

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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January 31 – Registration Deadline: Cloverbud Sensational Saturday & International Foods

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 8 – Annual 4-H Card Party, Arlington, 6 pm

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

February 20 – Application Deadline: 4-H Summer Camp Counselors

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

[Archery Opportunities for Volunteer Training and Competition Announced](#)

The State 4-H Shooting Sports committee recently announced changes to the process to become a certified Shooting Sports Volunteer. All leaders must first complete one 12-hour workshop to be certified. After that, you may be eligible to attend a Saturday, eight-hour range workshop to receive an additional discipline certification. If three years lapse before adding an additional certification, the full 12-hour certification must be repeated. Only one certification may be obtained at any one certification workshop. New for 2020 and Future Certification Workshops-- The Friday evening training has ended. A National 4-H Shooting Sports online training has replaced the Friday session. New leaders will complete this at-home

training prior to attending the Saturday range training. Leaders returning for an additional certification need only register for Saturday range training. The Saturday certification workshops will remain on the same annual east/west and north/south spring rotation. Workshops for 2020 locations will be near Green Bay and Eau Claire. Workshops for 2021 will be Lodi and Phillips. Each year the fall workshop returns to Marshfield. Please check the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports website at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingssports/certification-workshops/>. Details about course dates and locations for the 2020 4-H year are listed there; however, the 2020 Saturday Certification schedule includes February 8, May 2, May 9, and September 12.

NOTE: All Competitive Shoots are listed at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingssports/2018-competitive-shoots/>!

2020 Rural Youth Assembly Summit Announced—Application Deadline: January 31st

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 6th

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 1st. Contact Pat Wagner with questions – pat.wagner@wisc.edu or 608-742-9685.

International Foods Event



The International Foods Workshop will be held on Friday, February 7th, 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 31st. If you have questions about the event please contact the Extension Office.



4H International Foods Registration Form due by January 31st!

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 8th. 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

Arlington Prairie Producers 4-H Club to Host -- Annual 4-H Card Party

Annual 4-H Card Party

T O U R N A M E N T



WHEN: SATURDAY

February 8, 2020

WHERE:

**UW Public Events
Building**

N695 Hopkins Road, Arlington

HOSTED BY:

**The Arlington Prairie
Producers 4-H Club**



COST:

\$ 6.00 PER PERSON

DOORS OPEN:

5:45 PM

- **SUPPER AT 6PM**
- **GAMES AT 6:30PM**

EVENT OFFERS:

- **LIGHT MEAL**
- **CARD TOURNAMENT**
- **KIDS ACTIVITIES**
- **SILENT AUCTION**
- **DOOR PRIZES**
- **50/50 DRAWING**



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/>

Columbia County 4-H Horse Project Meetings Schedule Released—Next Meeting is February 18th

The next meeting of the Horse Project group is Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Poynette Middle School. Check out the Columbia County Extension website link to all of the coming meetings and events at

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-horse-project/4-h-calendar-and-schedule/>

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.

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 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

**Art Shows & Opening Receptions
in the Drury Gallery at PCA
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Paintings by John McGee
Baskets by Roberta Condon



Opening Reception: Friday, January 3 from 4 to 6pm
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Show runs thru January 25, 2020

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SHOWCASE**

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Deadline: April 1, 2020

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



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by Brian Schuetz**
Show runs through March 2020

Portage Center for the Arts
Wed-Fri 1-6pm & Sat 10am-3pm
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Roberta Condon



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Events

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