



Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Members and Families,

4-H gives you the opportunity to explore many different things. It gives you a chance to try something that may become a life-long hobby or even a career choice. There are many activities in 4-H for you to participate in such as projects, camps, travel experiences, leadership opportunities and community service. Here is a little poem I found that describes 4-H:

4-H...

4-H is like discovering a gold mine.

It enriches your life.

4-H is like climbing a mountain.

Sometimes the going gets rough but it's worth it when you reach the top.

4-H is like a puzzle.

It gives you a challenge.

4-H is like a mirror.

You can see yourself grow.

4-H is like a good book.

You can't put it away.

4-H is like the UnCola.

It dares to be different

4-H is like a key.

It can open different doors.

4-H is like yoga.

It can put you in a good position.

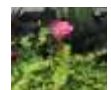
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I suggest you take some time this year and design your 4-H experience to be what you want it to be. Don't miss your shot at something great! While you are at it, why not show a friend about 4-H and what it has to offer and get them to join too!

Every month we will hide a special symbol somewhere in that month's Pacer. If you are the first person to call (715) 672-5214 or email (gwen.prom@wisc.edu) the Extension Pepin County and tell us where that symbol is found you will win \$5 and be named in next month's Pepin Pacer as the "4-H Fast Finder".

Good Luck Hunting!

This is this month's symbol :



DISCOVER 4-H CLUBS

Chippewa 4-H Club
Meets 2nd Sunday of the month.
Contact Club Leader for Information

Lima Lads & Lassies 4-H Club
Meets 3rd Sunday of the month.
11:00 a.m., Durand City Hall.



Yes, 4-H and Extension is open...to ALL people.

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Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting To Be Determined—normally held in October

ALL Pepin County 4-H Parents, Leaders, and Youth Leaders you are welcome to attend the Parent/ Leaders Federation Meetings. Decisions are made at these meetings which affect all members and parents within our 4-H organization. Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October and December, normally held at the Government Center Board Room in Durand.

Take part in determining how the money raised is spent and what activities Pepin County 4-Hers will participate in. Your voice will be heard.



4-H Fast Finder for the Month:

LEAH BRION

Congratulations for being our
4-H Fast Finder this month!

We hope you enjoy the
Pepin Pacer !



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DATE: October 21, 2022
 TO: 4-H Members, Families, Leaders, and Volunteers
 RE: 4-H Program Educator Transition

First, I want to thank all of you for your dedication to the Pepin County 4-H program. It is you who make the 4-H program a success.

As you know, Marie Ritscher has retired after a 38-year career working with the 4-H program in Pepin County. Although we will miss her, Pepin County and the University are committed to filling Marie's position. Our timeline is to have a new 4-H Educator on board around the first of the year. In the meantime, I hope the transition plan below will provide you with the basic information you will need during this transition time. Gwen Prom be the main contact person for your general 4-H questions or concerns.

Issue/Task	Responsible Person
4-H Online & Enrollment and Approvals	Gwen will be managing enrollment and approvals. Any questions should be directed towards her.
VIP (Volunteer in Preparation)	Gwen will be sharing training opportunities through the usual channels.
Volunteer/Member Challenges	Contact Pat Malone (patricia.malone@wisc.edu)
Leaders Association Questions	Gwen will be the key contact. She will also be sharing statewide opportunities through the usual channels.
Leaders Association (Agenda, Notice, Zoom)	
Statewide 4-H Programs CWF, National 4-H Congress, Space Camp	
Event Approvals	Gwen will be doing the approvals.
Emergency Contact	Pat Malone (715-530-0014)
General 4-H Questions or Concerns	Gwen will serve as first point of contact.

The effective date of the above plan is November 4, 2022. Our team will be working hard to get an outstanding 4-H Program Educator hired to keep the Pepin County 4-H program moving forward.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Malone
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Please complete the 4-H Year-End Evaluation, to help improve future 4-H experiences.

The survey can be found at:
<https://forms.gle/aMaRJmedRtxRkLb26>

All responses are anonymous, so please be honest. Your input can help lead us into a better tomorrow!



Thank you for making last year's 4-H so successful.
We sincerely hope you will re-enroll for the next 4-H year!

Enroll As An Adult Volunteer

Adult Volunteers include activity leaders, project leaders and anyone else who may lead something even at the local club level, must be enrolled. It greatly helps in the Youth Protection process when we have the basic enrollment information already in our computer, plus, you are covered by secondary liability insurance. So please enroll. All adults who wish to work with youth in the 4-H program will be required to go through the screening and training. Check out this webpage for more information on how to [Become a 4-H Volunteer](#).



Enrollment for the New 4-H Year Begins September 1

4-H Online 2.0 is the online enrollment and registration system for Wisconsin 4-H. Go to <http://wi.4honline.com> to access the system using your family account information.
Please try to enroll early this fall.



For step by step instructions the 4-H family enrollment guide can be found at :
https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide_.pdf

Contact your 4-H Leader or Gwen Prom at (715) 672-5214 with questions.

Just a quick update regarding the 4-H Educator position, the job posting has just come to an end. UW-Extension will be reviewing applications and setting up interviews.

For our August Chippewa 4-H club activity we treated the group to a much needed end of summer and post fair bowling and pizza day! The kids enjoyed some friendly competition with each other. What a great way to end the summer!



PEPIN COUNTY 4-H

Arts Camp

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

4-H Arts Camp
November 18-19, 2023
Camp Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells, WI

Registration will open in September
via 4HOnline



National 4-H Week

October 1, 2023 - October 7, 2023

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 1-7, we will celebrate the impact of 4H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "I ♥ 4-H." As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in our community, here are some ideas of you can celebrate 4-H and show all the ways you love 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — You can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, send an article to the local newspaper, or set-up a display to share information about your local 4-H program.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.



LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Buffalo County Fair to see all the exhibits that the club members completed. Thanks to the individuals that came to the meat auction to bid on the animals. Everyone had a great time at the fair and our club members are already planning what they want to bring to the fair next year.

Two weeks ago was “Back to School Night” at the Durand-Arkansaw school district. I had a table set up at Caddie Woodlawn for any families that were interested in joining our club to come and ask me questions. I had about a dozen families tell me that they are thinking about signing their families up. It was great to see some interest with all the other activities going on. If this number of families would join that would more than double our club size now!

A week later we were asked to serve ice cream again at the Brunner’s Seed Customer Appreciation Supper. Our youngest members, Nick and Leah, came to serve ice cream. It was a beautiful evening and it was fun chatting with so many farmers from our area.

We had our final meeting of the 4-H year at Club 10 for a bowling and pizza party. We caught up on the events from the fair. We had a new family join us that had stopped and talked to me at the Back to School night. We will see how many more families come to our meeting next month when club enrollment starts again after September 1st.

Contact the Pepin County Extension Office at 715-672-5214 and talked to Gwen if you are interested in joining one of the existing clubs or forming your own club.



CLUB OFFICERS

This fall clubs will be electing new officers. Before your club holds its election, take time to explain the duties of each office. The club officer team can play a big role in setting the pace of the club for the coming year. This tip sheet was adapted from a Minnesota County 4-H Newsletter.

***Duties of President and Vice President** — *Presidents and Vice Presidents work together to determine the specific duties that each will have in the club. They should determine "who will do what" from the following—as well as add any items that may be specific to your club.*

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| -Preside at all meetings. | -Introduce and welcome guests. |
| -Prepare the meeting agenda with club leader and other youth leaders of the club. | -Appoint and work with committees. |
| -Make sure that the meeting place is ready. | -Arrange for elections of officers. |
| -Make sure that the program is ready and thank the participants. | -Serve as chairman of club committees. |
| | -Represent club at county or special occasions. |
| | -Lead officers and members in planning interesting programs. |

***Duties of the Secretary**— *Accurate club records help maintain orderly business from one meeting to the next. These books serve as historical documents. Club secretaries and 4-H leaders need to determine what records are important to maintain..*

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| -Keep accurate minutes of all club meetings. | -Assist in deciding club goals and the annual club program. |
| -Keep a complete list of all members and call the roll. | -Call meetings to order when both the president and vice president are absent. |
| -Read letters to the club at meetings. | -Complete all club records and reports. |
| -Write the club's letters. | |
| -Notify members when and where meetings will be by phone, postcard, or by person. | |

***Duties of Treasurer** — *Club funds should be handled in a business-like way. The president should appoint an auditing committee to review the books and make sure all is in proper order at the conclusion of the year.*

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| -Keep an accurate record of all money received by the club and all money spent. | -Pay bills only as voted upon by the club and with the approval of the leader. |
| -Make a report at each meeting including all money collected, all money spent and the balance in the treasury. | -Turn over funds and accurate records to the newly elected treasurer. |

***Club Reporter:** Report to the community what the club is doing by sending articles and pictures to local newspapers and other media.

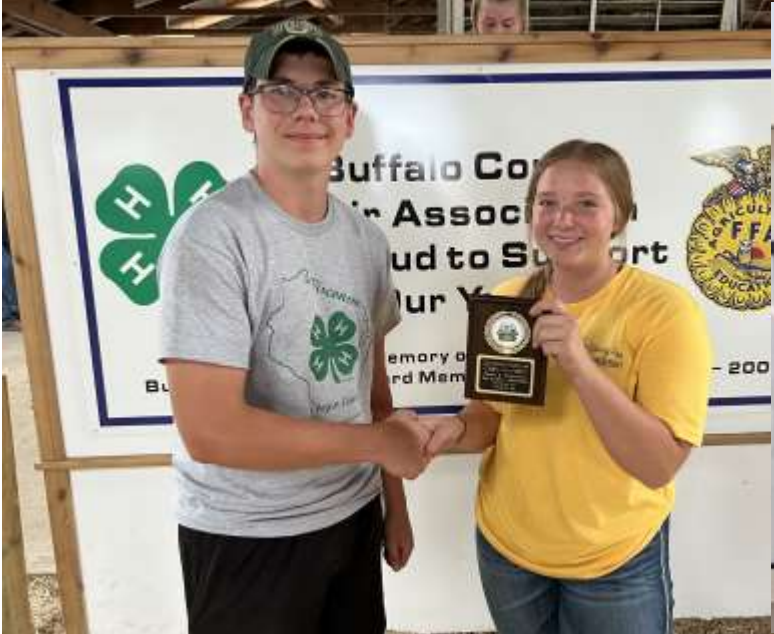
***Club Historian:** Keep record of group's accomplishments and activities for the year and organize a club scrapbook. Scrapbook should be durable and written with future generations in mind.

***Club Photographer:** Tell your club's story with pictures. Your pictures can appear in club scrapbook and local newspapers.

For more information see the [Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Resources webpage](#)

FAIR TIME!







 **4-H**
PROUD



Pepin County 4-H'ers BLUE Ribbons at this year's FAIR . So PROUD of our group!

(Sorry if I missed anyone.)

Brantner	Harper	Cloverbuds		
Brion	Leah	Cloverbuds		
Brion	Nicholas	Home Environment	Blue	
		Forestry	Blue	
		Shooting Sports	Blue	
Brunner	Corrina	Scrapbooking	Blue	Merit
		Arts and Crafts	Blue	Merit
		Macrame	Blue	
		Succulent	Blue	
		Suncatcher	Blue	
		Legos	Blue	Merit
		Potatoes	Blue	Merit
		Snap Beans	Blue	Merit
		Market Sheep	Blue	
Brunner	Jacey	Jewelry	Blue	
		Sketchbook	Blue	
		Acrylic Painting	Blue	Merit
		Snapdragon	Blue	
		Sheep Showmanship	Blue	Reserve Champion
Brunner	Mara	Breed Sheep	Blue	
		Breed Sheep	Blue	
Ingli	Amelia	Coneflower	Blue	
		Outdoor Decoration	Blue	
Ingli	Owen	Clay Sculpture	Blue	
		Taxidermy	Blue	Merit
Jereczek	Drew	Breed Beef	Blue	
		Breed Beef	Blue	
		Breed Beef	Blue	
		Showmanship Beef	Blue	Champion
		Shootign Sports	Blue	
Jereczek	Dylan	Breed Beef	Blue	
		Breed Beef	Blue	
		Breed Beef	Blue	

Macke	Adelynn	Photo -Nature	Blue	
		Photo -Sunrise or set	Blue	Merit
		Photo-Dog	Blue	Merit Best of Show
		Photo-Landscape	Blue	
Macke	Graham	Pencil Darwing	Blue	
		Pastel or Crayon	Blue	
Moline	Dominic	Cat	Blue	Grand Champion
		Cat Showmanship	Blue	Champion
		Salsa	Blue	
		White Yeast Bread	Blue	Merit Champion
Moline	Mya	Cat	Blue	
		Scrapbooking	Blue	
		Arts and Crafts	Blue	
		Salsa	Blue	Merit
		Monkey Bread	Blue	
		Donut Holes	Blue	
		Homemade Noodles	Blue	Merit Reserve Best of Show
Noel	Landon	Cat	Blue	
Poeschel	AJ	Cloverbuds		
Poeschel	Sami	Picture Frame	Blue	
		Cauliflower	Blue	
Schantner	Briar	Breeding Dairy	Blue	
		Photo-Cat	Blue	
Seifert	Anders	Dried Fruit	Blue	Merit
		Salsa	Blue	
		Granola	Blue	
		Fishing	Blue	
		Snap Beans	Blue	Merit
		Tomatoes, ripe	Blue	Merit
		Tomatoes, green	Blue	
Seifert	Elyse	Cloverbuds		

Seifert	Emmett	Salsa	Blue	Merit
		Tomatoes	Blue	
		Relish	Blue	
		Brownies	Blue	
		Honey Processing	Blue	Merit
		Sweet Corn	Blue	
		Field Corn	Blue	
		Tomatoes, ripe	Blue	Merit
Seifert	Nolan	Loungewear	Blue	
		Pencil Drawing	Blue	
		Acrylic Painting	Blue	
		Paint By Number	Blue	
		Jam	Blue	
		Brownies	Blue	Merit
		Banana Bread	Blue	
		Recipes	Blue	Merit
		Peas	Blue	
		Other Pepper	Blue	
Sterry	Archer	Photo- Transporation	Blue	
		Photo- Reflection	Blue	
Sterry	Alliah	Cards	Blue	
		Candle	Blue	
		Tie Dye Shirt	Blue	
		Tree Ornament	Blue	
		Photo- Landscape	Blue	
		Photo- Season	Blue	
		Photo-Children	Blue	
		Photo-Adult	Blue	
		Woodworking	Blue	Merit

Vetterkind	Jodi	Small Animals	Blue	Merit
		Scrapbooking	Blue	Merit Best of Show
		Dahlia	Blue	
		Marigold, multi color	Blue	
		Marigold, solid	Blue	
		Mixed Floral	Blue	Merit Best of Show
		Chocolate Chip	Blue	
		Quick Bread	Blue	
		Bird Project	Blue	
		Pressed Wildflowers	Blue	
		Photo- Flower	Blue	
		Bell Peppers	Blue	
		Tomatoes, sm,ripe	Blue	
		Tomatoes, sm, green	Blue	
		Tomatoes, ripe	Blue	
Wayne	Elizabeth	Breeding Beef	Blue	Reserve Champion
		Breeding Beef	Blue	
		Beef Showmanship	Blue	Reserve Champion
		Cartoon Drawing	Blue	
		Poems	Blue	
		Marigold, solid color	Blue	
		Bars	Blue	
		Photo- Sunrise or set	Blue	Merit
		Photo- Landscape	Blue	
Wayne	Isabella	Dried Collage	Blue	
		Herb Plant	Blue	
		Propagation Plant	Blue	
		Photo-Dog	Blue	
		Photo-Landscape	Blue	
Lima Lads and Lassies		Booth	Blue	Merit

At the last Pepin County 4-H Parent Leader Federation meeting it was decided that 2023 YQCA certificate fees for our 4-H members would be reimbursed.

Please complete the Google Form at : <https://forms.gle/bvHjqXAsenzyeX578> to request your reimbursement.

Checks will be mailed to your Family Address in 4HOnline. Please complete this form by September 11, 2023.



Explore fun, educational activities and learning experiences for kids and teens to do at home. Check out the resources found at the National 4-H Site at <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>

Check Out These Event Calendars

The calendars below show events available in surrounding areas and statewide. To filter by county or event type, use the check boxes on the left to narrow the results.

* To find 4-H specific events see this site <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/calendar/>

* To find workshops, classes and other events hosted by University of Wisconsin-Extension see this site: <https://extension.wisc.edu/events/>

Badger Talks is pleased to present a LIVE series of talks on topics that intend to inspire, delight, and pleasantly distract in a time we are all needing positive experiences. Tune in to hear experts on a variety of interesting and engaging topics. For more information see: <https://badgertalks.wisc.edu/badger-talks-live/>



Join the Biotechnology Center every Wednesday night for Wednesday Nite @ The Lab! Each week features a speaker teaching about different science topics. These talks are available statewide and will be held on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Come join us!

See <https://science.wisc.edu/wednesday-nite-at-the-lab/> for the schedule of topics and registration links.



Activity Page

