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Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

The new 4-H year is off and running! Have you ever thought about why you are in 4-H? I'm certain you all have many positive reasons why you're involved in this organization. 4-H is members, parents and leaders working together like another family. Many people have stated that they joined 4-H for fun, friends and learning. Here are some ideas that parents, members and leaders can do to keep your 4-H Family going strong:

PARENTS CAN:

- ◆ Provide support and transportation to meetings and activities.
- ◆ Give support and encouragement to others.
- ◆ Help children set standards of honesty and sportsmanship
- ◆ Encourage children to complete their 4-H Stories and look upon those as keepsakes.

MEMBERS CAN:

- ◆ Invite friends to attend or participate in club meetings.
- ◆ Ask for help with project work when needed.
- ◆ Share ideas and accomplishments with others.

LEADERS CAN:

- ◆ Define club expectations.
- ◆ Involve families in planning activities.
- ◆ Be aware of different family needs.
- ◆ Allow others to help with leadership and delegate.

We can all work together to continue to make our 4-H Family stronger!

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
Typically meets 2nd Sunday of month.
Contact Nicki Moline @
715-442-5371

Lima Lads & Lassies 4-H Club
Typically meets 3rd Sunday of month.
11:00 a.m., Durand City Hall
Contact Wendy Brantner @
715-495-4472

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

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Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting
December 2, @ 6:00 pm– Hide-A-While, Mondovi

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:
WENDY BRANTNER
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 |
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| 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
 Area Extension Director Area 9: Pepin, Buffalo, Trempealeau, and Jackson Counties
 Cell: 715-530-0014



Please complete the 4-H Year-End Evaluation, to 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.



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.

Re-Enroll for the New 4-H Year

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 ENROLL NOW.



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.

CATCHING UP WITH CHIPPEWA 4-H CLUB ...

In September we participated in the Laura Days Parade. The kids handed out cheese sticks, fruit snacks and fun trinkets as well as 4H materials to the crowd. They had a great time and look forward to next year!

In early October we meet at the Maiden Rock Apple Orchard. We went on a wagon ride throughout the orchard. We learned about the different types of apples grown there and what they are best used for. We were then able to pick our own variety bag of apples. It was a beautiful day!





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](#)

LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

With the start of the new 4-H comes the set up of the new activities. At our monthly meeting we elected new club officers. We got caught up on handing out birthday cards. We set our meeting dates for the coming year. We explained all of the events that we do to the new families. Wendy and her Mom will be handing out trinkets on Saturday Oct 28 for the Durand Trunk or Treat representing 4-H. November will be busy for us with putting up Christmas decorations in the community parks and the 4-H Awards Banquet on Nov 5. If anyone has any outdoor Christmas decorations that they are looking to get rid of we would gladly accept them. Please drop them off at the Extension office. If anyone from Chippewa Club wants to help decorate we will be meeting at the Durand City Hall at 9:00 am. Then we will have our annual Christmas cookie bake sale at the HOHOHO Expo at the Durand High School on November 25 from 9:00-2:00 or until we sell out.



A collage of promotional graphics. On the left, there is a vertical banner with an orange top section and a green bottom section. The orange section contains the text "4-H THRIVING MODEL SURVEY I" and "Open in NOVEMBER". The green section contains the text "HELPING YOUTH THRIVE" and "Parents of youth ages 13-19, watch your email for directions and survey". In the center, there is a teal square with a white icon of a sun with rays above two hands. To the right of this is a vertical strip of autumn leaves. On the far right, there is a graphic with a background of autumn trees and pumpkins. It features the word "November" in a cursive font, followed by a poem: "Orange pumpkins full and round... Cornstalks gathered on the ground... Blue skies clear and autumn-bright... Harvest moons and frost at night... Leaves raked high in great big piles... November sights bring thankful smiles." At the bottom of this graphic are several pumpkins.

Join us for our

4-H Achievement Program

pizza and bowling at Club TEN
on Sunday, November 5
Noon - 2:00 pm

Register for this event at:
<https://forms.gle/G7YwGedXhiXYY17HA>






Durand Dazzle Day 2023
Saturday, November 25, 2023

HoHoHo Craft Show: 9a-2pm

Dazzle Day Kidpalooza: 2pm-5pm

Dazzle Day Parade: Starts at 6pm



Ringin bell opportunities at the Durand Fresh Market begin Saturday, November 18, 2023 and run through Saturday, December 23, 2023. If you are interested in helping raise funds while spreading some Holiday cheer and goodwill. Click on the link below:

<https://www.registertoring.com/zip.aspx>

A BIRD SITTING ON A TREE IS NEVER AFRAID OF THE BRANCH BREAKING, BECAUSE HER TRUST IS NOT ON THE BRANCH BUT ON IT'S OWN WINGS.

ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

-ANONYMOUS

2023-2024 Wisconsin 4-H State & National Educational Experiences

| What? | When? | Where? | Who? | How much? | How to register: | Adult volunteers: |
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| Arts Camp go.wisc.edu/ArtCamp | November 18-19, 2023 | Upham Woods, Baraboo, WI | Grades 6-8 | \$110.00 | Registration via 4Honline, opens early October. Capacity is limited. | 1 adult / 10 youth + track leads & advisory support |
| National 4-H Congress go.wisc.edu/4HCongress | November 24-28, 2023 | Atlanta, GA | Grades 10-12; maximum age 18 on January 1 of program year. | \$1500.00 (approximate) | The application process will open in July. Full payment due to the State 4-H office in November. | 1 adult / 10 youth + 2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term |
| ArtBEAT! go.wisc.edu/ArtBeat | March 16-17, 2024 | Upham Woods, Baraboo, WI | Grades 3-5 | \$110.00 | Registration via 4Honline, opens early December. Capacity is limited. | 1 adult / 10 youth + track leads & advisory support |
| Space Camp go.wisc.edu/SpaceCamp | April 18-22, 2024 | Huntsville, AL | Grades 6-8 | \$1000.00 (approximate) | Registration via 4Honline, opens early November. Capacity is limited. Full payment due to the State 4-H office in March. | 1 adult / 10 youth + 2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term |
| National 4-H Conference go.wisc.edu/NationalConf | April 19-24, 2024 | Washington, DC | Grades 10-12 | \$2000.00 (approximate) | Registration via 4Honline, opens early December. Capacity is limited. Full payment due to the State 4-H office in March. | 2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term |
| Summer Academy go.wisc.edu/4Hsummeracademy | June 24-27, 2024 | Madison, WI | Grades TBD | \$450.00 + bussing (if needed) | Registration via 4Honline, opens in March. Capacity is limited. | 1 adult / 10 youth + track leads & advisory support |



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| Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) go.wisc.edu/CWF | June, 2024 (exact dates tbd; typically a Sat. to Sat) | Washington, DC | Grades 10-12 (at time of registration) | \$2000.00 (approximate) | Registration via 4Honline, opens in January. Capacity is limited. | 1 adult / 10 youth + 2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term |
| American Spirit East go.wisc.edu/AmericanSpirit | June 14-23 June 21-30 July 5-14 2024 | East Coast | Grades 8-10 (at time of registration) | \$2000.00 (approximate) | Registration via 4Honline, opens early November. Full payment due to the State 4-H office in January. | 1 adult / 10 youth + National Program Group Leader |

*Dates are subject to change. All experiences may have participation limitations and/or may require an application process to be considered.



Find the 2023-24 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet [here!](#)

To apply for an adult volunteer position:

UW-Madison Extension staff who are interested in supporting in an advisor role should contact amber.shanahan@wisc.edu



American Spirit East Trip for Youth in Grades 8-10

Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada. Youth-led content throughout the experience. Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred. Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation. The estimated cost of the experience is \$1,900. The Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation may assist in the funding of these trips. The amount of assistance is dependent on number of applications and the treasury funds available. For more information contact the Extension office at 715-672-5214.

Registration for 2024 4-H American Spirit will open in 4-H Online on October 1st.

For more information regarding the trip :

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/american-spirit-east/>



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Applications open in early November for

2024 National 4-H Conference! This

Conference takes place from

April 19-24, 2024 in Washington, D.C.

Learn more about this experience

for 10th–12th graders and how to apply

HERE.

State applications due by December 1!



**WISCONSIN
4-H FOUNDATION**



Cedar Crest Ice Cream, headquartered in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. All Wisconsin 4-H clubs are eligible to submit their idea for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name. Entries are accepted through November 15, 2023.

Five finalists are selected by a panel of Cedar Crest Ice Cream flavor experts from all entries received. One flavor is awarded top honors and a \$500 gift. The winning flavor makes its debut in parlors in the summer of 2024. All five finalists receive an ice cream party for their 4-H club.

More information and the entry form are available at www.cedarcresticecream.com/4H-Flavor-Contest.

Entries are due by November 15, 2023.



ANNUAL MEETING

Buffalo County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc.

The Annual meeting of the Buffalo County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc.

(In Affiliation with Pepin County)

will be held at the Buffalo County Courthouse in Alma, WI.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting will be to hear the 2023 Annual Report, elect a President for a two (2) year term, elect a Vice President for a two (2) year term, elect four (4) Directors for a term of three (3) years each, and to elect one (1) Director to complete an open term. Also, to discuss the fair committee's responsibilities and realignment if needed, and to conduct any other business that may be properly brought to the annual meeting of the Association.

BUFFALO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR BOARD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Wendy Olson, President – Penny Pronschinske, Vice President

Lisa Kees, Secretary – Coy Myren, Treasurer

Youth who join 4-H are often excited about the many, many projects they can choose to explore. There are so many Sparks (or things they want to learn about)! Yet, if their Spark doesn't have a local project leader to support their learning, that excitement can turn to questions. They may not know how to get started on their own. Clover to the rescue!! Clover is an online smorgasbord of sparks, interactive activities, and fun. It was created by the National 4-H Council in collaboration with more than 100 universities throughout the United States. And it's FREE and ready for youth, parents, and educators to dive into. **Go to 4-h.org/clover**



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

