

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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[LAST CALL!! 4-H Planter Night at Link's Greenhouse - 5/15/19](#)

Master Gardeners will once again have a container planting night with the Columbia County 4-H Clubs at Links Greenhouse on May 15th at 5:30 pm. Come early if you'd like!! All of the Columbia County 4-H clubs are invited to come. They are encouraged to bring their own containers and Links will donate all the soil and plants used. The clubs then enter their containers at the fair. We will do a brief presentation on how to plant your containers, which plants would be best for the containers, soil, water, and light conditions. Containers can be anything that will hold soil and plants. Be creative! Please note that someone needs to take care of the planters until fair time!

Please let Jennifer Evans, Columbia County UW-Extension, know that your club will be participating and who. Reach her no later than Wednesday morning, May 15th. She can be reached at 608-742-9687 or jennifer.evans@wisc.edu This is a club event and is not for individual members.

[Rabbit Care Seminar – May 16 at WS Ag Center, Columbus](#)

Join the WS Ag Center for their first ever Rabbit Care Seminar. At 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 16th, a great learning opportunity will be shared with 4-H rabbit project members. Topics will include: general rabbit information; popular rabbit breeds; common health problems; preparing rabbits for show; rabbit nutrition; and KING Rabbit products. Kent Nutrition Group representative, Doug Mace, will host the meeting. Snacks and door prizes will be provided by WS Ag Center as well. Plan now to attend!

4-H Robotics Continues to Meet – May 16!

The 4-H Robotics group will meet May 16 from 6 – 8 p.m., at the Caledonia Town Hall – N5479 Beich Rd., Portage, WI 53901. Plans for future meetings will be announced as they become available.

4-H Member Graduation Form - NEW!!

4-H members who are completing Grade 12 or Grade 13 are eligible to graduate from 4-H.

The 4-H Leaders Council would like to recognize you if you are leaving the Columbia County 4-H program at the end of the 2019 4-H year. 4-H members who will be graduating from 4-H (no longer participating after the 2019 4-H year) will be recognized at the Columbia County Fair. Please click the link below to complete the google form, include a photo of yourself and submit to Jennifer Evans at Jennifer.evans@wisc.edu. Due by June 1, 2019.



<https://forms.gle/YRBmTc1feQ6L6tB7>

May 20 – 4-H Welcoming Event, Part 2 – 6:30 p.m. Health and Human Services Building, Portage

It's time for Part 2 of this year's 4-H Welcoming series! If your family is new, or relatively new, and wants to learn more about this next phase of the 4-H year, plan now to join the group on May 20th. There will be information about upcoming summer events, details about participating in the Columbia County Fair and/or the Lodi Ag Fair, record books, and more. Again, like in Part 1, parents/guardians will meet separate from the members. There will be fun learning opportunities for the members while the adults learn more about the 4-H program. Reservations are due May 17th!

4-H Shooting Sports Project Meetings continue into May!

May 18 -- 1-3 p.m. -- Montello Bow Benders Archery, (N3736 State Rd. 22, Montello, WI 53949)

May 22 – 9-11 a.m. – Achterberg Archery, Pardeeville

4-H Shooting Sports Archery Fair Shoots – Mark Your Calendars!

JUNE 8 and JULY 13 -- Spot Target Shooting – Achterberg Archery, Pardeeville

Specific times with assignments of skill level are as follows for the spot target shooting:

Spot target shoot on Saturday, June 8 :

Juniors shoot at 10 yards from 9:00-9:40 a.m. // Intermediates shoot at 15 yards from 9:40-10:20 a.m. //

Seniors shoot at 20 yards from 10:20-11:00 a.m.

Spot target shoot on Saturday, July 13:

Seniors shoot at 20 yards from 9:00-9:40 a.m. //Intermediates shoot at 15 yards from 9:40-10:20 a.m. //

Juniors shoot at 10 yards from 10:20-11:00 a.m.

Note: 4-H archery project members may participate in either or both of these spot target shoots; however, they can only be scored one time. The other time would be for practice only.

4-H Shooting Sports PRACTICE SHOOT

May 22nd – 5-6pm – Beginners - Achterberg Archery, Pardeeville

May 22nd – 6-7pm – Advanced - Achterberg Archery, Pardeeville

[May 16 – Livestock Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Columbia Health Care Center, Wyocena](#)

The Livestock Committee works with the Columbia County Fair to further the success of the Sale of Champions as well as create learning opportunities for youth enrolled in livestock related 4-H and FFA projects. Anyone interested in learning more about or interested in volunteering for the Sale of Champions at the 2019 Columbia County Fair should plan now to attend the livestock committee meeting.

[4-H Cottontails Needs YOU!](#)

We've all seen an image of Uncle Sam pointing at YOU--Today, imagine Rabbit Project members doing just that.

The 4-H Cottontails group is a special interest project group in Columbia County and it needs new leadership as the present volunteer leaders are stepping down on August 1st. Cottontails has developed into a great group of families who enjoy learning about rabbits. The group has been meeting several times a year for the past ten years or more. This structure can continue or it can be modified, but it would be great to continue the county level project work at least a few times a year.

If your family is interested in helping to keep this learning opportunity viable, please contact any one of the following: Angie Koss or Jenny Baerwolf or Pat Wagner (608) 742-9685. [Great News!! – One New Volunteer Has Stepped Forward, but she needs a Co-Leader – Will it be you?](#)

[4-H Cottontails To Hold Pre-Fair Meeting June 24 at 6 p.m.](#)

Join the last project meeting prior the fair season in Wyocena at the Columbia Health Care Center. Meeting agenda will be shared closer to the meeting date.

[4-H Clothing Revue – June 17](#)

Clothing Revue is an opportunity for all youth enrolled in the clothing project to create a garment for themselves or another and then model it, or have the other model it, in front of a judge. This annual event will take place in the new Health and Human Services building on Monday, June 17th at 7 p.m. The modeled garment is critiqued by a judge and a ribbon placing is awarded. This counts as an entry in the Columbia County Fair. Clothing project members watch your mail for an invitation to participate. There will also be educational sessions related to modeling and clothing construction/selection.

[4-H Save The Dates](#)

June 27 – 4-H Leaders Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Wyocena

August 9- 11 -- 2019 Wisconsin 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show--Hosted by Rock County

August 12 -- 4-H Cloverbud Camp is Coming at the MacKenzie Environmental Center--Plan now to be there!

August 14-17 – Columbia / Green County 4-H Camp for youth grades 3 – 6 at Upham Woods

August 17 -- 2019 Wisconsin 4-H Dog Agility Show--Hosted by Dane County

[Wisconsin Youth Water Stories Summit -- August 1–3, 2019 NEW!!](#)

This free overnight camp will explore water on the landscape. And give our camp scientists the opportunity to practice their skills out in the field while paddling and swimming along the Wisconsin River. From glaciers to trade, water has touched every part of life and history in Wisconsin. Join us at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center this summer to celebrate water's role in our life and history. This 3 day 2 night camp for 8-17 year olds will give

them the opportunity to paddle, test water quality, and explore the Wisconsin Idea Outdoors. Write the story of your waterway this summer.

This camp is available at NO COST thanks to Environmental Protection Agency Local Environmental Education grant nos. NE 00E02399. Contact Isabelle Herde at isabelle.herde@wisc.edu or 608-254-6461

Register here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRVgMTcPEpvocLL

Learn more here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/programs/residential-programs/wisconsin-water-stories/>

[DATCP Issues Poultry Testing Waiver due to Antigen Shortage](#)



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Release Date: April 23, 2019

Contact: Leeann Duwe, Public Information Officer
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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is waiving certain poultry testing requirements due to a shortage of an antigen used for testing. As a result, poultry owners do not need to test their birds for the pullorum-typhoid disease while the waiver is in effect.

“The occurrence of pullorum-typhoid is rare and it does not cause disease in humans,” says Dr. Darlene Konkle, acting State Veterinarian. “Poultry owners should continue to be vigilant about monitoring their birds and reporting any signs of disease to their veterinarian or DATCP.”

Poultry owners must continue to test their birds for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* or ensure the birds or eggs originated from a flock that tested negative for the disease in the calendar year.

The waiver applies until the antigen becomes available to certified testers. There is no timeframe for when the antigen may become available. Currently, only a single manufacturer makes the antigen. Waiver information, updates, and information about Wisconsin’s poultry requirements are available on DATCP’s website at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryFlockPrograms.aspx.

DATCP’s Division of Animal Health monitors animal health and disease threats, promotes humane treatment of animals, and provides licensing and registration regulation for animals in Wisconsin. For more information about protecting animal health, visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalConsumerInformation.aspx.

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4-H Arts Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is once again sponsoring an arts event to support and promote the 4-H Arts. The inaugural event was held last October and was a great success!! In October, the WI 4-H Foundation will hold an Arts Auction and Reception to support and promote the 4-H Arts Program, and to network with arts-

programming supporters and prospects. Proceeds from the event will be invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts Programming and in other arts programs for the next 4-H calendar year.

To make this year's event successful, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring an Arts Contest with cash prizes totaling \$700. *To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Arts Contest, youth must be an enrolled 4-H member for the 2018-2019 Program Year. Entrants do not need to be enrolled in any specific project to participate.* The contest will be divided into four categories:

1. Drawing Using any Medium
 - a. Pencil, Ink, Charcoal, Pastel or Other Media
 - b. No larger than 2' x 3'
 - c. Unframed but may be mounted for stability (foam board or matt board)
 - d. Original art only, no kits
 - e. Must be signed and dated on the front by the artist (lower right corner, if possible)
2. Painting (Watercolor, Acrylic or Oil)
 - a. Watercolor, Acrylic or Oil
 - b. No larger than 2' x 3'
 - c. Unframed but may be mounted for stability (foam board, matt board and/or if on canvas nothing)
 - d. Original art only, no kits
 - e. Must be signed and dated on the front by the artist (lower right corner, if possible)
3. Photography
 - a. Black and White or Color print
 - b. 8" x 10" or 11" x 17"
 - c. Unframed but may be mounted for stability (foam board or matt board)
 - d. Must be signed and dated on the front by the artist (lower right corner, if possible)
4. Other (Paper or Fiber Art, Pottery, Jewelry, Leathercraft, Glass, etc.)
 - a. Any media using natural or synthetic fiber, paper, fabric and/or yarn
 - b. No larger than 2' x 3' or six square feet
 - c. Unframed but may be mounted for stability, if applicable
 - d. Original art only, no kits
 - e. If possible, signed and dated on the front/bottom by the artist

A first and a second place will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show Award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$100 cash award and reserve in each category will receive a \$50 cash award. The Best of Show Entry will receive an additional \$100 cash award.

Entries will be accepted on Monday, June 24, 2019 from Noon to 2 pm, at Sellery Hall on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus. Entries can be delivered by the artist, a representative of the artist, a County Youth Educator or a member of a county delegation to Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference. Items not placing first or second in their division will be released at the conclusion of Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference. Any item not picked up at the conclusion of the conference will NOT be returned to the artist. All items must have the following information printed on or firmly attached to the back of the art:

1. Artist Name

2. Artist Address
3. Artist Email (if available)
4. Artist Phone Number
5. Artist County
6. Artist 4-H Club Name and Leader's Name
7. Artist Grade
8. Brief description (100 words or less) of the inspiration for the piece.
9. Brief statement (100 words or less) about what 4-H means to the artist.

The first and second place items in each category will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and will not be returned. All rights to the winning pieces of art become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and artists relinquish all rights to use, reproduce or exhibit their entry. Artists may be asked to sign their work or to sign reproductions of their work.

We are looking forward to showcasing Wisconsin 4-H members' artistic and creative masterpieces at the WI 4-H & Youth Conference Arts Contest in June and then at the WI 4-H Foundation Arts Event in October! If you have any questions, please contact Amber Rehberg at amber.rehberg@wisc.edu or 608.262.1557.

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

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