

To All Columbia County 4-H Families and Others
From: Pat Wagner, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Columbia County



Wednesday's Word From Pat!

Happy Thursday (yes, I'm one day late)!

The Columbia County 4-H Winter Welcoming night was a success! Two new families took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about 4-H in our county. Welcome the Gehling and the Bennett families!

The 4-H Leaders Association met last week and reviewed proposed changes to our county's 4-H enrollment process and 4-H record book process. Discussion allowed all to understand the proposed changes and motions were moved to make the changes effective immediately. The changes will be added to the Columbia County 4-H Standing Rules and the Columbia County 4-H Record Book Process. See changes below. Both changes were embraced as they encourage participation and greater success for all 4-H members.

New Columbia County 4-H Enrollment Policy – *new language is in italics below*

- 4-H has open enrollment. Youth may enroll at any time of the year; however, *for 4-H youth development programming purposes, the member re-enrollment deadline is November 30 and new member enrollment deadline is March 1. It is preferred that all enrollments and re-enrollments be completed by the November 30 deadline. All project specific deadlines must be adhered to (i.e., livestock weigh ins, horse project guidelines, dog project trainings, etc.)*
- *Youth who miss the November 30 re-enrollment deadline or March 1 new enrollment deadline must submit a letter of support from the 4-H club leader which acknowledges the 4-H club's willingness to welcome them even though the re-enrollment or enrollment deadline was missed. Send to: Columbia County Extension Office, Attn: 4-H Program Educator, and the re-enrollment or enrollment will be processed.*

New Columbia County 4-H Record Book Process – *new language is in italics below*

- Each 4-H member in Columbia County (CC) is encouraged to complete a 4-H Record Book to showcase their project development throughout the year. The following documents and procedures are encouraged for everyone, although each 4-H club may or may not choose to participate. If a 4-H member intends to have their 4-H records considered for an Overall Outstanding Performance Award, he/she must complete:
 - *a 4-H project record for at least one of the member's 4-H projects carried annually and*
 - *a demonstration at the club level and/or the county level.*

The 4-H Leaders Association also reviewed some of the results of the *4-H Thrive Survey* that 40% of Columbia County 4-H youth ages 13 and up completed. Thank you to all who participated and shared their thoughts and answers. The Thrive report will be shared on the Columbia Co. Extension website under the 4-H tab <https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/> in the near future. Look there for more details. The report shows that Columbia County 4-H is a “high

quality” youth program that emphasizes sparks, belonging, caring adults, challenging growth, continue to make the best better through project meetings, club meetings, community service projects and more.

And with that, I wish you all the best as tomorrow is my last official day in the Columbia County Extension Office. I have a few more loose ends to tie up so I will need to do that. Otherwise, so long for now and if you have questions or concerns about the staffing changes or anything else, please let me know or reach out to Sarah Millard, Extension Administrative Assistant. She will be the go-to person until a new 4-H Youth Development Educator is hired. We were notified yesterday that the job posting should be going out soon. Please let those interested in the position know so they can watch the Extension posting website -- <https://jobs.hr.wisc.edu/en-us/listing/>

Again, please know that I am not leaving Wisconsin Extension so, if questions or concerns come up in the future, I will still be at the same email address in my new position. Also, with this staffing change, the Extension Office hours will vary, but usually open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. I recommend that you call the office or email first at 608-742-9680. Thanks!

That’s all for now. Take care, stay safe and be healthy!
Pat Wagner, Columbia County 4-H Youth Development Educator

Click the topic below you are interested in and you will be directed to that topic’s information. The topics in “red” are new this week, while other colors are being repeated from previous updates.

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WI STATE 4-H HORSE VIRTUAL TRAINING

Horse Project Policies, Concussion Protocol, and Planning a Horse Show

Feb. 9, 2022, 6:30pm

**More information & registration
information is located in the e-mail**



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WI State 4-H Horse Virtual Training: Horse Project Policies, Concussion Protocol, and Planning a Horse Show

Feb. 9, 2022, 6:30pm

Virtual Zoom Session

Register by: February 7, 2021

Registration Link:

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltf-ysrj4tGtVOvi3q4zCylPARX3kBW-C7>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. You will need to use the link provided in the confirmation e-mail to log-in and be part of the zoom. These links are specific to each registration.

Have questions you would like us to answer about policies or the concussion protocol? There is a question area in the registration form. If there is a topic or question you would like us to answer, please add it to the form. We will do our best to answer them and if we don't get to it, we will make sure that we get an answer to you after.

What is this training about?

Are you a 4-H Horse Project volunteer, guardian, or older member that would like to find out more about the statewide 4-H horse project policies and concussion protocol? Have you always wanted to know more about planning a horse show? Join us on February 9th and we will take a closer look at each of these topics. The first hour will cover the policies and protocols and the second half will be on planning a horse show. The registration link is listed above.

Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community – Presenters Sought

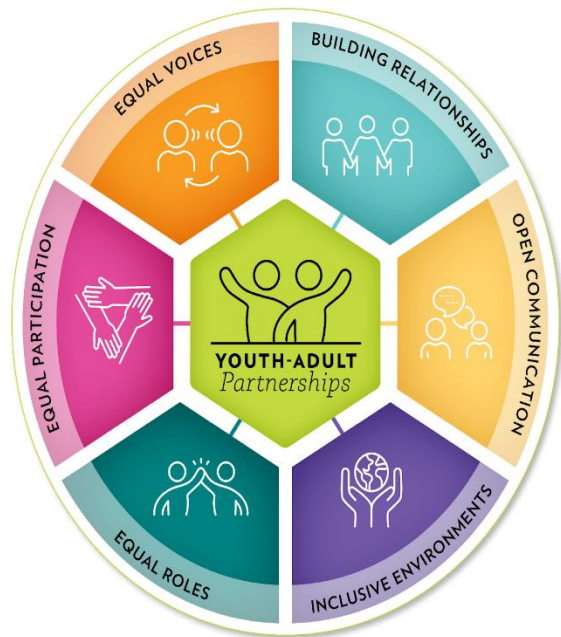
Check out these links and see what's in store for the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community in 2022. If you'd like to be a presenter, log in now and share that interest so the planning committee can get you signed up. If you just want to learn, watch for announcements via 4-H online about educational learning opportunities from the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>

Sign up at the Qualtrics address below to be a presenter:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2idXsm8tPCVGILz

Annual Leader Training – January 31 – Youth-Adult Partnerships – Sign Up Now

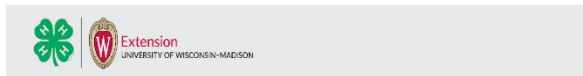


Columbia County is offering this session in a virtual setting ONLY and youth and adults are encouraged to attend. Both youth and adult participants can register using the link below. Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link for the session, and be provided information on handouts, reference materials and supporting documents. This session fulfills each 4-H club's requirement of attending at least one annual leader training to keep their 4-H club's charter in good standing. Also, youth and adults are encouraged to attend together from each 4-H club.

January 31, 2022: Learn Together, Lead Together: Equal Voices, Roles and Participation

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Register here: <https://go.wisc.edu/vze9e3>



Columbia Co. 4-H Robotics Project Update—Gently Used and Functioning Lap Tops Needed

There is work being done to get a 4-H robotics project up and running again in Columbia County 4-H. The pandemic restricted the ability to meet, but now things are looking up. One part of the countywide project that is missing and necessary for success is a group of lap tops to use with the robots. Families can supply their own lap top as software for the Lego robots we have is FREE to download. When the robotics program was started, laptops were secured for the countywide project, but over time they are failing.

Wanted: Gently Used and Functioning Lap Top Computers for the Columbia County 4-H Robotics Committee

The robotics committee is asking if anyone recently purchased for themselves a new lap top and would be willing to donate their gently used and functioning lap top to the 4-H Robotics project group. If yes, please contact Sarah at sarah.millard@wisc.edu Thanks!!



Wisconsin Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon—April 9 with Registration Deadline - March 25

Save the date of April 9th if you want to participate in the Wisconsin Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon which will be held on the UW – Madison campus as part of the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program. A Columbia County 4-H team usually participates. Youth interested in this event, please review the details at the Wisconsin 4-H website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/> and then watch the Weekly Update for more details about when and where a Columbia County team might practice and prepare for participation in this event!

Wisconsin 4-H Meats Judging contest – April 30, 2022 with Registration Deadline – February 4

Save the date of April 30th if you want to participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Meats Judging contest which will be held on the UW – Madison campus in the new Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building. A Columbia County 4-H team usually participates. Youth interested in this event, please review the details at the Wisconsin 4-H website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/> and then watch the Weekly Update for more details about when and where a Columbia County team might practice and prepare for participation in this event!

Animal Sciences Education Series Begins January 13, 2022

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the spring of 2022. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the second Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by a question-and-answer time. Register for any or all the events to get the connection information by email.

For registration and details about each presentation, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/tng61h>. On this webpage, you can also find an educational verification form. Complete the form and turn it in to your county fair and/or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements.”

The evening framework:

1. Presentation and examples of animal behavior and how it differs from human behavior. Many animal examples will be given, sheep/goats, cattle, swine, zoo animals and others.
2. How to take care of your animal project with a better understanding of how animals behave.
3. Gain ideas on career pathways in this field.

4. Take home activity for younger youth & a case study for older youth to review with agriculture teacher, science teacher or adult leader.
5. Questions...

Remember: Wisconsin 4-H is part of UW-Madison, and we want UW-Madison people & programs to be part of your 4-H experience, wherever you live and learn.

In general, the sessions will provide awareness and knowledge of animal agriculture in the challenge areas listed. They will also give details on careers and how this area connects with your animal project. There will be a case study to further develop discussion skills with a local project leader, agriculture, and/or science teacher on the discussion topic. Younger youth can learn through a take-home activity they talk about with parents and/or project leaders.

- February 10 – Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture
- March 10 – Grand Challenge: Food Safety Pork Carcass Evaluation, Fabrication and Cooking with Pork
- April 14 – Grand Challenge: Land and Water
- May 12 – Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

Each challenge is being held on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May at 7 p.m..

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Animal & Dairy Science Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu. For more information, go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program.

Website <https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/> and <https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/programs/wisconsin-youth-livestock/>

YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/c/WisconsinYouthLivestockProgram>

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>

Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/wiyouthlvstk/>

[Idea For a 4-H Trip or Virtual Project Meeting -- “Doing DNA, The Code of Life” Field Trips with UW-Madison’s Biotech Center — In Person or By Zoom](#)

Come experiment with DNA, the code of life, with Liz Jesse and Tom Zinnen, Wisconsin 4-H state specialists at the BioTrek Outreach Program of the Biotechnology Center of UW-Madison.

- Explore how DNA is like an alphabet that cells use as the Recipe Card of Life.
- Puzzle over the Parable of the DNA Tube and analyze a sample of highly-purified DNA.
- Extract DNA glop from wheat seeds and build a model of single-stranded DNA.

You'll take home three DNA souvenirs to help you share your insights & know-how with your family and friends. Call Liz or Tom at 608 265 4457, or send them an email at biotrek@biotech.wisc.edu, to set up a date and time. Weekdays, weekday evenings, and Saturdays are available. You can choose to come to campus in person, or we will Zoom to you at your place. Field trips are free. For Zooms, for a small fee we will ship to your club leaders the science kits you'll use for the DNA experiments.

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-Tom Zinnen, Biotech Lab UW-Madison

Wisconsin-flavored Science at “Wednesday Nite @ The Lab” by Zoom

4-H youth & adult volunteer -- tune in to the “Wednesday Nite @ The Lab” Zoom at 7pm to learn from UW-Madison researchers.

See <https://science.wisc.edu/wednesday-nite-at-the-lab/>.
Zoom at go.wisc.edu/240r59.

Come to UW-Madison Science Expeditions Open House April 8-10

Where can you experience science as exploring the unknown? Discover UW-Madison’s “Science Expeditions” open house April 8-10, 2022. Come to campus. Connect with the people, places and programs in STEM at your public land-grant university. Chat with scientists, try your hand at Exploration Stations, and tour labs. Learn about agriculture, engineering, liberal arts & sciences, design technologies and health sciences.

It’s free for everybody. Mark your calendars today. Watch for more information and schedules at www.science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions.

The Columbia County Plat Book -- Get Yours Today!

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association continues to offer plat books as a fundraiser. The 2021 Plat Book sells for \$35 and is available at the Extension Office, Johnson Sales (Arlington) and the Farmers and Merchants Union Banks of Columbus, Friesland, and Fall River. This 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!



WI 4-H State Teams Applications Available Now

Applications are available for the 2022 Wisconsin 4-H State Teams! Do you love to sing, dance, act, write, speak, or draw? This may be for you!

Youth in grades 9-13 can apply to join the State Drama Company and State Arts Team for 2022. Teams help to lead WI 4-H & Youth Conference, perform at State Fair, help conduct the State Art Show, and much more! You can find out more information at the [State Arts Teams website](#).

Applications are open in 4HOnline and close on **February 15, 2022**. Review the application pages for full information on what is required to apply. We hope to have you join us on one of our State Teams!

WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships -- <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm**.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website at <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be considered. All documents must be emailed to the 4-H Foundation as one, two-page PDF. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

The application materials represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for a position.

**For help with creating cover letters and résumés, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, county educator or a teacher or parent.*

Columbia County 4-H Scholarships--

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/11/4-H-Scholarship-Application-Packet.pdf>

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. is offering a maximum of ten (10) \$300 scholarships. These scholarships will be divided between graduating high school seniors currently enrolled in 4-H and 4-H alumni. A maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female applicants may be eligible for the \$500.00 Comstock scholarship, which is given instead of the Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association scholarship.

Requirements: Applicants for this 4-H scholarship must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Have five (5) or more years of active membership in the Columbia County 4-H program (*excluding years as a Cloverbud*).
2. The maximum age, as of January 1st, is 25 years old.
3. Be re-enrolled in a post high school educational institution and have successfully completed at least one semester of 12 or more credits/full time status (*2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale*).
4. Plan to continue in a post high school educational institution during the coming year. Submit a copy of your college/technical school's transcript or grades (need not be official) no later than **March 15th**.
5. Submit a completed scholarship application to Extension -- Columbia County, no later than **March 15th**.
6. Applicant must receive a 70% or higher evaluation score to receive a 4-H scholarship.
7. Scholarship money will be sent when a copy of confirmation of registration for that coming year and proof of payment for at least the first installment of fall registration is received by Leaders Council.

Applicants may reapply for this scholarship in future years if he/she has been an active member for seven (7) or more years and will continue a post high school education. An applicant may not receive a Columbia County 4-H Scholarship more than two (2) times total.

Sale of Champions Scholarships –

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/11/Sale-of-Champions-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

The Columbia County Livestock Committee is offering “Sale of Champion Scholarships. The number and amount of the scholarships will be determined by the Livestock Scholarship Committee.

Deadline: March 15th.

Requirements:

1. Exhibitor of a meat animal project at the Columbia County Fair who has sold in the Sale of Champions at least once.
2. Current enrollment in 4-H, FFA, or other youth organization approved by the Columbia County Fair Board for participation in junior fair exhibits.
3. Current or previous year high school graduate.
4. Enrolled in post-high school educational institution. *(Current year high school graduates will receive scholarship funds once their first semester of 12 or more credits/full time status is completed and their first semester transcripts [with a 2.0 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale] plus proof of 2nd semester enrollment have been submitted to the Extension--Columbia County Office. Previous year graduates, who have completed one year of post-secondary education, will receive scholarship funds when their Spring semester of 12 or more credits/full time status is completed and their Spring semester transcripts [with a 2.0 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale] plus proof of Fall semester enrollment is submitted to the Extension--Columbia County Office.)*
5. Applicants may receive this scholarship only one time.
6. Application is signed and reviewed by a 4-H leader, FFA advisor, or other approved youth organization sponsor who is not related to the applicant.
7. Submit completed scholarship application to the Extension--Columbia County Office, 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Room 212, Portage, WI 53901 by **March 15th**, current year.

4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops in 2022

Registration information at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

Volunteers who are not currently 4-H leaders must meet the following requirements in order to access the 4-H Online registration form for a certification workshop:

1. Adults age 21 and over registering must be approved county 4-H leaders through 4-H Online.
2. Registration is only available through 4-H Online at “Events”.
3. Certification workshop fees are paid by credit card through 4-H Online when registering.
4. If a county is paying registration fees for their leaders, contact Doug Thompson or Justin Lieck for arrangements.
5. Complete the online National 4-H Shooting Sports training – this is a \$21 credit card fee separate from the certification workshop fee and paid at time of online training. (See the link above for training details.)

6. Online National 4-H Shooting Sports training can be completed prior to achieving county 4-H leader status.

Saturday Certification Schedule – Additional Dates for 4-H Volunteer Training in 2022! Get certified to teach 4-H Shooting Sports Today!

To Register for a Certification Workshop, scroll down to find a Saturday workshop you would like to attend and then log into your 4-H Online account to register.

2022 Southeastern Workshop, West Bend, WI (Registration open)

Date: February 5, 2022

Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol

Registration Deadline: January 29, 2022

Location: Washington County Fair Park, [3000 County Hwy PV, West Bend, WI](#)

2022 Eastern Workshop, Green Bay, WI (Registration open March 1, 2022)

Date: April 30, 2022

Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: April 23, 2022

Location: New Franken Sportsmen's Club, [281 N New Franken Rd, New Franken, WI](#)

2022 Western Workshop, Eau Claire, WI (Registration open March 1, 2022)

Date: May 21, 2022

Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: May 14, 2022

Location: **Rifle & Shotgun** – 8AM report to Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club, [801 Schoettl Ave, Eau Claire, WI](#)

Location: **Archery** – 8AM Mouldy's Archery, 2863 South Prairie View Rd., Chippewa Falls, WI

<https://www.mouldysarchery.com/>

2022 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI (Registration open August 1, 2022)

Date: September 17, 2022

Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: September 9, 2022

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, [11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449](#)

[4-H Policy Update of Wisconsin 4-H COVID – 19 Policy – effective 11/22/2021](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/)

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

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