



Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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February is a month with special emphasis on sharing our love, joy, caring actions with others. Here are some of those Special Day Observances in February :



- February 4 Thank a Mail Carrier Day
- February 7 Send a Card to a Friend Day
- February 11 National Make a Friend Day
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 16 Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- February 17 National Random Acts of Kindness Day or Week
- February 20 National Love your Pet Day
- Whole Month National Bird Feeding Month



Thinking of doing nice things for others brought to mind the importance of friends in our lives, so I thought I would share this poem with you.

THE MAKING OF FRIENDS

*If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along,
If each every minute looked after himself and good things all went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about me,
And we stood all alone to the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be!
Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share;
We want to live on not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care;
It's giving and doing for somebody else- on that all life's splendor depends,
And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up, is found in the making of friends.*



"Collected Verse of Edgar A Guest"

I hope this poem reminds us all of how precious friends are and encourages us to spread a little love towards others. Have you **thanked your friends lately... for being your friend?**



Thank **YOU** all for your friendship, support, and cheer!

- Gwen Prom -

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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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.



4-H Fast Finder for the Month:

LEAH BRION

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

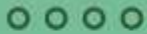
We hope you enjoy the
Pepin Pacer !

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

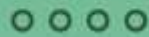
ALL Pepin County 4-H Parents, Leaders, and Youth Leaders you are welcome to attend the Parent/ Leaders Federation Meetings. Take part in determining how the money raised is spent and what activities Pepin County 4-Hers will participate in. Your voice will be heard.



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.



715-672-5214 / 715-279-0247

gwen.prom@wisc.edu

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

FEBRUARY 27 - BENNETT SCHROEDER-
LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!

WINTER



SPRING



The Lima Lads and Lassies held their first meeting of the new year on Sunday the 21st. Hannah, Cory, Nick and Leah took all of the Christmas decorations down from the parks just before the new year before we got snow so we didn't have to do that at this meeting. Thanks to that family for doing that all on their own. We only had a few items on our agenda to discuss. The Buffalo/Pepin County Fair dates were announced to be Aug. 1-4. **The theme is "The Tradition Lives On - 150 Years Strong". In the following months we will start planning our fair booth display. A virtual cultural baking class is being offered on the Thursdays in February to all 4-Hers in several counties. Alivia signed up to participate and is looking forward to making some new recipes. A "Love Sparks" photo contest is running through Valentines Day for all 4-Hers.** We are to submit a photo of doing something with someone we love that sparks love in our heart to the Buffalo County 4-H agent. I hope she shares all the good vibes with all of us. The new year also brought a new family to join our club. We welcomed Ashley Schroeder and her son Bennett. He seems very excited to have joined our club. Our project for this meeting was to bring something to donate to the Hurlburt family that lost everything in a house fire just recently. We collected clothes, money, gift cards, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, chapstick and food. We wish the family well and healing from this tragedy. Our next meeting will be Feb. 18 at 10:00 at the Durand City Hall.

Submitted by Wendy Brantner





**EXPERIENCE
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.**

**EVENTS HELD AT PLACES SUCH AS THE EAU CLAIRE
CHILDREN'S THEATRE, PABLO CENTER, WIDESPOT,
SHELDON THEATER, BIG RIVER THEATRE, MENOMONIE
THEATRE GUILD OR OTHER LIVE PERFORMING ARTS
EVENTS.**

EVENTS MUST BE ATTENDED AND RECEIPTS SUBMITTED TO
GWEN.PROM@WISC.EDU
BEFORE JUNE 1, 2024. ONLY
1 REIMBURSEMENT PER PERSON.



RESPOND TO THE
**4-H VOLUNTEER
IMPACT STUDY**

WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Wisconsin is participating in the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study! A random sample of 1000 volunteers from each of 12 states will be surveyed to learn more about volunteer impact in our state.

YOU MAY BE PICKED!!!
If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences!!!



Volunteers in 4-H make a difference! Our state is participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected, you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate. If you are please respond. Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational, and public impacts of 4-H volunteers in our twelve-state region. Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!

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

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

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



COME TO AS MANY SESSIONS THAT YOU WANT, STRICT ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED. THIS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SO ASK YOUR FRIENDS! PEPIN COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS ARE FREE THANKS TO THE PARENT LEADER FEDERATION. REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT THROUGH YOUR 4HONLINE ACCOUNT.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS



Youth Air Rifle Training Open to Public!

**Pepin Sportsman Club
N 10076 Sand Ridge Road
Pepin, WI 54759
Tuesdays, 6-7:30 until March 26**

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. Openings are still available. Attendance not required for every class, come to as many sessions as you can. Register for this event through 4HOnline at <http://wi.4honline.com>.



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.

**4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
SPONSORED BY
PEPIN COUNTY 4-H PARENT LEADER FEDERATION**



**Pepin
Extension**
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



To qualify for a scholarship, you must be a 12th or 13th grade student who is a **current Pepin County 4-H member that resides in or near Pepin County**. 1 or more **\$500.00** scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the Pepin County 4-H Parent Leader Federation Board. You must be planning to attend a technical college, university, or other applicable short course in any area of study. Payment of the award takes place following the first semester of the first year of higher education or upon completion of short course. It must be used within one year and will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient after first semester grade transcripts are received by the Extension Pepin County Office. A maximum of one scholarship per individual can be received (one scholarship either during 12th grade or 13th grade, not both).

Return by April 1, 2024 to:

Extension Pepin County 4-H
Government Center, Room 110
P.O. Box 39, Durand, WI 54736

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAMES: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

NAME AND LOCATION OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION YOU WILL ATTEND:

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

(Attach additional sheets as needed.)

1. 4-H INVOLMENT (Leadership, positions held, activities, honors, or awards, etc.)
2. BRIEFLY MENTION OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (Forensics, FFA, Athletics, FCCLA, Teen Court, Boy/Girl Scouts, Volunteer Work, Church, etc.)
3. ESSAY: In 200 words or less describe how 4-H has impacted or influenced your life and career goals.
4. AT LEAST ONE CHARACTER REFERENCE ABOUT THE APPLICANT. (Cannot be relatives)

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 for more about how to apply for a scholarship!



WISCONSIN TOWNS
ASSOCIATION
Empowering Town Officials

Your thoughts – combined with your writing skills and creativity – can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction Inc. are offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

Two (2) **\$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the students with the highest-ranking essay score from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2024.

Five (5) **\$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students with the highest ranking essay scores.

2024 Scholarship Topic:

"What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?"

View complete details [here](#).

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

Visit this link, www.wrof.org to learn of many opportunities available to high school students and beyond.



Did you know tomatoes originated in the Andes Mountains deep in South America? This **fascinating fruit (or vegetable, we'll let you decide) has a unique story to share. It's traveled** around the world and has become an important food in many cultures. Open to 3-6th graders, our tomato project box will dive into tomatoes, specifically focusing on planting, cooking, and storytelling. Register here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_cNoCSdwZd1PuPMa





'KETCHING' UP WITH TOMATOES


Project Box Kit




THE TOMATO STORY

-  Jump into tomato history and folklore
-  Tell your best tomato jokes while learning how to plant seeds on Zoom

COOKING WITH TOMATOES

-  Try several different international recipes and learn how different countries cook with tomatoes--several will be taught on the Zoom

WORKING WITH TOMATOES

-  Explore an exciting career path with Plant Disease Diagnostician, Dr. Brian Hudelson, who loves hunting down the nasties that make plants sick. He enjoys it so much, he even writes plant disease limericks and designs building block kits of actual plant diseases! We will build one together using LEGO® pieces!



About

3-6th graders in any county will have an opportunity to learn both independently with the box's interactive lessons and together as a community, online and on Zooms. Zooms will be announced at a later date, but will be Thursdays at 6:00 PM.

Register Here:



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.



The poster features a bright yellow and orange background with a large sun graphic. In the top left corner is the 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa logo, which includes a green circle with a tent, a crescent moon, and the text '4-H CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA'. The main title '4-H CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA' is written in large, bold, white and red letters. Below the title, 'SAVE THE DATE!' is written in large, bold, red letters. To the right of the text are three Polaroid-style photographs: the top one shows a large group of campers in light blue shirts posing outdoors with the caption 'BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS!'; the middle one shows campers participating in a ropes course with the caption 'EXPLORING & FUN!'; and the bottom one shows campers on a wooden bridge with the caption 'EXPLORING & FUN!'. On the left side, there are three icons: a location pin, a calendar, and a person icon, each followed by text describing the location, date, and target audience. A blue button with a white arrow pointing left contains the text 'JOIN US!'. At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom center is the text 'VISIT OUR WEBPAGE TO LEARN MORE!'. The background also features stylized white clouds and a blue and green circular graphic.

4-H CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA

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!

BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS!

EXPLORING & FUN!

EXPLORING & FUN!

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE TO LEARN MORE!



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Seeking Camp Counselors!

4-H Camp Kinnissippewa is looking for energetic, lively, fun, hard-working 4-H youth in grades 9-12 to be camp counselors on June 5-7, 2024.

- SHARE YOUR TALENTS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN NEW SKILLS

Camp Date: June 5-7, 2024
Applications are due no later than March 1, 2024

Apply Now!
Camp Counselors Training Day - May or April

Scan the QR Code to Apply!



We are seeking energetic, lively, fun, hard-working 4-H youth in grades 9-12 to be camp counselors. Please fill out the Google Form below to apply!

Link to Camp Counselor Application:

<https://forms.gle/unU9UjSjnYQ44FrX8>

We are also seeking 4-H Adult Chaperones to join us at Camp Kinnissippewa! Interested adults should contact Annie Lisowski at annie.lisowski@wisc.edu to learn more, discuss qualifications, and ensure a training plan.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Seeking 4-H Adult Chaperones!

4-H Camp Kinnissippewa is looking for energetic, lively, fun, hard-working Adults to chaperone 4-H youth at Camp this summer on June 5-7, 2024.

- SHARE YOUR TALENTS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN NEW SKILLS

Camp Date: June 5-7, 2024
Interested adults should contact Annie Lisowski at annie.lisowski@wisc.edu to learn more, discuss qualifications, and ensure a training plan.

Apply Now!
Camp Counselors Training Day - May or April



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

STEAM DISCOVERY DAYS MONDOVI

JOIN US AND COME CREATE HANDS-ON STEAM PROJECTS WITH FRIENDS ENTERING K-6 GRADES!

DATE: JULY 10 AND 17, 2024
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
LOCATION: MIRROR LAKE PARK
 BRING A COLD PEANUT FREE LUNCH!

Admission **\$20**

- ✓ Early drop off and late pickup
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Math
- ✓ and so much more!

STEAM Discovery Days - Mondovi Mirror Lake Park
 656 N Eau Claire St, Mondovi, WI 54755

More Information Contact annie.isowski@wisc.edu (808) 685 6253

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

STEAM DISCOVERY DAYS C-FC

JOIN US AND COME CREATE HANDS-ON STEAM PROJECTS WITH FRIENDS ENTERING K-6 GRADES!

DATE: JULY 8 AND 15, 2024
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
LOCATION: C-FC SCHOOL
 BRING A COLD PEANUT FREE LUNCH!

Admission **\$20**

- ✓ Early drop off and late pickup
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Math
- ✓ and so much more!

STEAM Discovery Days - C-FC
 S2770 State Hwy 35, Fountain City, WI 54629

More Information Contact annie.isowski@wisc.edu (808) 685 6253

Wildlife & Woods

CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

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

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

Wildlife & Woods

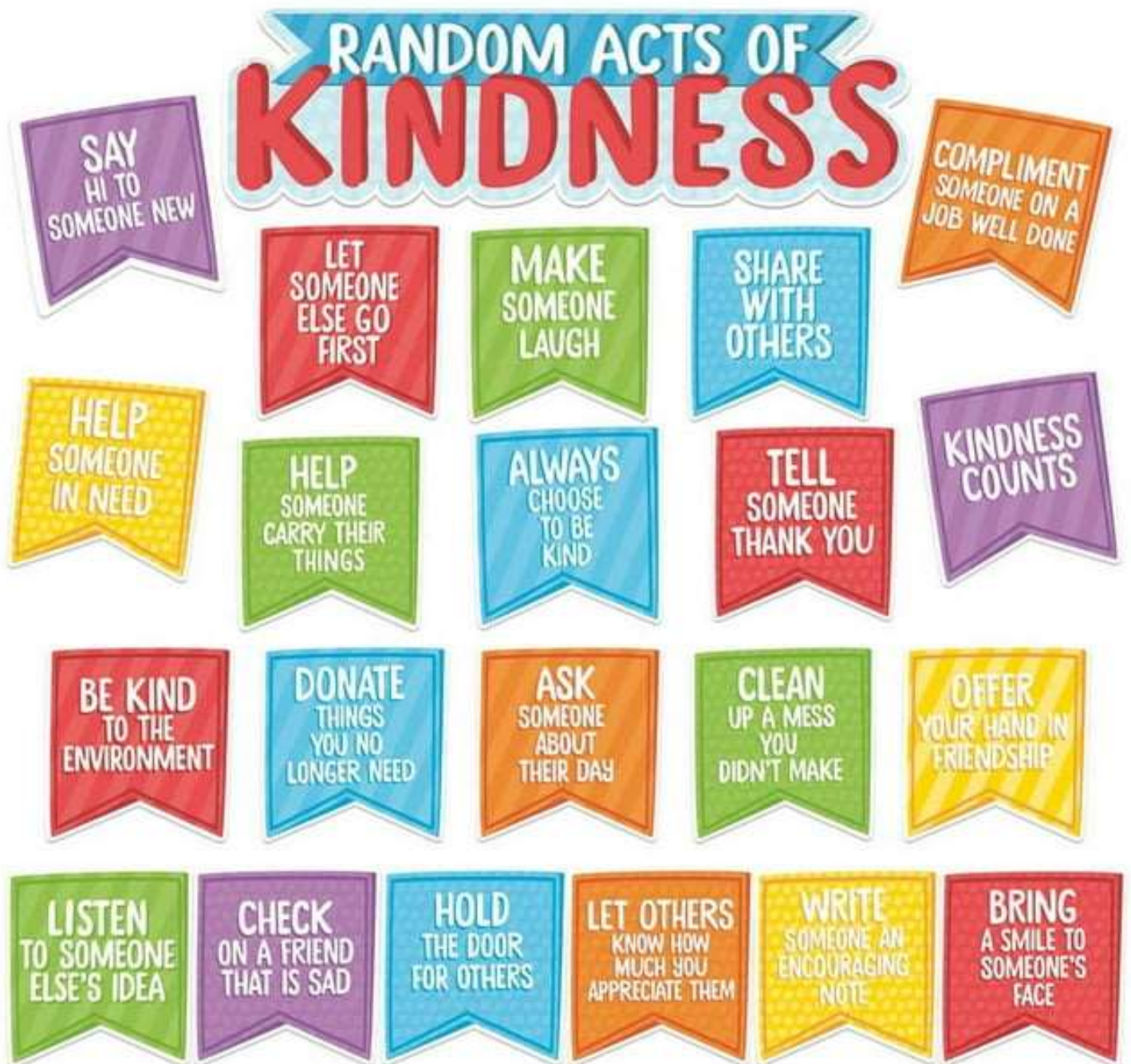
EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5

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

FEB. 28, 2024
 MAR. 27, 2024
 APRIL 24, 2024
 MAY 22, 2024



National Random Acts of Kindness is celebrated every **February 17**. The idea behind this celebration is to make the world a little brighter and better through little and simple kind gestures, words and actions. Too many times we forget the impact that simple gestures (a kind word, a lending ear, a comforting hug, or a warm and simple smile) have the power to turn lives around and make someone's day brighter. Here are some ideas that you may want to try on this special day.



THIS YEAR'S THEME:
THE TRADITION LIVES ON
150 YEARS STRONG



Sign up for a time slot for your 2024 Beef weigh-in at:

<https://forms.gle/kkRN9h6zHhReG7q89>

Time slots are first come, first serve.

2024 BEEF

WEIGH-IN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

INDEPENDENCE INFO

Questions, please email
bcfairspecialist@gmail.com

2024 Pre-Fair Events

Foods Revue

June 19 - Roger Marten Center

Clothing Revue

July 17 - Roger Marten Center

Horse Show

July 20 - Midnight Riders Arena

Cats, Small Animals, Exotics
 & Dog Shows

July 27 - Buffalo County
 Fairgrounds



REGISTER NOW FOR A 2024 YQCA INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAINING

According to the Buffalo County Fair in affiliation with Pepin County Junior Fair Rules: All Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry & Rabbit exhibitors must complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training each year to be eligible to exhibit their animal(s) at the Buffalo County Fair. Must be complete by July 1st.

Pre-registration is required for all instructor-led YQCA trainings. [Register](#) online one week prior to the training. **IMPORTANT:** The course pre-test on the "Enrolled Trainings" page, must be complete before attending the training. Following the training, log back in to take post-course survey and access certificate on "Course Certifications" page.

More information regarding YQCA trainings and instructions for registration are available [here](#).

Instructor-Led Training

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Location: Marten Center, Mondovi
Time: 6:00 PM

Pre registration is required
 Go to: YQCAProgram.org
 Course Title: Buffalo Pepin YQCA - Mondovi

Instructor-Led Training

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Location: C-FC School
Time: 6:00 PM

Pre registration is required
 Go to: YQCAProgram.org
 Course Title: Buffalo Pepin YQCA - CFC

Instructor-Led Training

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024
Location: Buffalo County Courthouse, Alma
Time: 4:00 PM

Pre registration is required
 Go to: YQCAProgram.org
 Course Title: YQCA - Alma - Buffalo Pepin

Animal Sciences Virtual Education Series

In 2024, one webinar will be offered on Monday, February 5th, from 7-8. p.m. This is available for all youth grades 3-13. The session will be recorded and available on the [Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel](#). This is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension and Wisconsin 4-H Distance Learning Team.

Bernie O'Rourke will host the Cooking with Meat session in conjunction with the work of the WI 4-H Distance Learning team. We will be making [Sweet and Spicy Lamb Chops](#). Print the recipe, grab the ingredients and cook alongside us. Please [register](#) for the event ASAP.

Please have the [Educational Verification Form](#) printed before the session begins. You can write down thoughts throughout the session. Complete the form and turn it into your county fair and/or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as "county educational credits/points."

For questions related to the Zoom, contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW - Madison Animal & Dairy Science, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist borourke2@wisc.edu .

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program continues to grow as more and more youth incorporate their interest in cattle, sheep, swine and meat goats through 4-H/FFA projects. These animals are the vehicles in which we teach youth life skills to be contributing adults. The [Wisconsin Youth Livestock](#) website will provide youth and adults the teaching tools to become successful in their project areas as well as keep up to date on current information.

Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project Agreement

Managerial Dairy/Livestock Project Definition: A managerial project is an animal that is under the supervision and regular daily care of, but not owned by, the exhibitor. A formal written agreement between the animal owner and the animal exhibitor, provided below is required. This completed agreement must be sent to the UW-Extension Office by April 1st.

Youth (Exhibitor) (Please Print Name): _____

Youth Address: _____

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

The animal owner hereby agrees to assign managerial responsibility to the youth listed above for the animals indicated below.

Animal Owner (Please Print Name): _____

Owner Address: _____

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Animal Name	Age of animal	Species (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, equine)	Breed	Tattoo, ear tag #, ear notch #, Coggins #	Premises ID# of location where animal is kept

Please explain your agreement with the animal owner below. Be specific. Include where animal is kept, how chore responsibilities are divided, who provides daily care (feeding & watering) for the animal, how youth helps animal owner, etc.

Signature of 4-H Agent/FFA Advisor Date: _____

**Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock
Managerial Project Agreement
Release of Liability**

A RELEASE OF LIABILITY regarding Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project Agreement as follows:

I, _____(participant) and as parent/guardian of Participant, _____, hereby acknowledge that I am aware that working with livestock animals and livestock-related equipment and being on the premises of an operating livestock farm poses certain risks of injury, including but not limited to, being stepped on, kicked, knocked down or against equipment and structures, struck by moving equipment, gates, falling objects, such as bedding, feed stuffs and equipment, as well as exposure to various types of materials which might cause allergies or other reactions.

Recognizing these possibilities of danger and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project, I agree to release (owner) _____ and all other persons and/or entities associated with the ownership of management of the animal and farm in question from all liability resulting from any injury of any nature whatsoever based on the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project Agreement.

It is my specific intention that this release is on-going and is effective for the entire project year and is effective not only on the farm of origin of the livestock animal, but at all other places where I am working with said livestock animal.

I further hereby release University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project, including, but not limited to, its officers, agents, employees, volunteer workers, and all other entities and persons working with the Project without limitation.

I have carefully read this Release of Liability Agreement. I fully understand and agree to its contents.

Participant

Date

Parent/Guardian of Participant

Date



4-H

MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

FEB. 3, 2024

The WI 4-H Meats Judging Contest is February 3, 2024 at the Meat Science and Animal Biology 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/>

Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association

Share-a-Kid Program

Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. Through our Share-a-Kid Program, we award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids with young people across the state each year. Some years we have been able to award more.

Entries will be accepted until April 1.

For more information:
<https://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/>

STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

MARCH 2, 2024

UW Green Bay Campus

Details: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/>



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/>.





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.



RICK WAYNE CONSERVATION KIDS

2023 AWARD SUBMISSIONS

Some may know him by the 100s of bluebird and wood duck houses he helped students make. Others may know him by the 100s of volunteer hours he spent teaching kids to fish or monitor streams. Rick Wayne spent a lifetime in giving and serving his community in so many ways. Rick firmly believed that those who were willing to connect with their natural surroundings and conserve and care for it, were a step ahead of the rest and would ultimately build a strong appreciation for our natural resources. To honor Rick and his legacy, the Pepin County Land Conservation & Planning Department will be awarding two children for their conservation efforts in Pepin County. One award will go to a student elementary age, and the other award will go to a student 6th grade or above. Submissions are welcome to all Pepin County children ages 4-18 years of age.

Anyone may nominate a child who attends a public or private school, or is homeschooled in Pepin County and has taken the lead on a conservation related project of their choosing. Projects can be completed any time in the calendar year and should have at minimum, visual aids to depict the project. Submission should include these visual aids and a summary of what the project entails and why the child should be considered for the Rick Wayne Conservation Kids Award.

The Land Conservation & Planning Department encourages children to use their own creativity when choosing projects. Some ideas could include but are not limited to:

- pollinator or rain garden installation
- erosion control measures
- composting
- invasive species removal
- tree and native plant planting
- bat, bird, or duck house construction/installation
- building bug hotels, butterfly, or bird feeder
- litter and garbage cleanup
- creative use of recycled materials or inventions to help conservation efforts

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED JANUARY 1ST - FEBRUARY 29TH 2024

Creativity 25% Conservation Message 25% Time & Effort 50%

Title of Project _____

Name of Nominator _____

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Public Home School Private

School Grade _____ Age _____

Nominees may be asked to present their project to our committee and have a feature article written for social media use and in the local newspaper.



SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Nomination Worksheet
- Project Summary
- Visual Aids

Please submit nominations and supporting documents to jmcmahon@co.pepin.wi.us



Activity Page

