

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

**From: Pat Wagner, 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator, Columbia County**

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#### [4-H Save The Dates](#)

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January 23 – 4-H Leaders Council Meeting, CCHCC, Wyocena, 6:30 p.m.

January 23 – Registration Deadline: Welcoming Event

January 25 – 4-H Archery at Achterberg Archery, Pardeeville, 9 am – 11 am

January 25 – New 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader Training, Baraboo High School, 9 am & 12:20 pm

January 25 – Sauk County Super Saturday, Baraboo High School, 8:30 am – 2:45 pm

January 26 – Columbia County Winter Welcoming Event, HHS Building, Portage 2:30-4:00 pm

January 31 – Registration Deadline: Cloverbud Sensational Saturday

February 1 – WI State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & 4-H Skillathon Contests Registration Deadline

February 6 – Robotics Project Meeting, Caledonia Town Hall, Portage, 6 pm

February 7 – International Foods, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, HHS Building, Portage

February 8 – Cloverbud Sensational Saturday, Tivoli, Portage, 9 am – 12 pm

February 15 – Application Deadline: State 4-H Adult Advisors for Educational Travel Opportunities

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March 7 – WI State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & 4-H Skillathon Contests

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 at Columbia Co. Health and Human Services Building, Portage

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

### Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall Meeting is Thursday, January 16th

The agenda below was released Friday afternoon for the January 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall meeting via Zoom. If you haven't used Zoom before, **Zoom** Video Communications provides remote conferencing services using cloud computing. Zoom offers communications software that combines video conferencing, online meetings, chat, and mobile collaboration. To sign into the Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall meeting, one just hovers over the zoom link and then follows instructions for logging in. A computer camera and microphone allow you to view the meeting. If you don't have either of those capabilities, one can just call the phone number listed and be connected into the meeting that way. Hope you'll join in on Thursday and learn about what's happening in Wisconsin 4-H!

## Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall Thursday, January 16th 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom Zoom will be open at 6:45 p.m.

Select the option to join that works best:

**Computer recommended for visuals:** <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/434400094>

**Or join by phone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID 434 400 094**

**7:00 Welcome, Introductions and Zoom Tutorial** - Dei Fleary-Simmons, WI 4-H Program Manager

**7:05 What is the new structure of WI 4-H now that UW-Madison is involved?**

The role of UW-Madison - Dondieneita Fleary-Simmons, WI 4-H Program Manager

The new organizational chart - John de Montmollin, WI 4-H Assistant Program Manager

**7:15 4-H Secret Sauce**

Federal 4-H Vision - USDA 4-H Guiding Principles

WI 4-H Vision - Green Guarantee

Activity

**7:25 WI 4-H Green Guarantee in practice** - Amber Rehbert, WI 4-H Educational Outreach Specialist

**7:40 Working with Volunteers** - Meg Sage, Sauk County Positive Youth Development Educator

Youth/Adult Partnerships

**7:55 Wrap-Up**

### **2020 Town Hall Meeting Schedule:**

**April 14th 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**July 14th 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**October 6th 7:00 -8:00 p.m.**

### **4-H Art Beat (Grades 3-5) Registration is Open – January 20, 2020 Registration Deadline!**

*Can you hear the BEAT? What BEAT? ArtBEAT! What BEAT? ArtBEAT! Even though we are in the midst of the holiday season, it IS time to start thinking about and planning to participate in our 2020 WI 4-H ArtBEAT!*

4-H ArtBEAT! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. It is our Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication introductory program at the state level. ArtBEAT! will be held March 13 through 15, 2020, at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday, March 13 at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday, March 15 at 11:00 am.

4-H members will have the opportunity to explore their own creativity while discovering a variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth,

collegiate 4-H members, 4-H adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions, which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Along with exploring the "arts," participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins!

Parents are not required to attend, but are invited! All adults attending the camp must be active 4-H leaders who will be considered adult advisors (chaperones) responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers. As such, all adults who want to attend the camp must complete the requirements to become a 4-H leader before camp and participate in an Adult Advisor Orientation Teleconference on Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Interested adults who are not already active 4-H volunteers should contact their **county** Extension 4-H Office as soon as possible for assistance in completing the process to become a volunteer. The process involves VIP Training and a background check.

The \$100.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, meals and snacks.

**REGISTER EARLY!** This camp fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! **Registration opened in 4H Online on December 20, 2019 and will close on January 20, 2020.** Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST.

**IMPORTANT:** Please read ALL of the application requirements/instructions at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-beat-forms/> BEFORE completing the online application at <http://wi.4honline.com>

For additional information check out: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/>

### **4-H Leaders Council Meeting-Jan. 23 at WYOCENA to include Cloverbud Project Leader Training**

The agenda for this month's meeting will be released to Club Representatives later this week, but be sure to note our meeting is in Wyocena at the Columbia Health Care Center and there will be a session on Cloverbud Project meetings at the close of the meeting. If interested, plan now to attend. Hope to see you there!

### **First 4-H Archery Project Meeting Date Set—January 25<sup>th</sup>**

The first 4-H archery project meeting date has been set and it will be held at Achterberg Archery/Pardee Sports Club, N6759 State Road 22, Pardeeville on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11 am. Youth of any skill level may attend at any time. Additional meetings are currently being scheduled and will be announced as soon as they are available. Please Note: 4-H Archery Project Meetings will be held in February, March, April, May, and June with a county wide shoot to bring the program to an end for the 4-H year.

**ADD THE PROJECT:** There is still time to add the 4-H Archery Project to your 4-H project list--The Shooting Sports 4-H Volunteer Team wants to encourage youth to add the 4-H Archery project by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for add/drop a 4-H project as there will be many opportunities to learn more about 4-H archery and to improve youth archery skills.

### **Wanted: Older Youth to Help at the 4-H Winter Welcoming Event set for January 26<sup>th</sup>**

New 4-H families have been invited to attend the January 26<sup>th</sup> 4-H Winter Welcoming Event. This two-part afternoon takes the parents/guardians through a session and the new 4-H members through a different session. Older youth are needed to work in the new 4-H members session. If you are interested in lending a hand, please reach out to Pat Wagner at [pat.wagner@wisc.edu](mailto:pat.wagner@wisc.edu) or call her at 608-742-9685.

### 4-H Winter Welcoming Event—January 26, 2020—One Week Left to Register

We are pleased your family has joined Columbia County 4-H! There are so many opportunities in 4-H that sometimes new families don't know what questions to ask to begin to become involved in all the fun and learning.

To help you get started in the right direction, please accept our invitation for your family to attend the 4-H Winter Welcoming Day on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the new Columbia County Health and Human Services Building (Rms 1-3), located at 111 E. Mullett Street, Portage. Parents and new 4-H members are encouraged to attend!

#### *We will share information with you about.....*

- \* Who the Key 4-H Players are
  - \* Being an Organized 4-H Family
  - \* Making the Most of 4-H Projects
  - \* Learning about Club and County Opportunities

We will have some fun games and activities for the members, while the adults share information. We will have a 'Welcome to 4-H' present for all the families attending. We look forward to meeting you!

Please RSVP to the UW-Extension Office by Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> by completing the form below. If no one pre-registers for 4-H Winter Welcoming Day, it will be cancelled.



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\*Please return by mail to: UW-Madison Extension Columbia County, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Room 212, Portage, WI 53901 or by email at [sarah.millard@co.columbia.wi.us](mailto:sarah.millard@co.columbia.wi.us)

Name:	Phone: (     )     -
Address:	
City, St., Zip:	
E-mail:	
4-H Club:	Grade:
Special accommodations/food allergies:	

## 2020 Rural Youth Assembly Summit Announced—Application Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>

Are you 16-24 years old and invested in strengthening your community? We *know* you're inspired to *do*, because you're in 4-H! Take a minute to [apply today](#) to be a delegate at the [2020 Rural Youth Assembly Summit](#)! The Rural Assembly will host the Rural Youth Summit April 2-5, 2020 in McAllen, Texas. Fifty young adults from rural places across the country will gather to discuss the issues that they see as important to their lives and their communities. Covered expenses include airfare, hotel room, transportation while at the event, and meals starting with dinner on Thursday, April 2 through breakfast on Sunday, April 5. All applications are due by **Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5 p.m. EDT**. What an amazing opportunity—apply today!

## 4-H Robotics Project Meetings Begin February 6<sup>th</sup>

Following a committee meeting last week, dates are set for the 2020 4-H Robotics project meetings which will be held at the Caledonia Town Hall – N5479 Beich Rd., Portage, WI 53901. Meetings will happen every other Thursday from 6:00—7:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 6, 20; March 5, 19; April 2, 16, 30; and May 14 (the May meeting will be a pizza meal and clean-up night). Project meetings will include opportunities for youth to work with one or more of the following pieces of robotics equipment: Lego We Do; Lego NXT Mindstorms; and/or MakeBlocks. The Columbia County 4-H program owns a number of robotics pieces so youth get the chance to have hands-on learning without the initial investment on the part of the family. This year the committee is asking that participants be prepared to purchase AA batteries to run the equipment so that 4-H Robotics committee funds can be directed to purchasing and repairing equipment as necessary. Again, youth still have time to add this 4-H project in their 4Honline account until March 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Pat Wagner with questions – [pat.wagner@wisc.edu](mailto:pat.wagner@wisc.edu) or 608-742-9685.

## International Foods Event



The International Foods Workshop will be held on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 –8:30 pm at HHS Rooms 2-3.

Foods, Breads, and Food Preservation members select a country they want to learn more about, prepare a food from that country, set up an exhibit and give a short talk about the country's food and customs. The purpose of the activity is to: increase knowledge of the food and customs of other countries, try new foods, share knowledge with others/increase communication skills, and build confidence. Heritage costume and display boards, although not necessary, are encouraged. Participants will travel as a group from table to table and have an opportunity to ask questions and sample the food being discussed.

Interested 4-H members should register by completing the clip-n-send below to Sarah Millard by Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions about the event please contact the Extension Office.



### 4H International Foods Registration Form due by January 31<sup>st</sup>!

4-H Club:

Name:

Age:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Country Selected: \_\_\_\_\_  
(it should be a country you have not previously exhibited)

If any special accommodations are required, please describe:

Return by mail to: Sarah Millard, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Rm 212, Portage, WI 53901

## Cloverbud Sensational Saturday

Cloverbud project members and their friends may participate in this year's Valentine's Day themed Sensational Saturday on February 8<sup>th</sup>. From 9 a.m – noon, Cloverbud project members will take part in project related activities. Adult and youth volunteers are also needed to accomplish the morning's activities. At the end of the morning, youth will share Valentine cards with residents at Tivoli and also sing songs they have learned. Sign up soon!



## **Cloverbud Sensational Saturday Saturday, February 8, 2020**

4-H Club:	Phone:
Name of Cloverbud 1:	Grade: <input type="checkbox"/> K <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2
Address:	
Email:	
Name of Cloverbud 2:	Grade: <input type="checkbox"/> K <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2
Address:	
Email:	
Name of Cloverbud Friend (if applicable):	Grade: <input type="checkbox"/> K <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2
Address:	
Email:	

☐ Enclosed is \$5.00 per Cloverbud. (Check made payable to:

*"Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council".) (No refunds after 2/1/20.)*

If any special accommodations are required, please describe:

☐ Yes! I would be willing to attend and help at Sensational Saturday.

Name:	Phone:
4-H Club:	
Address:	
Email:	
Areas of interests I would be willing to help with are :	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crafts <input type="checkbox"/> Food Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Group Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Wherever	

Return (with payment) by January 31st to: Extension—Columbia County,  
Sarah Millard, 112 E. Edgewater St, #212, Portage, WI 53901

## Award Request Form

If you need a plaque and/or name plate for displaying your 4-H award discs, please fill out the Award Request Form below and return it to Sarah Millard at the Extension-Columbia County office. An order will be placed mid-January so, please get your request in prior to January 17, 2020.

### AWARD REQUEST FORM

Columbia County 4-H award recipients receive an 8" x 10" recognition plaque. New award recipients also receive a name plate with the plaque. Each year selected 4-H members will receive a disc with the year on it for project and overall record book awards and for pre-determined non-record book awards\*. Each plaque will hold 18 discs. If your award plaque is full and you need another plaque or name plate, or if you did not receive a non-record book award disc and should have, please return the form on this page or e-mail the information to Sarah Millard so an order can be placed.

\*Non-record book award discs are given to Ambassadors, Camp Counselors, County Team Members (judging/skillathon/bowl), Elected Youth Representatives, Trip Award Recipients, and Self-Achievement Awards.



## COLUMBIA COUNTY 4-H




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

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I need a new 8" x 10" award plaque

☐ I need a new name plate

☐ I should have received the following non-record book award disc: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Sarah Millard,  
Columbia County UW-Extension, 112 E Edgewater St., Room 212, Portage, WI 53901

## 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/>

## Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due February 20, 2020

Youth who will be at least 14 on August 1, 2020 are eligible to serve in the capacity of a 4-H Camp Counselor at the Green-Columbia 4-H Camp in August. If interested, please complete the counselor application found at <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp/>. Youth counselors will also need to attend a camp counselor training at Upham Woods. Three sessions are available to choose from: March 28-29; April 25-26; and May 2-3. For more information, please contact Pat at 608-742-9685 – [pat.wagner@wisc.edu](mailto:pat.wagner@wisc.edu).

## WI State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and 4-H Skillathon Contests – March 7, 2020

These contests will be held together at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI. Deadline for registration is Feb. 21, 2020, 5 p.m. Teams are encouraged to participate in both contests as they will be occurring at the same time. Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2020. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2020. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Louisville, KY at the North American International Livestock Exposition.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville at the North American International Livestock Exposition.

Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. If interested in participating with a Columbia County 4-H team, please contact Cara Cross at [mccross12@gmail.com](mailto:mccross12@gmail.com) or 608-697-2352.

## Green – Columbia 4-H Camp Dates are August 12-15, 2020

After a very successful partnership in 2019, Green and Columbia Counties will be camping together again in 2020. Watch for camp registration materials coming out in spring 2020, but SAVE THE DATES now!

## Portage Center for the Arts Upcoming Events

VISUAL ARTS

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



**THE HEARTLAND**  
**Paintings by John McGee**  
**Baskets by Roberta Condon**

Opening Reception: Friday, January 3 from 4 to 6pm  
Join us for refreshments and a chance to meet the artists!  
Show runs thru January 25, 2020

**LOCAL ARTIST SHOWCASE**

Exhibit runs through December 27, 2019.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS!**

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**Wisconsin Regional Art Program**  
**Deadline: April 1, 2020**

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**ART that BLOOMS**  
**Deadline: March 14, 2020**

**HS Seniors or College Students**  
**VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP**  
**DEADLINE APRIL 15**

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

**THE WISCONSIN LANDSCAPE**  
**by Brian Schuetz**  
Show runs through March 2020

**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](http://www.portagecenterforthearts.com)

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**2019-20 Student Recital Series**

January 26, 2020 | April 26, 2020

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**PORTAGE SOUNDWORKS**

**USbank** **BIG CHEESE** **ZONA GALE THEATRE at Portage Center for the Arts**  
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**THOMAS PANDOLFI**  
CONCERT PIANIST

**ZONA GALE THEATRE**  
PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT SERIES  
Sponsored by: David & Sandy Gunderson



Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 7:30pm  
Reserved Seating: Adults \$15 | Students \$5  
Call or visit the office to reserve your seats, or purchase them online!

American pianist THOMAS PANDOLFI is an exciting virtuoso sought after by audiences worldwide! Featuring popular and beloved compositions from Chopin, Gershwin, and Bernstein, his remarkably warm and communicative tone uniquely "sings", projecting the poetry and emotion of whatever he plays!

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OFFER INFORMAL PRESENTATIONS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS. 12 - 1pm, \$5 AT THE DOOR. BRING YOUR LUNCH AND INVITE A FRIEND!

**Thursday, Jan 23**  
**Zona Gale Theatre**  
**Pine Needle Colling**  
by local artist  
**Roberta Condon**



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