

Clover Connection Newsletter

POLK COUNTY



May 2025



It's that time of year again where 4-H Clubs can sign up to work the 4-H food stand!

Available dates and times are located in this newsletter.

**WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL
SCIENCE DAYS**
Save the Dates

**PIERCE COUNTY
JUNE 13TH**

**CALUMET COUNTY
JUNE 30TH**



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



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MAY

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Lindsay is Out of the Office | 3 |
| 4 National Lemonade Day  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Robotics Workshop | 9 Dino Hunt | 10 Cloverbud Day Camp |
| 11 Mother's Day  | 12 | 13 National Apple Pie Day  | 14 | 15 Office Closed National Chocolate Chip Day  | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Ambassador Meeting 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting | 20 | 21 Horse Project Clinic | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Office Closed Memorial Day  | 27 | 28 National Burger Day  | 29 | 30 Lindsay is Out of the Office | 31 |

May

6: DOG PROJECT OBEDIENCE CLASSES START
8: SPHERO BALL AND EV3 WORKSHOPS, 6:30PM-8PM,
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCF
9: DINO HUNT, 6PM, BALSAM LAKE ROD & GUN CLUB
10: CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP, 9AM, CUSHING COMMUNITY
CENTER
15: OFFICE CLOSED FOR STATEWIDE TRAINING
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
26: OFFICE CLOSED

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
9: GOLF CLASSIC (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)
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
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
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

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, MAY 19
Polk County Fairgrounds**

7:00 PM



Ambassador Meeting

**Monday, May 19
at 6pm
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!**



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: 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



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

4-H & TSC

TRACTOR SUPPLY CO. PROUDLY SUPPORTS
CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL KIDS



STOCK UP FOR SPRING AND SHOW YOUR #4H PRIDE! NOW THROUGH MAY 5TH, VISIT TRACTOR SUPPLY CO. TO PURCHASE A 4-H PAPER CLOVER AND SUPPORT 4-H YOUTH. EVERY PAPER CLOVER SOLD HELPS FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H CAMPS AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.

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

4-H DOG SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

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

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:



**CHECK
THIS!** **OUT!**

PLEASANT LAKE

THE PLEASANT LAKE 4-H CLUB ADVENTURERS SET OFF ON A SWEET ESCAPE AT MORLEY'S MAPLE SYRUP! THEY GOT THE INSIDE SCOOP ON THE SYRUPY JOURNEY FROM TREE TO TABLE. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! THESE LUCKY TASTE TESTERS INDULGED IN A VARIETY OF SYRUPY FLAVORS, PLUS MAPLE COTTON CANDY AND EVEN MAPLE-FLAVORED ROOT BEER! YUM!



← HERE, OUR 4-H MEMBERS ARE
LEARNING ABOUT THE PROCESS
OF COOKING DOWN THE SAP

SOME OF THE PLEASANT
LAKE MEMBERS →



← LEARNING ABOUT THE
PROCESS OF TAPPING TREES

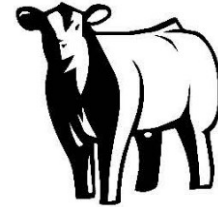
SOME OF THE CLUB
MEMBERS TRYING MAPLE
FLAVORED GOODIES →



KNOTTY PINE

THE KNOTTY PINE 4-H CLUB WELCOMED THE POLK COUNTY'S "FAIREST OF THE FAIR" TO THEIR GATHERING, WHERE THEY GOT A HANDS-ON LESSON IN BUTTER-MAKING MAGIC. EVERY MEMBER CHURNED THEIR OWN CREAMY MASTERPIECE TO TAKE HOME! THEN, LILY WOOD TOOK THE STAGE, SHARING HER GREEN-THUMB WISDOM WITH A PRESENTATION ON ALOE PLANTS. MEMBERS ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES, PLANTED THEIR OWN ALOE, AND LEFT WITH A LITTLE PLANT BUDDY TO NURSE AT HOME!





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

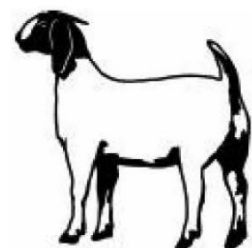
For More Information Call or E-mail:

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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 NEST
 PUDDLE
 RAINBOW
 ROBIN
 SEASON
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DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words
 in the grid. Look for them in all directions including
 backwards and diagonally.

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