

Clover Connection Newsletter

POLK COUNTY
JULY & AUGUST



CONGRATULATIONS!

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13	14 ~ 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting	15	16 ~ Fairground Clean Up ~Ambassador Meeting ~ New Family Orientation ~ Dairy Ex. State Fair Meeting	17	18 ~ Cat & Pet Pal. Cavy Pre Fair Show	19 ~ Fairground Clean Up
20	21	22	23 ~ Drop Off Your Fair Exhibits	24	25	26
POLK COUNTY FAIR						
27 POLK COUNTY FAIR	28	29	30	31 ~ Record Book Workshop		

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
16: WI STATE FAIR MEETING FOR DAIRY EXHIBITORS, 7PM, POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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

12: QUALITY MEATS EXHIBITORS APPRECIATION PICNIC, STARTING AT 6:30PM AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
15: GET WILD WITH 4-H! WILD MT. WATERPARK, 11AM-6PM

WI 4-H STATE DOG OBEDIENCE & SHOWMANSHIP SHOW

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 15TH

**SHOW WILL BE HELD ON SEPT. 27-28
LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS; ANTIGO**



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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
JULY 14TH, 7:00 PM**



Ambassador Meeting

JULY 16TH 5:30 PM

Polk County Fairgrounds



Want your club to shine in the next 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)!

WI State Fair Meeting for Polk County Dairy Exhibitors

**JULY 16TH 7PM
SHOW BARN AT THE
POLK COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

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

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

WI STATE HORSE EXPO

STATE FAIR PARK, WEST
ALLIS, WI

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 -
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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.

Educational projects include arts, creative writing, model horse, horse judging, and drawing – and more.

Horse and Pony Show classes include: Draft, Driving, Walk Trot, Saddle Seat, Hunt, Western, Showmanship, and Trail Riding.

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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>

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: West Sweden

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:

A cartoon illustration of a sign that says "Picture Yourself at the Polk County Fair". The sign is tilted and has a yellow border. The text is in a stylized font, with "Picture Yourself at the" in blue and "Polk County Fair" in pink.

Picture
Yourself at
the
Polk County
Fair

*Lets Get Ready
for the*

FAIR

Pre-Fair Shows/Run-Offs & Exhibitor Information

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 23rd.

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 27th **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

New to Showing at the Fair?

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

Join the Polk County Ambassadors to learn about: Judging, Exhibitor Tags, Fairground Tours, How to Display Your Projects, and Questions About the Fair.

Wednesday, July 16th starting at 6pm
Polk County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building

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.

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!**

4-H DOG PROJECT MEMBERS

This year's 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

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 registered to fly!

If you have questions, contact Matt Babcock at 612-308-8885

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

QUALITY MEAT EXHIBITORS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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.

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.

MARKET ANIMAL ARRIVAL CUTOFF WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD:

- 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: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Market Goats and Sheep: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Market Beef: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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.

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

THE LOAD-OUT SYSTEM

Will 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

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON & JUDGING TIMES

- Hogs Wednesday July 23rd 12:00 p.m.
- Sheep Wednesday July 23rd 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Goats Wednesday July 23rd 7:00 p.m.
- Beef Thursday July 24th 6:00 p.m.

ALL EXHIBITORS WELCOME

QUALITY MEATS EXHIBITORS – APPRECIATION PICNIC INFORMATION

We will be having an exhibitor, volunteer, and registered bidder picnic and awards presentation at the fairgrounds on Tuesday August 12th 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.

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

- 4-H members/approved volunteers: \$25
- Non 4-H Members, family, and friends: \$31

Registration is due by July 31, 2025. Mail to Polk County Extension Office, 100 Polk Plaza, Suite G600, Balsam Lake, WI

Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____

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CHECK THIS! *OUT!*



PLEASANT LAKE



PLEASANT LAKE 4H CLUB PASSED OUT CHEESE STICKS, COW TATTOOS & COW BRACELETS TO THE PATRONS AT DICK'S MARKET IN OSCEOLA IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE DAIRY MONTH.



PLEASANT LAKE 4-H CLUB TOURED DESIGN BY DISCOVERY IN GRANTSBURG, A BUTTERFLY HOUSE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH....WHICH WE LEARNED IS THE LARGEST MONARCH BUTTERFLY GROWING LAB IN THE WORLD. OUR MEMBERS ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE MIGRATION OF THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY, HOW THE WINGS WORK ON A BUTTERFLY, HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MALE & FEMALE BUTTERFLIES, AND SO MUCH MORE. WE GOT TO TOUR THE BUTTERFLY LAB, AS WELL AS THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE WHERE WE FED THE BUTTERFLIES.



A FEW OF THE MEMBERS FROM PLEASANT LAKE 4-H CLUB TOURED CRYSTAL BALL FARMS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH - WHERE WE LEARNED HOW THE BOTTLE THEIR OWN MILK. WE GOT TO SEE THE COWS, THE MILKING PARLOR, AND ENDED WITH A TASTING OF THEIR CHOCOLATE MILK!

CATTAIL CLOVERS

THE CATTAIL CLOVERS 4-H CLUB RECEIVED A GRANT FROM "FARM NEIGHBORS CARE GRANT" AND USED THE FUNDS TO MAKE 36 FARMERS LUNCH/DINNER BAGS TO DELIVER WHILE THEY WERE PLANTING. THE CATTAIL CLOVERS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE JUNE DAIRY MONTH WHERE THEY SERVED BOWLS OF ICE CREAM AT THE CLAYTON BP



SHOOTING STARS

THE SHOOTING STARS 4-H CLUB HAS BEEN BUSY THIS SUMMER! THEY'VE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THE 4-H FAIR SIGN, TAKING A WELL DESERVE TRIP TO THE MALL OF AMERICA SEA LIFE AQUARIUM, AND PROMOTING JUNE DAIRY MONTH (SHOUT OUT TO BURNETT DAIRY AND ACE HARDWARE IN BALSAM LAKE).



4-H HORSE CAMP



THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS HOSTED AN EXCITING HORSE CAMP. CAMPERS AND THEIR HORSES ENGAGED IN VARIOUS CLINICS AND ENJOYED A FANTASTIC TIME FILLED WITH LEARNING AND FUN!





4-H Summer Camp



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