

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

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[2019 Columbia County Fair Swine Project](#)

Due to a new rule/law that became effective February 1, 2018, some changes to the swine project at the fair have been made. If the swine go to exhibition and the shows are not terminal, each pig must be tested for PRRS (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome) and SECD (Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease) within 90 days of the exhibition/show. A swine weigh-in is considered by the state veterinarian as an exhibition and all the pigs would need testing. Therefore, there will be no swine weigh-in held in April for the Columbia County Fair. The Columbia County Swine show remains non-terminal. Pigs will need to be tested within 90 days of the Columbia County Fair at the exhibitor's expense. Test results, test type, and the date of testing need to be included on the Wisconsin intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate).

The identification process for swine at the Columbia County Fair is as follows:

Please submit a picture of the swine project with one of the following tags in its ear:

1. Columbia County Tag
2. State Fair RFID Tag

The Columbia County swine ear tags may be picked up at the Columbia County Extension Office.

The tags should be available by April 1st.

Along with the picture, please include the ear notch and tag number for more precise identification as well as whether the swine is barrow or gilt. Submissions can be emailed to:

Columbiacountyswine@yahoo.com

Or mailed to Cody Puntney, N1882 Pine Hollow Rd., Lodi, WI 53555 - by the second Tuesday in May (May 14th for 2019).

As usual, only three pigs may be entered per exhibitor at the fair, but 10-15 pigs max. per family may be identified.

If exhibitors have any questions, please contact the swine superintendents or Paul Becker, Columbia County Fair Board president (paul_maryb@yahoo.com or 608-697-9293).

Columbia County Fair Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh In – May 4th

Market lambs and meat goats should be at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 4 between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. for weigh-in and identification.

Columbia County Fair Announces 2019 Theme and Entry Fee Increase

Just announced – the 2019 Fair Theme is “Celebrate Wisconsin” and the entry fee for the 2019 Columbia County Fair will now be \$5.

Columbia County 4-H Archery Project Meeting

Saturday, March 30th

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.)

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.learn-grow.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.

WI 4-H & Youth Conference Registration Information

Registration information for the 2019 WI 4-H & Youth Conference, June 24-27, 2019, is now posted online and available to share with youth in your county. Registration opens April 2nd at 4:00pm and will close at midnight on April 15th for youth.

You can find links to the registration handbook, county coordinator handbook, and adult advisor handbook on our [Youth Conference website](#). Check the sidebar for pages for each of them.

If you have any questions regarding Youth Conference, please contact Justin Lieck at justin.lieck@wisc.edu. Thank you!

["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 YOCA session per year is allowed.)

[Marathon County 4-H Horsemasters' Tack Swap](#)

Attend the 36th Annual Marathon County 4-H Horsemasters Tack Swap! There will be 60+ vendors, great food and a silent auction!

When: Saturday, March 30 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: John Muir Middle School, 1400 Stewart Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401

[Columbia/Green County Summer Camp Pre-Registration Form and Information](#)

Columbia County 4-H members and their friends will have the opportunity to camp at the NEW Columbia/Green County 4-H Camp and/or at one of the Upham Woods Open Enrollment Camps. See dates below and watch for more details as 2019 begins.

Columbia and Green County 4-H Camp at Upham Woods will be:

August 14-17, 2019 - Registration Form below.
 4 Day Camp—price TBD by planning committee.

This two county camp is for youth in grades 3 through 6 and will be a cooperative effort between Green and Columbia counties. We will need campers, youth counselors, and adult chaperones. If you're interested in participating in this camp, get your name on the waiting list by completing the pre-registration form on page 25 in this newsletter or by contacting Jennifer at the Extension Office. Final registration will be sent to all who pre-register. You will be the first accepted.

**2019 Green/Columbia Summer Camp Pre-Registration for
 Camp Dates: August 14-17, 2019**



Pre-Registration deadline: May 1, 2019

Put an X in the square that applies:			NOTE: Please list the grade student is enrolled in as of January 1, 2019									
Camp	Chaperone	Counselor	Name	Address	Zip	Phone	Grade	Male or Female	4-H Member	Non-4-H Member	Does this youth require special accommodations to participate in any of the described activities? Y or N? (If yes, see note below)	

Return pre-registration to:

Columbia County UW-Extension
 112 E. Edgewater Street, Room 212
 Portage, WI 53901

My parent/guardian will serve as a Camp Chaperone:
 _____ (name)
 My parent/guardian is First Aid Certified

All members who submit a registration form will receive more information through the mail (what to bring, etc.) prior to camp.

***Special Accommodation Note:**
 If yes, please attach a note describing the accommodation that is needed (include special dietary needs).

Final registration materials will be sent to all who pre-register!

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

[Portage Center for the Arts Happenings:](#)

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

Sponsored by:



Portage HS
Student Art Exhibit

April 5-28

at Portage Center for the Arts

Opening Reception April 5 from 4-6pm

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 Beard
PETER OPRISKO PRESENTS



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

**2018-19
Student Recital
Series**

April 28, 2019

Join us at 1pm
Open to the public!
\$5 at the door

Recital performances from students of
independent music teachers located
throughout the surrounding region!



**KRAUSE
KFB
FAMILY BAND**

ZONA GALE THEATRE
PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 7:30pm

This Americana band has been regularly featured on NPR's Profile Home Companion and WPR's Simply Folk. They are known for their close family harmonies and original songs! Help us welcome them back to the Zona Gale Theatre!

Reserved Seating: Adults \$15 | Students \$5

Call or visit the office to reserve your seats, or purchase them online!
Tickets also available at the door.

Portage Center for the Arts
301 E. Cook Street | PO Box 866 | Portage, WI 53901
608-742-5655 | www.portagecenterforthearts.com

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

Mar 28: Joyce Westerman by Bob Kann

April 25:
Tom Shaver presents...
Portage High School
JAZZ BAND

Noon - 1pm, \$5 AT THE DOOR



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

At Tivoli...

**Montana
Wilderness Lost**
by Richard Springer
Opening Reception
April 18 from 3-5pm
Thru June 2019

**festival
family series**

ZONA GALE THEATRE
AT PORTAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Sat, Apr 13, 2019 at 4pm

In honor of **EARTH DAY**,
enjoy songs that connect the idea
of a good time with being good
to each other and our planet.
Reggae to reggae, folk to celtics,
music by **GEN LONNGAUST**
is filled with imagination,
wordplay, & energy!

\$5 General Admission each show | 4 and under free
Call or visit the office to purchase your tickets, or buy them online!

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**VISUAL
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DEADLINE: APRIL 15**

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INFO:

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who've demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Selection of Key Award recipients should be based on an evaluation of the candidate's total 4-H record.

To be eligible, candidates must be in 9th grade or above and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

The quota of award recipients is determined by county 4-H enrollment of youth ages 14 years and older. Quotas are 2% of that population or a minimum of two per county.

The State 4-H Office will mail a framed certificate and pin. Key Award recipients are asked to send a note of appreciation to sponsors. Counties are encouraged to invite sponsor representatives to the presentation ceremony (Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, 800.261.FARM or aitc@wfbf.com).

To help promote Key Awards, templates for a press release, commendation certificate, county board letter and tips for writing a speech are posted in the 4-H Sharepoint site under Recognitions at <https://intranet.ces.uwex.edu/sites/4h/Pages/Key-Awards.aspx>

Send questions to Laura Gundlach at laura.gundlach@ces.uwex.edu

2019 KEY AWARD INFO

2019 KEY AWARD QUOTAS

DEADLINES:

TWO DEADLINES in 2019 – The names of county Key Award recipients are due to the State 4-H Office by **MAY 30** for spring/summer awards or **SEPTEMBER 15** for fall awards. All names should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the award ceremony. ****Requests after the deadlines or last minute requests may not be able to be fulfilled in advance of the award ceremony due to staff shortages in the state office.****

SUBMISSION:

Requests are no longer being taken via paper form. Please use the online form to submit names. You will need to submit multiple forms for multiple names.

Submission form: <https://goo.gl/forms/KP3iTWFD4vz9Eo052>

[Weekly Emails Online!](http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/)

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