



# Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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## 2023-2024 Pepin County 4-H Year-End Survey

4-H members and volunteers,  
complete the survey as soon as possible @

<https://forms.gle/FZL3qrBoS9Jei7V6A>

for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card

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

**Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting**

**January 4, 2025**

**5:30 pm**

**Hide-A-While, W1505 Albany D, Mondovi**

**Volunteer in Pepin County 4-H and help make our 4-H program stronger. Election of Officers will be held at this meeting followed by a Holiday party. Typically, meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October and December, normally held in the Boardroom at the Government Center in Durand.**

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

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4-H Fast Finder for the Month:

**Amber Wayne**

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

We hope you enjoy the  
Pepin Pacer !



### Enroll Today As An Adult Volunteer

Pepin County 4-H relies on all types of volunteers, as little or as much time as you can invest is greatly appreciated! To show your interest in volunteering for Pepin County 4-H complete a survey at:



<https://forms.gle/Zr44jDpHD23Pu5af6> Or scan the QR code .

Announcing the [Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference!](#) Get ready for an exciting, day-long event designed for everyone who raises and educates Wisconsin's children—dads, moms, grandparents, teachers, and caregivers. This **FREE** and **VIRTUAL** conference is also approved for up to 4 Wisconsin Registry hours for early childhood professionals. Discover cutting-edge, science-based ideas from today's leading experts. This year, dive into the transformative power of social and emotional skills in children and teens. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to enhance your skills and knowledge. Let's unlock the potential of Wisconsin's children together!

Learn more and register here: <http://go.wisc.edu/raisingwi>

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 2 - WILLIAM SCHRUTH- CHIPPEWA 4-H CLUB  
 JANUARY 7 -ALLIAH STERRY-CHIPPEWA 4-H CLUB  
 JANUARY 11 - NOLAN SEIFERT- CHIPPEWA 4-H CLUB  
 JANUARY 16 - ELIZABETH WAYNE - LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB  
 JANUARY 23 - DYLAN JERECZEK - LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB  
 JANUARY 24 - RAILYNN WELTER- LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB



SCAN THE CODE AND SHOW YOU ARE 4-EVER GREEN



Every year the Lima Lads and Lassies 4-H Club members try to sign up for several shifts ringing the Salvation Army bells at Durand Fresh Market. Each family picks a time that works for them. This year I brought along my youngest grandson while his brother was at preschool. It helps that we bought chocolate milk and snacks before our shift. I gave my grandson a few coins to put in the pail. When a friend of mine came to the store he looked at her and pointed to the pail and said "Money". Who can resist that? Needless to say he emptied my coin purse in the pail. Another customer came to the store and thanked me for taking the time to ring the bells. She told me that 8 years ago the Salvation Army helped her when she



was in a time of need and that is how she met her husband. She was very grateful for the services that the Salvation Army provided to her. She deposited money in the pail as well.

I encourage any community member to take a little time out of their busy schedule to stand and ring the bells. You can do it as a group, play music, sing Christmas Carols or just visit with customers as they come and go through the doors of Durand Fresh Market.



Submitted by Wendy Brantner



# LEGO CLUB JANUARY DATES:

JANUARY 6, 13, 20, 27

3:45 - 4:45 PM  
IN THE DURAND LIBRARY

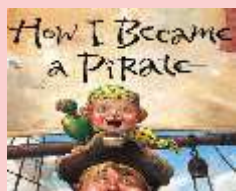
ALL YOUTH GRADES 1-5  
WELCOME!



**To encourage  
PERFORMING ARTS,  
the 4-H Parent Leader Federation  
will reimburse fully registered  
4-H members/volunteers up to \$10  
on LIVE performing arts tickets.**

Submit receipts to [gwen.prom@wisc.edu](mailto:gwen.prom@wisc.edu)  
before August 1, 2025.  
(Only 1 reimbursement per person)

**Here are some suggestions we found but you are not limited to these:**



January 3  
The Oxford



January 11  
Sheldon Theatre



January 16  
Mabel Tainter



February 21-23 & 28-2  
Menomonie Theater Guild

Try  
these  
sites:

Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild: <https://cvtg.org/>

**Eau Claire Children's Theatre:** <https://ecct.org/>

Mabel Tainter: <https://www.mabeltainter.org/>

Menomonie Theater Guild: <https://menomonietheaterguild.org/>

Pablo Center at the Confluence: <https://www.pablocenter.org/events>

Sheldon Theatre: <https://www.sheldontheatre.org/>



# New This Year

## DISCOVER PEPIN/BUFFALO SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB!

We are very excited to announce the Pepin/Buffalo Shooting Sports Club! Thank you, Nicole and Jim Schonke for your continued leadership in the shooting sport project!



### What's the same:

Same great practices at the Pepin Sportsman's Club - N 10076 Sand Ridge Rd, Pepin WI  
3rd grade and 8 yro and older  
No experience necessary  
Equipment provided  
Fee: \$10-Pepin County Parent Leaders Federation will pay for Pepin County 4-H youth.



### What's different:

Shooting sports is now an official club. You can enroll in the Shooting Sports Club as your main club in 4honline 2.0 or inform our office and we can put it as your secondary club.



### Club and Practice Schedule:

Tuesday nights, January 14- March 25  
from 6:00-7:30 pm



## QUESTIONS



Pepin County 4-H



(715) 672-5214



sky.holt@wisc.edu



A collection of colorful stars and handprints in various colors (blue, orange, yellow, green) scattered around the central text.

# DUCT TAPE CRAFTS

**A PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY &  
PEPIN COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM**

**ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME**

A large, stylized orange star with a textured, hand-drawn appearance.

## JANUARY 18

11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Pepin Public Library





# 4-H FESTIVAL OF ARTS!

DEADLINE JAN 31, 2025

To register, fill out Google Form at : <https://forms.gle/GLgStwPMARonySA68>

FEBRUARY  
9, 2025  
1PM-3PM



ALMA AREA HIGHSCHOOL ALMA, WISCONSIN

AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
SHOWCASE YOUR ARTS  
AND COMMUNICATION  
SKILLS!



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Click here for :  
[2025 FESTIVAL OF ARTS GUIDELINES](#)

# WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL

Registration is now open on 4-H Online!  
Closes on January 10, 2025

For more information visit our website!  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statew.../dairy-quiz-bo>





# 2024-2025 WISCONSIN 4-H

PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

**Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet [here!](#)**



# CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

Focus - Engage - Take Action



June 20-28, 2025



Washington D.C

UW-MADISON EXTENSION



## What?

Approximately 50 Wisconsin 4-H Youth register annually to attend this citizenship and leadership program held in Washington, D.C. Through a series of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, participants learn the importance of social responsibility and what it means to be a civic leader.

## Why?

- Only for 4-H'ers – CWF is the only national program offered exclusively to 4-H members.
- More than monuments – Our “focus” is lifelong civic engagement, with delegates leaving ready to address issues in their communities, more than a DC sightseeing trip.
- Diversity and friendship – CWF offers a unique chance to exchange ideas and experiences with people from across the country.

## Who?

- 10th-12th grade at time of selection. Minimum age 15 during the trip.
- Carry county approval throughout program. Check with your local office about scholarship opportunities.
- Delegates may only attend once as a youth.

## How much?

- The total cost is approximately \$2,500.
- The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation sponsors a portion of the cost. And many county 4-H Youth Development programs provide partial local sponsorships
- The remaining amount is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family.

*“CWF has been the highlight of my 4-H Career.”*

*--- 4-Her from Oklahoma*

*“I didn’t have the faintest idea what a good citizen was before I came here, and now I know it’s what I strive to be.”*

*-- 4-Her from Colorado*

For more information:

Check out these websites (or scan QR code):

[go.wisc.edu/CWF](http://go.wisc.edu/CWF) and <http://www.4hcwf.org/>

Questions?

Contact the State 4-H office at 608-263-5971.





## Junior Fair Board Director

Buffalo County Fair in Affiliation with Pepin County

**Purpose of Junior Fair Board Director:** To serve as a representative for youth participants involved in the fair and to be involved in the process of making the fair a successful event each year.

**Qualifications:** Youth should reside in Buffalo or Pepin Counties, or neighboring counties if they are involved in Buffalo or Pepin County youth clubs. Clubs include 4-H, FFA, MCYC, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts.

**Term:** 2 years, which includes 2 fairs.

**Stipend:** \$150/yr and \$15 per meeting

### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend meetings 8 times a year. These meetings are held on the second Wednesday night of the month.
- Attend scheduled work nights around fair time. (Usually 3-4)
- Attend all 4 days of the Buffalo County Fair.
- Work 1 shift in the fair office during the fair.
- Work 2 additional assigned duties during the fair. (ie. Selling tickets at track, working at the meat animal sale, etc.)
- Contribute to the planning of the fair by serving on 2 or more committees.
- To receive the stipend, 70% of all meetings, 50% of all work nights and 100% all other responsibilities must be met.

**Application Process:** Email the fair board secretary at [lisakees@yahoo.com](mailto:lisakees@yahoo.com) with a paragraph on why you want to be involved with the fair board and what skills you have that will benefit our fair.



# Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships 2025 Application Information



## Opportunity

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 2025.

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.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2025-2026 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

## Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

## Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to email a photo to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and provide a one-page thank you letter outlining 4-H experiences and future plans that the Foundation will send to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

## Questions

Call or email Board of Directors President, Charles Crave:  
920.285.3812 or [Charles@cravecheese.com](mailto:Charles@cravecheese.com)

**[CLICK HERE](#)** for a printable .pdf of 2025's scholarship application rules.

## **WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION KICKS OFF PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025.

The contest is broken into three categories:

- General Photography
- 4-H Experience Photography
- Clovers on Film

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$50 cash award. The Best of Show entry will receive an additional \$100 cash award. Other photographs may be recognized but will not receive a cash award.

To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Photography Contest, youth must be a 4-H member enrolled in 4H Online for the 2024-2025 4-H Program Year. Entrants do not need to be enrolled in any specific project to participate.

### *Entry Information*

Entries will be accepted from Friday, November 1, 2024, until midnight on Friday, January 31, 2025.

A photo of the entry and the completed entry form must be submitted through the contest website: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>

Each photographer may submit up to one entry in each of the three categories but may submit only one entry in each category.

For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit, please visit: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>.

The winning photos from each category and the Best of Show will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. In addition, any entry may be used by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to promote the 4-H program and/or to raise funds for the Wisconsin 4-H program. Proceeds from any Celebrate the Arts event or sales will be split evenly with half invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts Programming and half used for arts programming in the next 4-H program year.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports 4-H leadership, youth development and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).



## 4-H Meats Judging Contest

Mark your calendars for the upcoming State 4-H Meats Judging Contest on Saturday, February 8, 2025. If you have participated in the past - or this is the first time you are hearing about the contest, we would love to have you join us for this day of learning, fun, and competition.

**What is the 4-H Meats Judging Contest?** Have you been to your local meat market or grocery store lately and think you could choose the best cut of meat out of the case? Have you ever watched a live animal contest and thought you could choose what animals would provide the best meat products? This is your opportunity to put those skills to work. This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification. Top senior teams earn the opportunity to compete at national competitions.

**Who can participate?** You must be a currently enrolled WI 4-H member to participate in this contest.

- Junior – Age 8-13 as of January 1, 2025. Youth must be in or completed 3rd grade, 8-year-old Cloverbuds **cannot** participate.
- Senior – Age 14-18 as of January 1, 2025. (Sr. team members cannot exceed grade 12, regardless of age) Grade 13 Members - WI 4-H members that are in the 13th grade are eligible to compete at this state contest as individuals but not as a member of a team.

Even if your county has not participated in the past, round-up some 4-H friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry.

**Looking for more information, where to register, or resources to study from? Check out the links below:**

### 4-H Meats Judging – Saturday, February 8, 2025

**Location:** Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus

**Deadlines:** (more information located in the registration materials):

-Estimated number of participants (needed to order PPE): January 20, 2025 - through Google form <https://forms.gle/332pC8GP34L18BEV6>

-Contest final registration: January 20, 2025 - <https://254hmeatscontest.4honline.com> (Directions for registration are in the packet)

**More information and registration available at:**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

Contest educational resources and study materials are available on the [UW-Madison Youth Livestock](#) site. If you have any questions, please contact Jill at [jill.iorgensen@wisc.edu](mailto:jill.iorgensen@wisc.edu)/phone at 920-391-4659 or Bernie at



What makes the best chocolate chip cookie?



## LET'S EXPERIMENT



Get ready to test all of your hypotheses with this new distance learning program, ***The Science of the Chocolate Chip Cookie***. There are so many variables or science to making the perfect chocolate chip cookie. By the end of the program you will have figured out your perfect recipe!

This program is intended for youth grades 3-12 and will begin on February 6.

Registration is open **December 20 - January 16**.  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. An EEO/AA employer, Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX and American with Disabilities (ADA) requirements.



Get ready for a learning adventure! This at-home lesson series encourages youth grade K-2 to use their imagination while introducing science and building life skills. Dinosaurs and Unicorns will be divided into four lessons with 1-2 short zoom meetings to explore the topics of sound, color, paleontology and creativity. Registration will be open December 20 – January 13. All participants will receive program supply kits from their county offices prior to the start of the program. This program will begin on February 17. For more information and to register go to [Wisconsin Distance Learning – Wisconsin 4-H](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/).

GET READY FOR AN ADVENTURE!

# DINOSAURS AND UNICORNS



This distance learning series encourages creativity and imagination while introducing science and building life skills.



To learn more and to register for this program go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/> Registration is open December 20 – January 13

For youth in grades K-2  
Starting February 17, 2025  
Each youth will receive a supply kit.



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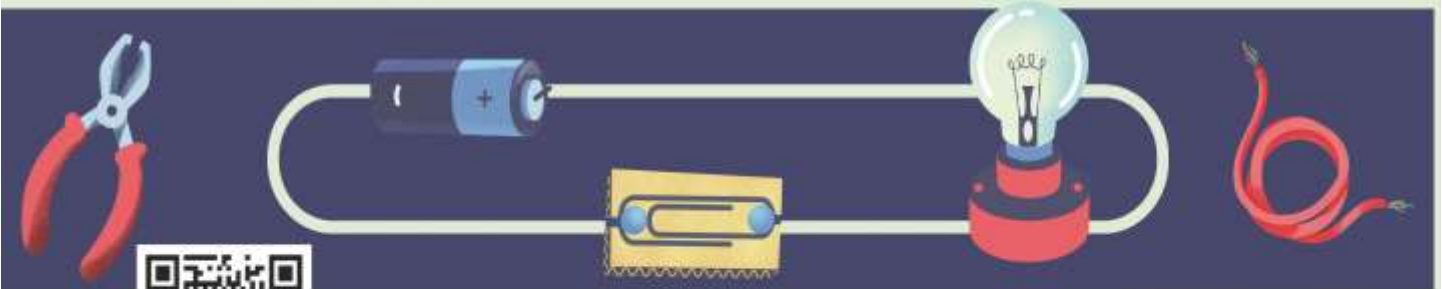
Are you ready to accept the challenge of creating a low-voltage electronic circuit?  
**We're going to use conductive tape, a battery, LEDs, and paper to learn about**  
 electrical circuits! Get ready to learn and have fun through this hands-on  
 introduction to electric circuits. This distance learning program will allow  
 participants, grades 4-9, an opportunity to explore, problem-solve, think critically  
 and be creative. Registration will be open January 2 - 24. All participants will  
 receive program supply kits from their county offices prior to the start of the  
 program. This program will begin on March 1 with guided lessons and tutorials. For  
 more information and to register go to  
[Wisconsin Distance Learning – Wisconsin 4-H](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/) .

# LET'S BUILD CIRCUITS

Registration will be open **January 2-24**. For more information go to  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/> .



Conductive tape, a battery, LED lights and paper? Will these items create a circuit? **YOU BET!** This innovative distance learning program will allow youth to explore, problem solve, and think critically and creatively. Create paper circuits that really light things up.



For youth in grades 4-9  
 Starting March 1, 2025  
 Each youth will receive a supply kit.



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WISCONSIN COUNTIES COOPERATING. AN EEO/AA EMPLOYER, EXTENSION PROVIDES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EMPLOYMENT AND PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING TITLE VI, TITLE IX AND AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUIREMENTS.

## 2025 Conservation Speaking and Poster Contests

**Materials Due: 1/10/2025**

Pepin County Contests Held: 1/17/2025

Questions: Contact [lkavanaugh@co.pepin.wi.us](mailto:lkavanaugh@co.pepin.wi.us)



View their website for more information: <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/our-work/youth-education/poster-speaking-contest>.



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)**

**4-H Volunteer Information and Resources - we have provided loads of great information to help you feel comfortable and confident about the basics of 4-H . Explore the Volunteer Resources website at:**

**<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/>**



### 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.

# Sign up for free Smoke Alarms from the **American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign helps save lives by installing free smoke alarms in homes that don't have them and by educating people about home fire safety.

Strobe lights and bed shakers also available for households with deaf or hard of hearing individuals.



