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Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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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 !



Pepin County 4-H Youth Development Program
 740 7th Ave W, PO Box 39
 Durand, WI 54736
 715-672-5214 (PHONE)
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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
 Area Extension Director Area 9: Pepin, Buffalo, Trempealeau, and Jackson Counties
 Cell: 715-530-0014

This month the Chippewa Club met on Sunday, November 12th and held our annual election of officers. Our new club officers are as follows:

President - Amelia Ingli

Vice President - Alliah Sterry

Secretary - Nolan Seifert

Co-Treasurers - Anders Seifert & Dominic Moline

Photographer - Addy Macke

After our meeting the kids assembled 30 personal hygiene kits that were delivered to St. Vincent de Paul in Durand to be distributed to those in need.





In November we had our meeting a little sooner in the month as usual. Our club has taken on the task of setting up Christmas Lights and decorations in Memorial, Tarrent and Riverview Park in preparation for Durand Dazzle Day this coming Saturday. When you are putting up your decorations at home this year if you have any outdoor decorations that you are not going to use anymore and are in good shape please consider donating them to our 4-H club to use in our park decorations. You can drop them off at the Pepin County Extension Office or contact the office to arrange for a pick up.

Our club will be having our annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale at the HOHOHO Expo at the Durand High School this coming Saturday from 9:00-2:00. Come in early as we tend to sell out.

One other place you will find our club members this month or in December is at Durand Fresh Market ringing bells for the Salvation Army. This is such an easy way to give back to the community and it's a lot of fun!! Please consider donating an hour of your time to ring the bells. Leah and Nick Brion helping to lay out extension cords for the lights.

See our website for more information and how to register before January 12, 2024.

<https://pepin.extension.wisc.edu/2023/11/21/4-h-festival-of-arts-set-for-february-11-2024/>

4-H FESTIVAL OF ARTS



FEBRUARY
11, 2024
1PM-3PM

ALMA AREA HIGHSCHOOL ALMA,
WISCONSIN

AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SHOWCASE YOUR ARTS
AND COMMUNICATION
SKILLS!



4-H Project Pop-Up!

Felted Hearts

February 11th, 2023
Alma Area School
1 PM - 3 PM

Free for everyone!

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

"POP" into the 4-H Project pop-up at the 4-H Festival of Arts and learn the craft of needle felting. Create a felted heart to take home, just in time for Valentines Day! *all supplies are provided*

ACHIEVEMENT







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

What?	When?	Where?	Who?	How much?	How to register:	Adult volunteers:
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




 UW-MADISON EXTENSION

4-H SPACE CAMP

APR 18-22, 2024
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER
 EXPERIENCE:
 LIFE AS AN ASTRONAUT,
 WORKING AT NASA,
 EXPLORE PLACES BEYOND EARTH!
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 6-8

Registration
 opens **Nov 15th**
 in **4HONLINE**

Registration for 2024 4-H Space Camp is open in 4HOnline! Registration is open to youth in grades 6-8 who are newcomers to Space Camp. This educational experience is a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn about aerospace, STEM, explore Space Camp, meet new people, and more! Registration will open at 9am on November 15th. You can read more on our website: go.wisc.edu/spacecamp

Wildlife & Woods

Register via 4-H
 Online
wi.4honline.com

CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

- JAN. 22, 2024**
- FEB. 26, 2024**
- MAR. 25, 2024**
- APRIL 22, 2024**
- MAY 27, 2024**




 To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc



 Save the Date!
4-H Camp Kinnissippiwa 2024
 Exploring and Fun - Games - Learning
June 5-7 2023





Happy Birthday!

<p>LONDON NOEL December 1 Chippewa Club</p>	<p>MILAN PESIC December 9 Chippewa Club</p>	<p>MYA MOLINE December 11 Chippewa Club</p>	<p>ARCHER STERRY December 22 Chippewa Club</p>	<p>OWEN INGLI December 23 Chippewa Club</p>
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Help raise funds while spreading some Holiday cheer and goodwill. Click on the link below:

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

Enroll As A 4-H Adult Volunteer

Check out this webpage for more information on how to Become a 4-H Volunteer.




2024 BEEF WEIGH-IN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
INDEPENDENCE NFO




The Buffalo County Fair Board in Affiliation with Pepin County

is looking for **two new board members!** If you love the fair and want to join in on making this an even better experience, send an email to lisakees@yahoo.com.

WPA Offers Youth Pig Project Scholarships



LANCASTER, WI- The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) is once again offering Youth Pig Project scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.



4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$100 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2024 pig project. Scholarships will be awarded in three age divisions: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1st, 2024). Through support from swine breeders and allied industry members around the state, the goal is to raise enough funds to support a minimum of 50 youth scholarships.



Once selected, youth are also asked to participate in an educational webinar to receive their scholarship funds. The Wisconsin Pork Association is committed to youth development and feels that offering resources like this will help further educate youth about swine production, emphasize the WeCare[®] commitment of pork producers, and offer other opportunities within the industry.



Interested youth may download the scholarship application form from the WPA website at www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project/ or call the WPA office at 608-723-7551 to have a copy mailed. Completed application forms must be emailed or postmarked no later than **February 1st, 2024**.



2024 WPA Internship Applications Being Accepted



LANCASTER, WI- The Wisconsin Pork Association is looking for college students who have a vested interest in the swine industry and want to expand their knowledge and understanding of it. We encourage students to visit <https://wppa.org/youth/internship-program/> to learn more.



The purpose of this 10-week summer internship program is to provide an opportunity for a young person to serve as the official youth representative of the Wisconsin Pork Association. The program will be administered by the WPA Youth Committee under the supervision of the WPA Executive Vice President and Program Director. The WPA Intern will work in the following areas:



Producer Outreach – Intern will have the opportunity to visit various commercial and niche swine operations in Wisconsin and interact with producers. Additionally, the intern will assist with producer program outreach and education activities.



Wisconsin State Fair - The Intern will coordinate the Hall of Fame program at the Wisconsin State Fair, create an educational exhibit in the swine barn, participate in the Camp of Champions and will assist in coordinating the Pork Schoppe. The Wisconsin State Fair is August 1st-11th, 2024, and intern will be asked to be on site from July 30th- August 12th, 2024.



Promotion/Consumer Information – The Intern will assist in the coordination of the Pork Schoppe including attendance at committee meetings, actively soliciting volunteers, assisting in managing the event and other state fair-related projects as assigned. Additional projects as requested in foodservice, retail, healthcare, youth education, food safety, etc. These may include presentations, promotions, sampling events, attending trade shows and/or cooking demonstrations.



Communication - The Intern will communicate with producers and consumers via personal contacts and group meetings. Intern will also write articles about their programs and projects for WPA publications, such as Pork Express, Headlines, and social media outlets. Good communication skills are desired and will be strengthened during the internship. Must be familiar with social media platforms.



Applications are due no later than **February 1st, 2024**. For more information and to apply, visit the WPA website at <https://wppa.org/youth/internship-program/>.



Cooking with Meat Project Box



What's Included:

- meat probe
- cutting board
- bamboo skewers
- internal temp magnet
- cooking with meat book

Information you should know:

- Grades 3 & Up can participate
- All youth in all counties are eligible to participate
- Kits will be sent to county offices for distribution first week of January — please keep this in mind before ordering a box



Register open until
December 15th:



Register at :

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_6EhBdFnA5Os81Ey



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An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

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

