



# Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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**New is the year,  
new are the hopes,  
new is the resolution,  
new are the spirits,  
and new are my  
warm wishes  
just for you.  
Here's to a promising  
and exciting  
New Year filled with  
4-H opportunities!**

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](mailto: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



### Enroll As An Adult Volunteer

Adult Volunteers including activity leaders, project leaders, and anyone else who may lead something even at the club level must be enrolled. For the safety and insurance coverage, please enroll.

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

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4-H Fast Finder for the Month:  
DALE BAUER  
Congratulations for being our  
4-H Fast Finder this month!  
We hope you enjoy the  
Pepin Pacer !

## Pepin County 4-H Parent Leader Federation Annual Public Meeting

The Pepin County 4-H Parent Leader Federation is pleased to announce that its 2023 Annual Public Meeting will be held February 15, 2024, beginning at 5:15 pm. Members of the public are invited to attend in-person or online via Zoom. If planning to attend in-person, please reserve a seat by contacting the Extension Office at (715) 672-5214 , space is limited.

### Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting February 15, 2024 Following Annual Public Meeting Government Center, Board Rm #108, Durand

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 Extension Office 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.

**Alliah Sterry**  
January 7  
Chippewa

**Nolan Seifert**  
January 11  
Chippewa

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Elizabeth Wayne**  
January 16  
Lima Lads and Lassies

**Dylan Jereczek**  
January 23  
Lima Lads and Lassies

ANNOUNCEMENT

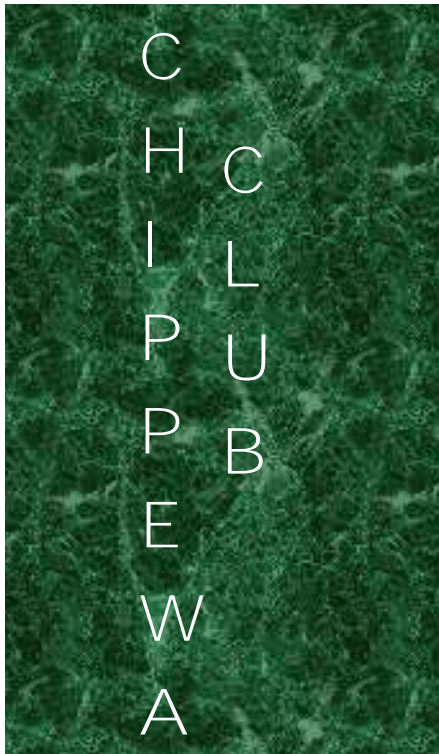
### Interim 4-H Program Educator

Gwen Prom has accepted an interim position with UW-Madison Extension to help bridge the gap until a Pepin County 4-H Program Educator is found. Please contact her with questions/problems regarding the 4-H Program.

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# PEPIN COUNTY 4-H





**On December 2nd, members of the Chippewa Club created their own bell ringing station for the Salvation Army in the village of Stockholm. They enjoyed greeting the passers by and singing Christmas carols as they rang their bells. The weather was mild this year which was a nice change from last year's bitter cold. We were even visited by Swedish Elves throughout the day.**



### LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H Club

With no snow on the ground it's doesn't really seem like Christmas is next week but it is. With Christmas time upon us it brings about some Christmas traditions. One tradition is ringing bells for Salvation Army. Our club has participated in this tradition many years. We encourage each family in our club to sign up for a time slot that works in their schedule to ring the bells at Durand Fresh Market. An hour really goes by quite quickly when you visit with people coming and going in hopes to help raise money for families in need in our community. There is still plenty of time left to sign up to ring the bells.

Another tradition that our club has is to buy gifts for a Christmas Wish program. The Durand Police Department had a wish tree and our club bought gifts for 7 kids in our community. We also purchased gift cards for the Aging Resource and Disability Center in Durand to help community members that they serve. We are able to purchase these gifts by using funds that we raised by having our annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale that was held at the HOHOHO Expo at the Durand High School the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We completely sold out of our cookie trays in 2 1/2 hours and we had a lot of trays to sell. Thanks to this great community that supports our sale!!

Lastly we had our traditional Christmas party on Sunday. We played a gift exchange game, played Christmas Pictionary and had a potluck lunch. It was a very fun afternoon!

Wendy Brantner







**TO ENCOURAGE THE PERFORMING ARTS, THE PEPIN COUNTY 4-H PARENT LEADER FEDERATION WILL REIMBURSE (REGISTERED/APPROVED) 4-H MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS UP TO \$10 ON LIVE PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS SUCH AS EVENTS HELD AT THE EAU CLAIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE, PABLO CENTER, WIDESPOT, SHELDON THEATER, BIG RIVER THEATRE, MENOMONIE THEATRE GUILD OR OTHER LIVE PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS.**

**BONUS**

4-H FESTIVAL ARTS PARTICIPANTS QUALIFY TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT UP TO \$15 ON THEIR TICKETS. DEADLINE FOR FESTIVAL OF ARTS SIGN UP IS JANUARY 12TH .

EVENTS MUST BE ATTENDED AND RECEIPTS SUBMITTED TO [GWEN.PROM@WISC.EDU](mailto:GWEN.PROM@WISC.EDU) BEFORE JUNE 1, 2024. ONLY 1 REIMBURSEMENT PER PERSON.

# 4-H FESTIVAL OF ARTS



ALMA AREA HIGHSCHOOL ALMA, WISCONSIN

FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
1PM-3PM

To register for the 4-H Festival of Arts complete this [Google Form](#) by January 12, 2024.



See our website for more information Festival of Arts before January 12, 2024.

<https://pepin.extension.wisc.edu/2023/11/2/1/4-h-festival-of-arts-set-for-february-11-2024/>



*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\*

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

| What?  | When?                | Where?                   | Who?   | How much?                      | How to register:   | Adult volunteers:   |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Arts Camp</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/ArtCamp">go.wisc.edu/ArtCamp</a>                         | 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                       |
| <b>National 4-H Congress</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/4HCongress">go.wisc.edu/4HCongress</a>       | 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 |
| <b>ArtBEAT!</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/ArtBeat">go.wisc.edu/ArtBeat</a>                          | 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                       |
| <b>Space Camp</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/SpaceCamp">go.wisc.edu/SpaceCamp</a>                    | 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 |
| <b>National 4-H Conference</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/NationalConf">go.wisc.edu/NationalConf</a> | 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                      |
| <b>Summer Academy</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/4Hsummeracademy">go.wisc.edu/4Hsummeracademy</a>    | 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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| <b>Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/CWF">go.wisc.edu/CWF</a>         | June, 2024<br>(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 |
| <b>American Spirit East</b><br><a href="http://go.wisc.edu/AmericanSpirit">go.wisc.edu/AmericanSpirit</a> | June 14-23<br>June 21-30<br>July 5-14<br>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](mailto:amber.shanahan@wisc.edu)





# 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS



## Youth Air Rifle Training Open to Public!

### Air Rifle Kick Off:

January 9, 2024, 6-7:30 PM  
Pepin Sportsman Club  
N 10076 Sand Ridge Road  
Pepin, WI 54759

Inviting ALL Buffalo & Pepin County youth, 3rd grade and older, to a 4-H Air Rifle Training Event. This is sponsored by the Buffalo/Pepin 4-H Shooting Sports and the Pepin Sportsman Club. You do NOT need to be a 4-H member, so spread the word to your friends. No experience is necessary. Equipment is provided. The cost is \$10 for the entire workshop but FREE for already approved Pepin County 4-H members thanks to the Parent Leader Federation. Space is limited- filled on the first come, first serve basis. Register for this event through 4HOnline at <http://wi.4honline.com>.



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Shoot sessions are to be held on  
Tuesdays, January 9 through March 26  
6:00 - 7:30 pm



Questions? Contact Extension Pepin County at 715-672-5214.

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## Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals. Click on header to learn more about how to apply for a scholarship!



**WISCONSIN**  
**4-H FOUNDATION**

Wisconsin Rural Opportunities  
**Foundation (WROF) Inc.'s**  
Scholarship and Program  
Support Opportunities

Visit this link, [www.wrof.org](http://www.wrof.org) to learn of many opportunities available to high school students and beyond.



*Wildlife & Woods*

Register via 4-H  
Online  
[wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)

**CAREERS & COMPETITION  
VIRTUAL SERIES**

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



*Wildlife & Woods*

Register via 4-H  
Online  
[wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)

**EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL  
SERIES**

- FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5
- JAN. 24, 2024
- FEB. 28, 2024
- MAR. 27, 2024
- APRIL 24, 2024
- MAY 22, 2024







**4-H CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- Location:** YMCA Camp Pepin, Stockholm, WI
- Date:** June 5-7, 2024
- Who:** 3RD - 8TH Grade 4-H Youth

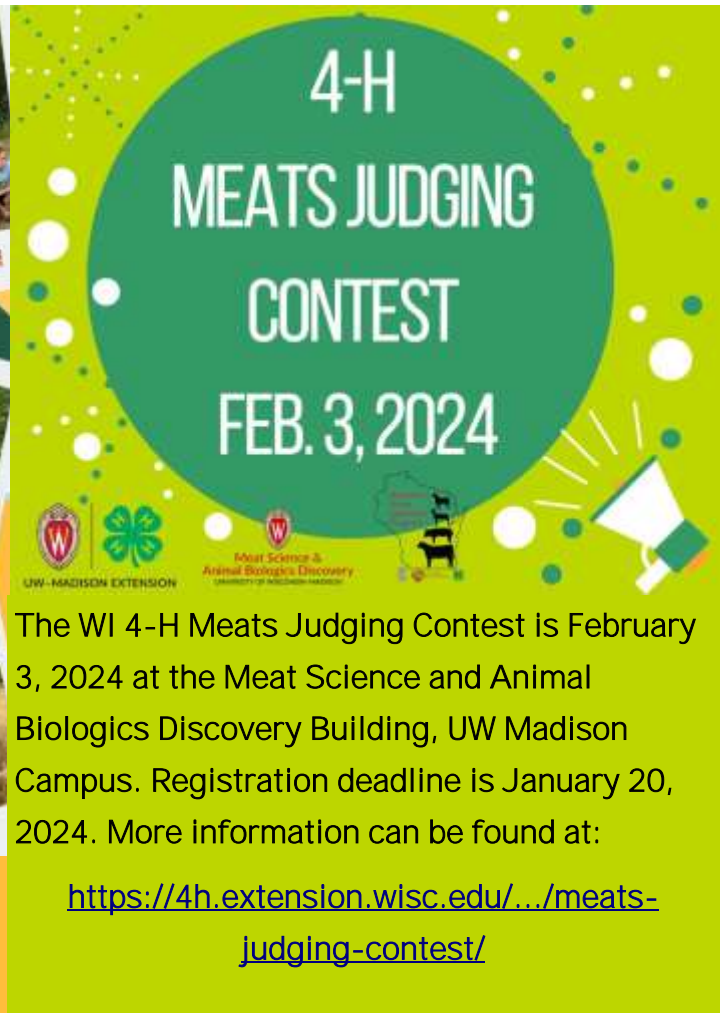
**JOIN US!**

**VISIT OUR WEBPAGE TO LEARN MORE!**

**BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS!**

**EXPLORING & FUN!**

**We are also seeking 4-H Camp Counselors and Adult Chaperones for this event. Let us know if you are interested!!**



**4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST**

**FEB. 3, 2024**

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery

The WI 4-H Meats Judging Contest is February 3, 2024 at the Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus. Registration deadline is January 20, 2024. More information can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../meats-judging-contest/>



**2024 BEEF WEIGH-IN**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**INDEPENDENCE INFO**

**BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR**



**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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<sup>®</sup> 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/](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and intern will be asked to be on site from July 30<sup>th</sup>- August 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. For more information and to apply, visit the WPA website at <https://wppa.org/youth/internship-program/>.







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](https://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

