

Clover Connection Newsletter

April 2024



Congratulations Dairy Bowl Team!

A huge congratulations goes out to our talented senior Polk County Dairy Bowl team, placing first at the state competition and heading to Nationals in November! Our mixed age team also placed first and represented our county well! Way to go teams and a big thank you to our dedicated volunteers, Gwen Dado and Patty Hurtgen, for your leadership of this team!

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

**BARRON-POLK
TALENT
EXPO**

Do you have a talent in music, speech, dance, acting or video making? Get ready for the 2024 Barron-Polk Talent Expo!
Entries Open Through 4-H Online After January 20th!

**TURTLE LAKE
SCHOOL**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

CONGRATULATIONS POLK COUNTY 4-H!

CHAMPION MIXED AGE TEAM IN QUIZ BOWL AND OUR JUNIOR TEAM TOOK THIRD! The weeks of practice you have put in really paid off! Thank you to Craig and Tim for your volunteer work with these awesome teams!



AUBREY, KALLIE, ALISON, AND DARBY represented the state of Wisconsin at Ignite by 4-H in Washington D.C. They presented their Lead the Change project to all 900 attendees of the conference to receive feedback and work towards making a big impact on educating the public where their food comes from.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Polk County 4-H Leader Federation, Inc.
Polk County Fair Society
Tom and Sandy Morris
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April 2024

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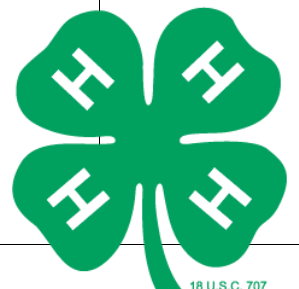
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	1	2	3	4 ~ Robotics Project Meeting	5 Lindsay will be out of the office Camp Counselor Training, In-Person	6
7	8	9 Lindsay will be out of the office	10 ~Registration due for knitting workshop	11	12	13 ~Talent Expo!
14 ~ Swine Kick off & tag pick-up ~YQCA	15	16	17	18 ~Knitting Workshop ~Deadline to get articles into the newsletter	19	20
21 Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting	22 ~Wildlife and Woods Series	23 Lindsay will be out of the office	24	25	26	27 ~Sheep & Goat Weigh In
28	29	30				



4-H EVENTS COMING UP!

April

- 4: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 & Sphero, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF at 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 4-5: Lindsay will be out of the office for PYD Director Interviews in Madison
- 5-6: Camp Counselor In Person Training Weekend, Camp Kiwanis
- 9-10: Lindsay will be out of the office for a Camp Working Group in Stevens Point
- 10: Registration Due for Finger Knitting Workshop
- 13: Talent Expo, Turtle Lake
- 14: Swine Kick Off & Tag Pick Up, 2-4 p.m., Polk County Justice Center
- 14: YQCA, 12:30 p.m., Polk County Justice Center - **Must Pre-Register at yqcaprogram.org**
- 18: Finger Knitting Workshop, 6pm at the Polk County Justice Center
- 18: Deadline to get articles into the newsletter
- 21: Dog Kick-Off Meeting
- 22: Wildlife and Woods Virtual Series
- 23-24: Lindsay will be out of the office for JCEP Conference in Wisconsin Rapids
- 27: Sheep & Goat Weigh In, 9-11 a.m., Polk County Fairgrounds

May

- 2: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 & Sphero, 6:30-8, First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 6: Swine DNA kits due!
- 10: Dino Hunt! 6-8pm located at the Balsam Lake Rod and Gun Club
- 18: Robotics Project Meeting, EV3 and Sphero, 9am-11am, First Presbyterian Church of SCF, 719 Nevada St., SCF
- 20: Deadline to send articles into the newsletter



June

- 18-20: Horse Camp at the Polk County Fairgrounds
- 20: Deadline to get articles into the newsletter
- 22: Interstate Livestock Show

July

25-28: POLK COUNTY FAIR!!

MAKE AN IMPACT BY SERVING THROUGH AMERICORPS AND 4-H!

UW-MADISON EXTENSION  AmeriCorps 



WHO IS AMERICORPS?

AMERICORPS IS A NATIONAL AGENCY THAT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES, NO MATTER THEIR BACKGROUND.

<h4>Growing Capacity</h4> <p>Members will gain valuable experience and make an impact on our community by developing and implementing programs in after school and library settings to reach new audiences.</p>	<h4>Expanding Access</h4> <p>As a part of AmeriCorps, members will work in with 4-H to recruit volunteers and build partnerships with county organizations to increase program participation and reach.</p>	<h4>Building Sustainability</h4> <p>Through programming efforts and relationships built, your impact will continue on through sustainable youth serving opportunities.</p>
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<h4>Program Benefits :</h4> <p>Monthly Living Allowance and Education award upon successful completion of 450 hours of service (28 hours weekly)</p>	<h4>Qualifications :</h4> <p>Must be at least 18 years of age with a GED or equivalent, and the ability to work with Community Organizations, Teams, Youth Development, Social Services, Computers/Technology</p>
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Questions?
Contact Lindsay Spindler at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

Scan the QR code to apply now! Open through March 31st.

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INTERESTED IN CROCHETING/ KNITTING/ SEWING/HOME FURNISHINGS?

We are hosting several workshops this year for youth to sample these 4-H Project areas. If you have some skills in any of these areas and want to improve your proficiency, join us, we can help you grow your skills. The Workshops are for Explorer and

Older youth and Must be registered in advance. Each Workshop will have a \$3.00 Materials fee which will be collected at the Workshop. Registration is separate for Each workshop. You are welcome to sign up every one of them.

Workshops

- **Finger Knitting:** April 18th, Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center meeting room. We will be making a scarf. (Registration due by April 10th)
- **Blending of two skills:** May 30th, Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Balsam Lake Justice Center meeting room. Project = TBD. (Registration due by May 22nd)

To Register, please email Shirley Miller-Frey, smillerfrey@gmail.com: Youth Name, Youth Grade, Name of your 4-H Club, Parents Name and Contact Email and which Workshop you are signing up for.



Camp Counselor In-Person Training, April 5-6, Camp Kiwanis



WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**SHAWANO COUNTY
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY
JUNE 20TH**



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Polk County Fair Contest 2024

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 fair dates (July 25, 26, 27 & 28), location (St. Croix Falls Fair Grounds), and your club name. Sign should be up by July 1st, and be taken down by August 5th. The sign needs to be on private land, not on the road right of way. Make sure to get permission from the landowner.

Submit a color 8x10 photograph of your sign, the location 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.



The Fair Theme for this Year is:

ROCK THE FLOCK



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.

2024 Work Shop Dates:

- April 4th, 6:30 to 8 pm, Sphero Balls and EV3 Work Time
- May 2nd, 6:30 to 8pm, Sphero Balls and EV3 Programming
- May 18th, 9am-11am, EV3 Programming
- June 1st, 9am-11am, Sphero & EV3 and Fair Discussions
- June 6th, 6:30pm-8pm, EV3 Programming
- June 29th, 9am-11am, Sphero Balls & EV3 Final Programming
- July 6th, 12:30 for Registration, 1-5pm is the Pre-Fair Run Off
- July 26th, 11am-12, All Robotics Youth Present Demonstrations at the Fair (times may be adjusted closer to fair)

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.

LOOKING FOR 4-H FORMS AND APPLICATIONS?

4-H forms and application can be found on our website, <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

Attention!

the May newsletter will be mailed out late. I will post it on our website at the end of April in case anyone would like to print it out, but it will be mailed out the second week of May

ATTENTION HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS!
HORSE CAMP will be held on Tuesday, June 18—Thursday, June 20th at the Polk County Fair Grounds.



Horse Camp is open to 4-H members 3rd grade and up. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Teresa Hach, thach@amfam.com

Swine Kick-Off & Tag Pick Up

will be on Sunday, April 14th starting at 2pm, located at the Justice Center. Please contact Tyler Kuhl, 715-410-6024 if you have any questions.

Dog Kick-Off will be on Sunday, April 21st located at the Polk County Fairgrounds. More information to follow

Sheep & Goat Weigh In will be on Saturday, April 27th at the Polk County Fairgrounds. More information to follow.

SAVE THE DATE



SUMMER ACADEMY

CHARGE YOUR SPARKS

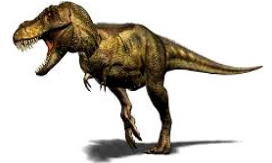
JUNE 24- 27, 2024
UW-MADISON CAMPUS

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11
WITH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE FOR 11TH GRADE +

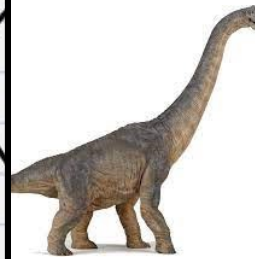
REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST, 2024
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DINO HUNT WILL BE
SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MAY
10TH, FROM 6PM
TO 8PM AT BALSAM
LAKE ROD AND GUN
CLUB



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. 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 chad.lutsey@gmail.com or by phone at 715-541-4241

**Parents are
encouraged to
attend with their
children**



4-H Hit Me with Your Best Shot Photo Contest

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photography contest open to youth in grades K-13!

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them.

How it works

- Select one photo (with no or minimal editing) that is special to you and submit it with up to three sentences that explain why.
- Submit one (1) jpg or jpeg image and statement to fourphoto@umn.edu by 11:59 p.m. CST on May 1, 2024.
- In the email, use the subject line "4-H Best Shot Photo Contest." In the body of the email, please include the member's name, grade and state, as this is a multi-state challenge.
- You will receive a confirmation email once your email submission has been received and your registration verified. Note: Please be patient with receiving the confirmation email, as it is not automated - a staff member has to do it

For rules and registration, please visit

<https://extension.umn.edu/event/4-h-hit-me-your-best-shot-photo-contest>



AgSource
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LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR DHIA Polk-Burnett Scholarship!

These scholarships will be made available by the AgSource DHIA Foundation for students enrolled in post high school education or planning to pursue post high school education. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$500.00 in scholarships. Applicant's family must reside in Polk or Burnett Counties or be a present or past member of the Polk-Burnett DHI AgSource.

Preference may be given to students in agriculture related majors and students of farm families. Scholarship proceeds will not be given until student has successfully completed one semester of post high school education and a transcript is sent in showing the semester completion. An applicant may be entering or already enrolled in post high school education programs.

Applications must be completed by April 5th and turned into the Extension Office

You can find the applications on our website under the 4-H tab "Forms & Applications," or at: <https://polk.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-applications/>

Wildlife & Woods

Register via 4-H Online
wi.4honline.com

CAREERS & COMPETITION

VIRTUAL SERIES
NOV. 27, 2023
JAN. 22, 2024
FEB. 26, 2024
MAR. 25, 2024
APRIL 22, 2024
MAY 27, 2024



To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc

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In Person Trainings

Polk County Justice Center

Date:

Sunday, February 25 at 12:30 pm
Sunday, March 10 at 3:15 pm
Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm

Register at:

yqcaprogram.org

Cost:

\$3 In Person
\$12 Web Based

Interstate Livestock Show

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S SHOW! JUNE 22, 2024

Interstate Livestock Youth Show

Beef, Goat, and Sheep Junior Show, Educational Events, Great Prizes!

Interested in contributing your ideas to the 2024 Interstate Livestock Show? Join our Zoom meeting on **February 20th, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. We are looking for both youth and adult voice to shape this year's show!



Zoom link: <https://go.wisc.edu/xc9heu>
Contact Lindsay for more details at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

Join us for virtual opportunities to learn about Careers & Competitions in Wildlife & Woods! This new virtual series is open to youth in grades 6-12 and adult leaders. Come learn about what's available for our older youth in 4-H! Event registration is open now in 4HOnline. You can attend as many hour long sessions as you like!

FIND THE DIFFERENCES

Find seven differences in these two pictures.





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