

To All Columbia County 4-H Families and Others

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



Wednesday's Word From Pat!

Happy Spring!

With the arrival of Spring comes “NEW” opportunity for all! Be sure to check out the learning opportunities in this week’s “weekly update” and be prepared for new opportunities in Columbia County 4-H moving throughout the spring months.

I’ve received a number of requests for creative, in-person meetings. April 1st is the beginning of new guidance for Wisconsin 4-H programs. Keep those creative ideas coming and send any questions my way. I’m happy to work through them with you.

Stay healthy; Enjoy some Spring flowers; and that’s “Wednesday’s Word From Pat!”

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Agriculture’s Brighter Side Video Contest

Here is an opportunity for anybody, whether you’re on a farm or in the city, to create up to a 3-minute video to celebrate “Agriculture’s Brighter Side” showing how you utilize products produced by hard-working farmers or highlighting the agriculture industry. The contest begins April 1 and entries can be submitted through April 30th. Visitors to the website (general public, friends, family, etc.) will then vote for their favorite videos until May 9. Alforex Seeds is planning to run this contest every other month throughout the year. Check out <https://agriculturesbrighterside.com/> for more details to share out this information.

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

Columbia County Livestock Committee to Meet Virtually – March 30

The Columbia County Livestock Committee will meet next week on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. Please log onto the zoom meeting at this link. Hope to hear of Columbia County Fair updates and plans for summer 2021. If your internet service will not allow you to log on, please call in at the telephone number given!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/94735080195?pwd=NDMyZUg0VndSMEQrd1RPaFBKVm5mUT09>

Meeting ID: 947 3508 0195

Passcode: 278274

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

April 4-H Cloverbud Meetings Accepting Additional Members

If you’d like to join the Columbia County 4-H Cloverbud Virtual project meetings crew, we will have two more meetings in April – one on fruit/potato batteries and the other on marshmallow shooters (two very interesting STEM project). If you are a cloverbud project member and you’d like to join us on April 5 and April 19, contact the Extension Office at 608-742-9680 and register with Lori or Sarah! THANKS!

4-H Fun With Foods – Sign Up Through April 2

Join Columbia, Grant and Green County 4-H in a 4-week Foods Series geared towards 5K to 5th grade members but open to all. Participants will learn together via Zoom. Instructors will be Ellen Andrews (Green Co.); Charisse Orth (Grant Co.); Becky Gutzman (Columbia Co.) and Pat Wagner (Columbia Co.).

Registration is completed in your 4-H online family account. Once at the family member list, choose “Events” and sign up for the “4-H Fun With Foods” series. Recipes from the 4-H Foods curriculum will be used. Look for the logo below in “events” at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> There is no fee for the series.

Participants will receive an email with all materials you will need for the learning opportunities. Then, on the night of the session, you log onto Zoom with your materials laid out in front of you and complete the process of creating the items on the menu below. The “how to” will be covered and then some discussion on presentation on your table or at the county fair will be reviewed. Contact Pat Wagner at pat.wagner@wisc.edu or 608-742-9685 with questions.



2021-22 Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council Applications Now Available

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council through March 31. Please encourage youth who will be high school seniors next year to **read more about the opportunity** and **apply**.

The Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council was created in 2020 to encourage young people to engage with state government and increase their awareness of DATCP’s interactions with Wisconsin’s agriculture industry. Students serve a one-year term and receive a certificate at the completion of their year.

4-H Record Book Training Set for April 25 – SAVE THE DATE

An opportunity to learn more about completing a 4-H record book will be offered on Sunday, April 25 from 4 – 5 p.m. via Zoom. The Columbia County 4-H Ambassadors will lead the session. Please register in your 4-H online account at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> . Hope to see all interested 4-H members join this youth-led presentation!

4-H Rules for Gathering / Meeting Are Changing Beginning April 1

Program Guidance Update from the Wisconsin 4-H Program and Positive Youth Development Institute:

- Events held April 1 - June 1 have new guidance
- Read and talk with your county 4-H Extension professional if you have any questions.
- Continue to submit Extension Program Guidance and Approval checklist with support of Extension staff
- **Read the updated FAQs** with changes effective April 1st. You can find the FAQs at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

What is changing April 1?

1. Number of people who can be at events or programs is increasing
 - 30% of room capacity with a maximum of 50 people allowed indoors
 - 150 people allowed for outdoor programming
2. Pod Size increasing to 20
 - Groups of 20 or fewer can meet together.
 - For example, a club or committee with 20 or fewer people
 - If you have 21 or more people you will need to break into groups.
 - For example, 34 people at a workshop could meet in a group of 17 and 17 OR any combination that is less than 20 per group.
3. Maximum length of indoor events increasing to 4 hours

What continues after April 1?

- Continued Use of Face Coverings
- No Eating Indoors
- Physical Distancing (6 ft between members outside household; 20 ft between pods)
- Hand sanitizing/disinfecting requirements
- When there is more restrictive local guidance we must follow that rather than our guidance.

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. 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

[Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association](#)



Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association 2021 Virtual Winter Workshop Series

*Free to all youth and adults interested in raising
and showing poultry*

Saturday evenings from 6-7 pm on Zoom

March 27: information on Diseases & Parasites, Coop Building & Kahoot Game on Equipment

April 24: information on Egg Judging, Hatchery Incubation and a Kahoot Breeds Game

May 8: information on Nutrition, Show Prep, and a fun poultry Show & Tell

Register here to get the workshop link: <https://forms.gle/yLm1jdmv6VxNztUw6>

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[Planning Continues for the 2021 Columbia County Fair – July 18-25 – “A Fair To Remember”](#)

The Columbia County Fair Board continues to sort through details of what it will look like and meet the requirements of the state, the city, the county and more. Youth and adults should plan for the opportunity to exhibit their animal and non-animal projects. Watch for details as they are released here in the 4-H Weekly Update and on both the Columbia County Fair website <http://www.columbiacofair.com/> and the Columbia County Fair—Portage, WI 53901 Facebook page. Questions can be directed to any fair board member listed on the Columbia Co. Fair website.

[Planning Continues for the 2021 Lodi Ag Fair – September 2-5](#)

Details continue to be worked out around scheduling of judging, entertainment and more for the Lodi Fair in September. Youth and adults should plan for the opportunity to exhibit their animal and non-animal projects. Watch the 4-H Weekly Update, the Lodi Agricultural Fair website <https://www.lodiagfair.com/> and the Lodi Agricultural Fair Facebook page for details as they are released! Questions can be directed to the secretary@lodiagfair.com.

[4-H Dog Project Leaders Planning For In-Person Training](#)

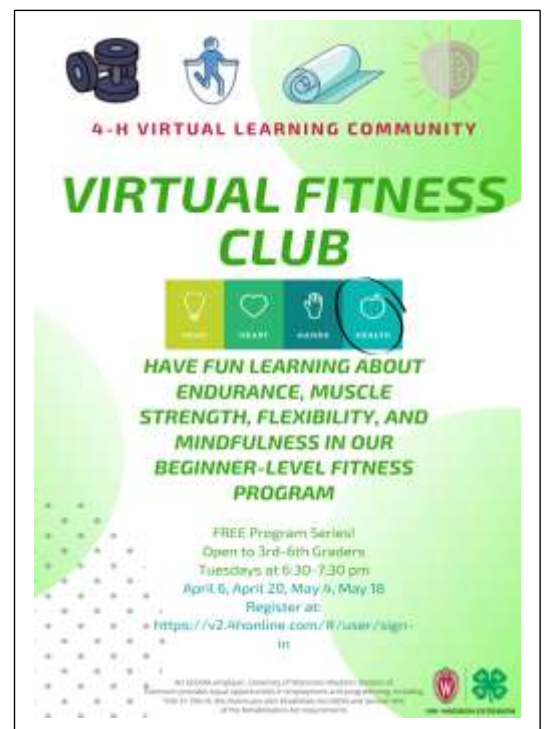
In an effort to organize for spring 4-H dog obedience training, Maureen Heider is working with dog project members to identify their desired level of training. She needs to know how many 4-Hers, with their dogs and parents, she will have at each level to know how to plan. If interested in participating in this training opportunity, please reach out to maureenheider29@gmail.com. Thanks for Maureen for dedication to the 4-H dog project!!

[Do You Know A Deserving Teen Who Could Be Named An Invisalign ChangeMaker?](#)

National 4-H Council has joined the Invisalign® brand in their search for **100** deserving teens dedicated to making a difference. Each will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded **\$5,000 cash** to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. 30 awards are set aside for 4-H members. Encourage the teens in your life to apply by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities for a chance to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers! **All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021.** Find more details and an application at: [Invisalign changemakers application materials](#)

[A Sampling of the Virtual Learning Community Sessions— Register Today](#)

Youth interested in any of the following topics are encouraged to check out the Virtual Learning Community. The Virtual Learning Community is a group of staff, volunteers, and youth members from across the state that are working to provide high quality virtual learning opportunities to people all across Wisconsin. You can find the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community and check out their schedule of events at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/> As noted above, you'll register using your family “member list” in 4-Honline. Check out upcoming program promos below.



The poster is for the 4-H Virtual Learning Community's Virtual Fitness Club. It features a green and white color scheme with icons for a dumbbell, a person running, a rolled-up scroll, and a brain. The text reads: "4-H VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY", "VIRTUAL FITNESS CLUB", and "HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT ENDURANCE, MUSCLE STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, AND MINDFULNESS IN OUR BEGINNER-LEVEL FITNESS PROGRAM". Below this, it states: "FREE Program Series! Open to 3rd-6th Graders Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18 Register at: https://v2.4honline.com/R/user/sign-in". At the bottom, there is a small disclaimer and the 4-H logo.

[JOANN Stores Discount Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards!](#)

Current & lifetime members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming.

[Volunteer Leaders Wishing to Add / Drop A Project Need to Contact Extension Office](#)

Just learned that Volunteer Leaders will need to let the Extension Office know which projects to add or drop from their lists and then the changes will be made by Extension Office staff. The Wisconsin 4HOnline manager did confirm that project leaders will need to ask for assistance in this process. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused and we look forward to helping you through this process.

[The NEW 2021 Columbia County Plat Book Is Here](#)

Mapping Solutions delivered the "NEW" plat book which is sponsored by the Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association as a fund raiser for that organization. Plat Books will cost \$35 and are available at the Extension Office, Johnson Sales (Arlington) and the Farmers and Merchants Union Banks of Columbus, Friesland, and Fall River. The new plat book includes aerial photos of every township of the county in addition to the usual plat maps of each township. Get yours today and support Columbia County 4-H in the process. These make great gifts for friends, family and neighbors! Please note: You may have received a post card from a competitor's plat book. If you're in the market to purchase a plat book, we hope you'll support 4-H and purchase the Mapping Solutions plat book. It includes the aerial photos (new in 2021) and plat maps just like our competitor and funds raised help support Columbia County 4-H programs.

ANNOUNCING THE NEW COLUMBIA COUNTY 2021 PLAT BOOK
Sponsored by Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association

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Purchase support Columbia County 4-H

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2. Like "Mapping Solutions" on Facebook and tag your county's post.

Visit mappingsolutionsgis.com or call 816-903-3500 for map products and more!

Thank you for supporting Columbia County 4-H with your purchase!

May 2021 Explore 4-H At Home Project Kits – Registration for May ENDS 4/15!

Can't have an in-person 4-H project meeting, but still want to learn through 4-H. Why not sign up for one of the *Explore At Home 4-H Project Kits*? Columbia, Dodge and Sauk County 4-H Educators have created them just for you! There will be 3 kits created for each of the first 6 months in 2021. Each kit will include the supplies necessary to complete the learning experience in your home for the fee listed on the registration form. Sign up is open until April 15th for the May kits. The April, 2021 project kits are described below.

Register now at <https://forms.gle/aHXqAZvWcYZsUP827>. Remember, registration is due the month before for the kits listed – April 15th for the May kits, while registration for the April kits is closed.



Cloverbuds – May 2021

Using a variety of resources, you will get to try out some Cloverbud **spring** activities.

Agriculture Science 2—May 2021

Looking for ways to learn more about agriculture and life science, consider this 4-H project kit. Learning activities will be from the Acres of Adventures 4-H project curriculum—Book 2.

Cake Decorating—April 2021

Register at <https://forms.gle/aHXqAZvWcYZsUP827>

Check Out The New Wisconsin 4-H Website

It's new! It's full of information! Find it at this link! <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

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