

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

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February 7 – International Foods, Evening, HHS Building, Portage

March 14 – Cupcake Wars, Morning, HHS Building, Portage

April 4 – Music and Drama Festival, morning at Portage Center for the Arts

April 4 – Communication Arts Festival, after lunch in location TBD

May 2 – Foods Revue and Foods Activity, mid-morning at Portage Library

[4-H Arts Lab – registrations opened November 15](#)

Wisconsin 4-H Art Lab is an opportunity for youth grades 9-12 to engage in the arts in downtown Madison. Partnering with UW-Madison and off-campus programs, this weekend will provide youth hands-on learning experience from university partners in a pre-selected art concentration. Program experiences will garner critical and creative thinking, self-expression, and further field knowledge, a focus on applications of art in the everyday world such as entrepreneurship, social justice, and community involvement. Concentrations will be coincided with entrepreneurial development activities such as group discussions, arts entrepreneur talk, and space and resources to plan future action. This is an open enrollment program; all Wisconsin youth are invited to participate in this program.

Registration – Now Open! Link to register is [here](#).

Registration will be open on Friday, November 15th, 2019 at 4:00 PM and available until December 6th. This registration will **not** be through 4-HOnline; a link to register is posted. The cost of the program is \$125.

Click on the following link if you would like more information: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/art-lab-2/>

State 4-H Arts Teams—registration opened November 15

Three State 4-H Arts Groups are formed every year to give 4-H youth the opportunity to develop their artistic and leadership skills. They then have the opportunity for real-world applications of these skills at the 4-H and Youth Conference and the Wisconsin State Fair.

4-H Drama Company creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to 4-H and Youth Conference. Show content is a collaborative effort between company members and their director. Each Drama Company member contributes ideas for the show and works with the group to problem solve issues on the set and in the script. Drama Company takes their show on to the Wisconsin State Fair where they perform for fair goers from across the state.

4-H Art Team creates artwork around the theme of the Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference as well as designing and organizing the WI 4-H and Youth Conference art exhibit, reception and guided exhibit tours. The team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including the Wisconsin State Fair. The 4-H Art Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums.

4-H Communications Team tells the Wisconsin 4-H story using multiple forms of communication, including: photo, video, social media, blogging and writing about club, county and state 4-H events. Team members develop a mixed-media presentation for delegates attending the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, as well as taking photos and videos of performances. They create promotional video clips for 4-H & Youth Conference and write articles about 4-H events. Communications Team members learn an abundance of problem solving, writing, photography and leadership skills as members of their team.

For more information, click here [State Arts Teams application info](#)

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline – November 30th – Don't Forget!!

Don't forget -- To be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 Columbia County Fair as a 4-H member, you must be re-enrolled in 4HOnline by **November 30th**. Access your family enrollment account by logging onto the 4honline website:

<https://www.4honline.com/> and choosing Wisconsin. If you need help with your project selection or enrollment, please contact Sarah Millard at 608.742.9688 or by email at sarah.millard@co.columbia.wi.us or sarah.millard@wisc.edu. Please note: Paper enrollment forms are available if you do not have access to the internet.

New 4-H members are encouraged to complete their 4honline enrollment by the same date, but new 4-H members have an extended deadline of March 1st. Adult 4-H volunteers please complete your 4honline enrollment at your earliest convenience! And, as always, youth can enroll in 4-H at any time. They just will not be eligible to exhibit in the junior division of the Columbia County Fair as a 4-H member.

NEW Volunteer Position Descriptions Important to 2019-2020 Enrollment Process

New in the 2019-2020 enrollment year, all 4-H volunteers will need to have a Volunteer Position Description that aligns with their role. This is necessary to comply with UW-Madison policies concerning volunteers and state liability insurance coverage.

There are six Volunteer types in 4HOnline which have position descriptions.

- Activity/Event Volunteer
- Adult Advisor/Chaperone
- Club Enrollment Coordinator (formerly Club Enrollment and Club Manager)
- Club Leader (includes Organizational/General and Co-Organizational/Co-General)
- Committee Volunteer
- Project Leader (includes Key Leader and Resource Leader)

These position descriptions can also be found on the blog page – [WI 4-H Become a Volunteer](#)
Volunteer position descriptions are included in the ISOTURE model of Volunteer Management. The first step is to “Identify” the program needs and the volunteer roles to meet those needs. Having a position description can assist to target recruitment, identify potential volunteers and communicate the role.
The position descriptions include: purpose, responsibilities, qualifications, benefits, time commitment, training/orientation, resources, and accountability.

[Space Camp Counselor Applications are now Available!](#)

Applications for 2020 WI 4-H Space Camp Counselors are now available and posted online. Wisconsin 4-H members in grade 8, 9, or 10 **and** 16 years old or younger, at the time of the experience in April 2020, are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted on paper and online. You can find the application (due November 22) and more information at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp-counselor-info/>.

[Portage Living Windows – A 4-H Club Community Service Opportunity](#)

The City of Portage annually coordinates “Living Windows,” a series of re-enactments of holiday traditions from the past and present. If your 4-H club or your family or a group of families is interested in being in a downtown Portage business window for Portage “Living Windows” on Saturday, December 14th, please contact Abra at 608-617-3677 at your earliest convenience. She will answer any and all questions you might have and direct you to a Portage business who would host your “living window” display. Displays are required to be in a window on December 14th from 4 – 6 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. set-up.

[Leadership Washington Focus Registrations are Open – November 1 through December 1](#)

Youth currently in grades 6-8 may participate in this program held just outside of Washington, D.C. at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. Registration is open in 4-H Online from November 1 – December 1 for **Leadership Washington Focus** (LWF) educational experience. The dates are July 26-31, 2020, with a total estimated cost of \$1,400. The program focuses on building confidence and motivational skills for middle school youth. LWF is a great opportunity for youth to exchange ideas, practice respect and form friendships with other 4-Hers from across the nation through hands-on learning, in addition to touring many spectacular sights in the Washington DC area. Please contact Kaitlyn Bernarde at 715-261-1244 / kaitlyn.bernarde@wisc.edu or Heidi Hensel-Buntrock at 920-787-0416 / heidi.henselbuntrock@wisc.edu with any questions. At this time participation in this event is open to all youth; however, this travel opportunity is not supported with a sponsorship from the Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council older youth travel opportunities program.

[Adult Advisor Applications are Now Open! -- Want to chaperone a national trip? Details here.....](#)

2020 Applications are now open through February 15, 2020 in 4HOnline. Apply today!

Apply today for an adult advisor position with Wisconsin 4-H! Adult advisors travel to many different cities across the United States with youth participants to serve as mentors, guides, and support for the youth on the programs. Adults are responsible for the well-being of all youth participants and must work as a team to ensure that an experience runs smoothly. You can find out more about being an adult advisor below.

What opportunities exist?

- Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C. (June-July);
- National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November);
- Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama (late April);
- American Spirit Experience – East (Early June or July);
- Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference (Late June);

- International immersion programs in Costa Rica, Japan, Finland, South Korea (4 weeks, summer 2019);
- Other Educational Programs that are under development.

Who can apply?

- Applicants must be at least 21 years old (25 for some experiences) at time of program.
- Applicants must have completed the Wisconsin 4-H VIP Training and currently be registered as 4-H leaders.

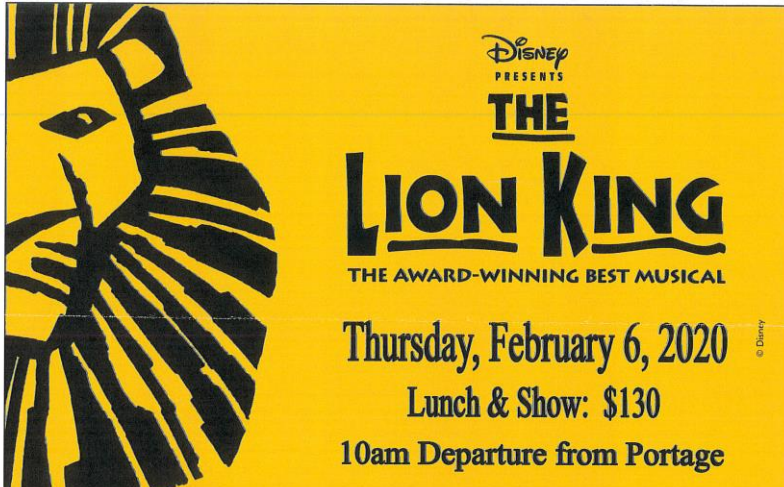
Check out the WI 4-H Educational Travel Opportunities website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/adult-advisors/>

New 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader Orientation Session Scheduled

January 25, 2020: during Sauk Co. Super Saturday, Baraboo High School **Details TBD**

If you can't attend the January session and you still need to complete the new volunteer training, please contact Sarah Millard (sarah.millard@wisc.edu), 608-742-9688, or Pat Wagner (pat.wagner@wisc.edu) 608-742-9685, when registering for the November 9th new volunteer 4-H leader orientation session.

Portage Center for the Arts Upcoming Events



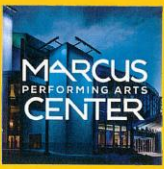
Disney PRESENTS
THE LION KING
THE AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

Thursday, February 6, 2020
Lunch & Show: \$130
10am Departure from Portage

*Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap.
The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before.
And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist.*

This is Disney's THE LION KING,
making its triumphant return to Milwaukee at the Marcus Center!
More than 95 million people around the world have experienced
the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely
theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular,
one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage!

**NEW Sign-up Deadline:
Saturday, Nov 30, 2019**
Full Payment with Reservation Required
Tour includes transportation, buffet lunch and one performance ticket
(front rows loge seating).
Limited seating on a first-come basis.
Cash, credit cards or checks payable to PCA accepted.



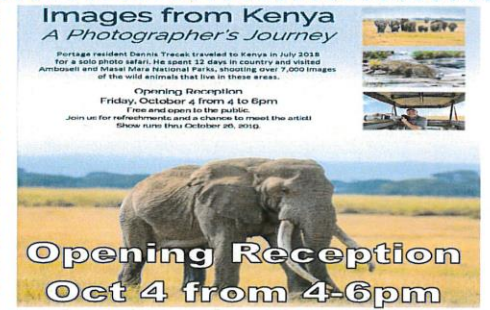
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SCRATCHINGS OF A MADWOMAN
RHONDA NASS
Opening Reception Nov 1 from 4-6pm
Show runs thru Nov 30



Images from Kenya
A Photographer's Journey
Portage resident Dennis Trzeciak traveled to Kenya in July 2018 for a solo photo safari, he spent 22 days in country and visited Amboseli and Masai Mara National Parks, shooting over 7,000 images of the wild animals that live in these areas.
Opening Reception
Friday, October 4 from 4 to 6pm
Free and open to the public.
Join us for refreshments and a chance to meet the artist! Shows runs from October 26, 2019.

Opening Reception
Oct 4 from 4-6pm

festival family series
ZONA GALE THEATRE at Portage Center for the Arts



Sat, Oct 12, 2019 at 4pm
Blending music, comedy and audience participation, **ANIMAL FARM BAND**, an award winning duo of musician educators, explores a variety of themes through the eyes of our furry, scaly, feathered, and shell dwelling friends!

Autumn Arts
DIAMONDS DENIM DINNER & AUCTION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
Knights of Columbus Hall
918 Silver Lake Drive in Portage
5pm Cash Bar | 6pm Dinner | 7pm Program
Tickets - \$60 LIMITED SEATING
Reservations Required by Sept 20
Entrees by Johnny B's Wood-Fired Brisket or Chicken served daily soups and sides from Cowboy Backhaus & Southwest Hashbrowns, Cuts Steak & Bread Fruit
Optional online Pre-Bid Auction opens Sept 16
Highend bids at several online auctions will be starting bids at the live event auction!
Purchase your tickets at the PCA office of online!
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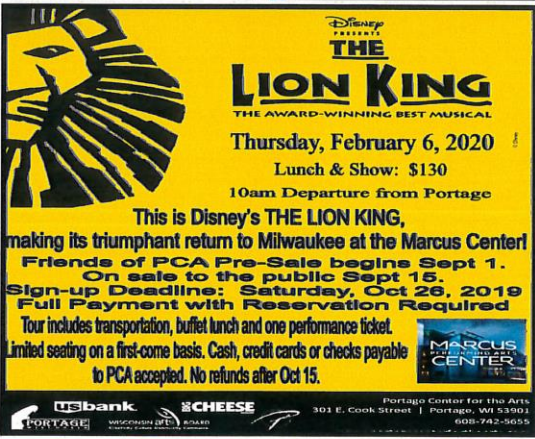
At Tivoli...
Portage Center for the Arts at Tivoli
Divine Savior Extended Care Facility
2805 Hunters Trail, Portage
Nature's Textures
Photoseasons Originals
Opening Reception Oct 17 from 3-5pm
2805 Hunters Trail in Portage
Show runs through December 2019

Portage Center for the Arts
Wed-Fri 1-6pm & Sat 10am-3pm
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BLUEGRASS AMBASSADORS
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PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT SERIES
Sponsored by *Dennis & Maribeth Dorn*
Founded over 13 years ago with the simple desire to play original and powerful bluegrass, the award winning, hard-driving, Chicago-based Henhouse Prowlers are your Bluegrass Ambassadors!
Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 7:30pm
Reserved Seating: Adults \$15 | Students \$5
Call or visit the office to reserve your seats, or purchase them online!


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BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN SERIES
Sponsored by The Schieber Family
GUEST ARTISTS SELECTED FOR THIS NOONTIME SERIES OFFER INFORMAL PRESENTATIONS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS. \$2 - 1pm, \$5 AT THE DOOR. BRING YOUR LUNCH AND INVITE A FRIEND!
Thursday, Oct 24
Zona Gale Theatre
American Legion:
100 Years of WHY
presented by Amber Nikolai



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Weekly Emails Online!

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