

Clover Connection Newsletter

POLK COUNTY



June 2025



**CHECK
THIS
OUT!**



7th -9th Grade
(2024-2025 year)

POLK & BARRON COUNTY



**4-H
CANOE
CAMP**

Canoe the St. Croix River (a 5 hour journey) from Taylor's Falls MN to William O'Brien State Park. Enjoy fun and teambuilding adventures with stops along the way. The fun continues as we set-up camp for the night in tents, cook over the campfire, sing camp songs, and more.

**Registration opens:
June 1, Space is limited
priority given to those who could
not attend Outpost camp.**

SAVE THE DATE



AUGUST 13-14, 2025

COST: \$75, TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED



JUNE

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 ~Rabbit Workshop ~Sheep Workshop	2	3	4	5	6	7 ~Interstate Livestock Show ~ EV3 and Sphero Ball Workshop
8	9 ~ Golf Classic	10	11	12	13 ~ Area Animal Science Days	14 ~ Pre Fair Shoot for Shooting Sports & Explorers Archery
15	16 <div>LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE</div> <div>SUMMER ACADEMY AT UW MADISON</div>	17	18	19	20	21 ~ Beef Showmanship Clinic
22	23 ~ Clothing Revue	24 ~ Counselor Day at Camp	25 <div>LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE</div> <div>4-H SUMMER CAMP</div>	26	27	28 ~ Pre Fair Shoot for Archery, Jr. and Sr.
29	30					

JUNE

1: RABBIT WORKSHOP, 2PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1: SHEEP WORKSHOP, 2PM AT KIM HUDSON'S FARM
7: INTERSTATE LIVESTOCK SHOW, POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
7: EV3 AND SPHERO BALL WORKSHOP, 1-3PM AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCF
9: GOLF CLASSIC
13: AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS, PIERCE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
14: PRE-FAIR SHOOT FOR SHOOTING SPORTS, 9AM AT THE BALSAM LAKE ROD & GUN CLUB. ALL AGES, AIR RIFLE, .22 RIFLE, SHOTGUN (TRAP) AND MUZZLELOADING.
14: PRE-FAIR SHOOT FOR ARCHERY, EXPLORERS ONLY AT THE BALSAM LAKE ROD & GUN CLUB.
16-19: SUMMER ACADEMY, UW-MADISON CAMPUS
21: BEEF SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC, POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
23: CLOTHING REVUE, 6PM AT THE ST. CROIX EXTENSION OFFICE
25-27: 4-H CAMP
28: PRE-FAIR SHOOT FOR ARCHERY, JR. AND SR. ONLY WILL BE HELD AT OSCEOLA ROD AND GUN CLUB. 9AM-NOON

JULY

4: HAPPY 4TH OF JULY, OFFICE CLOSED
9: PULLORUM TESTING, 5PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIR
11: CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP, 9AM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
12: ROBOTICS FAIR RUN-OFF, 12:30-5PM AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCF
12: AEROSPACE PRE FAIR FLYING/LAUNCHING, 2PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
12: PRE FAIR DOG SHOW AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
14: 4-H LEADERS FEDERATION MEETING, 7PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
16: AMBASSADOR MEETING, 5:30PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, YOU WILL BE HELPING OUT WITH NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION
16: POLK COUNTY FAIR NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION 6PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
16: FAIRGROUND CLEAN UP, 5PM-8PM
18: CAT PROJECT & PET PAL/CAVY PRE FAIR SHOW, 5:30PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
19: FAIRGROUND CLEAN UP, 8AM-12PM
23: FAIR EXHIBIT DROP OFF
24-27: POLK COUNTY FAIR
31: RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP, 6:30PM EAST CON. RM AT THE POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

AUGUST

13-14: 4-H CANOE CAMP,
15: GET WILD WITH 4-H! WILD MT. WATERPARK, 11AM-6PM

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.

Polk County Fairgrounds

7:00 PM

JULY 14TH



Ambassador Meeting

JULY 16TH

5:30 PM

**Polk County
Fairgrounds**



**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)!

POLK COUNTY FAIR 2025 PULLORUM TESTING

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

Testing will be held on Wednesday, July 9th from 5pm to 9pm at the Small Animal Barn at the Polk County Fair.

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP FUN ON THE FARM!

Join the Polk County 4-H for some Fun on the Farm! Coverbuds, come learn about the different types of farms and livestock on Friday, July 11th, 9am-3pm at the Polk County Fair.

We will have live animal demonstrations and lots of crafts to keep these young minds busy.

Interested? Please sign up at:
<https://forms.gle/u3UTWRUYTxf5s4Uc6>
or use the QR code below



IF YOU LOVE POULTRY, WORKING AS A TEAM, AND HAVING FUN - THIS CONTEST IS FOR YOU! REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE WISCONSIN STATE 4-H AVIAN (POULTRY) QUIZ BOWL CONTEST HAPPENING ON SEPTEMBER 27TH AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN PORTAGE, WI

4-H AVIAN QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

SEPT. 27, 2025

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 1, 2025

COLUMBIA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
PORTAGE, WI

SEE POST FOR MORE INFORMATION



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 1ST. LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT, REGISTRATION INFORMATION, OR WHERE TO DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM? FIND IT AT: [HTTPS://4H.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/.../SMALL.../POULTRY-PROJECT/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../small.../POULTRY-PROJECT/)

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTEST? CONNECT WITH RON KEAN AT RPKEAN@WISC.EDU

DEMONSTRATIONS NEEDED at the Polk County Fair



Do you have a hobby or skill to teach young minds? Join us at the Polk County Fair to demonstrate your expertise in areas like painting, woodworking, gardening, or cooking at the Action Center. Inspire the youth and contribute to a fun, educational experience.

Interested in showcasing your skills?

Please visit:
<https://go.wisc.edu/du4g3n>
or follow the QR code below



Questions? Please contact Lindsay Spindler, lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, ST. CROIX FALLS

Quality Meats will be hosting a Showmanship clinic again this year. We will be breaking the clinic into TWO sessions to better accommodate all ages and showing experience.

Session 1: Geared towards those with LESS showing experience

Session 2: Geared towards those with MORE showing experience

Session 1:

9:30-10:15 AM: Unloading

10:30-11:30 AM: Hands on Showmanship Practice

11:30 AM-12:00 PM: Session 1 load out

Session 2:

11:30AM -12:00PM Unloading

12:15-1:15 PM Hands on Showmanship Practice

1:15-1:45PM Session 2 load out

Please RSVP to Alison Emerson 715-501-4858 or Tyler Kuhl 715-410-6024

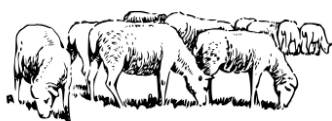
SHEEP WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

STARTING AT 2PM

LOCATED AT KIM HUDSON'S FARM

2228 255th St
St. Croix Falls



RABBIT PROJECT MEETING

Sunday, June 1st there will be a rabbit project meeting at the Polk County Fairgrounds starting at 2pm, located in the small animal barn.

Topics up for Discussion

- Showmanship
- Grooming
- Weighing
- Tattooing (only rabbits going to the fair)
- Do's and Don'ts at the fair

Rabbits are welcomed!

Becky Larson- 651-278-2830



robotics project

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

>>> SPHERO BALL AND EV3 WORKSHOPS:

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



2025 POLK/ST. CROIX COUNTY CLOTHING REVUE

Now is your chance to design and create clothing and have it judged all while having fun! The Clothing Revue is scheduled for Monday, June 23, 6:00 PM at the St. Croix Extension Office in Baldwin, WI.



Members must also enter the Clothing Review on their fair entry form. Exploring Project Members are also eligible for the Clothing Review.

Interested? Please fill out this form! <https://go.wisc.edu/23c49c>

Simulation Cow & Artificial Insemination Simulator Education Event

Northwood Tech College, Rice Lake Center

ALL 4-H members are welcome, adults, and 4-H Volunteers.

Instructor: Julie Wadinski

What we will be learning: We will be working with the simulation cow and calf to deliver a calf safely. We will have a normal calving as well as a breech position and with a calf puller (there may be two calves). We will use the A.I. simulator to breed a cow or heifer. We will use an OB sleeve, an applicator and straw.

When: September 27th, 2025 10am - 12pm

Where: Northwood Technical College, 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake WI 54868

Registration: <https://forms.gle/Pej5PebyahTkCrTn7>

Deadline: September 14th



Questions? Contact Lindsay @ lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

SAVE THE DATE



June 7, 2025
Polk County Fairgrounds

POLK COUNTY 4-H SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE!

You can now buy Polk County 4-H t-shirts this summer from Two Moms Imagewear! Choose local pickup, and options will be available at either the Extension Office or the Polk County Fairgrounds.



Use code POLK4H for
\$5 off!



<https://shorturl.at/pYo8a>

ANNUAL NORTHWEST 4-H GOLF CLASSIC



TWO OFFICIAL CONTESTS:

1. CLOVER CART CONTEST
BEST DECORATED CART
- 2 DRESSED "TO THE NINES"
BEST DRESSED TEAM



09 AT 10:30 AM
JUNE KILKARNEY HILLS GOLF COURSE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THE NEXT RECORD BOOK
WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 31ST STARTING AT
6:30PM
LOCATION: EAST CON. RM
GOVERNMENT CENTER

LOOKING FOR 4-H FORMS AND APPLICATIONS?

4-H forms and application
can be found on our
website

<https://shorturl.at/msL5b>

Need an updated club/project member
list? Need items printed for your club or
project? Please feel free to email Kerry
at kerry.hill2@wisc.edu, or call 715-485-
8600

4-H FOOD STAND SIGN-UP!

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/or 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 (FULL)

4pm-7pm: Forest View

Thursday (FULL)

10am-2pm: Scenic View

2pm-6pm: Bone Lake Beavers

6pm-10pm: Cedar Lake

Friday (FULL)

10am-2pm: Cushing

2pm-6pm: Northern Lights

6pm-10pm: Pleasant Lake

Saturday

10am-2pm: Beaver Brook Badgers

2pm-6pm: Jolly Milltown

6pm-10pm

Sunday (FULL)

10am-4pm: 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

POLK COUNTY FAIR PREP AND WORK DAYS SET FOR 2025

The Polk County Fair Society has set the following work days to get ready for the 2025!! Work dates will be:

- Wednesday, July 16th 5pm-8pm
- Saturday, July 19th 8am-12pm



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 24-27, 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:



Picture
yourself at
the
Polk County
Fair



Pre-Fair Shows & Run-Offs

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 Friday, July 18. 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.

PET PALS AND CAVIES WILL JUDGE THIS DAY,
AFTER THE CAT SHOW!

Pre-Fair Archery Run-Off

This year the archery pre-fair shoot will be held at the Osceola Rod & Gun Club on June 28th starting at 8am and ending at Noon. This shoot is for Jr. and Senior Archery. Explorer Archery will take place on June 14th at the Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club starting at 9am. Any questions please contact Abby Bateman at 651-442-9414

Pre-Fair Shoot for Air Rifle, .22, muzzleloader and trap shooting categories,

will be held on June 14th starting at 9am at the Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club.

EXPLORER ARCHERY will also take place at the same location and time.

For questions please contact Chad or Stacey Lutsey at chad.lutsey@gmail.com or 715-541-4241

ROBOTICS PRE-FAIR RUN-OFF

July 12th, 2025 12:30-5:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church 719 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.

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 12th at 2pm. Championship session will be held on the same day. You must be register to fly! If you have ques-tions, contact Matt Babcock at 612-308-8885

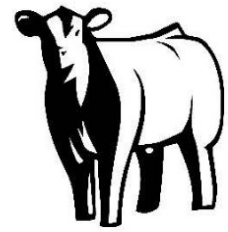
If it's raining, the date will change to July 13th at 2pm

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.

4-H DOG PROJECT MEMBERS

This years Pre-Fair Dog Show will be scheduled for Saturday, July 12th at the Polk County Fair Park.

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



2025 INTERSTATE LIVESTOCK YOUTH SHOW



**SHEEP - BEEF - GOAT
POLK COUNTY FAIR PARK
800 LOUISIANA AVE
ST. CROIX FALLS, WI**

Sheep and Goats will be shown out of
trailers

**A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH
OF ALL AGES**

***SATURDAY JUNE 7**

**Preregistration is required!
Registrations due May 18
Entry fee \$10 per entry.
Use Google form link:**

<https://forms.gle/SM5BEV9RetJ4C77UA>

NO Camping Available

Show Day Schedule

Check-in 7:30 - **Ends at 8:30**

Sheep & Goat Weigh In 8:30 - 9:00

Beef Weigh In 9:00 - 9:30

Livestock Quiz 9:30

Judging 10:00

Goat Show Start - 11:30

Sheep, Beef Shows Begin - 12:00

Starting with Showmanship

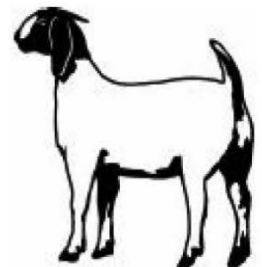
For More Information Call or E-mail:

Entries - Charlene Strabel (715) 349-5935 strabel@sirentel.net

Sheep - Anna Strabel (952) 594-0073 anstrabel76@gmail.com

Goats - Jeanne Alling (715) 553-2488 jeannealling77@gmail.com

Beef - Craig Scholz (612) 751-3236 ckscholz6869@hotmail.com



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Pleasant LAKE

The Pleasant Lake 4-H Club took a field trip to Dresser Hall, where the kiddos got up close and personal with fire trucks!



They discovered all the cool life-saving gadgets onboard, learned how firefighters suit up faster than a superhero, and even tried on the gear themselves to feel its hefty weight. What a blazing adventure!



Deronda Diplomats

The Deronda Diplomats 4-H Club donned their superhero capes and tackled roadside cleanup in our neighborhood!



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KNOTTY PINE

The Knotty Pine 4-H Club took Earth Day by storm, diving into the Rose Lee and Clear Lake Waterfowl Production Areas for a cleanup extravaganza! They tackled trash-filled ditches and played tug-of-war with old barbed wire fencing, showing Mother Nature some much-needed love.



Cloverbud Day Camp

For the May Cloverbud Day Camp we cooked up some science by creating mini volcanoes, made ice cream in a bag, tried our luck with creating our own bouncy balls, and so much more. Make sure to join us for our next day camp coming up in July!



Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

SUMMER FUN

AUGUST

BASEBALL

BEACH

CAMPING

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GAMES

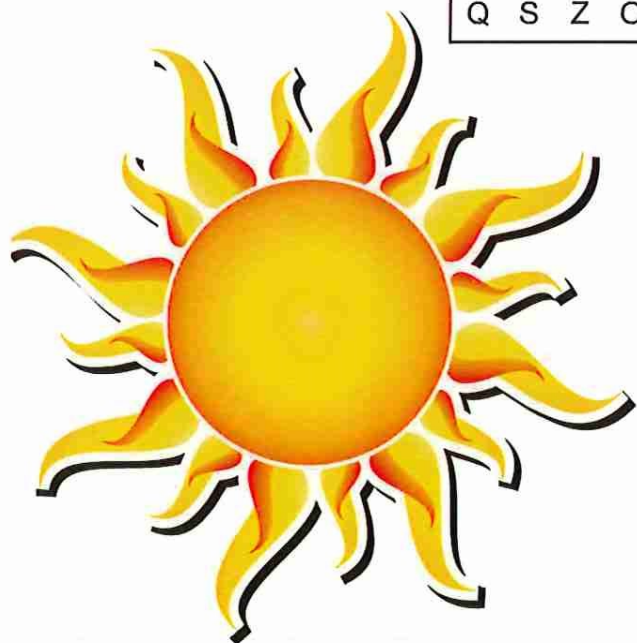
GARDEN

GRASS

ICE CREAM

JULY

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JUNE

OCEAN

OUTDOORS

PARK

PICNIC

PLAY

SANDALS

SHORTS

SNORKEL

SUNSHINE

SWIM

THUNDER

VACATION

WATERMELON

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. FORMS ARE LOCATED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Phone #:_____

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Polk County Office
100 Polk Plaza, Suite G600
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
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