



# CLOVER CONNECTION

# MARCH 2022

## Polk County Fair Sign Contest 2022

The Polk County Fair Board is sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign must be at least four feet by eight feet (4x8). Each sign must include the Polk County Fair Dates( **July 28,29,30,31, 2022**) the location (St Croix Falls) and your club name. **Signs should be up by July 1st** and **MUST** be placed on private land with

permission from landowner.



Submit by mail a color 8x10 photograph of your sign with the location by **July 13th** 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 award of \$100.00. ALL clubs that submit a photo will receive \$50.00 for their one sign.

**Signs should be taken down by August 5th**



**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.

**MARCH 21, 2022 7PM, POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**MAY 23, 2022 7PM T.B.D**

## WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR CLUB?

Would you like your Club featured in the next Clover Newsletter? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! To share your clubs story please email Kerry at: [kerry.hill2@wisc.edu](mailto:kerry.hill2@wisc.edu)

**The theme for this years fair is:**  
**160 Years of Polk County Tradition**

**Dear 4-H Families,**

Communication is a strong tool that must be utilized in our 4-H community. Without it, we struggle, become frustrated, and our program will suffer because of it. One of the biggest strengths I have is making sure to reach out and build that bridge of communication to make sure our volunteers and members are not lost. But sometimes, I don't know there is an issue until it is too late.



So how can we avoid those struggles? Make sure you know where your resources are. Here is just a small list of tools in place for our members to find information:

- **Attend 4-H Club Meetings** - Leaders are the best way to gain more information or knowledge. They also know where to point you if they can't answer the question. During meetings, they will keep you informed about what is going on in Polk County 4-H or other area programs. If you can't attend, make sure to reach out to get any relevant information from your leader or other club members.
- **UW-Extension Office Staff** - We're happy to help you in any way possible!! Email, call, text, or even stop in the office. I love and look forward to meeting each and every one of you, so please feel free to reach out.
- **4-H Clover Connection** - Our newsletter will have the most comprehensive list of dates that we are provided with from clubs, project groups, and other counties. Make sure to keep it handy and refer to it throughout the month!
- **Polk County, WI 4-H Facebook Page** - This is our newest form of communication and I hope to get more input from all of our members. Submissions from clubs and project groups would be greatly appreciated! I would love to add pictures and share the great things you all are doing with our community!
- **UW-Extension Polk County Website** - Forms, enrollments, previous Clover Connections, program information-you name it, we've got it! Make sure to check here, especially when it comes to record book time.

4-H is a big organization with lots of moving parts and information. Communication works both ways, so please make sure to reach out to any of your many resources available. Don't struggle through something, just ask! We are happy to help you in any way possible.

Continue reaching out and keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Spindler  
Polk County 4-H Program Education  
[lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu)

Cell: (715) 501-8984

# March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Bring Operation Stanley items to the Polk County Extension Office	3	4	5  YQCA Training at 9am at the St Croix County Extension Office
6	7  Horse Kick- Off Meeting at 6pm, Location: Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Balsam Lake	8	9	10	11	12
13  Sheep Kick- Off Meeting, 2pm at the Justice Center (community room)	14	15  Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Due!	16	17	18	19
20	21  Ambassador Meeting, 5:30pm at the J.C. (Multi Purpose Room)  4-H Leaders Federation Meeting to Follow	22  Quality Meets Exhibitors General Kick- off Meeting and Education- al Event. Tues- day at 6pm located at Unity High School Auditorium.	23	24	25	26
27  Rabbit Kick- Off Meeting at 2pm, Polk County Justice Center	28	29	30	31  4-H Robotics Registration Forms Due to Shirley at <a href="mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com">smil- lerfrey@gmail .com</a>		

# 4-H Calendar of Events



## March

- 2: Bring Operation Stanley items to the Polk County Extension Office
- 5: YQCA Training at 9am at the St Croix County Extension Office
- 7: Horse Kick-Off Meeting at 6pm, Location: Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Balsam Lake
- 13: Sheep Kick-Off Meeting, 2pm at the Justice Center (Community Room)
- 15: Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Due!
- 15: Poultry Showmanship Virtual Session, Free via Zoom
- 21: Polk County Ambassador Meeting, 5:30pm at the Justice Center (Multi Purpose Room)
- 21: Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting at 7pm. Location: Justice Center (Multi Purpose Room)
- 22: Quality Meets Exhibitors General Kickoff Meeting and Educational Event. Tuesday at 6pm located at Unity High School Auditorium.
- 27: Rabbit Kick-Off Meeting at 2pm, Polk County Justice Center



## April

### **2: Fitting and Grooming Clinic at 8:30am located at the Hibbs Farm**

- 7: Lego Robotics EV3 Workshop (Advance Registration is Required) Thursday at 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF
- 15: James Crowley Award Application Due to the Extension Office
- 21: Lego EV3 & Sphero Ball Workshop (Advance Registration is Required) Thursday at 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF
- 30: Fur, Fun, Feather: Teaching Show



## May

- 5: Lego Robotics EV3 Workshop (Advance Registration is Required) Thursday 6:30-8pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF
- 13: Dino Hunt, 6pm-8pm located at the Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club
- 21: Lego EV3 & Sphero Ball Workshop (Advanced Registration is Required) Saturday 9-11am at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF
- 23: Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting at 7pm. Location: TBD



## June

- 11: Lego EV3 & Sphero Ball Workshop (Advanced Registration is Required) Saturday 9-11am at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF
- 15: Area Animal Science Days, Sheboygan, More Information to Follow
- 17: Area Animal Science Days, Chippewa, More Information to Follow
- 18: Polk County Pre-Fair Shoot starting at 9am at the Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club
- 23: Modeling Workshop on Thursday. Time and Location TBD
- 23: Clothing Review on Thursday. Time and Location TBD
- 25: Pre-Fair Robotics Run-Off! Saturday at 1pm at the First Presbyterian Church of SCF (All Entrants Need to Register In-Person at 12:30)



## July

- 1: Fair Signs need to be up on private land with owners permission
- 28-31: POLK COUNTY FAIR**



## **FITTING & GROOMING CLINIC (DATE CHANGE!)**

This qualifies as an educational event toward the Quality Meats project. This is an interactive event – questions/answers, fitting, trying different techniques.

**Who:** All beef exhibitors interested in learning more about fitting and grooming.

**When: April 2, 2022**

**8:30am-9am:** Arrival and set up of show chutes

**9am-11:30am:** Speaker and demonstration by Brooke Brantner – Show Fitting and Grooming techniques and tips

**11:30am-12:30pm:** Lunch will be provided

**12:30pm – ?** Break-out session – Fitting and clipping your animal with the techniques learned in the morning session. Brooke will be on hand to help all kids. Bring your show animal (heifer or steer), show chute, and clippers. Power will be supplied.

(If you need an animal and/or chute to practice with at the event, please reach out to Jordon Hibbs at 715-651-6516 or by e-mail at [jhibbs4141@gmail.com](mailto:jhibbs4141@gmail.com))

**Where:** Hibbs Farm -2796 60th Street, Frederic, WI 54837 – Will be held indoors in pole shed.

**RSVP:** Jordon Hibbs  
at [jhibbs4141@gmail.com](mailto:jhibbs4141@gmail.com) or text 715-651-6516.

**ATTENTION  
POLK COUNTY  
AMBASSADORS!**  
The next Ambassador meeting will be held at 5:30pm on March 21st at the Polk County Government Center.

## **2022 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted**



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email between **December 1, 2021 & March 15, 2022.**

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible.

The application is a one-page cover letter and a one-page résumé, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job.

Cover letters and résumés must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to [scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org). For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit [www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships).

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top -ranking applications based on scholarship criteria.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

**Attention Polk  
County 4-H  
Members!**

**If you haven't done so,  
please cash in your fair  
checks!**

## Rabbit Kick-Off Meeting

March 27th at 2:00pm

We will meet in the Community Room at the Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake.

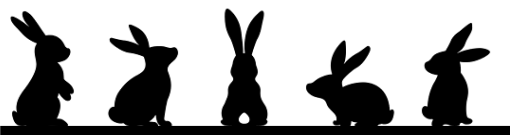
We would like 4Her's to bring ideas for other workshops.

- Is anyone interested in Rabbit Agility?
- Do you have rabbit for the fair?
- Please do not bring rabbit!

We will talk about any problems with rabbits and answer any questions!

Becky Larson— 715-294-2830

Carol Suckut— 715-410-5078



## SHEEP KICK OFF MEETING!

Sunday March

13, 2022 at

2pm. Meeting

will be held at

the Government

Center.



We will be

talking about what to register

for the fair in the sheep

department, what to expect,

and go over the forms we have

you fill out along with the feed

sheets/record keeping. We will

have a sheep game for

everyone to enjoy! Hope to see

all the exhibitors and parents.

**Any questions contact:**

**Amy Lee - (715) 557-0758 or**

**Amy Strobach— (715)-491-0342.**



## Horse Kick-Off Meeting scheduled for March 7th at 6pm. Location: Our Lady of the Lakes Church (507 W Main St, Balsam Lake)



**YQCA Trainings are now being  
offered in St. Croix and Pierce County.**

March 5th, 9am at the St. Croix  
County Extension Office

**All Youth MUST register and pay through the  
YQCA website.**

## Service Opportunity for Clubs

The Polk County Fair is looking for one or two clubs or groups that would be interested in design, planting, and tending to an 18 foot garden on the east side of the crops building. This would be a great opportunity for any youth involved in the plant and soil sciences project area to explore more into the planning and care of a garden (and can be used as a project under the self-determined section!) If your club or group is interested in this opportunity, please contact Lindsay at the Extension office for more details or email [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu).



## ATTENTION BEEF, GOAT, SHEEP, AND SWINE

**EXHIBITORS. General Kick-Off Meeting and  
Educational Event! Tuesday March 22nd at 6pm,  
Located at the Unity High School Auditorium!**



## **Poultry Showmanship Virtual Session!**

This virtual program will help introduce youth to showmanship tips and tricks and help prepare them for what a poultry show looks like and how it is run. In the meantime, please make sure to register to compete in our Teaching Show--it's an excellent opportunity to interact with experts and grow even further within the project!

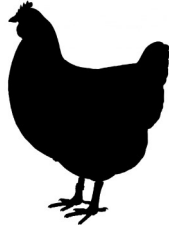
**Location: ZOOM**

**Cost: FREE**

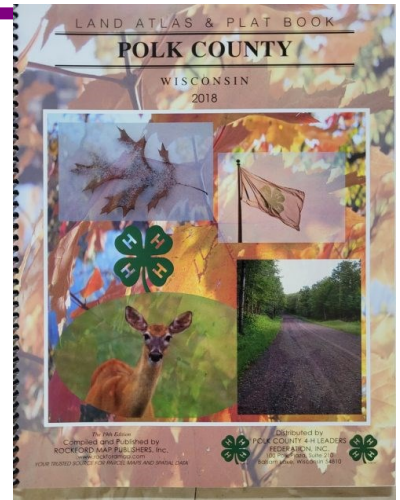
**When: March 15th at 7pm**

**Register through 4-HOnline**

**Questions? Please contact Emery Bork at [emery.bork@wisc.edu](mailto:emery.bork@wisc.edu)**



**The 2022 Plat Book will be coming out in late Summer. We will need help selling ads for the book. Please keep a lookout for emails regarding ad selling training/kick-off meetings during the month of March!**



## **Polk County 4-H is now on Facebook!**

We hope to use this page as another way to communicate information and events and keep everyone as up-to-date as possible with all of the exciting things we have planned. Not only will this be a great communication tool, we hope that you will have the chance to contribute to it as well. Currently, we would like to extend a challenge to you for our cover photo. A theme of "What 4-H Means To Me" is being looked for from youth across our county. Feel free to submit your photos to Lindsay at [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu) anytime before February 25th.

To follow our new Facebook page, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/4HPolkCountyWi/>

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## Polk County 4-H ROBOTICS:

**NEW THIS YEAR!!** Multiple 4-H Robotics Workshops both for Lego EV3 Mindstorm and for Sphero Balls that will allow Polk County 4-H youth to build and program their project for the Pre-Fair Run-Off and the Polk County Fair using Polk County 4-H kits. All building and programming workshops will be held at First Presbyterian Church of SCF and all building and programming will happen at the workshops. Youth participating in the Lego EV3 Robotics and Sphero Ball Lot numbers and workshops will have a kit registered to them as their kit to work with so their work can be progressive.

Below is the Registration Form that will need to be completed to participate in these workshops and use the Polk County 4-H kits.. These Registration forms must be emailed back to Shirley at [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com) By March 31st to reserve a spot/kit. Kits and Spots are limited so registration is on a first come first serve basis.

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Age (as of January 1st): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club registered in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth is registering for :**



	<b><i>Lego EV3 Mindstorm (ages 9 to 19)</i></b>	_____	Yes
Youth will attend Workshops:	April 7th	_____ Yes _____ No	
	April 21st	_____ Yes _____ No	
	May 5th	_____ Yes _____ No	
	May 21st	_____ Yes _____ No	
	June 11 th	_____ Yes _____ No	

	<b><i>Sphero Ball (ages 9 and 10 only)</i></b>	_____	Yes
Youth will attend Workshops:	April 21st	_____ Yes _____ No	
	May 21st	_____ Yes _____ No	
	June 11th	_____ Yes _____ No	

If you have any questions please contact Shirley Miller-Frey at [smillerfrey@gmail.com](mailto:smillerfrey@gmail.com).



# NOMINATION FOR THE JAMES W. CROWLEY 4-H DAIRY LEADERSHIP AWARDS AND NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE

The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. As of 1989, the James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund assumed sponsorship of this award. Participating counties will present an engraved medallion to one outstanding 4-H dairy project member for their accomplishments. County award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. Award plaques will be given to the top fifteen and the top three youth will each receive \$1000 cash awards. Youth that have received a plaque only are encouraged to apply again. Additionally, the top 4-H member that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2022 will be offered a \$5000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and enroll in the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences. This scholarship is funded by another donor, but the winner is identified through the same process.

## SELECTION

Selection of the Leadership Award will be done by the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation, Inc. Dairy Committee.

**Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Please return to Polk County Extension office, either by email to [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu) or mail: 100 Polk Plaza Suite 190, Balsam Lake, WI 54810.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in it.
2. Must be in 10th - 13th grades as of January 1, 2022.
3. Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

## NOMINATION

Name of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBER'S SUMMARY

Please answer the following questions briefly but as completely as possible.

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with Dairy Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Purebred

Number of animals carried this year in the 4-H Dairy Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of animals owned this year in the 4-H Dairy Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of animals in the family-milking herd: \_\_\_\_\_

**DAIRY ACTIVITIES:** Briefly list your involvement in what you consider important dairy activities during the past year (local fairs, breed shows, state fairs, demonstrations, promotional events, etc.).

**OTHER 4-H PROJECTS:** List other 4-H projects you have carried in addition to dairy. How have they helped to increase your interest, knowledge, and understanding of the dairy project?

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Describe your 4-H leadership experiences (i.e. project, club, county, district, state).

**Describe your school of community leadership experiences.**

# Competitive Edge Scholarship Application

The Competitive Edge Scholarship Program offers 2-\$1,000 and 2-\$500 scholarships to incoming students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Finalist for the scholarships can interview on campus on Saturday, April 9, 2022. The Competitive Edge Scholarship Program offers a one-day program that gathers resources from across campus by current students specifically for incoming students.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Non-binary

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Student Status:**

\_\_\_\_\_ High School Senior/Incoming Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer Student

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACT/SAT Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ **High School or College GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership, Involvement and Participation (Top 5):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Can you interview on April 9, 2022?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Comments or questions?** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact the Competitive Edge Scholarship Program Coordinator, Thijs Laux at [tlaux3@wisc.edu](mailto:tlaux3@wisc.edu) or (920) 360-2994.



**ALPHA  
GAMMA  
RHO**





# WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

*Save the Date*

**SHEBOYGAN - JUNE 15TH**

**CHIPPEWA - JUNE 17TH**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
COMING SOON!**



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**Then Join us For the FUR, FIN, Feather: Teaching Show!**

MONROE, LA CROSSE, RICHLAND AND VERNON COUNTY 4-H PRESENT:

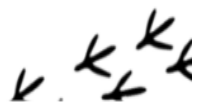
**FUR, FIN, FEATHER: TEACHING SHOW**

**Barney Center, Sparta WI**

**Saturday, April 30th All Day!**

Showbill and Registration info: <https://go.wisc.edu/55e321>

**Open to ALL youth in Wisconsin - need not be in 4-H**



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