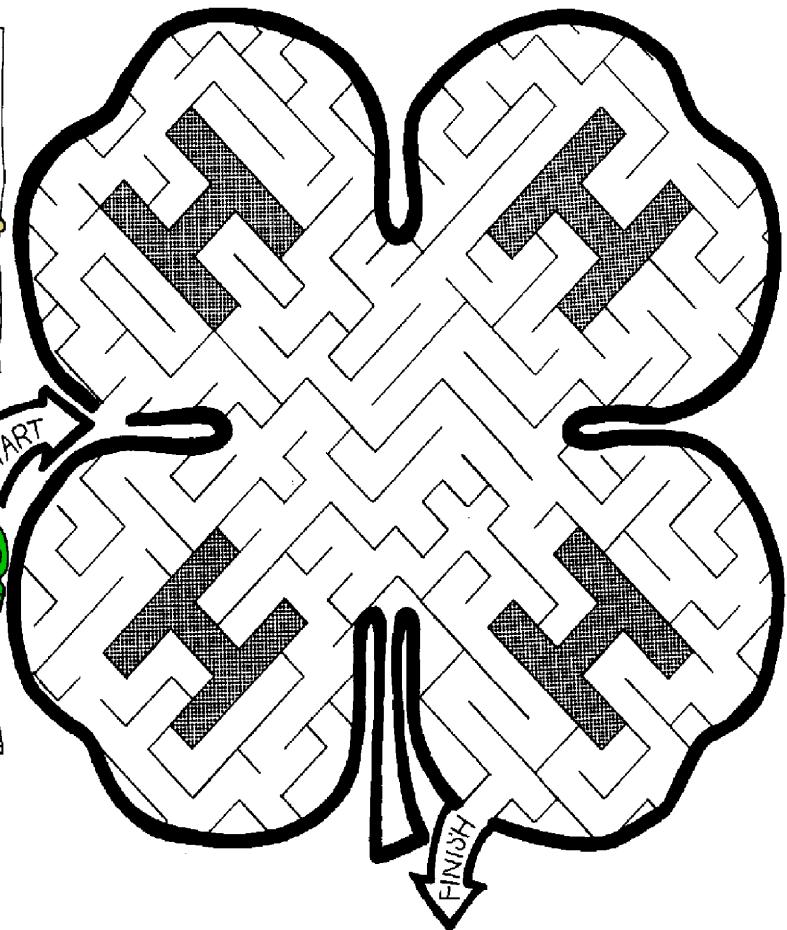


Columbia County 4-H

1st Year Member Guide



Columbia County 4-H Website: <http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

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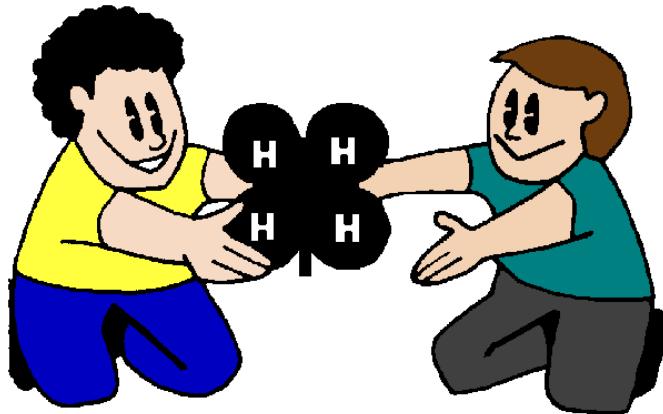
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Hi!
Welcome to Columbia County 4-H!



My Name: _____

4-H Club Name: _____

General Leader's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Project Leader's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Other Club Members who can help me during my 1st year: _____

The 4-H Pledge

Otis Hall, State 4-H leader of Kansas, was responsible for the original wording of the 4-H pledge. When the Executive Committee of the Land Grant College Association requested Dr. R.A. Peterson, President of Iowa State College, and Dr. A.C. True of the Federal Extension Service, to write a pledge for 4-H, they submitted a pledge substantially as written by Hall. At the first National 4-H Club Camp in 1927, the 4-H pledge was officially adopted by the state 4-H leaders.

"I pledge...

*...my head to clearer thinking,
...my heart to greater loyalty,
...my hands to larger service and
...my health to better living,
for my club, my community and
my country."*

The pledge remained unchanged until 1973 when, in response to requests from a number of states (*including a recommendation from 4-H members attending National 4-H Conference*), the pledge was changed to include "my world." This change was officially approved in 1973 by the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy and now reads:

"I pledge...

*...my head to clearer thinking,
...my heart to greater loyalty,
...my hands to larger service and
...my health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country and my world."*

The 4-H Motto

The 4-H motto, "To Make The Best Better", was originally proposed by Miss Carrie Harrison, a botanist in the Bureau of Plant Industry. It was officially adopted by leaders who attended the first National 4-H Club Camp in 1927. It has remained the same throughout the years.

The 4-H Colors

Green and white are the 4-H colors. The white background of the 4-H flag symbolizes purity; the green 4-H emblem is nature's most common color in the great outdoors and is the color of springtime.



The Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



4-H Pledge

I pledge:

My Head to Clearer Thinking



(Right Hand Points to Forehead)



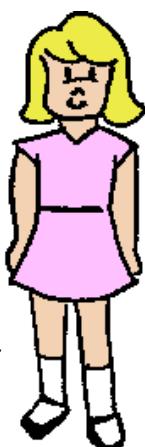
(Right Hand Over Heart)

My Heart to Greater Loyalty,



(Arms Slightly Bent-Palms-up)

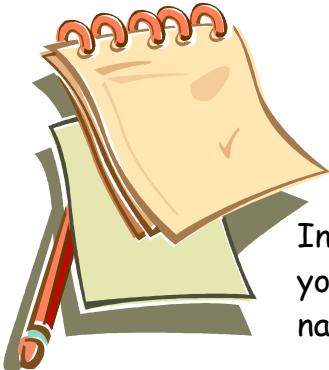
My Hands to Larger Service,



(Arms at Sides)

and My Health to Better Living,

For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World.



4-H Autographs

Introduce yourself to each officer listed. Ask them to tell you what they do as an officer and have them sign their name.

Club President: _____

Club Vice President: _____

Club Secretary: _____

Club Treasurer: _____

Club Reporter: _____

Club Leader(s): _____

Other Autographs

Another 1st Year Member: _____

A person you've never met before: _____

Cloverbud/Exploring Leader or other adult leader(s): _____

Columbia County Enrollment Information

November 1st

Clubs/Families are encouraged to have all online enrollments completed by this date.

November 30th

Deadline for returning and new members to enroll in 4-H online to be able to exhibit at next year's Columbia County Fair in the Junior Division as a 4-H Member. If you are unable to complete an online enrollment, please contact your general leader or the UW-Extension office by November 21st.



After November 30th

You may still re-enroll or join 4-H, but you will not be allowed to exhibit at the Columbia County Fair in the Junior Division as a 4-H Member for next year's fair.

Enrollment for 4-H is an online process. You will receive the instructions on how to accomplish this in your new family packet. Please note:

1. New Enrollment:

If you are interested in joining 4-H, please contact the general leader of the club you wish to join for information regarding enrollment or contact the UW-Extension office.

2. Re-Enrollment:

Instructions are in the Columbia County 4-H Project Guide. Please follow these instructions carefully.

NOTE: All volunteer leaders must enroll online. However, a new 4-H volunteer is not considered a 4-H "certified" volunteer until all volunteer orientation steps are complete, including a background check. New volunteer leaders will be contacted by the UW-Extension office about completing the required volunteer orientation process. The dates of the volunteer orientations will be in our 4-H newsletter, "Rolling in Clover," or our weekly update email.

Volunteers are Awesome!!

Tentative Calendar of Events

January

- 4-H Communication Arts Festival including Demonstration Contest
- 4-H Arts Day

February

- 4-H Favorite Foods Review & Foods Activity Day
- State Fair Steer Identification
- Cloverbud Sensational Saturday

March

- Dairy & Livestock Judging Work-Outs Begin
- 4-H Family Day of Learning
- 4-H Educational Scholarships (due March 15th)
- 4-H Camp Counselor Training & Selection
- Tractor & Machinery Safety Program

April

- Swine Weigh-In/ID
- 4-H Spring Fashion Show
- 4-H Drama Festival
- County Dog Obedience Classes Begin
- 4-H Beginning Camp Counselor Workshop
- National 4-H Conference

May

- Horse Coggins/Other Paperwork Due
- Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ID
- 4-H Camp Counselor Training/Planning

June

- WI State Fair Entries Due Online
- June Dairy Promotion Contest
- County Fair Entries and Livestock Educational Cards Due 6/20
- State 4-H & Youth Conference
- District Area Animal Science Days
- 3rd-5th Grade Base Camp
- 6th Grade Discovery Camp
- 7th-8th Grade Outpost Camp
- High School Adventure Camp
- Cloverbud Day Camp

July

- Lodi Agricultural Fair
- Columbia County Fair
- Citizenship Washington Focus

August

- Wisconsin State Fair
- Record Books Due
- Leader's Association Budget Meeting
- Outpost Camp
- 4-H Ambassador Selection

September

- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins
- County Record Book Check
- Leader's Association Annual Meeting
- Livestock Committee Annual Meeting
- 4-H Radio Promotion

October

- 4-H Year Begins
- National 4-H Week Promotions
- 4-H County Awards Program
- Member Evaluations Due Grades 8-12
- Member Evaluation Interviews

November

- Volunteer Orientation Starts
- Club Literature & Record Book Pick-up
- Club Officer & General Leader Training
- National 4-H Congress
- Enrollment Deadline to Show at Columbia County Fair in Junior Division as a 4-H Member

December

- County 4-H Music Festival
- County Beef Weigh-in/ID
- Happy Holidays!

TO SHOW AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR IN JULY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR AS A 4-H MEMBER, ALL MEMBER ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE ONLINE BY 11/30. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

Things I'd like to Do this Year in 4-H

Ask your General Leader how to get involved, call the Extension Office, or find information about the activities you want to do in the "Rolling in Clover" newsletter.

Club Activities	I'd like to do this!	I'd like to find out about this!	I did it!
Club Picnic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation/Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demonstrations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundraiser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health & Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OUR CLUB REQUIRES MEMBERS TO:

Check
When Done

County Activities	I'd like to do this!	I'd like to find out about this!	I did it!
Arts Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camp Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloverbud Sensational Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Fair Exhibitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demonstration Contest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drama Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eat Stand at the Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club Fair Booth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Day of Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Officer Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District, State, National Activities	I'd like to do this!	I'd like to find out about this!	I did it!
Dist. Animal Science Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ME Awarded Trip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State 4-H & Youth Conf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Fair Exhibitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4-H Activities and Events



Each club will have special activities throughout the year. In addition, there are county-wide events that 4-H members may participate in. The listing below is only a partial listing. Many other project related activities and events are held annually. All events are listed in the monthly "Rolling in Clover" newsletter.

County 4-H Camp A Day Camp is held for Cloverbuds. Overnight camps are held for the following grade groups: 3rd-5th Grade Base Camp; 6th Grade Discovery Camp; 7th-8th Grade Outpost Camp; High School Adventure Camp. These camps are held at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.

Music Festival 4-H members and clubs from the county prepare musical presentations and receive valuable feedback from a judge. Clubs receive ribbon placings, with the top club invited to perform at the State Fair in August.

Drama Festival 4-H members from the county prepare adapted and/or original one-act plays. Humor and good times are always present in this activity. Ribbon placings are awarded with the top club receiving the traveling trophy.

Speaking Contest 4-H members can participate in the speaking contest on the county level. A judge gives valuable comments. Ribbon placings are awarded.

Demonstration Contest This is currently held at the same time as the county Communication Arts Festival. 4-H members can participate in the demonstration contest on the county level. 4-H members give demonstrations on their projects or other areas of interest. Ribbons are awarded, with the top member in grades 9-13 advancing to State Fair.

Clothing Revue and Fashion Show Members enrolled in the clothing, knitting, crocheting and quilting projects can enter the Clothing Revue. The style show is usually held in April. Ribbons are awarded. The top senior members will be selected to represent the county at the State Fair.

Countywide Education County committees provide learning opportunities throughout the year.

Family Day of Learning Classes are held on various 4-H projects/activities to promote new skills. It is usually held on a Saturday morning in March.

Foods Revue and Foods Activity Day Youth enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition projects can enter the Foods Revue and Foods Activity. Cloverbuds and Explorers can enter the Foods Revue. Participants should be prepared to answer questions

about the preparation, serving, and/or nutritional quality of the exhibit(s). Ribbons and participation prizes are awarded.

State 4-H and Youth Conference Youth in grades 8-10 have a chance to learn from and exchange ideas with 4-H'ers from around the state and experience a supervised college setting. This event is held in June at UW Madison. Selection is determined from Member Evaluation Shortform (MES) applications.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip is conducted by the National 4-H Foundation at the National 4-H Center, Washington D.C. for youth in grades 10-12 to supplement citizenship training provided by Extension. Listening, learning, sharing, receiving, caring and touring are all part of the 6-day learning experience. Visits to Capitol Hill, government department, historic sites and memorials to great Americans enhance the citizenship learning experience. A week of workshops and tours in D.C. is an award based on the local ME process.

Key Award The Key Award is given to outstanding 4-H members each year. The purpose of the Key Award is to provide special recognition to 4-H members who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H, who have developed leadership ability, and who have been helpful members in their club and community. Each recipient will receive a pin and Key Award Certificate mounted in a frame.

Fairs A highlight every year where 4-H members have the opportunity to exhibit and display their project work. The fair is a great social event when friends and fun come together. The Columbia County Fair and Lodi Fair are held in July.

Columbia County Fair www.columbiacofair.com One purpose of the Columbia County Fair is for judges to provide valuable information to exhibitors about their project work effort and the steps the exhibitor took in making the item. Fair premium books are available at the Columbia County UW-Extension Office and online. Entry forms or online entries are usually due on June 20th.

Lodi Fair www.lodiagfair.com Fair entry is done completely online and due around the same time as the Columbia County Fair entries.

State Fair wistatefair.com/fair The State Fair is an opportunity for members 12 and over to exhibit their livestock to a state-wide audience. The State Fair is held in West Allis in early August. State Fair livestock entry forms are online and due in June to the Wisconsin State Fair. State Merit Award winners at the Columbia County Fair also exhibit at the State Fair through the County.

Awards Program Youth who excel in project work will be given an award for outstanding work. Special awards and club awards are presented at this event held in October.

Who's Who In Columbia County 4-H

Cloverbud	Members in kindergarten, first and second grade participate in an introductory 4-H program and are part of a 4-H club, but are given slightly limited opportunities for county competition.
Exploring Project	An individual 4-H project recommended as a beginning 4-H member. The 4-H member can "explore" other 4-H projects and activities during the year to learn more about 4-H. First year members in third grade may enroll in Exploring.
4-H Member	Anyone in third grade through one year past high school graduation (<i>as of October 1st of enrolling year</i>) who participates in a local 4-H club.
Youth Leader	A 4-H member who is in 7 th grade or older and is enrolled in the Youth Leadership Project. They take an active part in helping the younger members in the club. By doing this, they grow, mature, and learn leadership skills.
4-H Ambassadors	Youth in 9 th grade or older are eligible to apply for 4-H Ambassador positions. The Ambassador group meets to plan an annual calendar of events/activities. The Ambassadors help as host/hostess at a variety of county activities, and plan and coordinate activities for younger members and families.
Project Leader	A volunteer who helps 4-H members as they learn, make or do something. This person can be a 4-H parent who agrees to help with a project. It may also be a youth leader or a person from the community who has knowledge in a particular subject matter.
4-H General Leader/ Organizational Leader	A volunteer who is responsible for the organizational part of the club such as securing enrollments, helping members use parliamentary procedure, helping members plan the program year, helping officers understand their roles and duties, involving parents in the club, recruiting members and leaders, encouraging recognition and appreciation, and facilitating the club's connection to the county program.
Activity Leader	A volunteer who helps the 4-H club by serving as a leader for a variety of activities, including drama, music, coaching livestock/dairy/meat teams, and transporting youth to activities, among other things.

Parents/Guardians

Parents or guardians are very important to the success children will have in the 4-H program. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and project meetings with their child(ren). All countywide events are open and families are encouraged to attend.

The most important role adults play in 4-H is the support they give to their child(ren). Support your child in the commitments he/she makes, help him/her think through decisions, and see that he/she reaches his/her goal.

here are several ways for parents to help:

- * Attend 4-H meetings and other special events.
- * Guide your child's project work and encourage completion without doing the work for the 4-H'er.
- * Support the local 4-H club leader and offer your services.
- * Be an example of a good sport so your child will learn to appreciate the successes of others.
- * Make others in the community more aware of 4-H.

COUNTY LEVEL

4-H Youth

Development Educator

The professional who guides, teaches and administers the 4-H program. This person is a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin.

4-H Program Assistant

The person who works with the 4-H Youth Development Educator. Helps coordinate and plan events and activities.

4-H Administrative Assistant

This person works with the 4-H Youth Development Educator and 4-H Youth Program Assistant with communication and maintenance of the 4-H program.

4-H Leaders Association

This group advises the 4-H Youth Development Educator in planning, implementing and furthering the program.

Ag (Extension) &

Land & Water

Conservation Committee

Currently consists of five county-elected officials. They are responsible for overseeing the County Extension education program.

4-H Terminology

UW-Extension	The University of Wisconsin (<i>Cooperative</i>) Extension (<i>System</i>) is responsible for the administration of the 4-H program in Wisconsin.
Rolling in Clover	The bi-monthly Columbia County 4-H Newsletter is available by e-mail or mail to every 4-H family. This gives information about county-level 4-H meetings and activities offered to 4-H members, leaders, parents, and fair superintendents. http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-newsletters/
4-H Weekly Email Update	Every week (usually Mondays) we send out a weekly update to all 4-H Families and FFA Advisors to keep you current on deadlines and events. Past emails are posted at http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/ .
4-H Year	A new 4-H year starts October 1 st and ends September 30 th of the following year.
4-H Age	Cloverbuds are members in kindergarten, first, or second grade. All youth can be members through one year past high school graduation (<i>as of October 1st of the enrolling year.</i>)
Enrollment	Enrollment is on 4HOnline at https://wi.4honline.com . Enrollment begins at the first part of September. There may also be other hardcopy mandatory forms for you to complete, sign, date and return to your General Leader, along with any dues, if your club has them. Online enrollment and any hard copy forms are due on or before November 30 th .
Club Rules, By-Laws or Guidelines	All 4-H clubs have a set of written rules for the operation of the club. Be sure you become familiar with your club's rules early in the year. If your club needs help developing or revising these rules, contact the UW-Extension Office.
Record Book	The record book is a report of 4-H accomplishments in projects and activities during the current year. Members may complete a record book and submit it to their general leader in August. Record books are evaluated and selected from the club level and sent to the county for consideration of county awards.
Project Literature	4-H member and leader guides written by University specialists serve as suggestions of areas to study in your 4-H projects. Clubs determine how to cover the cost of 4-H materials. Leader literature is provided by the Leader's Association. You can order literature online and/or with a Project Literature Request form.

MES Form

The Member Evaluation Shortform (MES) is a report of your 4-H accomplishments. 4-H members in grades 8 and older must complete one of these forms to apply for 4-H trips and awards.

**Awards-
Club Level**

Achieving in 4-H at the club level means a member completes all membership requirements of their 4-H club for the year.

**Awards-
County Level**

Members honored at the County Awards program are selected for outstanding work within their project(s).

COUNTY FAIR

The Lodi Ag and Columbia County Fairs are held annually in July. The fairs provide an opportunity for 4-Hers to display/exhibit the things they have worked on over the year. These are major events where many people see what 4-Hers can do.

The Columbia County 4-H fair exhibits are evaluated by state-certified judges. The process is designed to extend the learning the member has done on their project. The judges are more than willing to spend time with members, providing valuable feedback on how to improve their project.

PLEASE NOTE: At the County Fair, a member may only exhibit projects that he/she has enrolled in on their 4-H enrollment, as well as on the fair entry registration. It is very important to make sure that the fair entry form or online entry submitted in June matches the 4-H enrollment information submitted the preceding fall.

**JUDGING SYSTEMS
USED AT THE COUNTY FAIR**

Danish Judging: Traditional system whereby all exhibits of the same class are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each project and is permitted to give a maximum of 25% blue, red, white and pink ribbons within each group in the class of projects. Exhibitors do not need to be present for this type of judging.

Face-to-Face Judging or Conference:

This form of judging allows for more flexibility on the part of the judge and the exhibitor. Exhibitors bring their projects to the judge at their convenience within the time allotted and talk to the judge about their project. The entire class does not need to be present at the same time. The judge then, based on all discussion, may award the ribbon and premium which he/she believes is appropriate without regard to percentages.

Examples of questions that might be asked:

- What kinds of things did you do in your project this year?
- How did you make it...grow it...build it...paint it...?
- Where did you learn how to...?
- What was the hardest part for you to do?
- What did you like doing best?
- What are you going to do with your rocket...drawing...cookies...?

Note: Cloverbuds talk to 4-H teens about their fair projects. They receive participation ribbons.

RECORD BOOKS

For Members in 3rd grade and above
(Record Books for Cloverbuds are different)

Forms: <http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/record-book-forms/>

Basically, all people, young and old, must keep records of one thing or another. Think of the things you must record—the meeting next week, your appointment with the doctor, exams at school, and money you spend on clothes and school supplies. Recordkeeping is simply a way of remembering something for the future. 4-H recordkeeping prepares you for remembering in the future.

Records also help you benefit in ways that are harder to see, yet are very important.

- ❑ Learn how to identify your goals and set priorities.
- ❑ Establish good organizational and planning skills.
- ❑ Develop responsibility in recordkeeping.
- ❑ Learn if money is made or lost.
- ❑ Explore careers and jobs.
- ❑ Learn to compare and evaluate success or failure.
- ❑ Experience personal satisfaction and growth through completion of a worthwhile task.
- ❑ You will then have a complete story telling what projects you took, leadership positions you held, and activities you participated in.



About Your Record Book

There are five parts to your record book and they should be arranged in this order:

1. TABLE OF CONTENTS

The first page of your record book will be the table of contents. All record book pages should be numbered so the reader knows where to look for the section he/she is interested in.

2. TITLE PAGE (*goes in the front pocket of a 3-ring binder*)

The title page is the page after the table of contents. This page includes general information about you and your club and has a place to put your picture.

3. ACTIVITY SECTION

Following the title page should be the activity section. The "4-H Activity Record" form belongs in this section. Pictures and newspaper clippings that show your participation in special events and activities should be placed in the record book after "4-H Activity Record" form. With newspaper articles, you should either underline or highlight your name for easy reference.

4. PROJECT SECTION

The project section is next. These things should appear in the project section of your record book in this order:

- Project 1 General Project form or specific record form with expense records, pictures/clippings.
- Project 2 General Project form or specific record form with expense records, pictures/clippings.

Repeat for each project.

PROJECT RECORD FORMS

All projects use the generic record book form except animal projects, foods and crops. The forms are available online at <http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/record-book-forms/>.

PUTTING YOUR RECORD BOOK TOGETHER

At the beginning of the 4-H year, you are encouraged to check online and make copies of the appropriate record book sheets. Check with your general leader if you have questions about the forms you should use.

- Record Book Cover
- Index Sheet and Activity Record
- General Purpose/Generic Project Record form (*as needed*)
- Specific Project Record form (*as needed*)

Cloverbuds should use the Cloverbud Record Book available online at <http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/record-book-forms/>.

OTHER SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED

- ◆ A good pen and pencil
- ◆ A ruler
- ◆ A pair of scissors
- ◆ A hole punch
- ◆ Rubber cement to display pictures
- ◆ Lined or unlined paper
- ◆ Newspaper articles about you or your club
- ◆ Pictures from your year in 4-H

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES YOU MAY WANT TO USE

- ❑ A file folder to keep clippings and other information in
- ❑ Index file folders
- ❑ A highlighter
- ❑ Fair books and project books
- ❑ Contact paper
- ❑ Recipe card box and index cards
- ❑ Monthly calendar

YOU MAY PUT THESE THINGS IN YOUR RECORD BOOK TO ADD A PERSONAL TOUCH

- ☺ Pictures that show you at a 4-H activity/event/contest
- ☺ Pictures that show project work in various stages and in final form
- ☺ Newspaper clippings that indicate a member's involvement in club/
county/district/state/national events



So Now That You Are a 4-H Member, What is Your Part?

Think about a group that you belong to. This could be at your school, the 4-H club, or other community group. Circle all of the items below that you think are important for everyone in the group to do.

Listen to Others

Share Your Ideas

Try to Do Your Best

Have Fun

Invite Others to Attend

Volunteer To Help

Turn Reports in on Time

Work Together

Try Something New

Do What You Say You Will Do

Help Set Up the Room for Meetings or Activities

Help Clean Up After Activities

Bring Information Home to Your Parent/Guardian

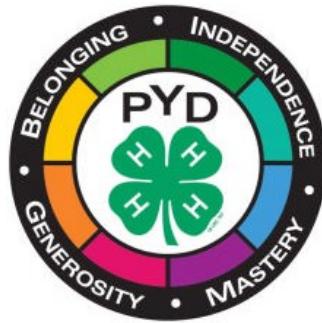
Teach or Demonstrate to Others a New Skill

Think about all of the items you have circled.

Are you doing all of the things you have circled?

What can you do to be a better member in your 4-H club?

The Four Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development



Belonging:

- Do you have caring adults in your life that advise, guide and mentor you?
- Do you feel like you belong to a group and others are positive and encouraging?
- Do you feel safe from physical or emotional harm?



Mastery:

- Are you learning new things and skills?
- Do you have opportunities to practice new skills?
- Are you able to find new resources and learn on your own?



Independence:

- Are you able to make your own decisions?
- Do you set your goals and then work to reach them?
- Do you see many choices for yourself in the future?



Generosity:

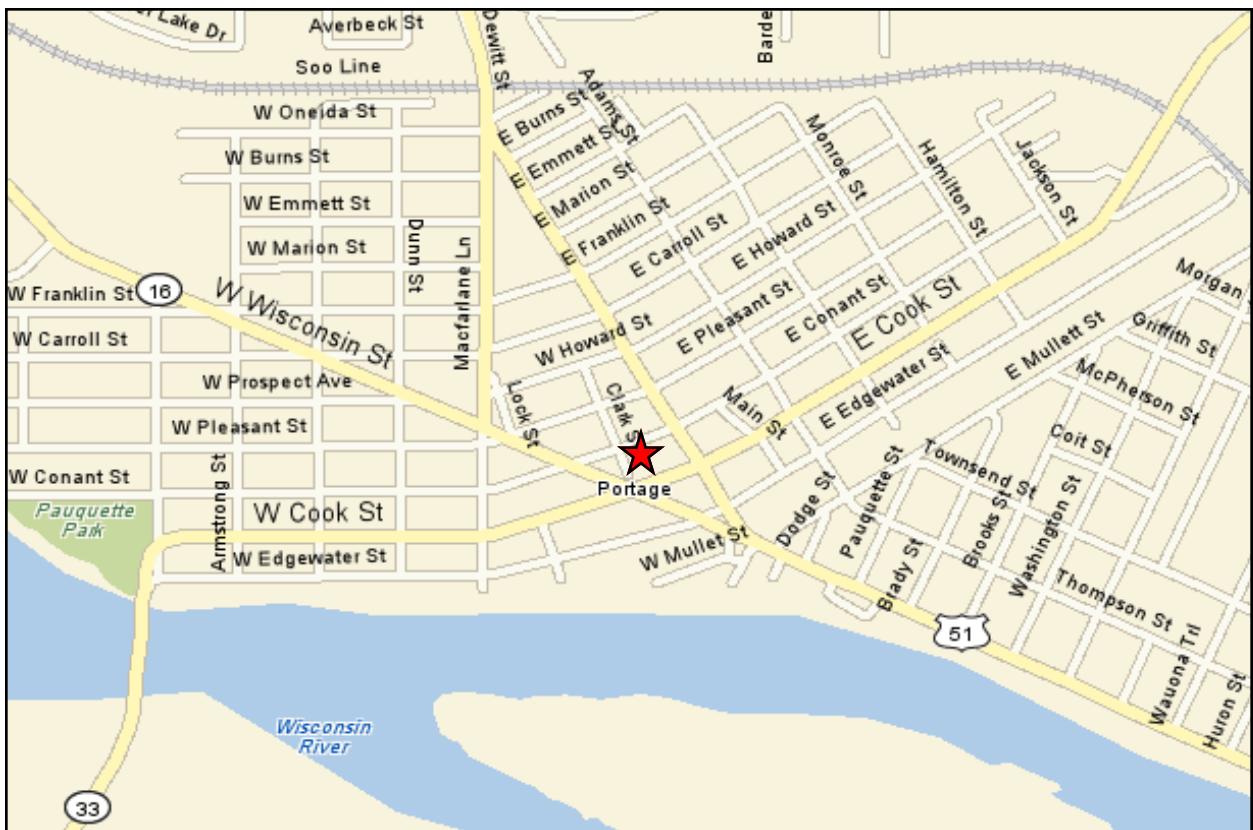
- Are you able to teach others?
- Are you giving back to members in your family, 4-H club, or community?

UW-Extension Office

Columbia County Annex Building
120 W. Conant Street
Portage, WI

From Hwy 51 South: Take 51 South into Portage through the intersection in downtown Portage of Hwy 51 and Hwy 33. Take the next left onto Conant Street. Follow the street up and we are on the left hand side. If you reach Wisconsin Street, you have gone to far.

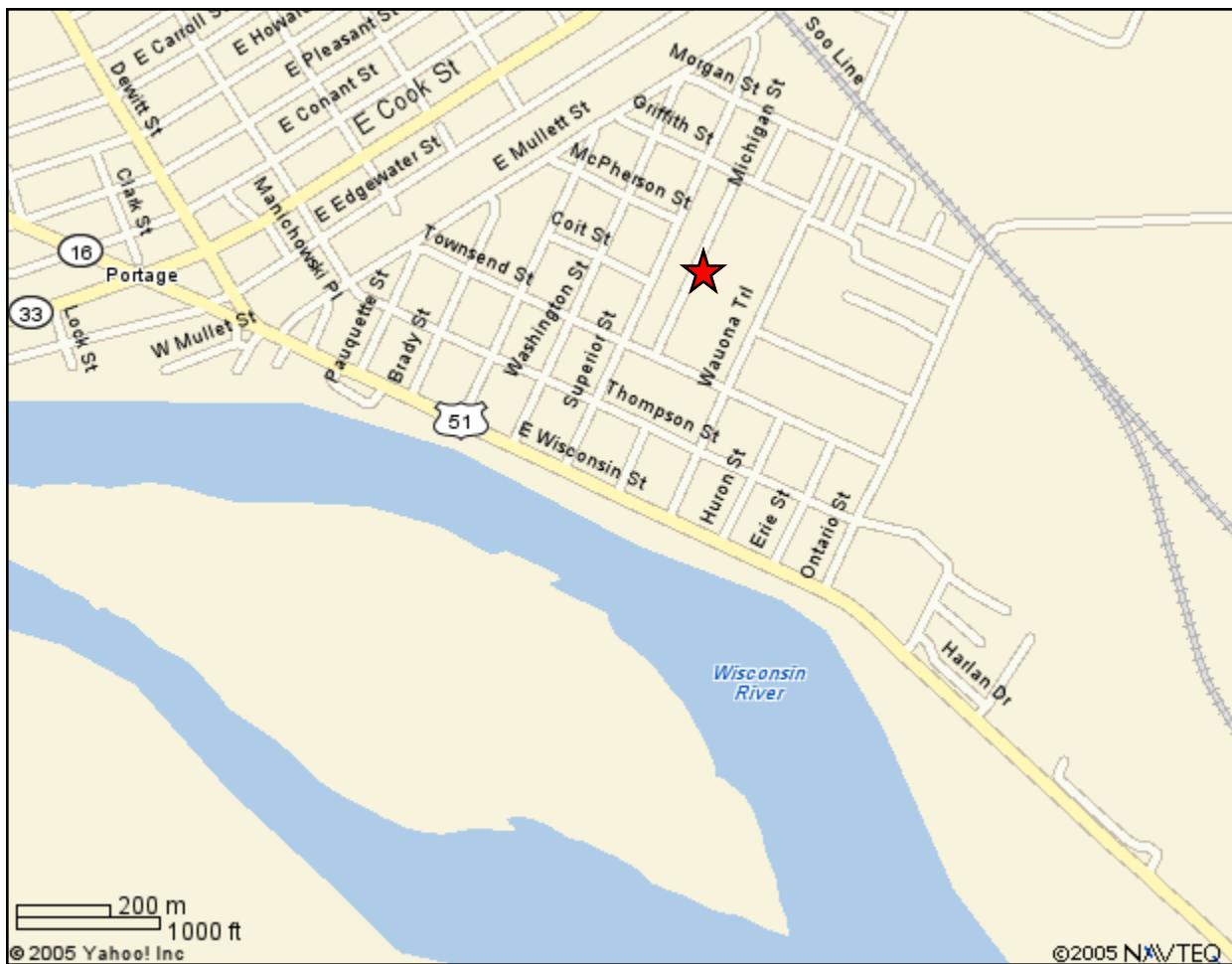
From Hwy 33: Follow Hwy 33 into Portage to the intersection of Hwy 51N and Hwy 33. Turn North onto Hwy 51 North. Take the next left onto Conant Street. Follow the street up and we are on the left hand side. If you reach Wisconsin Street, you have gone to far.



Columbia County Fairgrounds

Portage, WI

From Hwy 51 turn onto Superior Street, go about 3 blocks, fairgrounds will be on the right side.

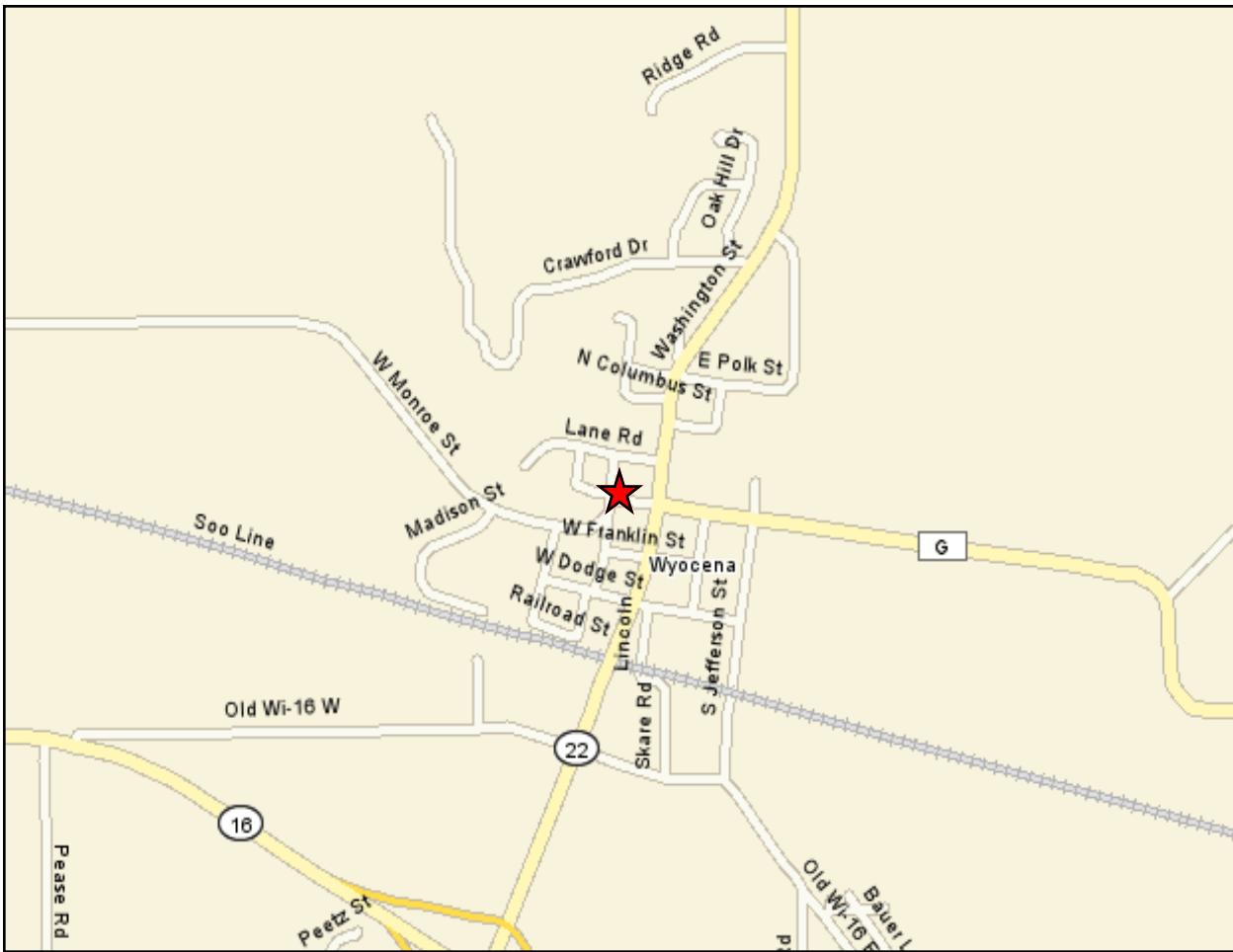


Columbia County Health Care Center

Wyocena, WI

From Pardeeville: Take Hwy 22 South to Wyocena. Turn Left onto Wyocena Street which also is W. Monroe Street. The Center is on the left side. To enter the main doors, enter the code, "1996#" into the keypad.

From Portage: Take Hwy 51 South, turn left onto Hwy 16 going East, turn left onto Hwy 22 and follow into Wyocena. Turn Left onto Wyocena Street which also is W. Monroe Street. The Center is on the left side. To enter the main doors, enter the code, "1996#" into the keypad.

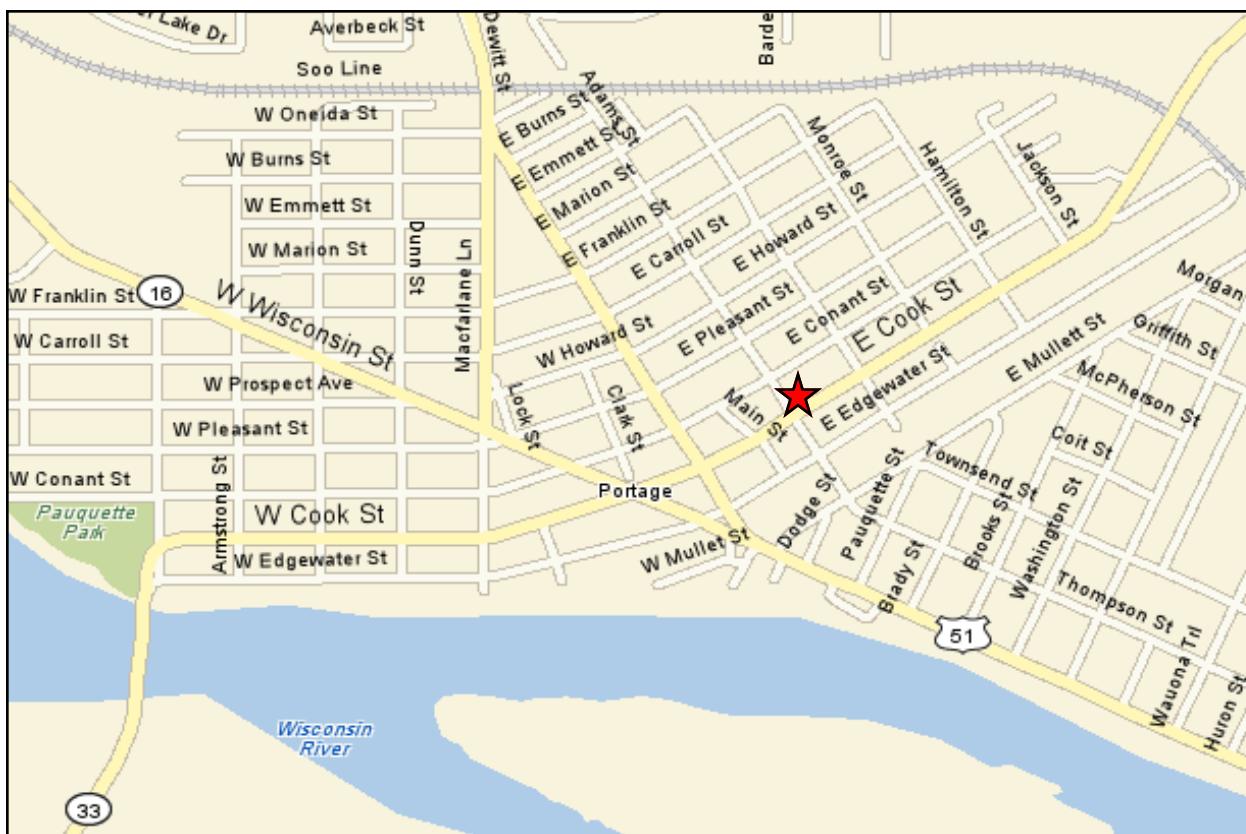


Center for the Arts

301 E. Cook St.
Portage, WI

From Hwy 51 South: Take 51 South into Portage. Turn right at the intersection in downtown Portage of Hwy 51 and Hwy 33/Cook St. Follow the street up a couple of blocks and the building is on the left.

From Hwy 33: Follow Hwy 33 into Portage. Hwy 33 becomes Cook St. The building is on the right.

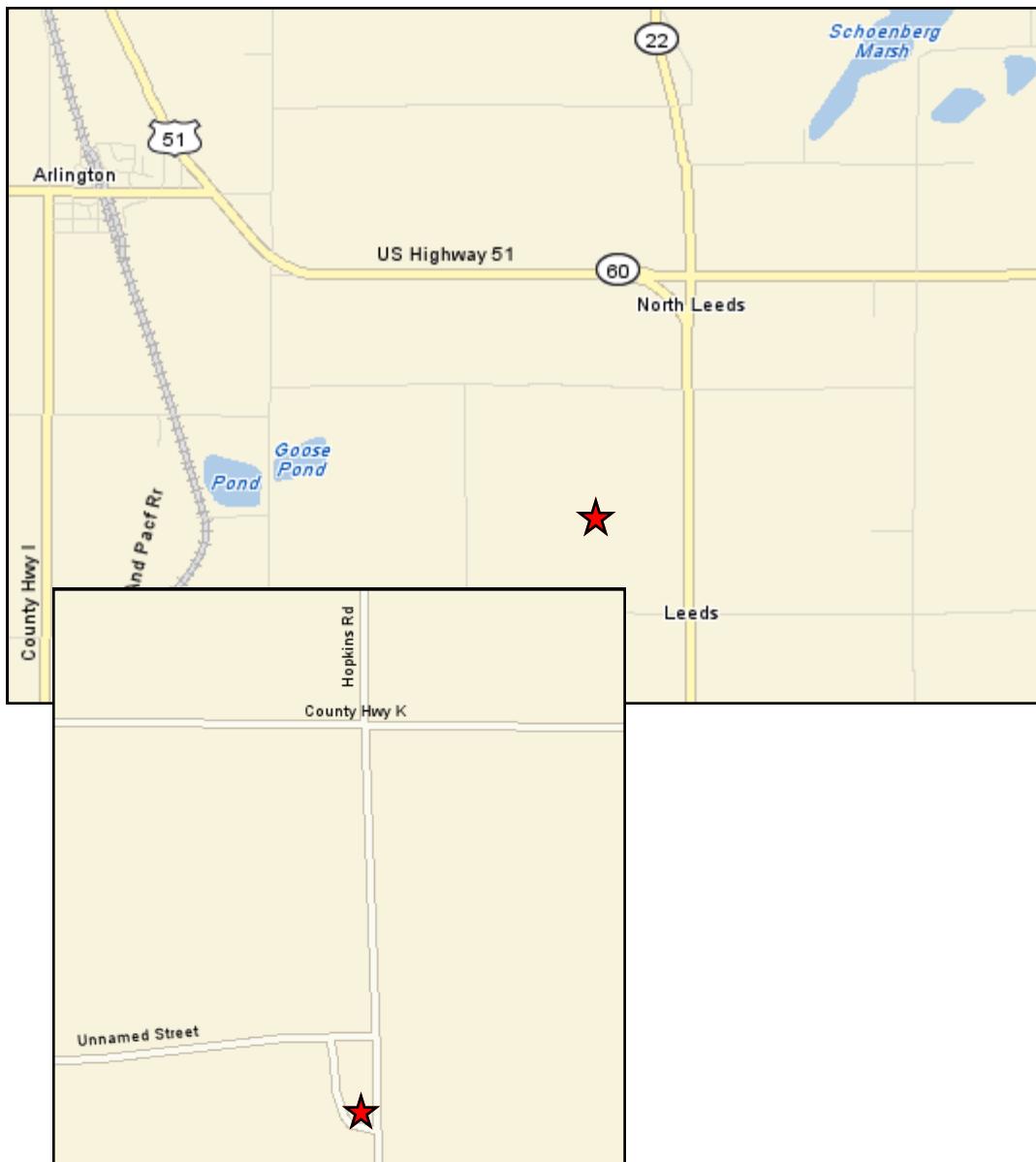


Arlington Research Station/ Public Events Building

Arlington, WI

From Madison: Travel north on Hwy. 51 for approximately 14 miles, turn left on Ramsey Road, then right on Hopkins Road. The Headquarters will be located on the left hand side of the road.

From Portage: Travel south on Hwy. 51 for approximately 20 miles, turn right on Hwy. K, then left on Hopkins Road. The Headquarters will be located on the right hand side of the road.

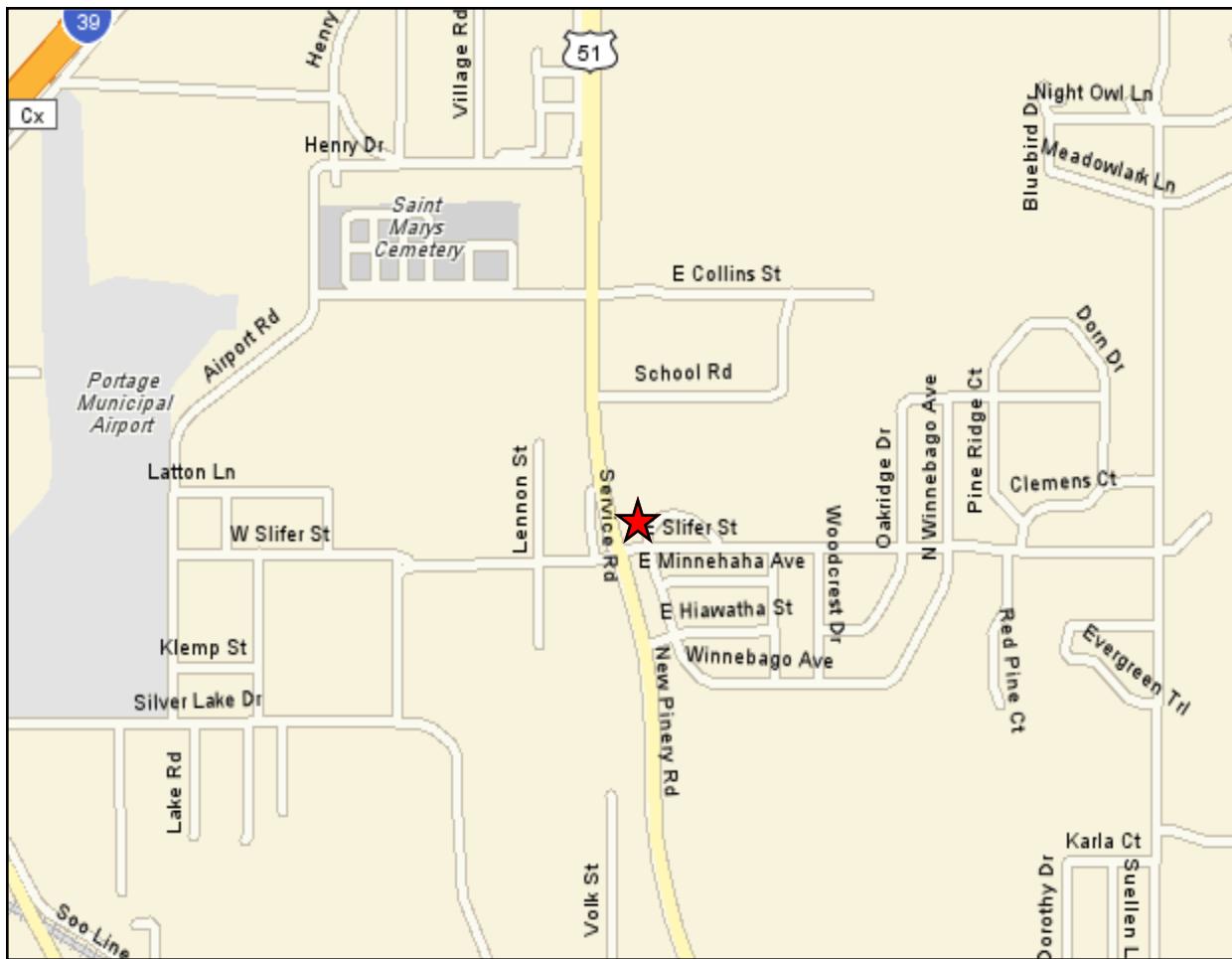


Wayne E. Bartels Middle School

2505 New Pinery Road
Portage, WI

From Hwy 51 South: Take 51 North into Portage through downtown Portage, continuing under the train bridge. Turn right onto East Slifer Street. The Middle School is on the corner on the left side. (*Note: Hwy 51 N is also New Pinery Road north of town.*)

From Hwy 33: Follow Hwy 33 into Portage to the intersection of Hwy 51 and Hwy 33. Turn North onto Hwy 51 North (*also known as DeWitt Street*), continue under the train bridge. Turn right onto East Slifer Street. The Middle School is on the corner on the left side. (*Note: Hwy 51 N is also New Pinery Road north of town.*)

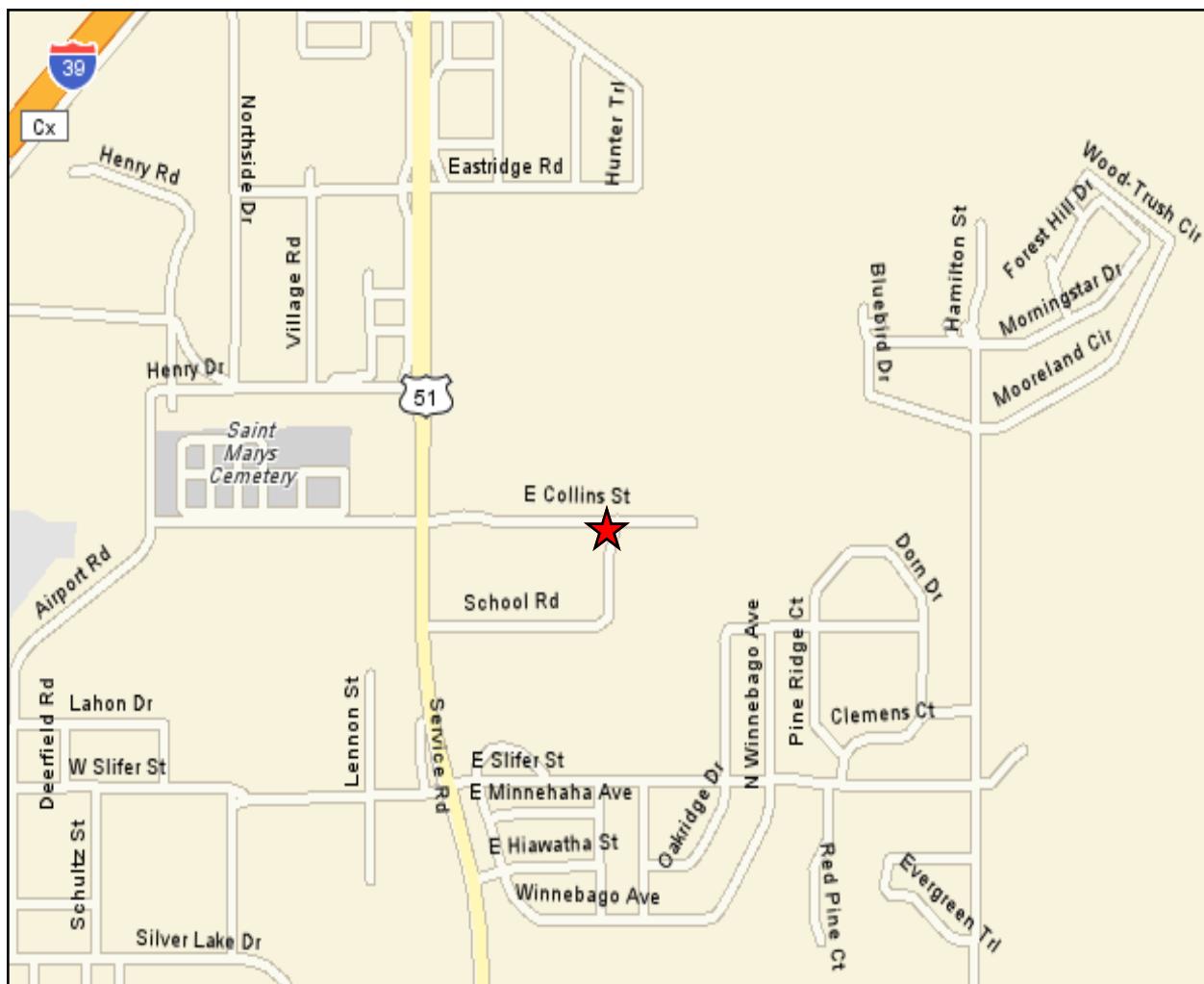


Portage High School

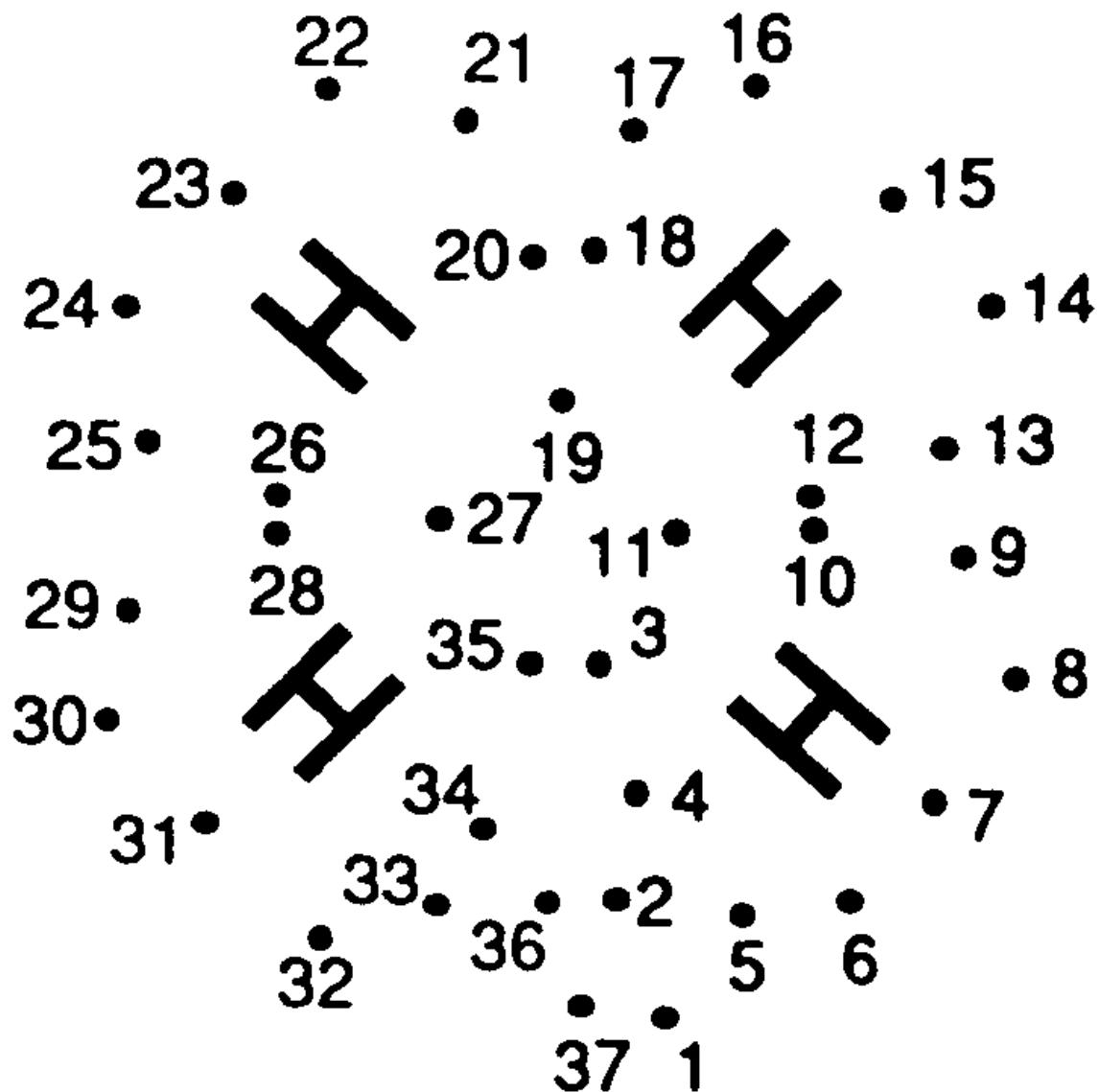
301 E. Collins Street
Portage, WI

From Hwy 51 South: Take 51 North into Portage through downtown Portage, continuing under the train bridge. Turn right onto East Collins Street (*Look for Jimmy John's Subshop, turn right after it*). Follow this road a block or so. The High School is on the left side and the parking lots are on the right side.

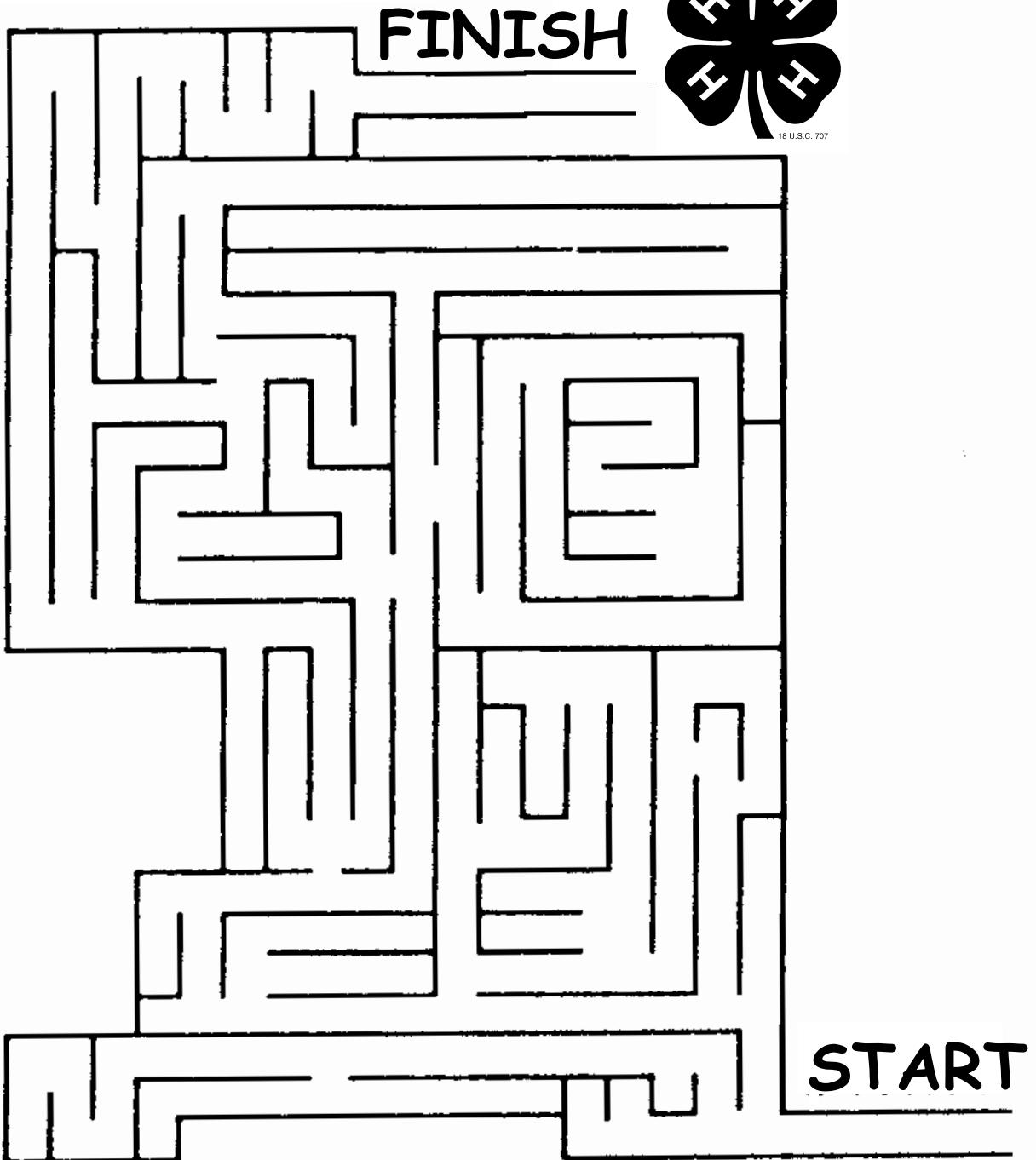
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Connect the Dots



Follow the Path to 4-H





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