



Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
PEPIN COUNTY

July, 2026

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Get Ready: The 2026 County Fair!

Get your fair spirit ready—the 2026 Buffalo County Fair in Affiliation with Pepin County is just around the corner! From July 30th through August 2nd in Mondovi, we're celebrating our theme, "Where Town & Country Come Together." Ever since Pepin County officially joined forces with the Buffalo County Fair back in 2020, our fair family has grown stronger and a whole lot more fun.

31 incredible exhibitors from Pepin County are registered and ready to show off their hard work! For our 4-H youth, the fair is where the magic happens. It's an awesome way to build confidence, take pride in showing off their completed projects, and showcase skills learned all year long. Beyond the ribbons, exhibitors master hands-on skills like caring for animals, woodworking, and baking, while developing critical life skills like goal setting, problem-solving, financial management, and learning how to bounce back when things don't go exactly as planned.

You don't have to bring an exhibit to join the fun, though! The fair is a massive win for the entire family, too. It's a celebration where people of all ages bond, catch-up, and support one another. Come cheer on our hard-working 4-H members, watch the animal shows or auction, explore the indoor displays, hit the carnival rides, and eat some delicious fair food. The fair creates a supportive community tradition that brings out the best in us all. We want *everyone* to come out and experience the excitement. We can't wait to see you there!

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 :





Pepin/Buffalo 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Typically meets Monday & Tuesday nights
@ 6:30 p.m. in Pepin Sportsman's Club,
January-March. For 3rd Graders and older.

Contact Nicole Schonke @
612-644-7525

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

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

August 24, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Administrative Conference Rm, Pepin Co. 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:

LEAH BRION

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

**We hope you enjoy the
Pepin Pacer !**

June was a busy month for our club filled with community service activities. The first weekend was Durand Funfest. Three families walked in the parade along with the dairy wagon helping out the Pepin County Dairy Promotion Council handing out string cheese to all the people that lined the streets watching the parade go by. During our regular monthly meeting our club assembled 300 bags filled with a coloring book, crayons, pencil, cup, foam squishy cow, sticker, tattoo, chocolate milk, powder and a bracelet. The cow faced drawstring bags were handed out to kids that attend the Pepin County Dairy Breakfast. We have done this project for a couple of years now and we have a great system and the job goes very quickly and smoothly. Then during the dairy breakfast 3 families volunteered to hand out the bags to kids. Our club also provides games for the kids to play for an added activity at the breakfast.



A light blue background with various colorful illustrations including stars, swirls, a thought bubble, and a set of colored pencils. The text is centered and reads: "GRATITUDE DRAWING PROMPT: Draw something that you love to do." Below this, it says: "We'd love to include your drawing in the next Pepin Pacer! Just email a photo of it to gwen.prom@wisc.edu." A thought bubble contains the text: "Use this as 4-H Project Practice?"

**GRATITUDE
DRAWING
PROMPT:**

**Draw something that
you love to do.**

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Just email a photo of it to gwen.prom@wisc.edu.

Use this as 4-H
Project Practice?



Cool off this summer by celebrating **Make Your Own Sundae Day on July 11!** With some of the hottest days of the year here, there's no better way to beat the heat than by creating your own delicious ice cream masterpiece. Mix and match your favorite toppings, sauces, and extras to create a one-of-a-kind sundae. We'd love to see your sweet creations—send a photo and description of your favorite sundae concoction to gwen.prom@wisc.edu and you may be featured in an upcoming newsletter! Enjoy this cool treat and have fun getting creative!

A background featuring a collage of three Polaroid photos: one of a map, one of a sunset over a field, and one of a beach. The background is decorated with colorful stars and fireworks. The text reads: "July Photo Challenge" in a large, bold font. Below it, it says: "This month's categories:" followed by a list of four categories. At the bottom, it says: "Send up to 4 photos with a brief description of the photo and how it fits in the category to gwen.prom@wisc.edu by August 10." The categories are: Road Trip, Summer Style, Red, White and/or Blue, and Flower Power.

July Photo Challenge

This month's categories:

- Road Trip
- Summer Style
- Red, White and/or Blue
- Flower Power

Send up to 4 photos with a brief description of the photo and how it fits in the category to gwen.prom@wisc.edu by August 10.



TELL YOUR 4-H STORY YOUR WAY



Presentation/Format (pick one):

- ~ Booklet (handwritten or computer generated)
 - i. One sided pages only
 - ii. Maximum 8 written pages, maximum 10 additional pictures/drawing pages
- ~ Power Point – maximum 15 slides or maximum 8 minutes
- ~ Video - MP4 format with maximum 8 minutes run time
- ~ Traditional record book



Submitted on a
USB drive with
your name and
grade on it

Age groups

Cloverbud (Format can be halved – 4 pages, 5 additional; 7 PPT slides; 4 minute video)
3rd – 5th grades; 6th – 8th grades; 9th – 13th grades

Record Books will be judged on content (1 through 5 of the criteria below) as well as creativity.

Have FUN and start your goals now!

Include in your story:

1. 4-H Member Profile – (Name, club, grade, picture(s) of you)
2. Your 4-H Goals (you can select project(s), it can be taking a leadership role/expanding a leadership role(s), it can be travel opportunities, community service, etc.)
 - a. What do hope to learn?
 - b. What do you plan to accomplish?
3. Your Reflections – the BIG picture

Examples:

 - a. What did you learn?
 - b. How did you grow?
 - c. What would you do different?
 - d. How has being a 4-H member helped you set goals and develop new interests?
 - e. How has 4-H influenced your future goals (personal and/or career)?
4. Outreach - How did you help your club and/or county grow? (Community service, team work, leadership, etc.)
5. Value
 - a. Money made, personal time, personal value, etc.
 - b. What are you most proud of and why?
6. Parent and/or 4-H Club Leader Statements – Please have your parent and/or 4-H Club Leader write a few sentence about their thought of your 4-H journey this year. The statement should be signed by the Parent or 4-H Club Leader.

Insect Arts



**Join Pepin County
4-H and the Pepin Public Library
for this hands-on arts program all
about insects!**

July 18

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

At the library

All youth welcome!





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BUFFALO COUNTY

Buffalo County 4-H: STEAM ADVENTURE DAYS 2026

Questions? Contact Bianca Mullen

 bianca.mullen@wisc.edu

 608-418-3510

Registration
required by
June 12, 2026

Program Highlights

- ✓ Join us and come create hands-on STEAM projects with friends entering 5K-6 grades!
- ✓ Fun, Hands-On Sessions Focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics
- ✓ Drop-off begins at 8:30 AM pick-up is at 3:00 PM
- ✓ Participants must bring a cold lunch and water bottle



Event Details:



July 10, 2026



9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Arboretum Park
in Mondovi, WI



Register Today!
Open to All Youth!

Drop-off Day Programs

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**NON 4-H MEMBERS:
\$10.00 PER DAY**



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LAKEFRONT EXPLORERS!

OPEN TO
ALL
YOUTH

Be a part of this exciting lakefront adventure!
Kayaking, Canoeing, and More Lakefront Adventure

Program Details

- **Location:** Lake Lodge Winona, Winona MN
- **Date:** July 14, 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- **Who:** Youth in Grades 3-8
- **Cost:** \$10.00/ Day for Non-4-H Members, FREE for 4-H Members

LIMITED
SPOTS
AVAILABLE!

Registration Deadline

July 6, 2026

REGISTRATION LINK :

<https://forms.gle/Lp3Dn9To9YnoTvnG7>

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Arts Camp is an opportunity for youth in grades 6-8 to explore many types of art including:

- ✿ Drawing, ✿ Painting
- ✿ Theater, ✿ Dance
- ✿ Culinary, ✿ Nature arts
- ✿ Music

4-Hers can join us at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells to grow their creative skills, connect with new friends, and explore sparks. Registration will be open from July 15-August 15.

Learn more:

<http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide.../arts-camp>



The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show sponsored by PBS Wisconsin invites youth quilters and sewists, ages 15 and under, to enter the annual Kids' Quilt Challenge by Aug. 9.

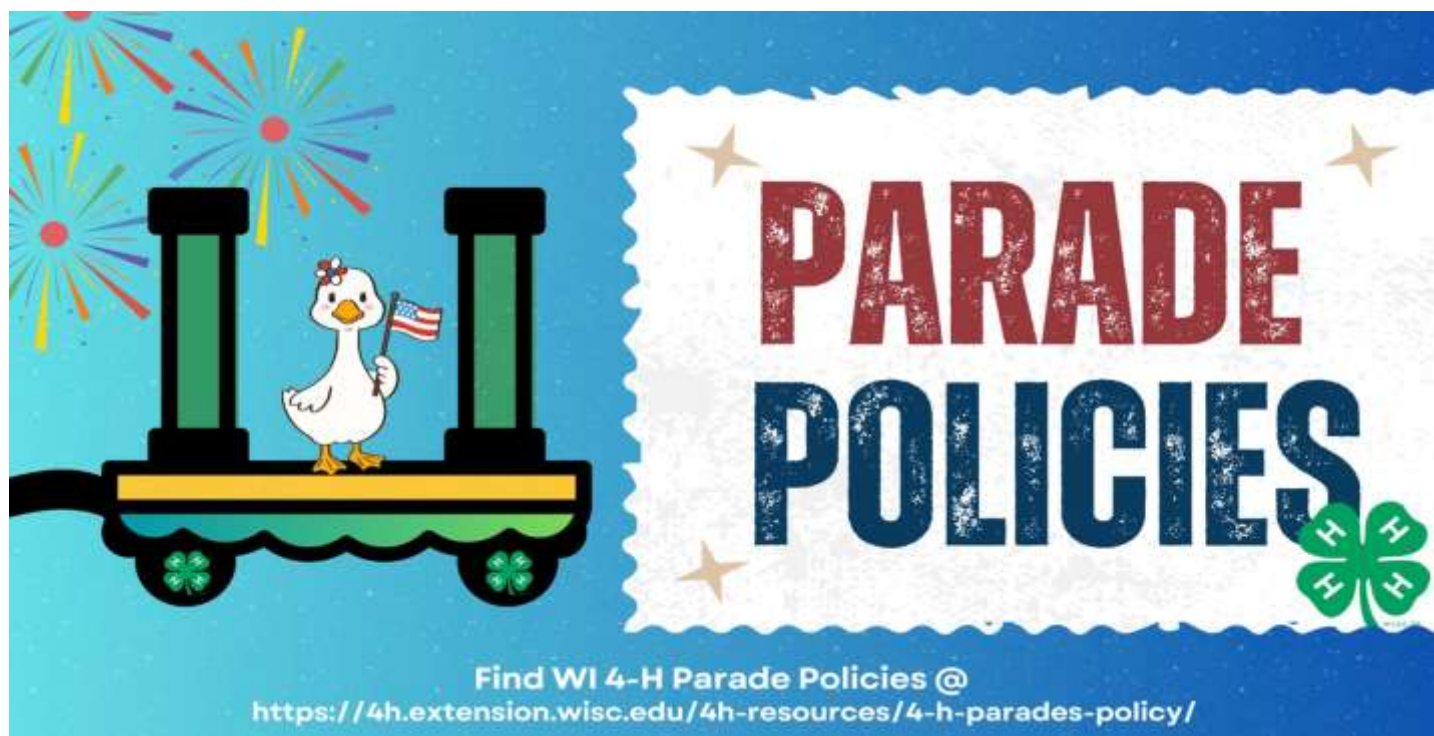
Quilts will be displayed during The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show at the Alliant Energy Center in

Madison, and participants are invited to attend a public awards presentation at the event on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The Kids' Quilt challenge awards gift card to the top three quilts—a \$200 prize for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place. Quilts will be judged on workmanship, creativity and overall appearance. Learn more

at quiltshow.com/quilt-contest.





Parades are a fun way to showcase 4-H spirit and connect with the community. Before your club hits the parade route, take a few minutes to review the POLICIES for a safe and successful parade season! Don't forget to get driver's authorization for the person pulling the float in the parade, too!

UPHAM WOODS PRESENTS

SUMMER CAMP 2026

A photograph of several children playing in a pond, splashing water. The pond is surrounded by trees and foliage.

Camp (grades 3-7): August 1-4,
Outpost (grades 7-9): July 19-22

REGISTER

Beach Day

logic puzzle



Instructions:

Read the clues and use the logic grid to figure out which beachgoer has which towel color, snack, and beach item. Each person has one of each, and no two people share the same towel color, snack, or item.

Name	Towel Color	Snack	Beach Item
Mia			
Noah			
Ava			
Leo			

Options:

Towel Colors

red
yellow
green
blue

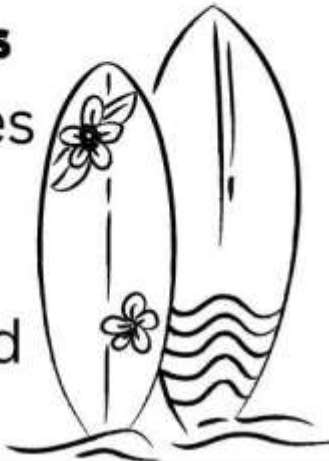


Snacks

ice cream
watermelon
popcorn
pretzel

Beach Items

sunglasses
kite
bucket
surfboard



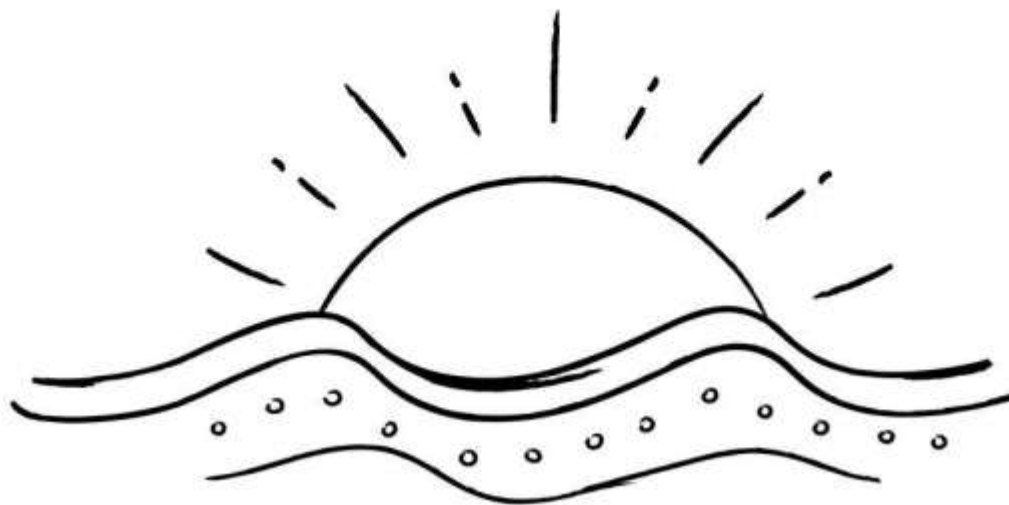
Beach Day

logic puzzle



Clues:

1. Noah has the **red towel**.
2. The person with the **yellow towel** brought the **kite**.
3. Ava didn't bring **popcorn** and she doesn't have the **green towel**.
4. The person eating **pretzels** has **sunglasses**.
5. Mia's towel is **not blue**, and she didn't bring **watermelon**.
6. The person with the **green towel** brought **popcorn**.
7. Leo doesn't have the **kite**.
8. The person with the **blue towel** is eating **ice cream**.
9. Mia has the **bucket**.
10. Noah didn't bring **popcorn**.





The Fair Theme for 2026 : **“Where Town and Country Come Together”**

2026
PRE-FAIR EVENTS

July 15, 2026 - Clothing Revue - Marten Center, Mondovi

July 18, 2026 - 4-H Horse Show - Midnight Riders Arena, Mondovi

July 25, 2026 - Small Animal Extravaganza - Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Mondovi

Buffalo County Fair in Affiliation with Pepin County



New This Year

Since DATCP has waived PRRS and PEDv testing requirements, we have made the decision that our swine show is now non-terminal. You're welcome to take your pig home at the end of the fair if you are not selling it in the auction.

Health Inspection Needed for Swine

All swine need to be inspected by a vet at maximum 30 days before the fair and a hard copy of the vet inspection paper must accompany the animal at weigh-in

Make sure your health certificate has this statement on it from your veterinarian:

"The entire herd of origin on the farm was inspected within 30 days before the show and no apparent disease was present at the time of inspection"



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. Online options – a youth exhibitor will annually complete 3 interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. Then they will complete an online exam. The cost is \$12/person/year for the online modules.

Login to access the Trainings.

YQCA MUST be complete by July 1st.

Upon completion of the online training, please submit the proof of completion certificate to gwen.prom@wisc.edu

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](#). Educational sessions may be approved in-person events or online courses. Some online options are available on the [Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel](#), [Beef University](#), [Prepare 2 Respond \(P2R\)](#), and [4-H Meat Judging](#).

Camping Registration

Camping on the fairgrounds is available for youth animal exhibitors, fair board members, and their families. Registration ends July 6, 2026, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Both the registration form and payment are required to reserve a camping spot. Please see the registration form below for details. **Spots will not be reserved without payment.*

[2026 Camping Registration Form & Regulations](#)

For any questions, contact Marty Krueger at bcfcamping@gmail.com or 608.863.0391.

Let's Prepare for the Fair

July 19 : 3pm at the Fairgrounds

Please join us for an informational day to prepare for Meat Animal Showing at the fair.

The Day will include:

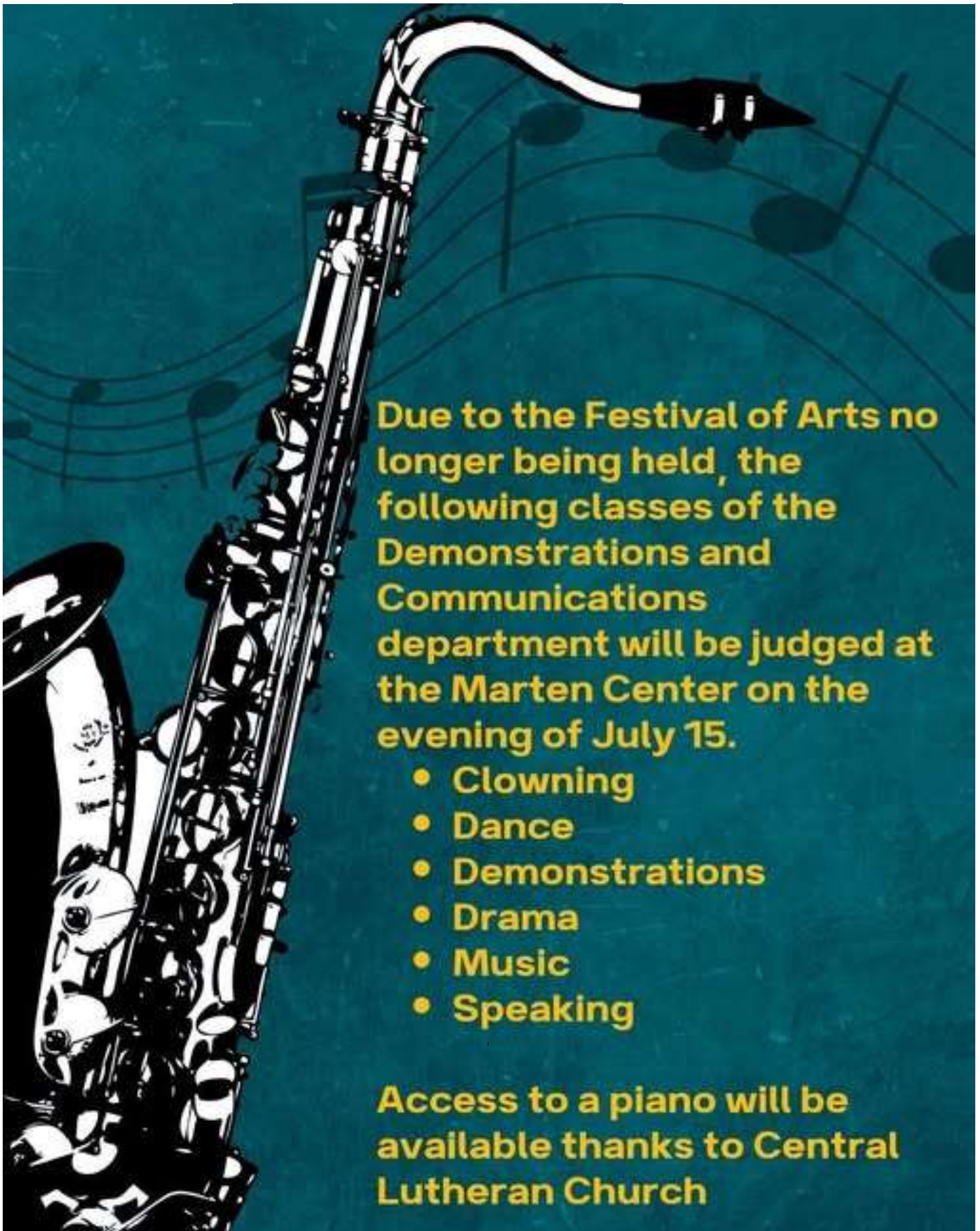
- Showmanship help
- Tips and Tricks while at the fair
- Next steps in getting ready to bring your animal(s) to the fair
- Food/drinks for joining us



Buffalo County Fair in Affiliation
with Pepin County.

Hosted by the Meat Animal Committee

No need to RSVP. Questions? Call Nathan Hanson at 1-608-475-3436

A stylized illustration of a saxophone and a trumpet against a teal background with musical notes. The saxophone is the central focus, with its long neck and keys clearly visible. The trumpet is partially visible on the left side. The background is a solid teal color with several musical notes and staff lines floating around the instruments.

Due to the Festival of Arts no longer being held, the following classes of the Demonstrations and Communications department will be judged at the Marten Center on the evening of July 15.

- Clowning
- Dance
- Demonstrations
- Drama
- Music
- Speaking

Access to a piano will be available thanks to Central Lutheran Church

2026 Buffalo County Fair Judging Schedule

Pre-Fair Events

Wednesday, June 24 - 6:00pm Foods Revue (Roger Marten Community Center)
 Wednesday, July 15 - 6:00pm Clothing Revue (Roger Marten Community Center)
 Saturday, July 18 - 9:00am Equine Show (Midnight Riders Show Arena)
 Saturday, July 25 - 9:00am Dog Show (Fairgrounds // Show Arena)
 Saturday, July 25 - 12:00pm Cat & Small Animal Show (Fairgrounds // Crops Building)
 Saturday, July 25 - 1:30pm Exotic Animal Show (Buffalo County Fairgrounds // Dairy Barn)

Thursday, July 30, 2026

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, July 31, 2026

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 1, 2026

9:00am Dairy (Show Arena)

Post-Fair Events

Tuesday, August 4 - 9:00am Carcass Judging (Gunderson Food Service)
 Wednesday, August 5 - 7:00pm Carcass Show (Gunderson Food Service)

BADGER DAIRY CAMP

University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus



Engage in hands-on, dairy-focused workshops
Prepare for college and a career of interest
Meet new friends with similar interests

12 to 17 years old by Jan. 1st

July 9th - 12th 2026

OUR PROGRAM

Thursday July 9th

3 to 5 pm Registration
 5 to 6 pm Orientation and Pizza Party
 6 to 8 pm Campus tour and Scavenger Hunt
 8 to 10 pm Games and Movie Night
 11 pm Lights Out

Friday July 10th

8 to 9 am Breakfast
 9 to 11 am Linear Evaluations and Dairy Judging Workshop
 11 to 12 pm College Preparation Workshop
 12 to 1 pm Lunch
 1 to 3 pm Animal Health and Welfare Workshop
 3 to 4 pm Ice Cream Social/CALS Org Fair
 4 to 6 pm Farm Business and Community Workshop
 6 to 7 pm Dinner
 7 to 10 pm Bowling or Volleyball
 11 pm Lights Out

Saturday July 11th

8 to 9 am Breakfast
 9 to 11 am Tours of Meat Science Animal Biologics Discovery Building and School of Veterinary Medicine
 11 to 12 pm College Preparation Workshop
 12 to 1 pm Lunch
 1 to 3 pm Land and Water Workshop
 3 to 4 pm Ice Cream Social/Alumni Mentor Panel
 4 to 6 pm Human Health and Nutrition Workshop
 6 to 7 pm Dinner
 7 to 10 pm Bonfire at Picnic Point
 11 pm Lights Out

Sunday July 12th

8 to 9 am Breakfast
 9 to 12 pm Skillathon/Contests for Workshops
 12 to 1 pm Lunch, Awards, and Closing Remarks
 1 pm Check Out of Dorms



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DAIRY INNOVATION HUB



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST FOR APPLICATIONS



**Applications open
 beginning of April
 \$175 per camper**

badgerdairycamp@ansci.wisc.edu

**HOW MANY
STRIPEs ARE
THERE ON THE
AMERICAN FLAG?**

ANSWER: THIRTEEN

STATE 4-H HORSE EVENTS

STATE GYMKHANA SHOW
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

STATE HORSE EXPO SHOW
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, & 20, 2026



SAVE THE DATES STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

**STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE,
SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY;
SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS**
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026
LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIGO

STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW
OCTOBER 11, 2026
OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY



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More Information:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../agricultu.../dogs-project/>



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/>





**250 YEARS
OF FREEDOM
FESTIVAL**

FRIDAY, JULY 3

**MEMORIAL PARK
DURAND, WI**

Join us for a spectacular fireworks display that will light up the sky and make this Fourth of July one to remember.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY



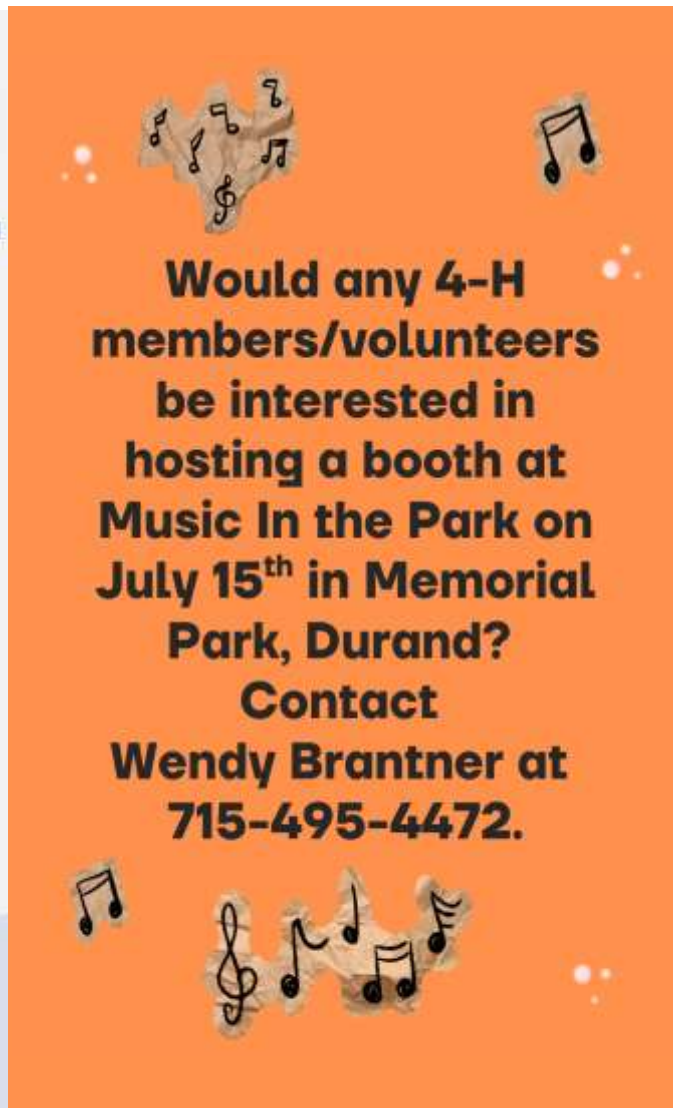
blacklight sunburn
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

BRATS/HOTDOGS & DRINKS
SOLD BY DIG STARTING AT 5PM

**YARD GAMES
FACE PAINTING
SMORES STAND**



MASSIVE FIREWORKS FINALE!



Would any 4-H members/volunteers be interested in hosting a booth at Music In the Park on July 15th in Memorial Park, Durand?

**Contact
Wendy Brantner at
715-495-4472.**



**FIND ANSWERS TO YOUR
AG QUESTIONS**

go.wisc.edu/agquestions



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Need an answer to your question? From the farm, field, tractor or barn, use the new UW-Madison Division of Extension [Ask Your Ag Question form](#).

Connect with Extension experts from Wisconsin and receive research-based responses and resources to answer your most pressing questions. Fill out the form to get connected with an expert, program, article or resource you need.



Mental Health FIRST AID
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

Mental Health First Aid

Training for agricultural
professionals and service providers

Just as CPR teaches you how to help someone having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to help someone experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. This skills-based course helps you identify, understand, and respond in crisis and non-crisis situations.

COST:

No charge (estimated value \$100)

QUESTIONS:

joy.kirkpatrick@wisc.edu or 608-263-3485

Instructors: Joy Kirkpatrick & Beverly Doll,
UW-Madison Extension educators

Training requires participants to use webcam and microphone during the virtual live training days.

UPCOMING TRAININGS:

Tues/Wed, July 28 & 29, 2026

12:30 – 3:30 pm (must attend both days).

Participants must complete a 2-hour online self-paced course prior to the 6-hour instructor-led training via Zoom.

REGISTER AT:

<https://go.wisc.edu/11mr82>

This training is funded by the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center; 2025-2026 is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under award 2025-70028-45437.

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**Want to become a
better gardener?**



GROWING & CARING FOR PLANTS IN WISCONSIN

Foundations in Gardening

Sept. 6–Dec. 12, 2026 | 100% Online | Self-Paced Course

Early Bird registration (\$299): July 13–Aug. 9

Regular registration (\$349): Aug. 10–24



**SCAN HERE
FOR MORE INFO**

go.wisc.edu/FoundationsInGardening



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UW-Madison Division of Extension Horticulture Program

Have a gardening Question?



Lawn and garden questions



Plant diagnosis



Soil testing information



Landscape and gardening information



Plant identification



Plant disease testing information



Insect identification

hort.extension.wisc.edu/ask-a-gardening-question

For more in-depth questions that go beyond quick answers, we suggest that you or your client **book a one-on-one session with the Horticulture Help Desk.**

Appointments are available in **15 or 30 minute time slots** from **1:00 to 3:00 PM** on **Mondays and Thursdays** (and **Fridays 10 to Noon** if needed.)

During the booking process, **you may choose to meet via zoom** or request a **phone call follow up.**

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