

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!

All,

4-H Guidance is evolving for summer (June 1st through August 31st). This will allow for more in-person meetings and events, but guidance must be adhered to keep us all safe and healthy. See the summer COVID planning guide at the Wisconsin 4-H website -- <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/#Summer-Guidance>

Summer fun is in the works thanks to the creativity of 4-H educators who are neighbors to Upham Woods Environmental Education Center. Three, day long experiences are being planned with registration opening on May 10th. These mirrored, environmental education events will each include canoeing to Black Hawk Island with a hike; Archery; Skins, Scoots, and Scales; and a camp art project. Youth participants must be in 3rd grade or older and families may attend as a unit. All will be asked to bring their own bag lunch! Registrations for these events will be made in 4-H online. A \$25 fee will cover the costs for the day.

A communication arts festival event is being framed out and will likely happen towards the end of June 2021. Both in-person and virtual opportunities will be available for youth to participate in. Watch the Weekly Update for more information on both of these summer events.

Until next time, this is "Wednesday's Word From Pat!"

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

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4-H Eat Stand – Willingness to Work in the 4-H Eat Stand Survey Being Reviewed

Input gathered from Columbia County 4-H families is being reviewed by a 4-H Eat Stand committee and will result in a plan for conducting or not conducting a 4-H Eat Stand at the 2021 Columbia County Fair. Many responded to the survey that they would be willing to work at the 4-H Eat Stand. Now, decisions must be made related to what “can” be accomplished in the 2021 4-H Eat Stand. Continue to watch here for details and remember. Note: Extension guidance will require wearing face coverings and social distancing in the 4-H Eat Stand as well as good hygiene.

Emergency Broadband Benefit Announced

I just received this press release about Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic from UW-Madison Division of Extension Ed Tech Team Lead, Tony Roman. Check out the opportunity for your family.

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit> , or by calling 833-511-0311

2021 Columbia Co. Fair – July 18-25 – “A Fair To Remember” – Entries Open!

Fair entries have opened for the Columbia County Fair. You can make your entries at this link between May 1 and June 20:

<https://www.blueribbonfair.com/BRFairProd/BlueRibbonStart.aspx?ID=1199>

Youth and adults should plan for the opportunity to exhibit their animal and non-animal projects in much the same way as they have in the past. There will be some COVID guidance required. Details will continue to be shared as they are available and will be released here, in the 4-H Weekly Update, and on the Columbia County Fair—Portage, WI 53901 Facebook page. The Columbia County Fair website is currently under construction. Questions can be directed to the Columbia County Fair phone at 608-697-5043 or to Marianne McMillan at 608-697-1152.

NOTE: The 2020 fair premium list will be used for the 2021 Columbia County Fair. Paper copies are available at the Extension Office today.

Extension Offers FREE Poultry Management Webinar Series

UW-Madison, Division of Extension, is offering a free webinar series designed to assist home and small-scale poultry producers in their management endeavors. The series will take place on Wednesday evenings between May 12 and June 2, with each event beginning at 7 p.m. The live discussion events will feature the opportunity to ask questions of presenters.

The four sessions in this series will focus on these topics:

- **May 12** = Small flock meat chicken management
- **May 19** = Small laying flock management
- **May 26** = Small scale commercial poultry management
- **June 2** = Ducks, Turkeys, Guineas, and other non-chicken poultry

Discussion will be led by Ron Kean, UW-Madison, Division of Extension Poultry Science Specialist. Kean will showcase management techniques and tactics that create healthier flocks and more efficient management practices for the type(s) of production focused on that evening. Legal parameters involved in raising and selling poultry or poultry products will also be discussed, and will be a focal point during the May 26 event oriented toward small scale commercial producers.

Participation in any, or all, of the events in this series is free, but registration is required ahead of the event, by visiting <https://go.wisc.edu/poultryseries2021> If you have any questions about these webinars, you can contact Scott Reuss, Marinette & Oconto Counties' Agriculture Agent with UW-Madison, Division of Extension, at scott.reuss@wisc.edu or 715-732-7510.

Wisconsin Virtual Learning Community Sessions—Register Today

The Virtual Learning Community is a group of staff, volunteers, and youth members from across the state who 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 calendar at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>

4-H members and 4-H volunteer leaders register using your family “member list” in 4-Honline. Interested in teaching a virtual class – check the website for this as well!

The Poultry Series, which filled earlier this year, is being run again. Dates are:

5/11: Poultry Biosecurity & Health;
5/17: Hatching Eggs & Caring for Chicks;
5/18: Beginner Virtual Poultry Showmanship Clinic;
6/2: Intermediate & Advanced Virtual Poultry Showmanship Clinic.

Other Virtual sessions are listed here:

5/16: Junior Leader 4-H Café
6/14: Archery 101

6/1: Freezer Jam with Becky Gutzman (Columbia Co. 4-H Leader) (registrations will open later this week)

LET'S GET JAMMIN'

How many "PB&J" sandwiches have you eaten over the years? Have you ever wondered how they make the "J"? In this session, you'll learn the science behind making fruit and sugar turn into delicious spreads, and try your hand at making freezer jam at home.

DO-REFLECT-APPLY CAN GET STICKY... BUT WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF A JAM!

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 6:00-7:00 PM

This session will be lead by experienced Foods and Nutrition leader Becky Gutzman.

SIGN-UP NOW THROUGH 4-H ONLINE!

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4-H Dog Obedience Classes Continue at Lodi Ag Fairgrounds

Youth enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project are reminded that 4-H Dog Obedience Classes have begun in person at the Lodi Ag Fairgrounds. This will be the only location for classes in 2021. If questions, please contact Maureen Heider at codyheider@yahoo.com.

District 5 Junior Holstein Announcement

District 5 Junior Holsteins Invites you to a:
MILL WHEEL DAIRY SHOW CLINIC
Presented by Katie Coyne

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Columbia County Fair Grounds
Portage, WI

12:00 Lunch for participants & Registration
1:00 Washing demonstration
1:30 Topline Blow out & Clipping demo
2:00 Break out: Hands on Clipping Practice
3:00 Showmanship demonstration
3:30 Individual Coaching-Advanced
4:00 Individual Coaching-Beginner
4:30 Individual Coaching-Intermediate
5:00 Wrap up & Weaver Product Give Away!

Cost is \$20/ participant if you are not a current District 5 Junior Holstein Member

Showmanship judges are invited to attend as well!

Participants are encouraged to bring a pre-washed animal and clipping supplies for demonstrations

RSVP by June 1st at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4a4adad2aa1ffc25-mill>
Any questions please email Nikki Voegeli at voegeli721@gmail.com

If questions, contact Nikki Voegeli at voegeli721@gmail.com and then please register for this event by June 1st at their signup genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4a4adad2aa1ffc25-mill>

"This event is not organized by UW-Madison Extension. Participants are encouraged to check with event organizers for details on safety protocols."

[WI 4-H Horse Education Day \(Horse Bowl and Hippology\)](#)

Date: June 21, 2021 Entries must be postmarked by June 1st You must be pre-registered to attend
Location: Dodge County Fairgrounds, N6885 High Point Rd., Beaver Dam, WI 53916
Check-in time: 8:30am
Contest starts: 9:00am

Looking for registration forms and information? All forms are found in the WI 4-H Horse Handbook (scroll down to "Education Days Contest Information"):

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

Please note: One coach and one additional adult from each team will be allowed in the room with the team during the actual contest. No extra audience members will be able to watch.

Bring along: Your own lawn chairs. Also, there will be no food stand on the grounds.

Protocols and rules: All participants will need to abide by all UW Extension Covid 19 Protocols and normal contest rules. We ask that you do your part in following these expectations so that we can continue to offer great opportunities for our members.

Looking for virtual horse bowl question practice videos? Check out this link - more will be added as they are available:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLL7mUK_OUPzm13ubf3mgpyE4Me8GaMsoz

[Virtual State 4-H Horse Speaking and Demo Contest](#) - Entry Submission Deadline June 1, 2021

The entry forms and more information about the WI State 4-H Horse Virtual Speaking and Demo Contest are located in the WI 4-H Horse Handbook:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

• Scroll down to "Education Days – Hippology, Horse Bowl, Speaking and Demonstration" and you will find information there. The registration form is located on the second page of the "WI 4-H Horse Education Days Registration Form". Looking for more information and category rules, you can find them in "4-H Horse Educational Guidelines" (also located in the handbook) or at this link:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/files/2021/03/4-H-Horse-Educational-Guidelines.pdf>

[State 4-H Hunt and Dressage Show](#) - Entries must be postmarked by June 1st

Dates: June 25, 26, and 27, 2021

Location: Sheboygan County Fairgrounds

You must be pre-registered to attend.

Protocols and rules: All participants will need to abide by all UW Extension Covid 19 Protocols and normal show rules. We ask that you do your part in following these expectations so that we can continue to offer great opportunities for our members.

Looking for forms? All forms are located in the WI 4-H Horse handbook (scroll down to "Hunt and Dressage Show") at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

[Save the Date: WI State Adult - Youth Horse Association Meeting August 23rd](#)

Location: Holiday Inn & Suites, Rothschild 715-355-1111

Meeting Times:

Committee Meetings, 6:00 pm

Youth Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

Adult Association Meeting, 7:00 pm

More information available at:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/files/2021/04/2021-Calendar-of-Events.pdf>

For more information about WI State 4-H Horse Association activities and events, contact Linda Pribek, Association Executive Secretary, at 920-839-5540 or wi4hhorse@gmail.com

Animal Science – Dog – Save the Dates

State Dog Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, and Dog Bowl - Tomah, WI - August 20-22

State Dog Agility Show - Hosted by LaCrosse County at Canine Sports in Middleton - August 14

More Details available in coming weeks.

4-H Educational Travel Opportunities Emails Coming To Your Email Boxes

Several opportunities have just been announced by the Wisconsin State 4-H Office and you will be receiving email information related to them. The Columbia Co. 4-H Leaders Council discussed this and they support offering sponsorships to youth who might apply to attend. An application process for these Columbia County sponsorships will be shared next week as well. Note: If you were selected to participate in any of these opportunities in 2020, you will have the first right of refusal for sponsorship from the 4-H Leaders Council (as long as you still meet the eligibility requirements at the time of the program). Watch for details related to the following:

- Virtual Citizenship Washington Focus – organized by the National 4-H Council
- Regional Youth Conference – to be held in-person at 6 or more sites across Wisconsin
- National 4-H Congress – planned to be in-person in November in Atlanta, GA

Columbia Co. Livestock Committee and Columbia Co. Fair Board Plan Auction

The Columbia Co. Livestock Committee will meet again, in-person, at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on **May 25** at 7 p.m. to review details and finish preparing for the livestock shows and auction. All interested are encouraged to attend. The Columbia Co. Fair will host in-person livestock shows and an auction; however, no pre-fair ID will be required for swine, sheep, and goats. Animal ID will be requested on the fair entry forms so all animals must have a form of identification when they arrive at the fair.



4-H Member Graduation Form

Graduation for 4-H members is recognized each year. Please click the link below to complete the Google form, include a photo of yourself and submit or print off the Google form & mail to: Columbia County Extension, 112 E. Edgewater St., Rm.

212, Portage, WI 53901. If you have any questions, please call the Columbia County Extension office (608) 742-9680. <https://forms.gle/43ayYoBb1c2jhnVr9>

Dairy, Livestock & Meats Judging Contest Dates For June, 2021

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program is working with Jefferson and Marathon counties to organize the state level contests for Dairy, Livestock and Meats Judging Contest in June. All 4-H online families will receive email information soon.

Contests Scheduled on the following dates are:

Marathon County State Dairy Judging Contest = June 16 (one of two)

Jefferson County State Livestock Judging Contest = June 22 (one of one)

Jefferson County State Dairy Judging Contest = June 22 (one of two)

State Meats Judging Contest Date and Location in June = To Be Announced Soon

Check the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program details and contact Pat with interest in participating. Columbia Co. 4-H traditionally sends teams to these judging contests.
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>

Wisconsin State Fair Changing Fair Entry Process for Youth Expo in 2021

Wisconsin State Fair will continue to display projects in the Youth Expo Building at State Fair Park, but differently. State Fair has opened up opportunities for all Wisconsin youth, 12 and older, to self-nominate their projects in the Youth EXPO building. Projects will no longer be selected at the county fair in July and then displayed at the State Fair the same year in August. To find out more about this self-nomination process, go to the Wisconsin State Fair website at <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/>

Note: Top award-winning projects at the 2021 Columbia County Fair will continue to be awarded Merit award ribbons. Exhibitors of those 2021 merit award winning projects will then be encouraged to make a self-nomination to next year's Wisconsin State Fair. Exhibitors will also need to make their own entries on the State Fair website next year.

Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations Are Open Through May 20th

Columbia County 4-H is a strong program and that is due to the many youth and adults who work together to "Make The Best Better!" We need your help in nominating prospective honorees for induction into the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. Give some thought to who you would like to honor and talk to others to get the ball rolling in your county! You will find the nomination form attached. Review the criteria and enlist any help you may need in writing up a nomination or talk to your agent and set out on your own. The deadline for receiving nominations is **May 20, 2021.**

If you have nominated someone in the past and they were not selected to be inducted, it is fine to submit them again, but you must refresh the nomination, carefully considering the criteria. Laureates will be notified in late June if they have been selected for induction next fall. Thank you for your help in finding those special 4-H people to receive this honor!

Get Involved in the Plarn Mats 2021 Service Learning Project

Did you know about one trillion single-use plastic bags are used every day in the U.S? That's according to EarthDay.org. And many in our community are experiencing homelessness. We've created a service project to reuse plastic bags and to help the community. It's the 2nd Annual Wisconsin 4-H Service Learning Project.



Youth can take part in the Plarn Mats project. Plarn is plastic yarn, made by looping plastic bags. The plarn is then crocheted together to create a mat. The mat can be used to lie on or to help with warmth.

Youth of all ages can participate in the project. If you work with a group of youth who are interested in doing a service-learning project, please visit the Plarn Mats Service Learning Project resource website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/plarn-mats/>

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-fags-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 the Extension Office or find it on the Columbia County Extension website under 4-H Forms. Then, complete the form and return it to Pat Wagner, who 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

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

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

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

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. Entries will open online on Thursday, July 1st. 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.

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.

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.



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/>

June 2021 Explore 4-H At Home Project Kits – Registration for June ENDS 5/15!

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 May 15th for the June kits. The June, 2021 project kits are described below. Register now at <https://forms.gle/aHXqAZvWcYZsUP827>.



- **Sewing and Textiles—June 2021**

Using the 4-H STEAM Clothing series from University of Nebraska at Lincoln, we will explore some basics of sewing. Projects will be introductory sewing and will require users of this Explore 4-H Project kit to use their own sewing machine. The "Let's Sew!--A Beginner's Sewing Guide" by Nancy Zieman will also be referenced. There will also be a Halloween textiles project that will not require the use of a sewing machine, but rather will use skills for following instructions and using tools to cut and create with deco mesh.

- **Cloverbuds—June 2021**

Here comes SUMMER - let's get outside and EXPLORE! The June Cloverbud Explore kit will be full of activities to explore nature. You will go on a scavenger hunt for signs of wildlife, learn to identify different types of birds and plants, collect objects from nature, learn how seeds travel, and create some fun nature inspired art pieces.

- **Animal Science—June 2021**

Using the Veterinary Science Project curriculum, we will explore what you need for animals. From their basic needs, to body language and some areas in between. No matter what kind of animal you may have this information can be helpful to learn. You may also get some ideas for non-animal exhibits for the fair.

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

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Portage High School STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Rubén Amador, Grade 12

Virtual Exhibit Opens May 7, 2021
www.portagecenterforthearts.com
 Virtual exhibits are funded with a grant from the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin.

Onsite Exhibit Runs May 7 - 28
 Opening receptions have been temporarily suspended, and both gallery hours and capacity limits have been reduced. Free admission always!

The Drury Gallery at Portage Center for the Arts
 301 E. Cook Street | Portage, WI 53901 | 808-742-5855
www.portagecenterforthearts.com

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SKATEBOARD ART EXHIBITION

CALL FOR ARTISTS

All submissions are donated and will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Portage Family Skate Park in Portage, WI.

All media will be considered. The Portage Center for the Arts in Portage, WI will provide blank decks for \$10 deposit and griptape can be purchased for \$10. Entries not in keeping with the vision of the Portage Family Skate Park may not be accepted.

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2021

Please submit one piece of original art for consideration by sending us a digital image via CD or email to: info@portagecenterforthearts.com. The application form will be available on PortageSkatePark.org and PortageCenterForTheArts.com.

Accepted entries will be contacted after the deadline with further information on delivering artwork for the August exhibit. Artwork will be on display and up for auction!



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PortageSkatePark.org/Donations

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 301 E. Cook Street | Portage, WI 53901
 PortageCenterForTheArts.com

Weekly Emails Online!

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-newsletters/>