

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

THE CLOVER CONNECTION

MAY 2019



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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowline. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

~ Mark Twain

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.

**MAY 20, 2019 7PM FAIR
PARK**

**JULY 15, 2019 7PM FAIR
PARK**



Clover Connection

May 2019



Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Spring is finally here after what seemed like a winter that would not end, and soon it will transition into the warm summer months!! With summer comes a calendar full of 4-H educational events and activities you will not want to miss! One of those opportunities for youth is 4-H Summer Camp!

****** As of the writing of this newsletter- Younger Camp is FULL for girls and a Wait List has been created. There are still a few spaces for boys and a few spaces for both boys and girls at OutPost Camp. The OutPost Camp Application is contained with-in this newsletter. For Younger Camp boys please refer to the April newsletter. ******

Let's explore a little more what youth gain from the summer camping experience!

4-H Camp: More Than Just Fun & Games: *Hiking! Swimming! Campfires! New Friends!*

If you or your child has never experienced the joys of 4-H Camp, you may be asking yourself:

- "Is 4-H Camp fun?" --> *Most Definitely!*
- "Do we play a lot of games at 4-H Camp?" --> *Of course we do!*
- "Does 4-H Camp teach life skills?" --> *Absolutely!*

Research shows that like other projects and activities, 4-H camp is centered on the idea of providing youth a fun, hands-on environment to build and strengthen valuable life skills. According to a large research study by the American Camp Association, summer camps positively affect children in the following ways:

- *Children become more confident and experience increased self-esteem.*
- *Children develop more social skills that help them make new friends.*
- *Children grow more independent and show more leadership qualities.*
- *Children become more adventurous and willing to try new things.*

A Virginia Tech study suggests that a primary benefit of 4-H Camp participation is related to Responsibility.

- Youth report: "becoming more independent and capable of self-care."
- Adults report: "youth taking care of their own things, sharing work responsibilities, and taking initiative on their own."

****** The number of teen 4-H Camp Counselors directly impacts the number of camper we can register. Teens please consider applying to be a Camp Counselor next February!!***

Sincerely-

Chuck Prissel

4-H Youth Development Agent



May



- 6.....Dog Obedience Class
- 7.....Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 10.....Shooting Sports- Dino Hunt:
6-8pm, Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club
- 13.....Dog Obedience Class
- 14.....Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 16.....Photo Workshop: 6-8, Polk County Gvn. Center
- 18..... Food Revue, 9:45am, Amery Comm. Center
- 20.....Dog Obedience Class
- 20.....4H Amb. Mtg. 6pm
- 20.....4H Leaders Federation Mtg. Meeting 7pm
- 21.....Dog Agility and Rally Class
- 27.....Dog Obedience Class
- 28.....Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 31-1...Camp Councilor Training

July



- 1..... Dog Obedience Class
- 2..... Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 4..... Happy Independence Day - Office will be Closed
- 8..... Dog Obedience Class
- 9..... Dog Agility/ Rally Class
- 9..... State 4H Plant-Science Day
- 13..... Dog Show: 8am-3pm
- 15..... 4H Ambassador Mtg.
- 24..... Polk County Fair Entry Day
- 25-28... POLK COUNTY FAIR!!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H POLK COUNTY?

June



- 1..... Camp Counselor Training
- 3..... Dog Obedience Class
- 2..... Rabbit Workshop, 2pm
- 4..... Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 10..... Dog Obedience Class
- 11..... Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 15.... Shooting Sports, Pre-Fair Shoot, 9am-12pm
- 15..... District Holstein Show
- 16..... District Holstein Show
- 17..... Dog Obedience Class
- 17-19. 4H Camp
- 18..... Area Animal Science Days
- 18..... Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 21..... Interstate Livestock Show
- 22..... Interstate Livestock Show
- 22..... Aerospace Fly-Off, 9am
- 24..... Dog Obedience Class
- 24-27 State 4H Conference
- 25..... Dog Agility/Rally Class
- 27..... Clothing Revue, 7pm, Gvn. Center
- 29..... Cat Show, 10am

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

4-H Volunteers are valued partners in working with our youth and help make 4-H possible. In order to volunteer, previous 4-H Youth Development experience is not necessary. The most important qualification is a desire to work with young people and help them grow through educational experiences and gain positive life skills. Please consider sharing your time and talents!

Adult volunteers working together with youth make a difference in the lives of young people. Volunteers work with UW-Extension professionals to develop the life skills of youth members, thus benefiting the state, employers and the economy. Volunteers extend the resources of UW-Extensions as they work with staff to deliver educational programs.

VOLUNTEERING IS A PRIVILEGE!

How Does One Become a Volunteer?

If you have not already done so, go to Wisconsin 4HOnline and create a family profile. Instructions are on the <http://polk.uwex.edu> website under the 4-H enrollment tab. If your family is already in the system, DO NOT create a new family profile, just make sure you are entered into your family account and check that you want to be a 4-H volunteer. The state will complete a background check and GIS will contact you through e-mail requesting additional information needed on order for the state to conduct the background check and begin your Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) progress.

Another step in the process, you can take the Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers. Please see the informational sheet included in the December 2018 Clover Connection, or visit the <http://polk.uwex.edu> website. You can also contact the Polk County Extensions Office at 715.485.8500 for assistance.

Once the background check is complete, and you have completed the Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers, there is one more important step; taking the Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training! **The Polk County Government Center will offer trainings at these specific dates and times:**

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Chuck at 715.485.8600 or

Charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu to register for the classes.

Registration is required to ensure we have enough handout materials and to be able to contact you in case of cancellation due to weather or low enrollment.

Name: _____

Club: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____



Did you know that 4-H forms, such as M.E Forms, Records Book Forms, Club Financial Records, etc., are all available right on your own computer!? They are all PDF's and are all printable or writeable. For your convenience, there is also a link to make sure you have the most recent Adobe Acrobat installed on your computer. Just follow the link: <http://polk.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/>

RABBIT WORKSHOP

When: Sunday, June 2 at 2pm

Where: Polk County Fair Grounds behind the Rabbit Barn.

We will be tattooing and weighing only rabbits that are going to be exhibit for the County Fair. If your rabbit does not need tattooing, but you have concerns about it, bring it with and we will see it, listen to your concerns, and answer your questions. We will also talk about entering rabbits in the fair.

Questions? Please contact:
Becky Larson- 715.294.2830 or
Carol Suckut- 715.410.5078



POLK COUNTY FAIR SIGN CONTEST



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 25, 26, 27 and 28th, at St. Croix Falls, and your club name must appear on the sign.

The sign needs to be up by July 1, the sign needs to be on private land, not on the road right of way, and you must get permission from the landowner. By July 20, please submit a color 8inx10in photograph of your sign and the location to,

Judy Bainbridge
2267 170th Street
Luck, WI 54853
Phone: 715.553.0801

Judging will focus on creativity and advertisement value, and the Polk County fair board will do all judging. Only new signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200, or the second place of \$100. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50 for one sign. All Polk County signs are to be By August 5.

The theme for this is **FUN FOR THE WHOLE HERD**

Foods Revue Workshop & Contest

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH AT 9:45AM-12PM
AMERY COMMUNITY CENTER
608 HARRIMAN AVE S. AMERY, WI 54001

Join us on May 18 to learn about Foods Revue. We will start with tips and techniques for a successful exhibit and then contestants will set up their own display. Entry forms have been emailed to Foods & Nutrition, Explorers, and Cloverbud members. A Food Revue Guide is available on our website at: <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects-2/4-h-food-and-nutrition-project/>



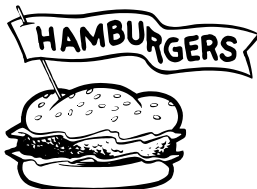
Food Stand Sign-Up Sheet

Please sign up NOW for the Food Stand at the 2019 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 must take a shift at the Food Stand either with your club or as an individual. We need at least eight youths per shift and you must send three adults for your club's shift. When your club decides, which shift you would like to work, please contact Kerry at the Extension Office, 485-8600.

All shifts need to report 15 minutes early for on-the-job training. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office, at 485-8600.

Wednesday, July 24 2019

11:00-3:00 p.m.	1.	Beaver Brook Badgers
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.	1.	Jolly Milltown
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	1.	Eagle View



Thursday, July 25 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	1.	Forest View
	2.	Indian Creek
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	1.	Bone Lake Beavers
	2.	Cushing
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	1.	Deronda Diplomats
	2.	

Friday, July 26 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	1.	Northern Lights
	2.	Joel Jets
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	1.	Lucky Horseshoe
	2.	
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	1.	
	2.	

Saturday, July 27 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	1.	McKinley Vikings
	2.	Pleasant Lake
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	1.	Cattail Clovers
	2.	Shooting Stars
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	1.	West Sweden
	2.	



Sunday, July 28 2019

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	1.	Knotty Pine
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	1.	Little Falls Livewires

4-H Clothing Revue

NEWS FLASH!!!

Clothing, Knitting and Crocheting and Cloverbuds Project members will have two opportunities to participate in Clothing Revue this year. Members may choose which date works best for them. (You may only enter one Revue.)

Polk County Clothing Revue, Thursday, June 27, 7:00 PM at the Polk County Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI

St. Croix County Clothing Revue, Friday, June 28, 6:00 PM at the Ag Center, 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin, WI

Registration Due Date:

Friday, June 14. Please indicate on your registration which event you will be attending and mail the entry form to your County Office. We will email registration forms to Project members and are available on the website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!!

Members of the Clothing, Knitting or/and Crocheting Project who are 12 years of age at the time of the State Fair are eligible to enter the State Fair Clothing Revue. The registration form is found at:

http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/clothing_revue_youth.pdf



Attention!!!

If you are interested in signing up for either the 2019 Youth Plant Science Days OR the Interstate Livestock Show, please contact your Club Leader to do so.

PRE-FAIR EVENT SCHEDULE

Dog Project Members

The Polk County Pre-Fair Dog Show will be held two weeks before the fair, on Saturday, July 13th, at the Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and judging begins at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars now for the pre-fair event.



4-H 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, June 29th. All cats will be vet checked at 10:00 a.m. and all cage decorating will be done by show time. Show time is 10:30. 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 be judged this day also, beginning at noon.



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, June 22 and June 29, 2019. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and flying and judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. for rockets and airplanes. Championship session will be held July 12 at 8:30 a.m., Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Flying and judging will follow, must register to fly. If you have questions, contact Matt Babcock- 612-308-8888.

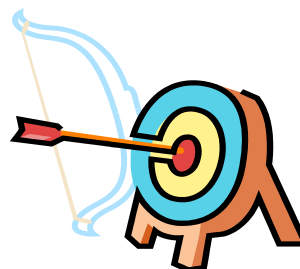
To qualify for the championship model airplane and model rocket fly-off in lots 1-17 you must fly three categories: hand launch, catapult launch, and rubber powered. Lots 23-28 must fly two categories; target accuracy and parachute duration, an exhibitor must have attended one of the first two sessions and earned at least one blue ribbon in any of the model airplane or model rocket lots numbers from 1-17 and 23-28.





Exhibitors Entering Plant Soil Projects

Linda Owens will answer questions for anyone with questions on preparing crops or vegetables for display at the fair. If you have questions, please contact Linda at 715.653.2663.



4-H Shooting Sports

The 4-H Pre-Fair Shooting Sports Events is scheduled for Saturday, June 16 from 9:00am – noon at the Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club, at Lykens. All Shooting Sports categories – including archery will compete.

The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Shooting Sports Committee will host the annual Shoot-Off. The event is open to all project members' grades 4 and up (**not Explorers**). These events are pre-fair events, meaning that participants are eligible to receive fair premiums if they include the correct lot number on their fair entry form. These forms are due June 14 to Michelle Peterson, 471 Random Drive, Amery, WI 54001

You must be enrolled in a shooting sports project unit in order to shoot at these events for premiums. However, because of the educational value of this event, participants can shoot even if they are not participating for premiums in lot numbers. Shooting pointers will be given to participants along with safety education.

In addition to the lot numbers for the shoot-off, on pages 72-93 of the fair premium book, lot numbers 1-11 can be entered on the entry form and you must bring these items to the fair on Wednesday, July 24. These entries will be judged on Friday, July 26.

Youth should be ready to compete on time at this event. The event will conclude promptly at the designated time. Events include, Air Rifle, .22 Rifles, Trap Shooting, Archery, and Black Powder (Muzzleloaders) NO SCOPES ALLOWED. Please read and follow instructions on pages 92-93 of the 2019 Polk County Fair Premium Book prior to this event.

If you have any questions on the pre-fair shoot, please contact Chad or Stacey Lutsey at 715.541.4241 (rifle events); or Dave and Carolyn Peterson at 715.491.2388 for archery events.

PARENTS – please look over the guns and bows your youth will be using to make sure they are in good working order. Please make sure the ammunition your youth brings is correct for their firearm.

We will NOT provide Ammunition or Arrows!



Fair Entry Online Registration- New Instructions for 2019!!

Exhibitors at the 2019 Polk County Fair will again be able to submit their Fair Entries online!! Please see complete details on page 1 of the Polk County Fair Book.

Mailed paper entry forms will still be accepted as in the past. All Entries are due June 14, 2019!!

Polk County Fair Books Available Now!!

2019 Polk County Fair Premium Books are available. Books are sorted by club and should be picked up and distributed at the next club meeting. As in the past, the 2019 Fair Book is also available on-line at <https://polkcountyfair.com/fair-book/>. **Exhibitors can complete online entry forms. Please see page 1 of the Fair Book.** All paper entry forms must have the Club Organizational leader's signature on the forms prior to being submitted. Youth must be enrolled in a project in order to show entries in related lot numbers.

Books will also be available from the Extension Office and area banks.
School entries are also due June 14th, along with Open and Senior Entries.

All entries (including paper Cloverbud Forms) should be sent to:

**Michelle Peterson
471 Random Drive
Amery, WI 54001**

The dates for the Polk County Fair are July 24-July 28, 2019. Some events will be held ahead of time. Please see the following websites for updates and information: <http://www.polkcountyfair.com>; or <http://polk.uwex.edu> or the "Clover Connection" for more details.

****All Cloverbud entries (paper with your child's picture) should be sent to:**

**Michelle Peterson
471 Random Drive
Amery, WI 54001**

NOTICE TO DAIRY EXHIBITORS

All exhibitors showing a purebred animals must submit all pedigree and identification information for each purebred animal to be shown. Exhibitors using the Online Entry System will not need to complete an additional paper form as the on-line system will capture this information. **Exhibitors using a paper mailed in form will need to send with their fair entry form this information on the supplemental form (PINK) provided.** Exhibitors of grade animals must fill out the form to the best of their knowledge.

Any changes must be completed by the change deadline – July 10, 2019. This includes changes or completion of pedigree and identification information for purebred classes.

The dairy committee reserves the right to verify that the correct animal is exhibited as entered. NO SUBSTITUTIONS shall be allowed.



DINOSAUR HUNT



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.



**Where: Balsam Lake Rod
& Gun Club**
When: Friday, May 10, 2019
Time: Registration Begins at 6pm
How Long: Done By 8pm



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 715.268.4241
Or Dave & Carolyn Peterson at 715.857-5897.
Parents are encouraged to attend with their children

