

## To All Columbia County 4-H Families and FFA Advisors:

Here is your weekly update of 4-H happenings both county-wide and state-wide. In order of appearance:

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### [Fairest of the Fair](#)

Do you know someone who loves 4-H or FFA? Are they passionate about the fair?

If that sounds like you or someone you know they should apply to be the Fairest of the Fair!

We are currently searching for our 2019 Columbia County Fairest of the Fair! This is a great opportunity for youth girls or guys ages 18 and over as of January 1st. Through this opportunity they will polish their public speaking skills, learn more about the fair industry, learn professionalism skills and have a whole lot of fun while promoting the best event of the year!

If you are interested in applying please follow to this link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTTxH-74ec6VWfspBXgywvXRdS5QCjdd\\_qHkANv4-YgKUROA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTTxH-74ec6VWfspBXgywvXRdS5QCjdd_qHkANv4-YgKUROA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Rules: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-axOfhUFmWhUzBGDwufkrkD21tOsSXNtDXVGTGfA62V4/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have questions about the Fairest program feel free to email at [columbiacofairest@gmail.com](mailto:columbiacofairest@gmail.com) or text/call Allison at 608-566-9340.

- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### [4-H and Youth Livestock Committee Meeting – March 14 at 7 p.m.](#)

The spring meeting of the livestock committee meeting will happen next Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia County Health Care Center in Wyocena. Agenda items will include, but are not limited to, planning for the sale of champions at the Columbia County Fair, reviewing the learn more challenge program, forming scholarship committee, reports on quiz bowl, skill-a-thons, judging teams and more. Anyone interested in the livestock project and/or the sale of champions is welcome to attend.

### [Columbia County 4-H Archery Project Meeting](#)

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

9am – 10 am Experienced Shooters

10am - 11am Inexperienced Shooters

Achterberg Archery, Pardeeville

(Please note: Youth enrolled in the cloverbud project are NOT eligible to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports project meetings. According to Wisconsin 4-H Policy, youth MUST be in grade 3 and 8 years old – both – to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports events and / or project meetings.)

### [4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Opportunity in Lodi – April 5 – 6, 2019](#)

Columbia County 4-H has LOTS of youth interested in the shooting sports project and not many project leaders. This 4-H project is unique in that 4-H policy REQUIRES that volunteer shooting sports project leaders MUST receive special training. We are fortunate that there will be a training in the Lodi area in April. Please sign up NOW if you're interested. The 4-H Leaders Council will cover registration fee for those who will take the training. See description below:

*Workshop overview: All certification workshops are 6PM to 10PM on Friday and 8AM to 5:00PM Saturday. You must participate in all required hours to receive your certification. Those attending for the first time must complete the Friday and Saturday sessions. Those returning for an additional certification need only attend their Saturday range workshop providing three (3) years has not lapsed since attending the Friday session.*

To Register: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingssports/events/western-area-certification-workshop/>

**2019 Southern Workshop, Lodi Area  
Columbia County**

Date: April 5-6, 2019

Location: Winnequah Gun Club, Lodi, WI

Disciplines: Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol, Shotgun Registration

Deadline: March 29, 2019

## More 2019 Spring Dates are Announced for 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Leader Certification Workshop

Southern Wisconsin: April 5-6, Columbia County, Lodi, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle & Shotgun (see details above)

\*South Eastern Wisconsin : May 3-4, Ozaukee County, Cedarburg, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery & Rifle

\*Northern Wisconsin: May 17-18, Price County, Phillips, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery, Rifle & Shotgun

All registrations are completed online and the fee is to be paid by credit card at the time of registration.

Counties wishing to pay for their leader's fee may contact [doug.thompson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:doug.thompson@ces.uwex.edu) to arrange for a county's preferred payment method.

Please share this link for details and the registration form:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingssports/certification-workshops/>

### YQCA Instructor-Led Session – April 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This instructor-led training will be taught in two parts – Juniors will learn in one group and Intermediates and Seniors will learn in another. There will be a \$5 fee collected at the door for program teaching supplies (this is in addition to the \$3 online registration fee). Youth will learn from the YQCA slide deck as well as from 1 or more activities per age group. Register by March 27, 2019 at <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>. All swine project exhibitors must complete a YQCA certification, either through an instructor-led class or via one of the online classes.

### Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships Applications due 3/15/19

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2019. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Friday, March 15, 2019, 5:00 pm**.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, 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 one year; 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 2019-2020 academic school year.

All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined on the website, so please review the instructions carefully:

<http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>.

Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth advisors will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

## Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and/or email in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to send a thank-you note to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

**Questions:** Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, 608.262.1597, or [info@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:info@Wis4HFoundation.org)

## [Columbia County Dairy Project Event](#)

March 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
W8611 Kent Rd., Poynette  
Hosted by the Murphy Family

Youth will move through stations such as Parts of a Cow, How to Read a Pedigree, What's in Your Showbox, How to Tie a Halter, Proper Showmanship Techniques and How to Clip Your Dairy Heifer. Bring any good, used show whites and participate in the show white swap happening throughout the day. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer @ the Columbia County Extension Office by emailing [Jennifer.evans@co.columbia.wi.us](mailto:Jennifer.evans@co.columbia.wi.us) or by calling 608.742.9687

## [Family Camp and Summer Camp Open House](#)

Family Camp at Upham Woods is a great opportunity to get to experience camp activities together! At our Family Camp we offer hiking on Blackhawk Island, canoeing on the Wisconsin River, archery, a chance to share stories and sing songs at a campfire, and more. This year Family Camp will be May 4-5, 2019. Cost is as follows:

Cabin & Meals, individual: \$47/person

Dorm & Meals, based on quad occupancy: \$188/room

Registration will be opening soon! For more information check out our website <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/programs/family-camp/>

We are also offering a Summer Camp Open House on May 5, 2019 from 11am-1pm. This Open House will be a small taste of what summer camp is like for youth. We'll provide a tour of the facilities, sing some songs, and play



some games. Snacks will be provided. This event is open to the public and anyone attending our summer camps this summer!

### Upcoming Dates:

3/14 – Columbia Co. Livestock Committee meeting, Columbia Health Care Center basement meeting room, 7 p.m.

3/16 – Lodi Veterinary Care – Youth Livestock Day, Lodi, 9 – 11 a.m.

3/23 – Columbia Co. Dairy Project Event, Poynette, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

3/28 – Columbia Co. 4-H Leaders Council Meeting, Columbia Health Care Center basement meeting rm, 6:30 p.m.

### 4-H License Plates Look Great on YOUR Automobile!



Why not order a Wisconsin 4-H license plate for your car, truck or motor home this? The specialty plate, now available through the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles, supports the Wisconsin 4-H program, and bears the message 4-H Empowering Youth. The sale of the plate includes a fee that goes to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

"This is a great way for our 4-H families, alumni and supporters to show their fierce love of 4-H," says Brenda Scheider, Executive Director for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "Half of the proceeds from every plate sale will go back to the county in which the plate was purchased. The other half will be used for state and regional 4-H programs."

Vehicles that qualify for the 4-H license plate include:

- automobiles
- motor homes (annual registration only)
- motor trucks
- 4,500, 6,000 or 8,000 pounds gross weight including dual purpose farm and dual purpose motor home
- 12,000 pounds gross weight farm truck

Persons requesting 4-H Foundation license plates will pay:

- \$25 annual donation. The donation may be deductible.
- \$15 issuance fee or an annual \$15 personalized plate fee, if requested.
- The regular registration fee for the vehicle if the current plates expire within three months or the vehicle has no plates.

At each plate renewal, 4-H supporters will pay the \$25 donation and the regular registration fee for non-personalized 4-H license plates. 4-H license plates may be personalized by paying a \$15 personalized plate fee each year in addition to the \$25 donation and regular annual registration fee.

Contact the Wisconsin Department of Transportation or go to [www.wisconsin.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv2969.pdf](http://www.wisconsin.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv2969.pdf) for more information.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation exists to provide essential support for the 4-H Youth Development program – a program of the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension. Last year, individuals, corporations and foundations provided support for a network of Cooperative Extension staff and more than 20,000 adult and youth volunteers in shaping nearly 150,000 youth who take part in 4-H [programs](#) throughout the state.

4-H Foundation supporters provide resources to create cutting-edge, relevant programs for young people to learn real-world skills that will prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow, moving communities, the state, our county and the world forward in ways no other youth organization can.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is dedicated to providing funding for 4-H programs that teach young people the skills necessary to become responsible, productive citizens. Hands-on 4-H activities emphasize communication skills, self-confidence, sound decision-making practices, and community concern, all of which prepare today's youth to be our leaders tomorrow. Find out more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and how you can support our most precious resource, Wisconsin Youth, at [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).

## 2019 Youth Livestock Education Day



**Lodi Veterinary Care**  
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## 2019 Youth Livestock Education Day

This educational day is designed for students interested in **veterinary science and/or dairy/beef cattle**, and is open to individuals 9-18 years of age. This meeting qualifies Dane County Beef and Dairy Exhibitors for the meat animal sale. This meeting can only be used for one category ie: beef or dairy, not both.

**Date:** Saturday, March 16th, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**Location:** Lodi Veterinary Care  
Please park on South end of building

**RSVP:** Registration deadline is March 8, 2019  
Please register by calling 608-592-7755 ext. 1

### Topics to be Covered:

#### Veterinary Equipment Identification

Identification and usage of various tools used by veterinarians

#### Breeds and their characteristics

Cattle breeds and their common and unique characteristics

#### Anatomy

Basic normal anatomy and how to locate important anatomical parts

#### Sheep and Goats

Discussion of basic sheep and goat care



### ["Learn More" Challenge Award -- Livestock Educational Cards](#)

All of the 2018-2019 livestock educational cards are now online at <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-information/animal-sciences/>. Read on for DETAILS about the Columbia County "Learn More" Challenge Program and then get your livestock educational card completed.

The Columbia County Livestock Committee developed the “Learn More” Challenge program to encourage youth to increase their knowledge of the species they exhibit. Youth accomplish this by taking advantage of the many great learning opportunities available to them and completing three or more educational events. As they do this, they complete an Educational Card for their animal species and collect signatures from the presenters. (Note: If youth participate in more than one species, they must complete three or more learning opportunities for each species.) Once the learning is complete, participants submit their educational cards and then have the chance to win special awards for participating. Awards are presented in the following categories: Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Rabbits, and Avian/Poultry Remember: The more activities you attend, the more chances you have to win! 3 educational sessions = 1 chance 4 educational sessions = 2 chances 5 educational sessions = 3 chances And so on..... Educational cards are available online at <https://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projectinformation/animal-sciences/> or upon request from the Columbia County UW Extension Office. Completed educational cards are due each year on June 30th to the Livestock Committee (c/o Columbia County UW Extension, Administration Building, Rm. 212, 112 E. Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901.) Shortly after the deadline date, the livestock committee will draw for prizes and the awards are then presented each year on Sunday at the Columbia County Fair’s Parade of Champions. Be sure to get started early by obtaining an Educational Card for the species of your animal(s) and then complete three or more of the listed sessions on the educational card throughout the program year, but prior to June 30th. (Note: Only 1 YQCA session per year is allowed.)

## Foods Revue and Food Activity

Foods Revue is for you -- foods, food preservation, bread, Exploring and Cloverbud project members!

Guidelines—What do you do?

- Foods Project Members: select a favorite food to prepare.
- Breads Project Members: select a favorite yeast bread to prepare.
- Foods Preservation Project Members: select a favorite preserved food to prepare.
- Foods, Breads, and Foods Preservation Members: plan a menu for your selected food item; plan a table covering, centerpiece, and table setting/service for the menu; and bring one serving of the selected food item.
- Cloverbuds and Exploring Project Members: select your favorite nutritious snack to prepare (no prepackaged foods / mixes); practice preparing it for yourself and for others; and select dishes, silverware to serve the snack, and a placemat or tablecloth. A centerpiece is optional.
- Setup may begin @ 10:30 am, with judging to begin at 11:00am.

## **4-H Food Activity**

Food Activity is for you – foods, food preservation, and breads project members!

Guidelines—What to do?

- Choose a foods-related activity or prepare a foods-related experiment or comparison that answers a question or questions.



- Complete the activity or experiment.
- Plan a display (similar to a science experiment display) to show the steps followed to answer the question/s. The display should contain the actual examples of your experiment.

Food Activity will follow Foods Revue.

### Awards

All participants in Foods Revue and Food Activity will receive a gift certificate and / or door prize. The top "People's Choice" award winners will also be recognized.

Registration Deadline is March 28th!

Registration Form: <https://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-events/4-h-eventregistrations/>

For More Information – check out the 4H website for Foods Revue or Food Activity at <http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-events/foods-revueactivity-day/>

## **Foods Revue & Food Activity Registration Form**

Register for Foods Revue and / or Food Activity by returning this clip-n-send or by emailing the same information to:

Jennifer Evans at: [jennifer.evans@co.columbia.wi.us](mailto:jennifer.evans@co.columbia.wi.us) by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

4H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

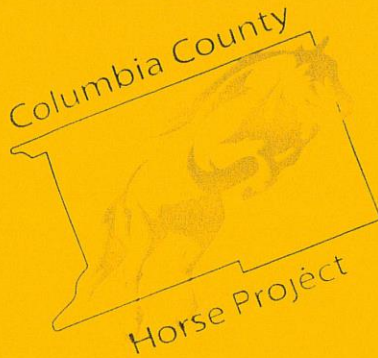
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\_\_\_\_\_ Foods Revue \_\_\_\_\_ Food Activity  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I will need to use 1/2 of a meeting room table.

Additional information will be e-mailed to individuals who register.

If any special accommodations are required, please describe:



## Fundraiser Team Show

1 Fairgrounds Rd, Portage, WI 53901

*Arena Located on Superior Street*

**May 25, 2019 – 8:30 AM**

**\*\*Rain date May 26, 2019- 8:30 AM\*\***

Judge: Jill Koch

**\$25 a person to show all day (grades 3+ including adults)**

**\*\*Boots and Helmets required when mounted (show clothes optional)**

**Matching team shirts encouraged!**

Original and Copy of negative current non-expired coggins required

**\*\*Sorry NO stallions allowed**

Food stand will be available on site

Gifts for each participant, door prizes and a silent auction.

Team Awards

1<sup>st</sup> \$150

2<sup>nd</sup> \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> \$75

1. Western Showmanship
2. English Showmanship  
**\*\*20 min riding break**
3. Walk Trot Pleasure (all disciplines)
4. English Pleasure
5. English Equitation
6. Western Pleasure
7. Western Horsemanship
8. Discipline Rail

**\*\*20 min riding break**

9. Plug
10. Barrels
11. Flag
12. LT Special
13. Poles
14. Streaking Poles
15. Key Race
16. 2-Person Relay (counts as a class for one rider, other rider is a ghost rider)

- Teams of 2-6 riders - each team gets 24 slots (classes) divided equally
  - team of 2: 12 classes per rider
  - team of 3: 8 classes per rider
  - team of 4: 6 classes per rider
  - team of 5: 4 riders have 5 classes and 1 rider has 4
  - team of 6: 4 classes per rider

\*\*\*For inclement weather updates check on Columbia County WI Horse Project/Council on Facebook.\*\*\*

Portage Center for the Arts Happenings:

Art Shows & Opening Receptions  
in the Drury Gallery at PCA  
are ALWAYS FREE!!

Portage Elementary & Middle Schools  
Reception Friday, March 1 • 4 - 6pm  
Exhibit on display thru March 30

STUDENT

ART

SHOW

Sponsored by:  
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**Portage Center for the Arts**  
Wed-Fri 1-6pm & Sat 10am-3pm  
PO Box 866 | 301 East Cook Street, Portage WI 53901  
608-742-5655 | www.portagecenterforthearts.com



*The Chairman's Board*  
PETER OPRISKO PRESENTS



Performing Arts Series Concert  
March 30 at 7:30pm  
Tickets on sale now!

**Call for Artists!**

Wisconsin Regional Art Program

**Deadline is March 30**

Art that Blooms  
(Limit 24 artists)

**Deadline is March 15**



st. patrick's day concert  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 at 7:30PM

ZONA GALE THEATRE | \$15 Adults | \$5 Students

**BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN SERIES** Sponsored by The Schieber Family

Thursday, March 28  
Zona Gale Theatre  
Joyce Westerman & the All American Girls  
Professional Baseball League: Play Ball!



Noon - 1pm, \$5 AT THE DOOR

Sponsored by **Ken Lonnquist**  
festival family series  
Only \$5!  
Sat, Apr 13, 2019 at 4pm  
In honor of EARTH DAY!



2018-19 Student Recital Series  
April 28, 2019  
Sponsored by PORTAGE SOUNDWORKS  
Recital performances from students of independent music teachers located throughout the surrounding region!  
Join us at 6pm, open to the public! \$5 at the door

Portage Center for the Arts at Tivoli  
Divine Savior Extended Care Facility  
2805 Hunters Trail, Portage

**At Tivoli...**  
Thru MAR 2019  
Prisms: Art Quilts  
By Jean Leeson  
Threaded Streams  
Fiber Arts Trail  
March 21 - 23, 2019

Registration form needs to be completed

**ACT, LEARN, GROW!**  
**ZONA GALE YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE 2019**

**MAR 9 FREE!!** SATURDAY THEATRE WORKSHOP  
10am-12pm Ages 8-18, all skill levels encouraged!  
Advance sign-up preferred, walk-ins welcome!  
There is no enrollment fee at this time.

**JUN 17-29** CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP  
An introduction to theatre for children ages 8-13  
\$150 fee due June 1. Classes run Mon-Fri from 9am-12pm.  
Rehearsal: Sat. June 29 from 10am-12pm, followed by student potluck. Share Event: Sat. June 29 at 2pm, open to the public!

**JUL 8-13** YOUTH THEATRE WORKSHOP  
An intensive performing arts program for teenagers 14-18  
\$150 fee due July 1. Classes run Mon-Sat from 1-6pm.  
Students stay at PCA for pizza following the Saturday class.  
Share Event: Sat. July 13 at 6:00pm, open to the public!

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## [Weekly Emails Online!](#)

<http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/>