polk County Justice Center



Polk County Fair Sign Contest 2025

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 24,25,26,27 2025. At St Croix Falls, and your club's name must appear on the sign. The 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 8 x 10 photograph of your sign, the location by July 15th 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 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:



TEXTILE ARTS WORKSHOPS

ARE YOU EAGER TO DISCOVER THE FUNDAMENTALS OF TEXTILES, SUCH AS SEWING AND KNITTING? YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE! THE POLK COUNTY 4-H IS EXCITED TO PRESENT A TEXTILE WORKSHOP FOR EXPLORERS AND BEYOND! JOIN US TO LEARN A NEW SKILL WHILE HAVING A GREAT TIME!

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

>>> Sewing (Basics plus) make a stuffed animal: 4 Sessions = Tuesdays, March 4, April 1st, April 22nd, April 29th from 6 pm to 7:30 at First Presb. of SCF, 719 Nevada St. Cost \$8. Please register by February 24th for all 4 sessions to Shirley at smillerfrey@gmail.com

ALL CLASSES ARE FULL! PLEASE REACH OUT TO SHIRLEY IF YOU'D LIKED TO BE PLACED ON THE WAITLIST.

ROBOTICS PROJECT

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCF (719 Nevada St.)

>>> SPHERO BALL AND EV3 WORKSHOPS:

- EV3 ONLY Workshop: March 6th, 6:30pm - 8pm
- EV3 and Sphero Ball Workshop: April 10th, 6:30 - 8pm
- EV3 and Sphero Ball Workshop: May 8th, 6:30 - 8pm
- EV3 and Sphero Ball Workshop: June 7th, 1pm-3pm



Robotics Pre-Fair RunOff is tentatively planned for Saturday, July 12th from 12:30 - 5 pm.

Please contact Shirley for questions, smillerfrey@gmail.com

Rabbit Workshop

APRIL 6TH AT 2:00PM

WE WILL MEET IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE POLK COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER IN BALSAM LAKE. PLEASE DO NOT BRING RABBIT! WE WILL TALK ABOUT ANY PROBLEMS WITH RABBITS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

BECKY LARSON- 715-294-2830



In-Person Trainings at the Polk County Justice Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH	12:30PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH	12:30PM

Dog Project!

- >>> The 4-H dog project will be having a meeting on Tuesday, April 1st from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We will be going over what is changing this year and handing out the paperwork for class registration and vaccinations.
- >>> We will have our Kick-off on Sunday, April 27 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds. We will be setting up the building for obedience classes, collecting class registration and vaccination forms, have prizes and refreshments. Please do not bring your dog to this event.
- >>> Obedience classes will start on Tuesday evening, May 6th. Time TBD





Registration open!

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Talent Expo *Barron-Polk County*

musical piano video dance speaking instrumental
drama speech demonstrations vocal interpretive reading poetry

Location: Turtle Lake HS
Time: 9AM-1PM

April 12th

Event Information: barron.extension.wisc.edu/4h/4harts/
Registration: wi.4honline.com (sign in, click events)
Registration Deadline: March 15, 2025
Registration in multiple categories encouraged (groups (large or small), duets, solos)



WANT YOUR CLUB TO SHINE IN THE NEXT CLOVER NEWSLETTER? IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE! JUST WHIP UP A FUN LITTLE ARTICLE ABOUT YOUR CLUB'S LATEST SHINDIG AND DON'T FORGET TO SNAP A PIC WITH ALL THE FABULOUS MEMBERS IN IT!

SHARE YOUR CLUB'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMAILING KERRY AT [KERRY.HILL2@WISC.EDU!](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)

Horse Project

During the kick-off meeting we will be providing a safety clinic, declaration and project agreement paperwork, horse camp updates, and upcoming clinic schedules will be provided.

REMINDER!

May 21st, Train the Trainers, Instructor Zach Hedberg. Youth Leaders and Clinicians 5:30-8:30pm, Location TBD

Shooting Sports Dino Hunt

May 9th 6pm-8pm
Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club

Because dinosaurs are such a terrible threat to the agriculture industry in Polk County we are offering all Polk County 4-H'ers ages eight (Explorers) to 12, and do not have a Hunter's Safety Certificate, the opportunity to participate in Polk County's 4-H Shooting Sports Dinosaur Hunt.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program will supply the B.B. guns and ammunition for this event. There will also be an Archery Event. If you have questions about the Dinosaur Hunt, please call Chad & Stacey Lutsey at chad.lutsey@gmail.com or by phone at 715-541-4241

Attention Dairy Project Members

The James Crowley Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 15TH to Lindsay,
lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

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



Attention Dog Project Members

4-H dog project members are invited to be part of the statewide 4-H dog speaking and demonstration contest. It is being held in conjunction with the 4-H horse speaking contest on May 4, 2025, at the STEM Innovation Building on the UW Green Bay Campus. Please register through 4HOnline. The registration deadline is April 1st.

For more information please email Kerry, kerry.hill2@wisc.edu

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS
Save the Dates

PIERCE COUNTY
JUNE 13TH

CALUMET COUNTY
JUNE 30TH



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



SAVE THE DATE!
AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS WILL BE HELD IN PIERCE AND CALUMET COUNTY!



VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop series designed to advance your photography skills! Youth will learn and practice editing, setting up a photo, and elements of photography. We will be having a virtual discussion and showcase of photos taken during our time together.

To register and for more info:
<https://go.wisc.edu/6ubc8s>

Questions? Email
lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

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SAVE THE DATE



June 7, 2025
Polk County Fairgrounds

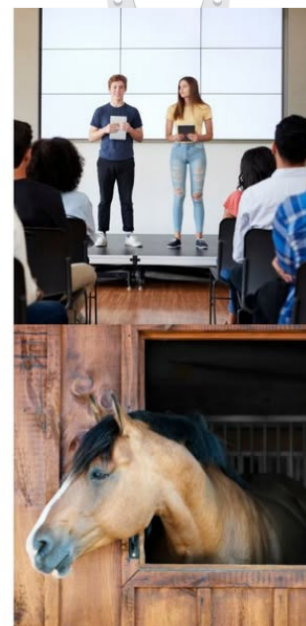
4-H HORSE EDUCATIONAL CONTEST ENTRIES FOR SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATION, HORSE BOWL, AND HIPPOLOGY ARE DUE APRIL 1ST. ENTRY INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE WI 4-H HORSE HANDBOOK UNDER CHAPTER 5 IN EDUCATION DAYS. MORE DETAILS ABOUT EACH CONTEST CAN BE FOUND IN CHAPTER 4 IN THE EDUCATIONAL GUIDELINES. 4-H HORSE HANDBOOK LINK: [HTTPS://4H.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/.../WI SCONSIN-4-H-HORSE.../](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../wi-sconsin-4-h-horse.../)

REMINDER

STATE 4-H HORSE EDUCATION DAYS

SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATION, HORSE BOWL, AND HIPPOLOGY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST



DHIA Polk-Burnett Scholarship

The AgSource DHIA Foundation is offering scholarships for students who are either enrolled in or planning to pursue post-secondary education. Each scholarship recipient will receive a designated amount in financial support. To be eligible, applicants must have a family that resides in Polk or Burnett Counties or must be a current or former member of the Polk-Burnett DHI AgSource.

Preference may be granted to students majoring in agriculture-related fields and those from farming families. Scholarship funds will be disbursed only after the student has successfully completed one semester of post-high school education and has submitted a transcript indicating this completion. Applicants may either be entering or currently enrolled in post-secondary education programs.

Applications must be turned into the Extension office by APRIL 4th

Applications can be found on our website, <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/> or by following the QR Code.



Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc Premier Scholarship

The Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation (WROF), Inc. is delighted to announce the 2025-2026 WROF, Inc. Premier Scholarship Awards Program! The WROF, Inc. will present five \$3,000 scholarships to five rural Wisconsin high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education in Wisconsin with plans to return to rural Wisconsin upon graduation. **The application will be available on this webpage from Monday, January 6, 2025, until 11:59 pm on Friday, March 7, 2025.**

The award recipients will be selected by an ad-hoc committee of volunteers of the WROF, Inc. The award will support post-secondary tuition and educational expenses in Wisconsin schools.

All recipients will be required to attend an awards luncheon with the WROF, Inc Board of Directors on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at noon in Madison, Wisconsin to receive your scholarship check.

Applications can be found on, <https://www.wrof.org/scholarships/wrof-premier-scholarship-application/> or by following the QR Code



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Indian Creek

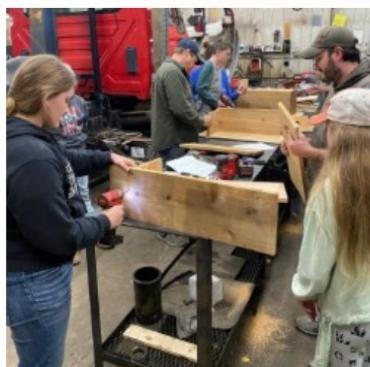


INDIAN CREEK 4-H CLUB IS GETTING THEIR GAME ON WITH A LIVELY ROUND OF BINGO AT THEIR CLUB MEETING! LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

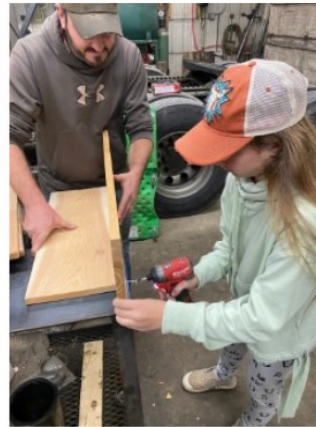
BINGO!

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, A CREW OF KNOTTY PINE 4-H ADVENTURERS TOOK A FIELD TRIP TO THE ROSE LEE WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA, WHERE THEY ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND CRAFTED 4 FABULOUS WOOD DUCK HOUSES! A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO THE RICHARDSON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FOR FOOTING THE BILL FOR ALL THE BUILDING MATERIALS. TOGETHER, THEY MADE A COZY HOME FOR OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS!

KNOTTY PINE



KNOTTY PINE



DERONDA DIPLOMATS



CHECK OUT THESE FAB SNAPS FROM THE DERONDA DIPLOMATS EVENT WHERE WE WHIPPED UP COZY TIE BLANKETS AND SPREAD SOME LOVE WITH VALENTINES!



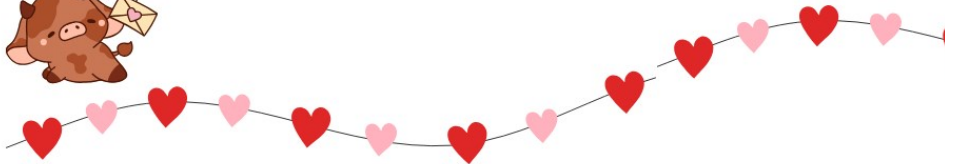
IN FEBRUARY, FOREST VIEW HIT THE SLOPES FOR SOME EPIC SNOW TUBING AT TROLLHAUGEN —BECAUSE NOTHING SAYS “WINTER FUN” LIKE FLYING DOWN A HILL ON A RUBBER DONUT WITH FRIENDS!

FOREST VIEW



Pleasant Lake

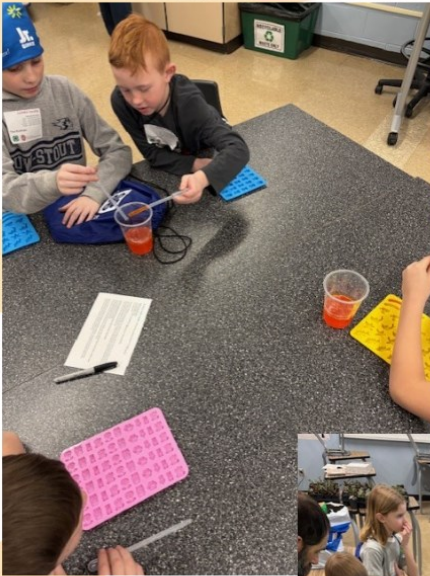
PLEASANT LAKE 4-H MEMBERS GOT THEIR CRAFTY GAME ON AND WHIPPED UP SOME ADORABLE VALENTINE CARDS, SPREADING LOVE LIKE CONFETTI TO THE LOVELY SENIOR RESIDENTS AT EVERGREEN SENIOR LIVING IN OSCEOLA!



If you would like your club featured in the next newsletter, please send me your pictures and a little burb about the event.

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