

# The Clover Connection



**With all of the Unfortunate Circumstances that have just arose due to COVID-19, All Dates Within this Newsletter are Subject to Change!**

## **Attention all 4-H Members!**

**Due to COVID-19, many 4-H events have been cancelled or postponed. Please keep an eye out for the weekly emails from our 4-H staff informing you on the latest updates.**

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**Starting soon, please keep an eye out for weekly emails from our 4-H staff to keep you updated on the latest information.**



## All April Events have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19



- 7- ~~"Open Mic" Pre-Performance Event, 6pm at the Gov. Center~~ **CANCELLED**
- 11- Dairy Judging Contest **Postponed Date to be Determined**
- 14- **4-H Town Hall Zoom at 7pm (this is still happening)**
- 16- V.I.P Training at the Gov. Center, 6:30pm **POSTPONED DTBD**
- 18- Performance Arts Festival **Moved to digital format. More information to follow.**
- 19- Rabbit Workshop, 2pm at the Justice Center **Postponed date to be determined**
- 23- Foods Revue, 6:30pm, Polk County Gov. Center **Postponed date to be determined**
- 25- Goat and Sheep Weigh-In More information in the Newsletter
- 25- 4-H Dog Kick-Off/Move Equipment, 2pm-4pm **Postponed date to be determined**
- 27- 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship **Postponed date to be determined**
- 28- 4-H Dog Agility/Rally **Postponed date to be determined**



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- 4- ~~4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship~~
- 5- ~~4-H Dog Agility Classes~~
- 8- ~~Shooting Sports Dino Hunt at Balsam Lake Rod & Gun, 6pm-8pm~~ **This event has been cancelled**
- 11- ~~4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship~~
- 18- ~~4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship~~
- 18- ~~4-H Leaders Meeting at 4-H Building in Fair Park at 7pm~~
- 18- ~~4-H Ambassador Meeting at 6pm~~
- 19- ~~4-H Dog Agility Classes~~
- 26- ~~4-H Dog Agility Classes~~

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## OFFICE TRAINING MATERIALS

Now is the time for new officers to brush up on their leadership skills and to learn the responsibilities of an officer. Listed here are descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of each of the 4-H club officers. These resources should help club members perform their officer duties effectively and improve their leadership skills. Officer materials are available online at Wisconsin 4-H Community Club Central at the following link:

<https://fvi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/clubs-and-groups/4-h-club-and-groupcommittee-management/4-h-club-officer-and-youth-leader-training-resources/>

**President** – Agendas & Facilitating Group Discussion

**Vice President** – Creating Club Calendar & Committees

**Secretary** – Meeting Minutes

**Treasurer** – Checkbook Balancing Basics and Financial Responsibility

**Reporter** – How to Write a Press Release

The 4-H program encourages members to use basic parliamentary procedures for their club business meetings. The Parliamentary Procedures brochure, also available online, defines parliamentary procedures and the steps in making club decisions.

Each club members – not just the officers – need to become familiar with the basics so they can contribute to their clubs business meetings effectively. If you have questions regarding Parliamentary Procedure or Officer Duties contact Chuck Prissel at [charles.prissel@wisc.edu](mailto:charles.prissel@wisc.edu)

# True Leaders in Service



## Club Represented When the Money Gets Spent

The Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Board of Directors is a very important group for the Polk County 4-H program. This board oversees the program and makes very important decisions about how and where the financial resources of the program get spent. They also provide direction for the educational programs. Is your club being represented?? 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 and the meeting dates for this 4-H calendar year are:

May 18th, 2020 7pm at Fair Park  
July 20th, 2020 7pm at Fair Park

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## 4-H FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB!!

Did you know that more 4-H forms, such as M.E. forms, Record Book Forms, Club Financial Records, etc., are all available right on your own computer? Just follow the link:

<https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/>

Select the category and print out what you need! These forms are still available from the Extension Office for your convenience.



# Ambassador Corner

Why should you be an ambassador? The Polk County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of youth leaders who help organize and run countywide events. As an ambassador, you'd get to help at the county performance arts festival, the annual Northwest 4-H Golf Classic, and at the county fair. You'd also be able to participate in a number of recreational and community service activities throughout the year. The Ambassador program is an awesome way for you to grow as a youth leader, build your resume, and be more involved in the Polk County 4-H program. We're looking for youth 7-12th grade to help make 4-H in our county happen! info to join]





# QUALITY MEATS

EXHIBITOR UPDATES FOR  
SWINE, SHEEP & GOATS

## Due to COVID-19 the Interstate Livestock Show has been CANCELLED!

**SWINE EXHIBITORS** please register yourself and your Quality Meats animal exhibit by completing this google form <https://forms.gle/gsH2SEn6xpJpJoPP7>

A link to the google form and other necessary quality meats paper work can be found on the Quality Meats web page <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/quality-meats/>

At this time we are not able to schedule a date for tag and DNA kit distribution. As we continually monitor the Covid-19 situation more information will be provided.



**SHEEP EXHIBITORS** the April 25<sup>th</sup> weigh-in is cancelled. A date or method of tag distribution will be announced at a later date. Please register yourself and your Quality Meats animal exhibit by completing this google form <https://forms.gle/qGbwiPacGxvzGmxa6>

A link to the google form and other necessary quality meats paper work can be found on the Quality Meats web page <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/quality-meats/>

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**GOAT EXHIBITORS** the April 25<sup>th</sup> weigh-in is cancelled. A date or method of tag distribution will be announced at a later date. Please register yourself and your Quality Meats animal exhibit by completing this google form <https://forms.gle/53AZUobEHdwq9oZt6>

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**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 Extension professionals to develop the life skills of youth members, thus benefiting the state, employers, and the economy. Volunteers extend the resources of Extension 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 can be found on the [polk.extension.wisc.edu](http://polk.extension.wisc.edu) website under the 4H 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. A background check will be conducted on you by the state **and you will be contacted by [4hvolunteers@ohr.wisc.edu](mailto:4hvolunteers@ohr.wisc.edu) through e-mail requesting additional information needed in order for the state to conduct the background check and begin your Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) process.**

Another step in the process, you can take the required **Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers**. Please visit the <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/> website.

Once the background check is successfully completed and you have completed the Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers, **there is one more important step in the process; taking the Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training!** Trainings will be offered at the Polk County Government Center on the following dates and times:

**MAY AND JUNE DATES TO BE DETERMINED. POSSIBLE ELECTRONIC VERSION TO COME.**

Please contact Chuck at [Charles.prissel@wisc.edu](mailto:Charles.prissel@wisc.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 the class is cancelled due to weather or low enrollment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attention Shooting Sports!**  
.22 shells (two boxes) will be available for purchase at the Pre-Fair shoot! You must be enrolled in the .22 project!  
For more information please call Chad Lutsey at 715-541-4241

**Download the 4-H Inspire Kids to Do Activity Guide**  
We took our favorite user-generated ideas, contest entries and activities and created a *4-H Inspire Kids to Do Activity Guide* with 60 educational activities to help your child learn through hands-on doing. Download now and receive kid-friendly activities in STEM, healthy living, crafting and more.

<https://4-h.org/about/inspire-kids-to-do/activity-guide/>

**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 30 & 31 and August 1 & 2, 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 170<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Luck, WI 54853**  
**Phone: 715.553.0801**

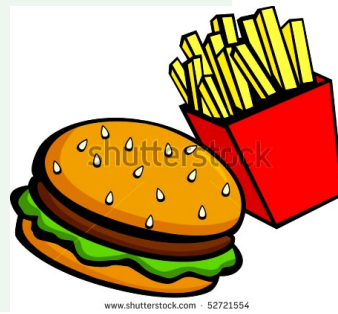
Judging will focus on creativity and advertisement value, and the Polk County fair board will do all judging. Only new signs will be judged for the first place award of \$200, or the second place of \$100. All clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50 for one sign. All Polk County signs are to be By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

**The theme for this year is:**  
**A GOAT LOAD OF FUN!**



**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

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|----------|-----------------------|
| 11am-3pm | 1. Jolly Milltown     |
| 3pm-7pm  | 1. Little Falls Live. |
| 7pm-10pm | 1. Wapo Wranglers     |



**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

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|----------|----|
| 10am-2pm | 1. |
|          | 2. |
| 2pm-6pm  | 1. |
|          | 2. |
| 6pm-10pm | 1. |
|          | 2. |

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

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|----------|----|
| 10am-2pm | 1. |
| 12pm-4pm | 1. |

**Thursday, July 30, 2020**

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|----------|----------------------|
| 10am-2pm | 1. Bone Lake Beavers |
|          | 2.                   |
| 2pm-6pm  | 1. Lucky Horseshoe   |
|          | 2.                   |
| 6pm-10pm | 1. Deronda Diplomats |
|          | 2.                   |

**Friday, July 31, 2020**

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|----------|----|
| 10am-2pm | 1. |
|          | 2. |
| 2pm-6pm  | 1. |
|          | 2. |
| 6pm-10pm | 1. |
|          | 2. |



Please sign up NOW for the Food Stand at the 2020 Polk County Fair. We want to get the schedule made out so everyone gets a copy in the July newsletter. 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 Chuck and Kerry at [Kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:Kerry.hill2@wisc.edu) and [Charles.prissel@wisc.edu](mailto:Charles.prissel@wisc.edu)

All shifts need to report 15 minutes early for on-the-job training.



Got kids at home all day, every day right now? We've got over 20 [#STEM](#)-based activities that can help keep their brains engaged in learning. From building a car out of plastic bottles and rubber bands, to turning fruit into batteries and stacking different liquids on top of each other in a jar, we have fun, easy ways to teach your kids about engineering, chemistry, physics and more. And you don't need to go anywhere to get supplies – every activity is designed to only use things you have in your home already. Visit the <https://4-h.org/about/inspire-kids-to-do/> Activities sponsored by [Guinness World Records](#) & [Bayer Crop Science](#)

**RUBBER BAND CARS**  
Topic: Physics  
Grades: 3 - 5  
Estimated Time: 45 minutes

**LIQUID LAYERS**  
Topic: Fluid Density, Physics  
Grades: 4 and up  
Estimated Time: 25 minutes

**FRUIT BATTERIES**  
Topic: Electricity  
Grades: Pre-K - 2  
Estimated Time: 25 minutes

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across America who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**

## 4-H Healthy Living Activity Guide

Try one or all 30 of these fun, skill-building activities to help your kid live a healthy life.

<https://4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/4H-Healthy-Living-Activity-Guide.pdf>



# 2020 Online Performance Arts Festival

Music \* Speaking \* Demonstrations

The 2020 Barron-Polk Performance Arts Festival is going online! Entries can be uploaded anytime between [April 1 and May 15](#). We will accept entries from all individual categories, duet/team events consisting of individuals living in the same household, or creatively compiled using technology. Should the "Safer At Home" mandate be lifted, group/team events in the [areas listed below](#) will be accepted via the same format until May 15.

***At this time, we are not able to accommodate Drama and Musical large-group events.***

**Registration/Submission Instructions:** Your submitted form and file will act as your registration. Please use the following to enter.

- 1) Go to the website: <http://bit.ly/barronpolkPA>
- 2) Choose from these options to upload (read all to make the best choice).
  - a) No Google Account (File Upload): Click on the graphic at the top half of the screen for the area in which you want to enter (if it asks for a user name, you are in the wrong spot). Enter the information (you will need to know file name of your video). Click submit. AFTER you click submit you will need to click on the link provided and click upload to submit your video (this process can take some time to upload)
  - B) No Google Account (YouTube video or other URL): Follow the same steps as above, except enter your URL and do NOT continue on to link after you click submit.
  - C) Google Account (please use this one if you currently have a Google/Gmail account): Click on graphic at the bottom half of the screen and follow instructions to submit, you will need to

**Musical Performance Entry** *As a reminder, many events are eligible for fair premiums Youth may receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-18 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.*

**(Vocal, Dance, Instrumental)**

**Vocal**-emphasis on vocal qualities and delivery (solo or duet)

**Dance** (solo or duet)

**Vocal and Dance**-emphasis 60% on vocal qualities and 40% on interpretation and choreography

**Instrumental**-other than Piano (solo or duet)

**Piano** (solo or duet)





# 2020 Online Performance Arts Festival

Music \* Speaking \* Demonstrations

## **Speaking/Interpretive Reading Entry** *As a reminder, many events are eligible for fair premiums*

*Youth may receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-31 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.*

Original Speech - Open to all youth. Talks should be developed by the member who is presenting it. No posters or props may be used. The youth may speak about any topic of interest to him/her. TIMES: Grades 3-4: 1-2 minutes; Grades 5-6: 2-3 minutes; Grades 7-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes.

4-H Pledge - For youth Cloverbud up to Grade 4. Cloverbuds will not receive a fair premium. Pledge must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

FFA Creed – For youth in Grades 6-9. Creed must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

Interpretive Reading - Open to all youth, individual or team. Selections may be prose or poetry, original or selected reading. If not an original, the author must be credited. Include a short introduction to your reading. Reading should NOT be memorized. Use full-sized copies of selections (not note cards). No podium will be provided. TIMES (Individual or Team): Grades 3-4: 1-2 minutes; Grades 5-6: 2-3 minutes; Grades 7-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes.

**Demonstration** *As a reminder, many events are eligible for fair premiums Youth may receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-31 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.*

Formal Demonstration – An individual or team showing and telling an audience how to make or do something. Presents information through actions with an explanation. Has an introduction, body and conclusion followed by a time to answer questions. Open to all youth grades 3 and up. Select a topic of interest to you. Props and visual aids are encouraged. One 8-foot table will be provided. Easels and other equipment will not be provided. TIMES: Grades 3-5: 4-7 minute demonstration; Grades 6-8: 5-8 minute demonstration; Grades 9-13: 8-10 minute demonstration.

Action Demonstration – An individual or team sharing ideas or showing how to do a skill in an informal way. The audience may participate and ask questions throughout the demonstration. The demonstrator(s) converses with audience members who are standing around the table/area. The audience participates by talking with the demonstrator, trying things, doing, tasting, asking questions, etc. Handouts, posters, pictures can be used. Open to all youth grades 3 and up. Select a topic of interest to you. One 8-foot table will be provided. Easels and other equipment will not be provided. Youth must interact and have enough supplies for the audience to take part in the demonstration. TIMES: Action demonstrations for all age groups should be up to 20 minutes.