



April, 2025

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National Volunteer Week Salutes 4-H Volunteers in Pepin County

Pepin County is proud to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 20-26, 2025, a time to honor the devoted individuals who generously give their time and talent to support Pepin County 4-H.

Pepin County 4-H relies heavily on volunteers in the 4-H program. This year, volunteers have served as 4-H club leaders, project leaders, Parent Leader Federation members and various other important volunteer roles.

"4-H Volunteers are truly the most integral part of 4-H. Their volunteer efforts enable youth to improve decision making skills, build leadership skills, become active members in their community and help prepare youth to be ready for future careers. 4-H volunteers are essential to helping youth find their spark," said Pepin County 4-H Educator.

According to the 2024 North Central Region Volunteer Impact Study, WI 4-H volunteers spend an average of nine hours per week supporting local 4-H experiences. Examples of their efforts include organizing 4-H club meetings, leading 4-H project experiences, leading a community service project, and many other tasks.

The work of Wisconsin 4-H volunteers is continuous. Every day a volunteer is ensuring 4-H experiences are available to youth in Pepin county. These experiences are essential not only to youth building positive relationships with a caring adult, but also to making communities stronger.

To become a 4-H volunteer, contact the Pepin County Extension Office at 715-672-5214.



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:

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Chippewa 4-H Club

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

Pepin/Buffalo 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Typically meets Tuesday nights January-March.
3rd Graders and older
6:30 p.m., Pepin Sportsman's Club
Contact Nicole Schonke @
612-644-7525

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

Community Health Youth Leaders (CHYL) Durand /Arkansaw In-School Club

6th - 8th Graders
Typically meets (2) Fridays a month
in Room #009 during lunch
Contact Sky Holt @
715-279-7677



Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting April 16, 2025 5:30 pm

Boardroom, Pepin County Government Center

Volunteer in Pepin County 4-H and help make our 4-H program stronger.

Typically, meetings are held in February, April, June, August,
October and December, normally held in the Boardroom at the
Government Center in Durand.

Call the Extension Office for more information.



4-H Fast Finder for the Month:

LILY DERRICKS

Congratulations for being our 4-H Fast Finder this month! We hope you enjoy the Pepin Pacer! Page 3 Pepin Pacer



Enroll Today As An Adult Volunteer

Pepin County 4-H relies on all types of volunteers, as little or as

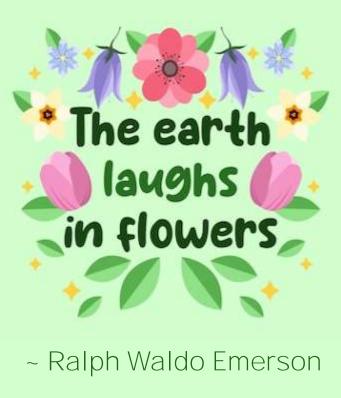
much time as you can invest is greatly appreciated! To show your interest in volunteering for Pepin County 4-H complete a survey at:

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

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

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The Lima Lads and Lassies monthly March meeting was field trip. The Pepin County Humane Society director, Ashley Schroeder, invited our club to the animal shelter to learn how the shelter serves our community and to love on some kitties. Ashley explained how the animals are checked out health wise when they come into the shelter. She explained the importance of spaying and neutering these animals. She showed how dogs are microchipped and how helpful in locating a lost dog or one that accidentally gets away from their owner. She informed the kids that they are always looking for volunteers to

come to the shelter to help maintain the shelter and to just play and interact with the animals while they are housed there in hopes of being adopted. Anyone over 13 years of age is eligible to be a volunteer. One startling fact that I learned is that 90% of the Humane Society operating expenses are paid for through donations and fundraising events. Their next event will be April 12 from 11:00-1:00 for their annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt. They will also be serving pulled pork sandwiches, having raffles, and selling apparel and pet items. Following our field trip we went back to the city hall for a quick meeting of business items and a snack.





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LEGO CLUB APRIL DATES:

APRIL 7, 14, 28

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

ALL YOUTH GRADES 1-5 WELCOME!





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JOIN US!

THE DURAND COMMUNITY
LIBRARY AND PEPIN COUNTY
4-H ARE HOSTING HANDS-ON,
FREE AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAMS THIS YEAR!

APRIL 23: STEM CHALLENGES

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM
DURAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY
ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!









AmeriCorps

*MAY TAKE LONGER THAN AN HOUR

HYL Meeting Calendar





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10:35-11:25 am in Room 009

Why join CHYL?

Community Health Youth Leaders Club is a great opportunity for any Durand Middle School student to develop leadership skills, engage with and serve their community, and have fun!











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HAPPY Birthday

APRIL 1 - NICHOLAS BRION-LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB
APRIL 10 - JODI VETTERKIND-LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB
APRIL 11 - GIDEON DERRICKS-CHIPPEWA 4-H CLUB
APRIL 11 - BRIAR SCHANTNER-LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB
APRIL 12 - DREW JERECZEK-LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB
APRIL 14 - DOMINIC MOLINE-CHIPPEWA 4-H CLUB
APRIL 16 - SAMI POESCHEL-LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB
APRIL 19 - JACEY BRUNNER-LIMA LADS AND LASSIES 4-H CLUB



4-H & UW-STOUT ROBOTICS DAY

Get ready for an exciting day of hands-on STEM exploration and collaboration at UW-Stout! Thanks to an Xcel Energy Foundation Award, this free event gives youth in grades 6-12 the opportunity to build, code, and innovate together through robotics, coding, and 3D printing.

When: April 26th, 2025 from 9:45am-2:00pm

Cost: Free

Who: Youth Grades 6+

Where: UW-Stout's Vocational Rehabilitation

Building at 221 10th Ave E, Menomonie, WI

Excited to begin? Sign up now at **go.wisc.edu/4etnr5** or simply scan the QR code by April 10th.



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JOIN US!

THE PEPIN PUBLIC
LIBRARY & PEPIN COUNTY
4-H ARE PUTTING ON
AWESOME PROGRAMS
THIS YEAR:

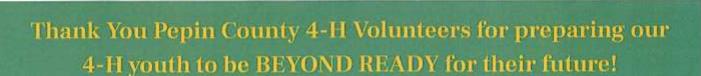
APRIL 19: REFORMED PAINTINGS

MAY 17: WILDLIFE EXPLORATION

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!







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



Tuck Everlasting April 3 - 6 JAMF Theatre Illuminate April 10 RCU Theatre





Groundhogs Day May 1 JAMF Theatre Seussical the Musical June 26 & 27 RCU Theatre





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/

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2024-2025 WISCONSIN 4-H

PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet here!





Leader Certification Training Workshops - WI 4-H

A Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leader may be certified in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a 4-H certified leader supervising the range.





The day aims to encourage people to slow down, take a deep breath, and appreciate the simple beauty of the sky, which can be a source of peace and perspective.

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Register via 4HOnline wi.4honline.com

EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5 7:00PM-7:45PM



APRIL 23, 2025

CAREERS & COMPETITION
VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-12 7:00PM-7:45PM



APRIL 28, 2025





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





UW-MADISON EXTENSION

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Open to youth in grades 8-11

Summer Academy is your chance to:

- Meet new friends
- Explore career and college opportunities in a track of your choice
 - Stay in a college dorm at Sellery Hall
- Discover Madison and enjoy fun activities like the dance and a Drama Company performance!

Learn more: go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy



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Experience all the fun of the fair as beloved Wisconsin author and storyteller Jerry Apps weaves together the long history of fairs through his memories as a 4-H leader, fair judge and lifelong fairgoer. This nostalgic and deep-fried documentary highlights how fairs have evolved over time and reflects on how county fairs are important to Wisconsin. Page 14 Pepin Pacer

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. All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin pub-



lic or private high school in 2025 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2025. Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. View complete details here.

Submit your essay along with required background information sheet to sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com or W7686 Co. Rd. MMM, Shawano, WI 54166. Emailed or postmarked by May 23, 2025.

2025 Scholarship Topic: "What are 3 top priorities your local town government officials should pursue to improve the quality of life in your community?"

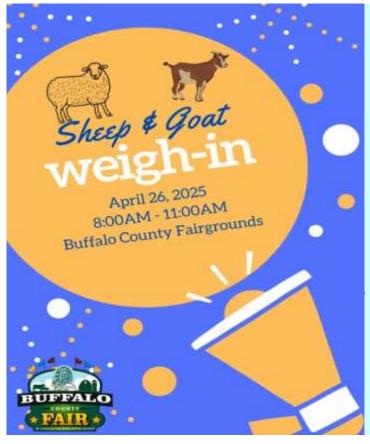
The 2025 Spring 4-H Horse project meeting will be held on Sunday, April 13th.

It will be held in the Courthouse in Alma, starting at 1:30 pm in the 2nd floor conference room.

All members are asked to attend. We will be reviewing 2024 and planning for 2025 and looking for your feedback. See you there!!!



Linda Fetting 608-626-2931, Mary Norby 715-926-5973, Kelli Krzyszton 608-626-3368



Animal Identification on 4-HOnline for all Animals

- 4-H Online Animal Identification must be complete by May 1st. 4-H exhibitors must identify and activate all animals in 4-H Online. This must be complete prior to FairEntry registration.
- 4-H Swine Exhibitors will upload their photos on 4-HOnline along with their animal identification.

4HOnline Animal ID Instructions

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ATTENTION ALL FAIR PARTICPANTS:

Remember that you MUST be enrolled in ALL the your 4-H projects you are entering into the fair on 4HOnline by APRIL 1, 2024.

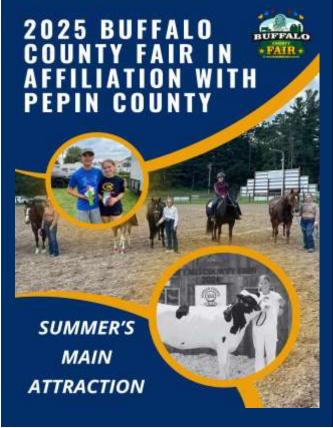


The 2025 Fairbook is completed and live on our website! It is good to review the junior rules, livestock rules, and the rules for each department you participate in to be sure you are prepared!

We cannot wait to see you at this Summer's Main Attraction!



https://www.buffalopepincountyfair.com/exhi.../premium-books





BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR scholarship

WE'RE OFFERING (2) \$250 SCHOLARSHIPS!!
TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY GO TO BUFFALOPEPINCOUNTYFAIR.COM

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Swine tag pick up will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 8:00 am to noon at the Fairgrounds in Mondovi.

Please register at the following link, so we can plan accordingly:

https://forms.gle/QGS3Rbc kn2Kh9Ksp6





2025 Summer Pre-Fair Events

FOODS REVUE

Wednesday, June 18 - Marten Center

CLOTHING REVUE

Wednesday, July 16 - Marten Center

DOGS, CATS, SMALL ANIMALS & EXOTICS

Saturday, July 19 - Fairgrounds

HORSE SHOW

Saturday, July 26 - Midnight Riders Arena



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Buffalo/Pepin 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. <u>This completed agreement must be sent to the UW-Extension Office by April 1st.</u>

Youth (Exhibitor) (Please Pr	int Name):			
Youth Address:	i				
Youth Signature	:			Date:	
The animal owner for the animals in			agerial respo	onsibility to the yout	h listed above
Animal Owner (F	Please Print	Name):			
Owner Address:	<u> </u>				
Owner Signature	:			Date:	į.
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
animal is kept, h	now chore r		e divided, w	below. Be specific ho provides daily	

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Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project Agreement <u>Release of Liability</u>

Managerial Project Agreement as follows:	alo County Junior Dairy/Livestock
I,	, nereby acknowledge that is and livestock-related equipment and continuous farm poses certain risks of injury, kicked, knocked down or against coment, gates, falling objects, such as
which might cause allergies or other reactions. Recognizing these possibilities of danger and in participate in the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Live release (owner) persons and/or entities associated with the owners farm in question from all liability resulting from a based on the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock It is my specific intention that this release is on project year and is effective not only on the farm of	estock Managerial Project, I agree to and all other and all other ship of management of the animal and any injury of any nature whatsoever k Managerial Project Agreement. -going and is effective for the entire
I further hereby release University of Wisconsin Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project, includagents, employees, volunteer workers, and all oth the Project without limitation.	n-Extension and the Buffalo County ding, but not limited to, its officers,
I have carefully read this Release of Liability is agree to its contents.	Agreement. I fully understand and
Participant	Date
Parent/Guardian of Participant	Date

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This section must be completed by exhibitor.

MANAGERIAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES LOG

Exhibitor Name:	Owner Name:			
	Club:			
List the chores or activities that you were re project. Examples:	esponsible for in the care of this managerial			
 cleaning stalls or pens washing or grooming the animal feeding and watering 	 livestock shows attended practicing showmanship animal health or medical care 			

- walking or exercising the animal
- · training the animal to show

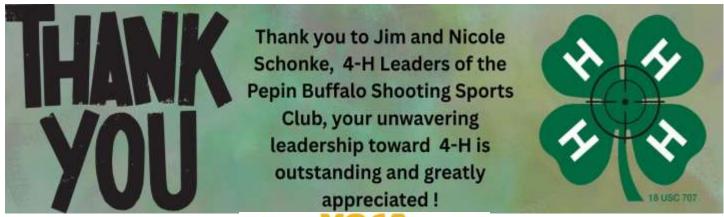
- animal health or medical care
- other chores or activities

Work Date:	What You Did - Be Specific:	Time Spent:
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Add additional pages as needed.

Submit this page to the Buffalo County Fair Office on Fair Entry Day.

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Online – a youth exhibitor will annually complete 3 interactive online training modules and corresponding quizzes

Online Exam – upon passing an online exam, the youth exhibitor can achieve more than 1 year of certification

YQCA Training Cost

\$12/person/year for the online modules \$3/person/year for the Instructor-Led trainings

Access YQCA Trainings
Login to view the Help Video or Help Document Web-Based Training and follow the step by step instructions. Upon completion of the online training, please submit the proof of completion certificate to gwen.prom@wisc.edu

WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2025

April 17 - Creating Charcuterie Boards

Speakers: Jessica Brown, Joshua Brantley, Heather Hunt, UW Madison.

All events are free, virtual and begin at 6:30 p.m. CST Can meet county educational requirements.

Hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, UW Madison/Division of Extension. For more information & how to register: https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h



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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-andabout/









Just in case you can't make it to our local 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa. Camps at Upham Woods registration will open on March 3rd at noon for the following:

Traditional Camp:

Who: Any youth entering 4th-8th grade for

the 2025-2026 school year. **When:** August 16-19, 2025

Registration Fee: \$315

Outpost Camp:

Who: Any youth entering 8th-10th grade for

the 2025-2026 school year.

When: July 19-22, 2025

Registration Fee: \$335

More information can be found on Upham Woods: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/

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WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

PIERCE COUNTY JUNE 13TH

CALUMET COUNTY JUNE 30TH



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

State 4-H Dog Obedience, Rally, Showmanship Show Sept. 27-28, 2025, Langlade

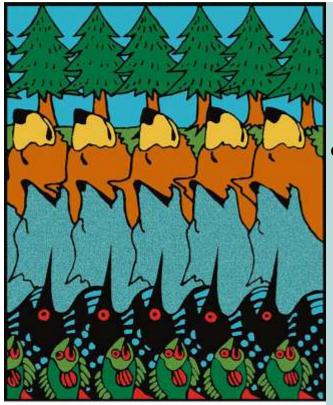
State Dog Agility Show October 11, 2025, Oshkosh







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Wisconsin Envirothon is our state's ultimate middle and high school environmental science challenge. Teams of five high school or five middle school students participate in outdoor field challenges designed by natural resources professionals and educators on four categories: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils and Land Use, and Wildlife.

2025 Registration Now Open

April 11, 2025 Lions Camp | Rosholt, WI

Register A Team





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Wisconsin AmeriCorps POSITIONS OPEN

Looking for a summer "job" to earn money and build your resume?

Join the WI 4-H AmeriCorps team and help support young people through impactful learning experiences!



Get Support While You Serve

Earn \$5,000 in living allowances (\$715 every two weeks).



Receive Education Assistance

Receive nearly \$2,000 in an education award upon completion, which can be used for college loans, tuition, and more.



Grow Professionally

Not only will you earn nearly \$7,000 this summer, but you'll also gain hands-on experience to enhance your professional resume. Add UW-Madison Extension and AmeriCorps to your career credentials today!



Positions are available statewide

Find one in a county near you!



4h.extension.wisc.edu/ wisconsin4h-americorps







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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**

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/





SCAN THE QR CODE AND SHOW YOU ARE 4-EVER GREEN



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/



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Volunteer Word Search







CLUB FAIRS HANDS

HEAD HEALTH HEART HELPING INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP

PASSION PLANNING SERVING SUPPORT TEACHING THANK YOU

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS