



# Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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**Sharing a poem and wishing you all well – HAPPY MAY!**

## MAY REMINDERS

Every day can be the beginning of  
something beautiful

You are capable of blooming  
like May flowers

Celebrate your wins, big or small

There are days you harvest  
and days you plant the seeds



Embrace your uniqueness  
and let your light shine

[OurMindfulLife.com](http://OurMindfulLife.com)

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 :





**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**  
**June 18, 2025**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Finance Conference Room #101, 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:  
**COLTON DUWELL**  
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



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

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**As of April 25,  
UW-Extension  
Pepin County will  
no longer have  
WI 4-H AmeriCorps  
member,  
Payton Freund,  
serving with us  
due to federal cuts.  
Programming  
is expected to  
continue as  
planned.**



Just a few photos from LEGO Club  
at the Durand Library .





**In March the Chippewa Club volunteered at The Community Table in Eau Claire. The group prepared and served the meal, set out and organized baked goods for the guests, cleaned and organized the pantry, did the dishes, and cleaned the kitchen and dining room when finished. The kids enjoyed the meal prep and visiting with the folks that stopped in for a meal. It was a great experience for the club.**







In April the Chippewa Club met at the school in Pepin. To incorporate Earth Day the kids decorated planters and planted a variety of herbs that they were able to take home. They also made "Dirt Cups" for their yummy snack!





The Lima Lads & Lassies 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on April 6. Our meeting was a little earlier in the month as we had a special community service project to complete. We wanted to fill 50 Easter baskets with candy, a coloring book, crayons, bubbles, pencil and stickers to be donated to the Pepin County Food Pantry. Thank you to St. Vincent De Paul for reserving 50 baskets and enough Easter grass to fill them. Our club members had all the baskets filled and wrapped up in bags and ribbon in no time at all. Thanks to Mike Baier from the food pantry for opening up the pantry so we could walk the baskets over from the City Hall. When that was done we started on our second community service project of decorating

grocery bags to celebrate Earth Day to be used at Durand Fresh Market to bag up groceries for customers. Our club is proud to serve our community. Our next meeting will be June 1 at the Durand City Hall at 11:00 where we will work on another community service project.







**JOIN US!**

**MAY 17: WILDLIFE EXPLORATION**

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

# CHYL Meeting Calendar

MARCH						
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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!



# LEGO CLUB MAY DATES:

MAY 5, 12, 19

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:**



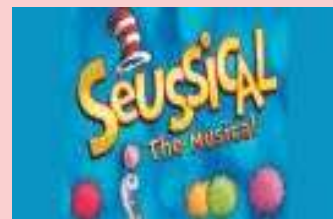
Groundhogs Day  
May 1–3  
JAMF Theatre

Charlotte's Web  
May 7  
Sheldon Theatre



Newsies  
June 13-15  
Pablo Center

Seussical the Musical  
June 26 & 27  
RCU Theatre



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/>



**May 18 is International Museum Day (IMD) meant to is to raise awareness about the importance of museums. Museums help to preserve the world’s culture and history. Museums are an all-important link to the past, that expose people to diverse cultural engagement and a deeper love and understanding of the world.**



# MUSEUM RIDDLES

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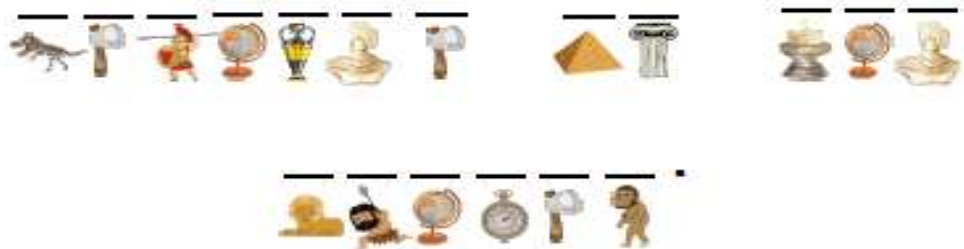
Can you decode these Museum-Themed Riddles? Use the key to break the code.

**1** Why don't skeletons fight each other at the museum?

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**2** Why was the picture sent to jail?





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

# 2024-2025 WISCONSIN 4-H

PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



**Notes from April 13<sup>th</sup> Horse Meeting,**

**Linda Fetting is stepping down, no replacement, no volunteer stepped forward at the meeting.**

**They put Emma Sandberg in charge of a Clinic if she can arrange one with focus on "Pleasure".**

**They approved to reimburse a member up to \$100, if they attend a clinic, and will pay the full amount if a member audits a clinic.**

**4-H Horse Project will sponsorship a \$50 buckle for Midnight Riders, and donate \$50 for another buckle.**

**They set up practice night dates at the Midnight Riders Area and planned on having a Certified 4-H Adult at each practice night (Thursday-June 12th & 26th, July 10th, 17th, and 24th(Time 6pm-8pm)).**

**There will be no horse/pony rides this year at the Buffalo City 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration (not enough horses/volunteers).**

**Trempealeau County Horse Camp-June 12th-14th.**

**They are hoping to put on the Buffalo/Pepin County fair horseshow-July 26th. Contact people will be Mary Norby and Emma Sandberg.**

**Samatha Hanson will be the person in charge at the Buffalo County Fair (pony rides)**

**They talked about the Fair-dates (premises ID is required, calm horse, etc.), and horse barn cleanup, Pen step-up at 6pm on Wednesday Night. Track tarp (the Pulling Track-Cover) will need to be removed on Sunday, it is always stored in the horse barn.**

**Little Britches Rodeo clean-up starts after rodeo ends about 4pm- bring personal gear to pick up, such as gloves, rakes, grabbers, etc.(August 9th).**





**Watch the Premiere at  
PBS WISCONSIN**

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.

### ***Animal Identification on 4HOnline 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**



**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](mailto:gwen.prom@wisc.edu)**



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!

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

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## MEAT ANIMAL EDUCATIONAL CREDIT

All meat animal exhibitors planning to exhibit at the Buffalo/Pepin County Fair must earn one meat animal educational credit in addition to the YQCA training during the project year. Following the session, exhibitors must complete the Meat Animal [Educational Credit online form](#). Submission of this completed form is due by the Friday before the Fair begins. Check out the [Rules & Forms](#) under Exhibitor Info on the [Buffalo County Fair website](#). Animal Sciences Virtual Education Session are available on the [Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel](#). Archived webinars can be found [here](#).





**FairEntry**  
**information can be**  
**found on the Fair**  
**website here:**  
**[https://](https://www.buffalopepinco)**  
**[www.buffalopepinco](https://www.buffalopepinco)**  
**[untfair.com/](https://www.buffalopepinco)**  
**and then under the**  
**Exhibitor Tab.**



—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



## **2025 Buffalo County Fair Judging Schedule**

### **Pre-Fair Events**

Wednesday, June 18 - 6:00pm Foods Revue (Roger Marten Community Center)  
 Wednesday, July 16 - 6:00pm Clothing Revue (Roger Marten Community Center)  
 Saturday, July 19 - 9:00am Dog Show (Fairgrounds // Show Arena)  
 Saturday, July 19 - 12:00pm Cat & Small Animal Show (Fairgrounds // Crops Building)  
 Saturday, July 19 - 1:30pm Exotic Animal Show (Buffalo County Fairgrounds // Dairy Barn)  
 Saturday, July 26 - 9:00am Equine Show (Midnight Riders Show Arena)

### **Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

6:00 - 8:00pm Poultry Pullorum Testing (Football Field Parking Lot)

### **Thursday, July 31, 2025**

9:00am Cloverbud (Red Activity Building)  
 2:00pm Poultry (Poultry Barn)  
 5:00pm Flowers and Houseplants (Crops Building)  
 5:00pm Plant and Soil Science // Crops (Crops Building)  
 5:00pm Plant and Soil Science // Garden (Crops Building)  
 5:00pm Natural Science (Crops Building)  
 5:00pm Swine (Show Arena)  
 5:00pm Clothing (Youth Building)  
 5:00pm Animal Science (Crops Building)  
 5:00pm Woodworking and Electricity (Crops Building)  
 5:00pm Computers (Youth Building)

### **Friday, August 1, 2025**

9:00am Beef (Show Arena)  
 9:00am Rabbits (Poultry Barn)  
 \*Rabbit Pee Wee Show (Poultry Barn) - Following the Rabbit Show  
 9:00am Family Living & Child Development (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Knitting and Crocheting (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Photography (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Mechanical Science (Crops Building)  
 9:00am Cultural Arts (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Communications (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Health, Social, and Political Science (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Youth Leadership (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Foods and Nutrition (Youth Building)  
 9:00am Booths (Crops Building)  
 9:00am Home Environment (Youth Building)  
 12:30pm Meat Goats and Dairy Goats (Show Arena)  
 1:00pm Sheep (Show Arena)

### **Saturday, August 2, 2025**

9:00am Dairy (Show Arena)

### **Post-Fair Events**

Tuesday, August 5 - 9:00am Carcass Judging (Gunderson Food Service)  
 Wednesday, August 6 - 7:00pm Carcass Show (Gunderson Food Service)



# 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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**Registration for Camps at Upham Woods are open 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/>**



## **Unlock Financial Literacy with 4-H**

Did you know that youth can set themselves up for a successful financial future by learning about money now? In this course, youth (7-12 grade) will learn how to earn, save, and spend money wisely and discover the power of budgeting.



**START SAVING**





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/>**



**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/>**



The University of Wisconsin – Madison Division of Extension offers a virtual education program to help the Wisconsin agriculture community identify and respond to various behavioral health challenges. The next virtual Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for the agriculture community is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, June 17 & 19, 2025, from 9:00 am – noon via the Zoom platform. Participants are required to attend both virtual sessions.

Pre-registration and approximately two hours of self-paced, online pre-work are required to participate in the June 17 & 19 trainings. To register for this free program, go to <https://go.wisc.edu/1dlwnc>

## Mental Health First Aid for the Agriculture Community



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**Join our virtual training on  
Tues/Thurs, June 17 & 19, 2025,  
9:00 am – noon  
(must attend both days).**



**Mental Health FIRST AID**

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

Funding for this training is provided by the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center: Engaging Programs to Support Producer Well-being (NCFRSAC), USDA/NIFA award numbers 2020-70028-32728 and 2024-70028-43552.





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 public 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](#).



**WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION**  
Empowering Town Officials

Submit your essay along with required background information sheet to [sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com](mailto: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?"***





## Word Scramble

In the Northern Hemisphere, May is a month when flowers bloom, the weather gets warmer, and school starts to wind down for the summer. Can you figure out the seasonal vocabulary words by unscrambling the letters?

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Contact Gwen ([gwen.prom@wisc.edu](mailto:gwen.prom@wisc.edu)) if you would like the answers.