



Clover Connection

POLK COUNTY FAIR SIGN CONTEST 2023

The Polk County Fair Board is again sponsoring an outdoor sign contest to promote the Polk County Fair. The sign **MUST** be at least 4x8 feet. You **MUST** include the Polk County Fair dates, July 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2023 in St. Croix Falls, and your club's name must appear on the sign.

Signs should be up by July 1st and must be placed on private land with permission from the land owners.

Submit the location and a colored 8x10 photograph of your sign to Judy Bainbridge by July 15th to:

Judy Bainbridge
2267 170th Street
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. Signs should be taken down by August 5th.

The Fair Theme For This Year Is:

**BACK TO OUR
ROOTS IN
COWBOY BOOTS**



**STARTING JUNE 9TH
THE EXTENSION
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS
THIS SUMMER.**

**WHILE KERRY IS OUT
OF THE OFFICE, PLEASE
EMAIL OR CALL
LINDSAY IF YOU NEED
TO STOP BY THE
OFFICE.**

**SIGN-UP TO WORK
THE 4-H FOOD
STAND AT THE
COUNTY FAIR!
MORE DETAILS
LOCATED INSIDE OF
THE NEWSLETTER!**



June 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1	2	3 ~Robotics Workshop
4	5	6	7	8 ~ Last Day to drop items off for silent auction for Golf Tournament	9	10 ~ James Crowley Award Applications Due
11 ~Rabbit Workshop	12 ~Golf Classic	13 ~In-person camp counselor Training	14	15	16	17 ~Interstate Livestock Show
			<u>4-H Summer Camp</u>			
			<u>4-H Horse Camp</u>			
18	19 ~FAIR ENTRIES DUE!	20	21	22	23	24 ~Robotics Workshop ~Pre-Fair Shooting Sports
<u>2023 Summer Academy</u>						
25	26 ~Clothing Review	27	28 ~Area Animal Science Days	29	30	

June

3: Robotics Workshop. 9-11am located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls
8: Last Day to drop off items for the Silent Auction for the Golf Tournament
8: LINDSAY OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR SUMMER SCHOOL AT SCF
10: James Crowley Award Application Due
11: Rabbit Workshop, Polk County Fairgrounds at 2pm
12: Golf Classic, Kilkarney Hills Golf Course, LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE
13: In-person Camp Counselor Training at Camp Kiwanis, 10am-2pm
13-15: 4-H Horse Camp, Polk County Fairgrounds
14-16: 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Kiwanis
14-16: LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR 4-H CAMP
17: Interstate Livestock Show, Polk County Fairgrounds
19: ALL FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE!!
19-22: Summer Academy at UW-Madison in Madison, WI
19-22: LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR SUMMER ACADEMY
24: Robotics Workshop. 1-3pm located at First Presbyterian Church in St Croix Falls
24: Pre-Fair Shooting Sports, Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club
26: Clothing Review, 6pm St Croix County Extension Office
28: Area Animal Science Day, Barron County Fairgrounds
28-30: LINDSAY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE, VACATION

July

4: OFFICE CLOSED, HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
7: Cloverbud Day Camp, Dresser Town Hall
8: Last Day to make any changes to your fair entries
13: Creative Writing Entries Due to the Ext. Office by 4pm
15: Dog Project Pre Fair Show at 8am
19: Fair Prep and Work Day at 5:30pm
19: New Family Fair Orientation. 6pm at the Fairgrounds
21: Cat and Pet Pal & Cavy Pre Fair Show at 5:30pm
22: Fair Prep and Work Day at 8am
24: Fair Prep and Work Day at 8am
26: Fair Entries are to be brought to the fairgrounds
27-30: POLK COUNTY FAIR



Attention Polk County 4-H Ambassadors!

There will be a meeting on July 19th starting at 5:30pm located at the fairgrounds.

**REMINDER: FOR THOSE
OF YOU WHO ARE
ATTENDING THE 2023**

**SUMMER
ACADEMY.
IT WILL BE
HELD ON
JUNE 19-22
AT THE UW-
MADISON
CAMPUS**



WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**WOOD CO. -
JUNE 9TH**

**IOWA CO. (DAIRY ONLY) -
JUNE 16TH**

**CRAWFORD CO. (LIVESTOCK ONLY) -
JUNE 26TH**

**BARRON CO. -
JUNE 28TH**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE
DAYS, PLEASE VISIT:**
[https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/
opportunities/statewide-events-and-
opportunities/area-animal-science-
days/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/)

BARRON, POLK, PIERCE, ST CROIX

4-H SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 14-16 AT CAMP KIWANIS

15987 ST. CROIX TRAIL N. MARINE ON ST. CROIX, MN



James Crowley Award Applications are Due JUNE 10th!!
Please Visit [https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../james-w-crowley-
dairy.../](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../james-w-crowley-dairy.../) for More Information on How to Apply.



JAMES W. CROWLEY

DAIRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

STATE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 10TH
TO THE STATE OFFICE



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

Meet Our New Summer Temp!



Hi, my name is Natalie Chartrand and I will be working as an intern with the Polk County 4-H Division. I graduated this year from St. Croix Falls High School and will be attending UW-Stout this fall. I play softball and was part of my high

school band and marching band. I love spending my free time volunteering, spending time with friends, and hiking local trails. I enjoy spending time outdoors and being in nature.

Natalie will be taking over for Kerry while she is on maternity leave. We will have limited office hours while Kerry is out. Please remember to call ahead or let Lindsay know if you are stopping by the office.

Meet Our New 2023 Summer Intern!



Hi, My name is Savanna Trittelwitz and I am the 4-H intern for Polk County this year! I just completed my junior year at UW- River Falls. I am an animal science major with an emphasis in companion animals and equine, as well as a part of the softball team. I've lived in the Grantsburg/Frederic area my whole life and went to Grantsburg High School. I have two brothers, one older and one younger.

My family owns a riding stable, as well as 24 horses, 4 dogs, 1 donkey, 1 barn cat, and our newest member, a bearded dragon.

PO-CROIX-BAR-PIERCE 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING DATES!

- Tuesday, June 13 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in-person, Camp Kiwanis
Contact Lindsay at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu if you have any questions.

GOLF CLASSIC

**MONDAY, JUNE 12 AT
KILKARNEY HILLS GOLF
COURSE, RIVER FALLS**

Last year, the golf classic raised nearly \$16,000, which directly goes back to 4-H youth for scholarships, programs, and educational opportunities. To help raise funds, donations of silent auction items are appreciated. **We need at least 2 auction items, but the more the better! Please get them into the office by June 8th.**

This annual charity golf tournament creates

- Resources used to train 4-H youth leadership and development
- Scholarships
- STEM and Robotics programs
- Helps fund Ambassador programs
- Empowers 4-H youth with news interest, learn new skills, and contributes to their communities



RABBIT WORKSHOP!



June 11th at the Polk County Fairgrounds in the small animal barn starting at 2pm.

We will be weighing and tattooing rabbits that are entered in the fair.

Any questions please contact
Becky Larson at 651-278-2830
or Carol Suckut at 715-410-5078

REMINDER!

**ALL FAIR ENTRIES ARE
DUE BY June 19th!**

No entries will be accepted if
postmarked after June 19th and no
changes on fair entries will be made
after July 8th.

If you have questions, please contact
Michelle Peterson at 715-781-0725 or
email pcfairentries@gmail.com

CL^{VER}BUDS

**Be on the lookout for the next
Cloverbud Summer Day Camp!**

July 7th located at the Dresser Town Hall
More information to follow!



JOIN the ROBOTICS



Youth interested in Robotics who are Explorers (9-19 years old), this is

your chance to sign up to work with Sphero Ball programming and EV3 Robot construction and programming. These workshops are intended to get a Robotics youth and their project ready for the Pre-Fair Run Off.

In these workshops youth will have a chance to work at various levels of complexities in Robotics with guidance if needed. Youth will have an opportunity to work with Sphero balls and learn to program them to run/light/sound in various complexities of courses. They will also have a chance to build EV3 Robots and learn to program them to use various sensors and run various challenges.

Work Shop Dates:

June 3rd, Saturday 9 to 11 am,

June 24th, Saturday 1 to 3 pm*.

Our Pre-Fair Run Off is tentatively scheduled for July 8th, Saturday at 12:30 until done.

All workshops and the Pre-Fair Run Off will be held at First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF.

Any questions, please email Shirley at smillerfrey@gmail.com.



POLK COUNTY FAIR PREP AND WORK DAYS SET FOR 2023



The Polk County Fair Society has set the following work days to get ready for the 2023!!
Work dates will be:

- **Wednesday, July 19th**
5:30pm-9:00pm
- **Saturday, July 22nd**
8:00am-12:00pm
- **Monday, July 24th**
8:00am-12:00pm

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 26th.**

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 30th. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH WORKING IN THE FOOD

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.

Adults are needed at all shifts to help with certain jobs and to supervise all youth.

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



ATTENTION NEW 4-H FAMILIES! ATTEND THE NEW FAMILY FAIR ORIENTATION!

Is your family new to the fair? Do you have questions about what happens at the fair as a 4-H member? The 4H Ambassadors are willing to help out! They are putting on a **NEW FAMILY FAIR ORIENTATION ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, AT 6:00 P.M.** Please meet us at the 4H food stand in the 4H Building. The ambassadors will walk you through the fairgrounds and give you very useful information regarding the fair including:

- ♦ Where to pick up entries
- ♦ What buildings are used for
- ♦ How to check in and out of the fair
- ♦ Other interesting events at the fair
- ♦ Answers to any of your questions
- ♦ What actually happens in face-to-face judging

2023 Clothing Revue is

Here! 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 26, 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.

<https://forms.gle/QdB9caEHwsAvcafY9>

CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES DUE!

If you signed up for Department 31J: “Crazy About Books and Creative Writing”, Lots 29-43, **your entries are due to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 13th by 4:00 p.m.** !!! Due to the nature of these entries, reading and critiquing them takes time and we need to provide our judge enough time to effectively evaluate the entries. **Late entries will not be accepted!** For questions, please call the Extension Office at 715.485.8600.





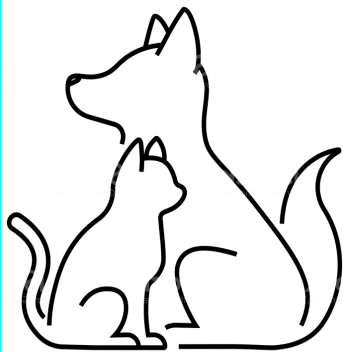
Pre-Fair Shooting Sports will take place on June 24th at the Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club

ATTENTION 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, July 21.

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. **Also, Pet Pals and Cavies will judge this day, beginning at 5:30pm.**



ATTENTION 4-H DOG

PROJECT MEMBERS: This years Pre-Fair Dog Show will be scheduled for Saturday, July 15th

Agility – judging beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Obedience - judging beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Showmanship – judging beginning approximately 11:00 a.m. (after agility is complete)

Rally – judging beginning approximately 1:00 p.m. (after obedience is complete)



The project is for migratory birds, so the birdhouses should be for those. Although there are many plans for standard birdhouses, we think it would be fun to use some creativity in designing and building them. The plan is to display them at the Fair at a booth just for the project, and then put them up on the fairgrounds.

We would like to have the birdhouses brought to the fair on Wednesday of fair week and will give the club the \$20s at that time.

We are also sponsoring a contest for creative bird watering stations that will be placed in flower beds at the fairgrounds. That is open to clubs and individuals. The idea is to have bird watering "sculptures" that double as art and be functional. And they might be related to the fair areas they will be placed. For example in the cow barn area, we might see this type of waterer (found on Pinterest-- made of cow barn watering cups).

So, any kind of birdhouse you want to make with a clamp on the back so it could be connected to a steel fence post. Your club name should be on the house so you can get recognition for your effort. And if you want to make more than one, that is fine, as the fairgrounds is 68 acres and has room for many!

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW FOR THE FOOD STAND AT THE

2023 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 and attending 4-H Camp 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, Kerry.hill2@wisc.edu or call at 715-485-8600.

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

Wednesday, July 26th

11am-3pm 1) Cushing

3pm-7pm 1) Lucky Horseshoe

7pm-10pm 1) Deronda Diplomats

Friday, July 28th

10am-2pm 1) Indian Creek
2) Forest View

2pm-6pm 1)
2)

6pm-10pm 1) Jolly Milltown
2) Pleasant Lake

Sunday, July 30th

10am-2pm 1) Shooting Stars

2pm-4pm 1) Shooting Stars

Thursday, July 27th

10am-2pm 1) Little Falls Livewires
2)

2pm-6pm 1) Scenic View
2) Bone Lake Beavers

6pm-10pm 1)
2)

Saturday, July 29th

10am-2pm 1) Northern Lights
2) West Sweden

2pm-6pm 1) West Sweden
2)

6pm-10pm 1)
2)



Arrive in style with the new Wisconsin 4-H License plate! Available through the WI DMV, proceeds from the sale of each plate will go to the **Wisconsin 4-H Foundation**

Half of the proceeds go to the county of the vehicle, and half go towards state and regional programming.

Learn more about the benefits: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/4-h-license-plate/>

Official DMV form: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/.../uploads/2021/03/mv2969.pdf>

ART CONTEST

Open to all ages

Visit our website to learn more!



Wisconsin Celebrates

POLLINATOR WEEK

UW- MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION
HORTICULTURE PROGRAM



WI 4-H and our 4-H Teen Pollinator Ignite Project have teamed up with our friends at the WI Extension Horticulture Program to raise pollinator awareness through a Design a Butterfly contest. It is open to all ages. The artwork and entry forms are due by June 30th. The entry form can be found at: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/.../2023-Design-a-...>

Also, make sure to mark your calendar for Pollinator Month in June. The horticulture program has some great things planned: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/pollinator-week/>. Be on the watch for more information on an educational online session being offered with our 4-H teens.



Wisconsin Celebrates

POLLINATOR WEEK

June 19-25, 2023



Wisconsin Celebrates Pollinator Week, June 19-25, 2023, is dedicated to raising awareness through statewide and local activities and events to support National Pollinator Week. By increasing knowledge and adopting pollinator friendly practices, we can improve pollinator health and habitats. National Pollinator Week is an annual event managed by the [Pollinator Partnership](#) to help spread the word about what we can do to protect pollinators.

Pollinators in Wisconsin and around the world are facing population declines for many reasons. You can get involved in a lot of ways! By creating pollinator friendly habitats, reducing or eliminating environmental contamination from pesticides, and spreading the word about pollinators with your communities, we can all contribute to pollinator conservation.

Learn More with FREE Online Programs!

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/pollinator-week/>



Barron-Polk

Tractor Safety

Mon., June 19-Thurs., June 22 2023

Barron High School

SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:30AM-3:30PM

Thursday: 8AM-Noon (testing)

*Student should bring lunch for each session.
Milk, juice and/or water will be provided.*

LOCATION

Barron High School
1050 Woodland Ave, Barron WI 54812

Register Today

Course Fees: \$20

Online:

barron.extension.wisc.edu/tractorsafety

Call: 715-537-6250

For Questions Contact:

Extension Barron/Polk County

4h@co.barron.wi.us or 715-537-6250

Kristen Hanson—Barron High School (715) 537-5627

Arlaina Meyer—Cumberland High School (715) 822-5117

Courtney Wolfram—Prairie Farm High School (715) 455-1861

Pete Kolpack—Rice Lake High School (715) 234-2181

Brenda Scheil—New Auburn High School 715-237-2350

Jeffrey Ladd—Cameron High School 715-458-4560

Kelly Hubert—Turtle Lake High School 715-986-4470

Michele Gordon—Clayton High School 715-948-2163

Emily Johnson—Clear Lake High School 715-263-2114

Derrick Meyer—Amery High School 715-268-7300

Jenelle Larsen—Luck High School 715-472-2152

Paul Jakupciak—Osceola High School 715-294-2127

Donna Tietz—Frederic High School 715-327-4223

Lisa Jagiello—Unity High School 715-825-3515

The Wisconsin Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Program is designed to meet state and federal requirements for youth.

- 12-13 year olds operating tractors or self-propelled implements on public roads under direction of their parent or guardian or for work related to their family farm operation
- 14-15 year olds who will be employed (or working without pay) by farms not operated by their parents/family.

Youth will learn:

- Safe Tractor and Implement Operation and Farm Safety Techniques including identifying potentially hazardous situations and how to reduce risk of injury
- Tractor instruments, controls, maintenance and safety inspections of tractors.
- Proper use and operation of tractors and tractor limitations.

Certification Requirements

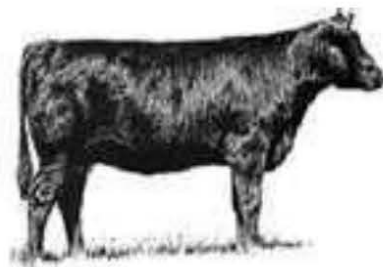
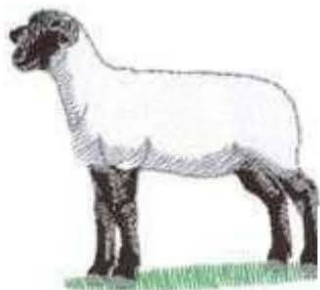
- Eligible students must be 12 years old or older prior to the beginning of the course.
- Attend 24 hours of instructional training
- Pass written examination with a minimum score of 70%
- Pass a practical driving examination demonstrating safe operation of tractor and 2 wheel implement through obstacle course



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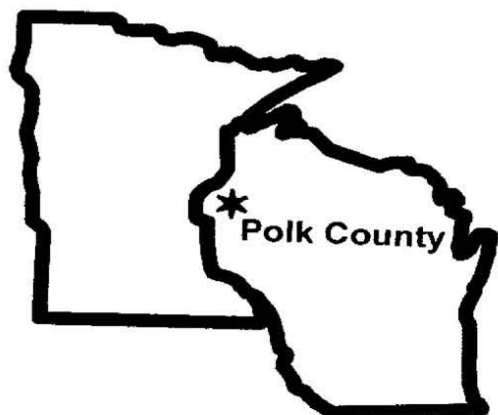
And Barron/Polk
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2023

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 17**
Show Day Schedule

Preregistration is required!
Registrations due June 1
Entry fee \$10 per entry.
Use Google form link:

<https://forms.gle/SM5BEV9RetJ4C77UA>

NO Camping Available

Check-in 7:30 - **Ends at 8:30**

Weigh In 8:30
Livestock Quiz 9:30
Judging 10:00

Goat Show Start - 11:30
Sheep, Beef Shows Begin - 12:00
Starting with Showmanship

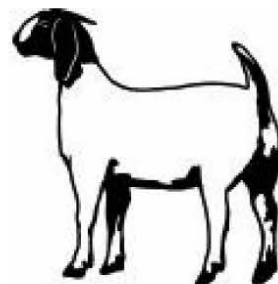
For More Information Call or E-mail:

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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