

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 Wednesday!



Would you be able to place one of these “Join 4-H” yard signs in your front lawn? 4-H club leaders took some home following the August 4-H Leaders Council meeting; however, I still have 50+ left in the office and I think it would be fantastic to have them out in the county this fall. Let me know if you're interested and we'll work to get them in your hands.

Is your 4-H club or group promoting 4-H this fall? I know the Lodi Challengers took a 4-H display to put up at the 2021 Lodi Ag Fair and North Scott 4-H Club is hosting an open house / rally in a park in Wycocena this weekend, September 12th for new families to come and learn more about 4-H. If your 4-H club has any ideas, please let me know. Also, there are a couple of 4-H table top displays available for you to borrow for an event. If you would like to borrow one, give the Extension office a call and we'll arrange to get them in your hands.

National 4-H Week is October 3–9, 2021! Spread the word about Columbia County 4-H!

Finally, mark your calendar now for **Sunday, September 26th** for the **2021 4-H Fall Celebration and Recognition Event in the afternoon in Portage at the Collipp-Worden Park Shelter** -- 226 W Slifer St, Portage, WI 53901. More details will be shared next week!

That's all for now. So, until next time, this is “Wednesday's Word From Pat!”
Pat Wagner, Columbia County 4-H Youth Development Educator

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Columbia County Fair Premium Checks Ready for Pick Up

The Columbia County Fair treasurer dropped off exhibitor premium checks this week. 4-H club leaders and/or individual families may pick up checks if they are in Portage during Extension Office hours. Otherwise, checks will be handed out at the September 23rd 4-H Leaders Council meeting later this month.

Livestock Committee Fall Meeting – September 16

There will be a meeting of the Columbia County Livestock Committee on Thursday, September 16 at 7 p.m. The location will be Rms. 2 and 3 in the Health and Human Services Building at 111 E. Mullett St., Portage. Enter the ADRC doors off of Mullett Street!

September 4-H Leaders Council Meeting – Save The Date!

The regular meeting of the 4-H Leaders Meeting is set for Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include the election of officers for the 4-H Leaders Council as well as final review of the 2021-2022 budget. Meeting location is set of Rms. 2 and 3 of the Columbia Co. Health and Human Services Building, Portage.

\$100 COVID-19 Vaccine Reward Program Extended

Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced Wisconsin residents who get their first dose of any COVID-19 vaccine from a vaccine provider located in Wisconsin, Michigan, or Minnesota between August 20, 2021 and September 19, 2021 can receive a \$100 U.S. Bank Rewards Card. Wisconsin residents ages 12 and over are eligible for the reward and can request the reward by going to the [Reward Sign-up page](#) or by calling 844-684-1064 (language assistance is available). Proof of insurance, citizenship, ID is not required to be eligible for or to receive the \$100.

In order to receive the reward, Wisconsinites ages 12 and older will need to have received their first COVID-19 vaccine within the period of August 20 through September 19 and submit the request for the \$100 Visa Gift Card on the DHS [Reward Sign-up page](#). Information submitted in the form will be used to verify you received your shot. Visa cards may take up to six weeks to be mailed to participants. For more information on the incentive program, visit the [DHS \\$100 reward page](#) or call 844-684-1064 (language assistance is available).

We are asking partners to help get the message out to their networks about this time-limited reward program. To help support these efforts, we ask you to share widely, use, or adapt the social media graphics and fliers, which can be found on our [Vaccine Partner and Vaccinator Resources](#) page. To find a COVID-19 vaccine location in your community, visit [Vaccines.gov](#) or call **211 or 877-947-2211**.

Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum Set For November 6

All youth leaders should plan now to attend. The registration fee for this one-day event could be covered by a “request for reimbursement” to the 4-H Leaders Council. Watch for more details that will be released later in September!

4-H Online is Open for Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

It's now time to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2021-2022 4-H year! The 4-H online system has rolled over and is ready to go! Project enrollment details are available in paper form and on the Columbia County 4-H website at <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Borrow Resources from the PYD Media Collection

The Positive Youth Development (PYD) Media Collection is a library of educational tools that can be borrowed from anywhere in the state. The collection has a new home and a new checkout system. Visit the PYD Media Collection [website](#) to see what is available. You will find displays, skillathons, learning lab kits, interactive CD ROMs, DVDs, and more. Project materials currently include horse, dairy, livestock, small animal, and some arts. We have kept the most used and current materials. Most outdated materials have been removed.

There is no cost to order materials for Extension-sponsored programs. Non-Extension user groups must pay for outbound and return postage plus a \$10 handling fee.

To learn more about the PYD Media Collection, see lists of materials by project area, and find out how to request materials, visit the [website](#). Contact Monica Lobenstein, Learning Resources Specialist, monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377, with questions.

4-H Clubs Are Challenged to Create New Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor—Fun Fall Club Project

Cedar Crest Ice Cream, of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, 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. More than 1600 clubs are eligible to create and submit a flavor ‘recipe’ with the top clubs named as finalists, and the top flavor produced for summer 2022.

According to Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, the contest is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to work together to develop and name their flavor. “The most exciting part of the contest is the winning flavor will be available through Cedar Crest beginning next July.” The 2021 winning flavor was Tractor Tracks, created by the Country Clover 4-H Club in Green Lake County.

A panel of ice cream experts, chosen by Cedar Crest, judges the entries. The company manufactures more than 80 flavors of ice cream, along with frozen custard, sherbet and sorbet at its Manitowoc, Wisconsin, plant, and distributes products in five states. Many of the flavors now produced by Cedar Crest, including Wisconsin Campfire S'mores, Big Muddy, and Deep Woods, are a result of the contest. More information and the entry form are available at <https://cedarcresticecream.com/2021-cedar-crest-ice-cream-4-h-flavor-contest/> **Entries are due by November 12, 2021** with the winner being announced in December 2021.

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshops

2022 Certification Workshops--Green Bay and Eau Claire area will be offered in the spring and Marshfield offered in September. The State 4-H Shooting Sports Management Committee will consider requests for local certification workshops providing they do not conflict with the certification workshop schedule.

The NEW 2021 Columbia County Plat Book Continues to Be Available

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/>

Weekly Emails Online!

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

Questions about COVID-19 vaccines?



COVID-19 vaccines **protect** against severe illness and death.

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COVID-19 vaccines are **free** for all people.



COVID-19 vaccines went through in-depth safety monitoring.



Everyone aged 12 and over can get a COVID-19 vaccine today.

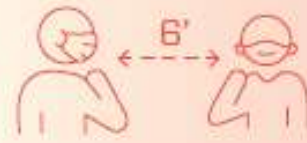
You are fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your final vaccine dose.



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Until then, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and stay 6 feet apart from others.



Health experts recommend getting vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19.



Serious side effects that would cause a long-term health problem are extremely unlikely.



The rapid spread of COVID-19 made developing these vaccines an international priority.



All COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing severe illness from the Delta variant.

Billions of dollars in funding were dedicated to developing a vaccine.



Getting infected after vaccination is extremely rare. No vaccine is 100% effective at preventing illness.



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