

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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[**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.")

[**Idea Sharing for 4-H Club Work During a Pandemic**](#)

One 4-H club recently shared with me a list of "ideas" their membership came up with for 4-H club work this fall. Please find here a list of pretty amazing ideas that the youth came up with from personal experiences they have had and from things they have seen in the media. I hope you'll give some of them a try!

Virtual Ideas – These are things that could be done over Zoom if you have an account or consider another video conferencing service. Many youth log into Google Meet for virtual classrooms. For these examples, the family or youth in charge, creates a list of needed materials and creates a brief teaching outline, shares it with club member families and then hosts the virtual event. What an awesome opportunity for our youth to lead and practice public speaking / teaching! If your 4-H club or group hosts a virtual event, please share the success with Pat Wagner and she will share out to others who are trying to find ways to keep the 4-H Clover growing in Columbia Co.

- Virtual Cooking Lessons
- Virtual Craft
- Virtual Pet Show and Tell
- Virtual Pumpkin Carving
- Virtual 4-H Demonstrations
- Virtual Games
- Virtual Pizza Party
- Virtual Ornament Decorating
- Virtual 4-H Club meeting
- Virtual Knitting or Crocheting Club
- Virtual Pie Baking for Thanksgiving

Virtual Meats Judging Contest

Juniors (ages 8-13) and Seniors (ages 14-19) are invited to register as individuals to participate and display their meats evaluation skills in this competitive educational experience. Youth will enter placings through Judgingcard.com. Seniors will present oral reasons for one set via Zoom. Juniors and Seniors will also answer questions. With the cancellation of all national 4-H livestock judging contests in 2020, these will be stand-alone, non-qualifying state educational contests. **No cost to enter! Registration is November 16 and is available [HERE](#)**

THE 2020 WISCONSIN 4-H

VIRTUAL MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

Sunday, November 22nd, 2:30-6:00pm

THIS VIRTUAL CONTEST WILL TEST THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUTH IN PLACEMENT OF CARCASS AND RETAIL CUT CLASSES, CARCASS GRADING, AND RETAIL CUT IDENTIFICATION

No Cost to Enter! Registration open to all youth including 4-H and FFA members.

Register by Nov. 16: tinyurl.com/WI4HMeatsJudging

REGISTER HERE

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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[WI 4-H Annual Volunteer Training – Replaces Columbia Co. October Annual Leader Training](#)

Register now to be part of the 2020-2021 Annual Leader Training! This will be a highly interactive VIRTUAL program for 4-H leaders and older youth.

This year, there will be three (3) one hour sessions:

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

Attend one, two, or all sessions! These sessions are designed to give you, as club youth and adult leaders, tangible and usable strategies, activities and ideas to use during your virtual, hybrid or in person meetings. Registration information is below.

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>

Attendance will be tracked for the requirement of annual leader training on Wisconsin 4-H Club Charters. In order to meet the requirement, one leader from each club or group MUST attend at least one of the one hour long sessions. Have questions? Reach out to Pat Wagner at pat.wagner@wisc.edu or 608-742-9685!

Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest!

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the "Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest" for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. The contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H members to create and submit a flavor recipe. **Entries are due no later than November 13, 2020.**

Who: All 4-H members in the State of Wisconsin

What: Develop and name an ice cream flavor

When: Entries due to Cedar Crest Ice Cream on November 13, 2020, via the [online entry form](#) or forms can be emailed to kaitlyn.mazza@cedarcresticecream.com -- [click here to download the entry form](#)

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 County 4-H Enrollment Continues Through December 31st

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> 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.

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.

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. Winners will be notified by email by November 20, and a complete winner's list, as well as photos of the winning entries, will be on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website by December 15, 2020. For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit photos of artwork, please visit 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

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.

First and last name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____



Portage Center for the Arts
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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/>