

To All Columbia County 4-H Families and FFA Advisors

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

Here is your weekly update of 4-H happenings both county-wide and state-wide. New this week – all **NEW articles will be in RED for convenience**. The remainder of the Weekly Update will be in chronological order.

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All new 4-H Volunteers are required to complete a one-time new volunteer training session called Volunteer in Preparation or V.I.P. BEFORE working with youth. The next VIP/Orientation will be: **Thursday, December 3, from 6:00 - 8:45 PM via Zoom**. Register at the link below by November 24 and receive a packet in the mail: [https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsdOisrzorG9F\\_GN8NMByArNV94ZxYQf1F](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsdOisrzorG9F_GN8NMByArNV94ZxYQf1F)

[Important Reminder!! The Columbia Co. 4-H Annual Leader Training Is Virtual This Year](#)

The Wisconsin 4-H Program created the annual leader training for the 2020-2021 4-H year and made it virtual. Please be sure to register to attend one of the three sessions described below. Remember, each chartered club or group **MUST** have one volunteer leader attend one or more of the three virtual sessions being offered. Register now for one, two or all three sessions! This will be a highly interactive VIRTUAL program for 4-H leaders and older youth from across the entire state of Wisconsin. Each session will have a different theme:

- one hour focused on 4-H and leading 4-H club meetings and groups
- one hour focused on 4-H and learning in 4-H club meetings and groups
- one hour focused on 4-H and laughing in 4-H club meetings and groups

**Session 1: Leading Club Meetings (business in 4-H clubs and groups)**

November 23, 2020, 7:00-8:00pm (zoom platform)

Register here! <https://bit.ly/34S9F3c>

**Session 2: Learning in Club Meetings (education in 4-H clubs and groups)**

December 1, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm (zoom platform)

Register here! <https://bit.ly/3dpsjTU>

Session 3: Laughing in Club Meetings (recreation in 4-H clubs and groups)

December 10, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm (zoom platform)

Register here! <https://bit.ly/3jYFpd6>

***NOTE: Anyone may attend. This would be a great 4-H Club Officer Training opportunity!! Sign up today!***

Attendance will be tracked for the requirement of annual leader training on Wisconsin 4-H Club/Group Charters. To fulfill the requirement, one leader from each club or group MUST attend at least one of the sessions. Have questions? Reach out to Pat Wagner at [pat.wagner@wisc.edu](mailto:pat.wagner@wisc.edu) or 608-742-9685!

**Join Us!\***  
*(\*Virtually)*  
**Ideas for Virtual, Hybrid  
and Small Group  
Meetings**  
**WI 4-H ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING**  
**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Nov. 23, Dec. 1, & Dec. 10**  
**7pm**  
**\*All sessions will be different\***  
**Volunteers must attend one but we  
hope you will attend them all!**  
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### Another Idea for 4-H Club Work During a Pandemic

Create a contest for your 4-H club members, come up with a small prize, have members submit photos, create a google form for voting, and choose a winner. One club recently held a jack-o-lantern carving contest and now they are holding a contest for the “best hand turkey for Thanksgiving.” Youth are excited to share what they create and it builds a sense of belonging. The parents even wanted a category for themselves. Doing things “together” and yet apart makes for a Happy Thanksgiving! If your 4-H club or group has an idea to share, please get the information to Pat Wagner and it will be share out to others who are looking for ways to keep the 4-H Clover growing in Columbia Co.

## Columbia County 4-H Self-Achievement Award Application Deadline Extended to December 15

Each year youth are eligible to apply for the 4-H Self-Achievement Award. The pandemic altered many schedules; therefore, the application deadline for this award has been extended to December 15. Guidelines for this award are listed here. Many did not complete 4-H record books for the 2019-2020 4-H year and maybe a self-achievement award would be appropriate as 4-H work did happen during the 2019-2020 4-H year, especially prior to the pandemic. If interested in earning a disc for your Columbia County 4-H plaque, please complete an appropriate application found on the Columbia County Extension 4-H website at the link below and submit to the Extension Office by December 15. You will need a signature from your 4-H club leader to complete the application. If questions, please contact [pat.wagner@wisc.edu](mailto:pat.wagner@wisc.edu). Self-Achievement Link at: <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-awards/self-achievement-awards/>

### Guidelines

1. 4-H members 3rd grade and older are eligible to apply for these recognition awards.
2. Ask your General Leader or the Extension Office for application forms.
3. The deadline for application is when the record books are due at the county level.
4. A member is not required to have earned previous levels of recognition in order to earn any other level as long as they meet the requirements.
5. A member is not required to earn a recognition award every year; however, requirements for recognition must be met during the current 4-H year in which the member wants to be recognized.
6. Only one (1) Achievement Award may be received in any given year.
7. A member may receive the Clover Award one time.
8. Awards will be as follows:

Clover Award Disc	Ruby Award Disc
Emerald Award Disc	Diamond Award Disc & \$25 Award
Sapphire Award Disc	

## 4-H Clubs Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army Continues To Be A Community Service Option

by MATTHEW C CALVERT, Wisconsin Positive Youth Development Institute Director

There have been some questions about whether 4-H clubs and groups selecting bell ringing for the Salvation Army would be in conflict with our policy which states we are focused on education and not advancing a particular religion (*you can find this information pasted below*). In this case, the Salvation Army states as its goal to meet human needs without discrimination. 4-H members choosing to participate in bell-ringing as a community service option would be allowable within our current policy.

These are challenging questions to navigate, as they involve many factors to consider, including member choice vs. requirements, clear roles in fundraising for other organizations, and non-discrimination policies of partners. Please continue to reach out for guidance as you run into questions about policy interpretation and about practices that may hinder an inclusive program environment.

This is also an opportunity to emphasize service-learning and the alignment of club activities with our shared goals.

- **Youth Voice and Leadership:** Are youth leaders involved in identifying issues they want to address and planning the response?
- **Supportive Relationships:** Do service-learning opportunities create opportunities for building ongoing relationships with other youth and adults in the community as well as creating opportunities for bonding within the group?
- **Post-Secondary Pathways:** How are youth learning about career and lifelong service opportunities?

- **Expanding Access:** How do service opportunities create opportunities for others to participate in 4-H? How do we remove barriers to all youth benefitting from service-learning opportunities?

### **Policy: Religion and Wisconsin 4-H**

*As a program of the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Wisconsin 4-H prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or family status. As a result, 4-H programs are focused on education and must not advance a particular religion. Explicitly or implicitly requiring religion or religious practices as a condition for participation in 4-H club meetings creates a barrier for participation and is prohibited.*

### **Columbia Co. Fair Announces Beef Weigh-In Details For December 12**

The Beef Weigh-In will take place at Lodi Veterinary Care, 705 N. Main St., Lodi, WI from 9 – 11 a.m. The following rules will be in place for this weigh-in / identification event:

- Upon arrival, remain in your vehicle until it is your turn.
- No social gatherings in the parking lot
- Face Coverings are REQUIRED
- Limit 1 adult and 1 youth into weigh-in at a time
- Social Distance while inside weighing area
- ALL animals MUST be haltered

A Special Thank You to Lodi Veterinary Care for hosting this event! If questions, please contact Jordan Mahnke, Beef Superintendent, at 402-360-0221.

*(Note: “This event is not organized by UW-Madison Extension and you can check with its organizers for details on safety protocols.”)*

### **Columbia County 4-H Enrollment Continues Through December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Columbia County 4-H Enrollment details are found at <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4honline-enrollment-information/> You will enroll in 4-H for the 2020-2021 4-H year at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> Be sure to use Chrome as your web browser as Internet Explorer does not work. Your family login will be the same as you used last year. If your password does not work, click on the Reset Password link on the login page and you will be emailed a new one.

The system will look totally different from what we had in the past, but you can use the 4-H Online 2.0 Family Enrollment Instructions available at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/> for help during the enrollment process.

Prefer Paper Copies?? If your family would prefer paper copies of the Columbia County 4-H enrollment materials, please request them by contacting the Extension Office and asking for Sarah Millard at 608-742-9688 or [sarah.millard@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.millard@wisc.edu).

### **4-H FAQs Related to COVID-19 – Updated 10.23.2020**

Please find this on Wisconsin 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

## Extension Program Guidance & Approval Forms For Face-to-Face Gatherings

Whenever people are gathering in the name of 4-H, there needs to be an approved plan. 4-H members and leaders may be allowed to hold face-to-face gatherings in pods of 10 people or less and up to 50, but only if pods of 10 or less are arranged for. To accomplish this and receive approval, the following steps MUST be taken BEFORE the gathering occurs. Please request an Extension Program Guidance and Approval form from Pat Wagner and complete and return to her. Wagner will then submit the form to the *workflow* for approval by the UW-Madison Division of Extension 4-H Positive Youth Development Program. Once approval is received, the gathering may proceed. Following the gathering, a contact log must be submitted with names of all who were in attendance. If you have questions, feel free to contact Pat Wagner at 608-742-9685 -- [pat.wagner@wisc.edu](mailto:pat.wagner@wisc.edu).

## 2020-2021 Arts Contest Sponsored By Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has kicked off their **Celebrate the Arts Contest**; challenging all 4-H members to explore and share their creativity. The contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically.

**Deadline for entries has been extended to January 1, 2021!!**

The contest is broken into eight categories:

1. Drawing Using Any Medium
2. Painting (acrylic, watercolor or oil)
3. Pottery, Ceramics or Clay
4. Photography
5. Paper
6. Fabric, Yarn or Fiber
7. Wood
8. Any Other Media (ex: digital, metalcraft, jewelry, leatherwork, wax, eggshells, taxidermy, etc.)

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show Award given to the top entry as chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will be purchased by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation for \$100, with the Best of Show entry receiving an additional \$150. For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit photos of artwork, please visit [Wis4HFoundation.org/events/celebrate-the-arts/](http://Wis4HFoundation.org/events/celebrate-the-arts/)



## Columbia County Extension Office Hours – 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – We’re Open!

Sarah Millard, Administrative Assistant, and at least one of the Extension Educators are in the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily to serve our county residents. At other times, Extension Educators continue to work remotely using appropriate technology. Columbia County Extension is still only a phone call or email away. That has not changed. We are still able to provide up to date, University research-based answers and advice in a timely manner.



# LOCAL ARTIST SHOWCASE

Virtual & In-Person Exhibits Open  
Friday, December 4, 2020

Oils, Watercolor, Photography, Pottery, Fiber Arts, & more...  
A community exhibition of extraordinary local talent!

Free Admission Always | Covid-19 Capacity Limits Apply

## CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Open to adult artists who live or work in Portage and surrounding communities.

Submission deadline: November 21, 2020.

Entry forms are available in the office and on our website.

Virtual and In-Person Exhibits run through December 30, 2020.

Opening Receptions have been temporarily suspended.



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301 E. Cook Street | Portage, WI 53901 | 608-742-5655  
[www.portagecenterforthearts.com](http://www.portagecenterforthearts.com)

# 2020 Drawing Contest Entry Form

Kindergarten through Grade 6



Hey kids! Portage Center for the Arts needs your help! Draw and color a holiday or winter scene and enter it in our Drawing Contest. All entries must be returned to the PCA office by Saturday, Dec 5, 2020 either in person, via email, or via post. Entries will not be returned. Winner will be chosen by our Visual Arts Committee and will be used by PCA as a postcard. One entry per person please. There is a \$25 prize. Entries must be submitted on Entry Forms which are available in the office, and also online at [www.portagecenterforthearts.com](http://www.portagecenterforthearts.com).

First and last name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



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[www.portagecenterforthearts.com](http://www.portagecenterforthearts.com)  
**NEW Temporary Office/Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri 1-5pm**



# ADRC Food Drive

Last year's weather prevented the delivery of Home Delivered Meals to Columbia County Residents that rely on us to eat.

Please donate **NON-EXPIRED** non-perishable, microwaveable food items starting **November 2nd through December 18th**.

The ADRC drivers will deliver the items to Columbia County Home Delivered Meals participants to have as a back-up meal.

Thank you for your generosity!

Suggested items include: low sodium soup/stew, canned meat, fruit/pudding cups, pasta meals, beans/veggies, crackers.

Drop off locations:

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Columbia County  
Columbia County Court House  
Columbia County Administration Building  
Columbia County Health Care Center  
Columbia County Sheriff's Department  
Beard Chiropractic Office

Weekly Emails Online!

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-events/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/>