



Pepin Co. 4-H Pacer Newsletter



Fast Finder

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 :



CONGRATULATIONS!
4-H Fast Finder for the
Month:

WILLA BRENNER

We hope you enjoy the
Pepin 4-H Pacer!

Clubs and Meetings


DISCOVER
4-H CLUBS

Chippewa 4-H Club

Typically meets 2nd Sunday of month

Contact Nicki Melina @ 715-442-5274

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

Community Health Youth Leaders (CHYL)

Durand /Arkansaw In-School Club 6th - 8th Graders

Typically meets (2) times a month after school

Contact Sky Holt @ 715-279-7677

Lima Lads & Lassies 4-H Club

Typically meets 3rd Sunday of month 11:00 am, Durand City Hall

Contact Wendy Brantner @ 715-495-4472

Pepin County 4-H Parent Leader Federation Adult Volunteers and Older Youth

Typically meets even Months in the evening via Zoom or in-person Government Center

Contact Sky Holt @ 715-279-7677

Pepin/Buffalo 4-H Shooting Sports Club 3rd Graders and Older

Typically meets Monday & Tuesday (January-March) 6:30 pm, Pepin Sportsman's Club

Contact Nicole Schonke @ 612-644-7525

4HOnline



Now is the time to re-enroll in the new 4-H Year!

Go to <http://wi.4honline.com> to access the system using your family account information.

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>



Activities and Events

National 4-H Week is October 4-10! Recognize National 4-H Week and the Beyond Ready initiative on two celebratory days.

*Go Green Monday October 5. Show your spirit and wear green.

Thankful Thursday, October 8. Help shine a light on 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact on their communities.

National 4-H Week

October 4-10, 2026

Day 1: Go Green

Monday, October 5, 2026

Day 2: Thankful Thursday

Thursday, October 8, 2026



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In addition, each 4-H youth member should be receiving a Pepin County 4-H Proud Locker Magnet to display wherever they want (i.e. at school, refrigerator, room, etc..) and a yard sign for each 4-H family. Now is an awesome time to spread the word of 4-H and welcome others into "Our Family" !

Vote for our 4-H
T-Shirt Design

All votes must be in
before October 7th

Voting Link:

<https://forms.gle/iZa1GM1DKj3kpXnw6>

VOTE FOR THE 4-H T-SHIRT DESIGN

VOTE FOR YOUR TOP 3 DESIGNS. THE DESIGN WITH THE MOST VOTES WILL BECOME THE PEPIN COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRT DESIGN FOR 2026-2027!

ALL VOTES MUST BE IN BEFORE OCTOBER 7TH.

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Join us for our 4-H
Achievement
Program on
October 11 from
1-3pm at ClubTEN

<https://forms.gle/UxzqyiAsN4VMzUHc6>

October 9th is **Fire Prevention Day**.
What a great day to
practice a fun
home fire drill or
read a friendly
story about local
firefighters.



Fair and Animals



**2026 FAIR PREMIUM
CHECKS HAVE BEEN
DISTRIBUTED!**

**Please cash or deposit
your check by
November 18, 2026**

**Thank you again to all of
our exhibitors for being
part of another great fair!**

SAVE THE DATE!

Planning is underway for another great year at the Buffalo County Fair in Affiliation with Pepin County! We're excited for what's ahead!

Mark your Calendars for JULY 28 – AUGUST 1, 2027.



4-H Resources



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/>

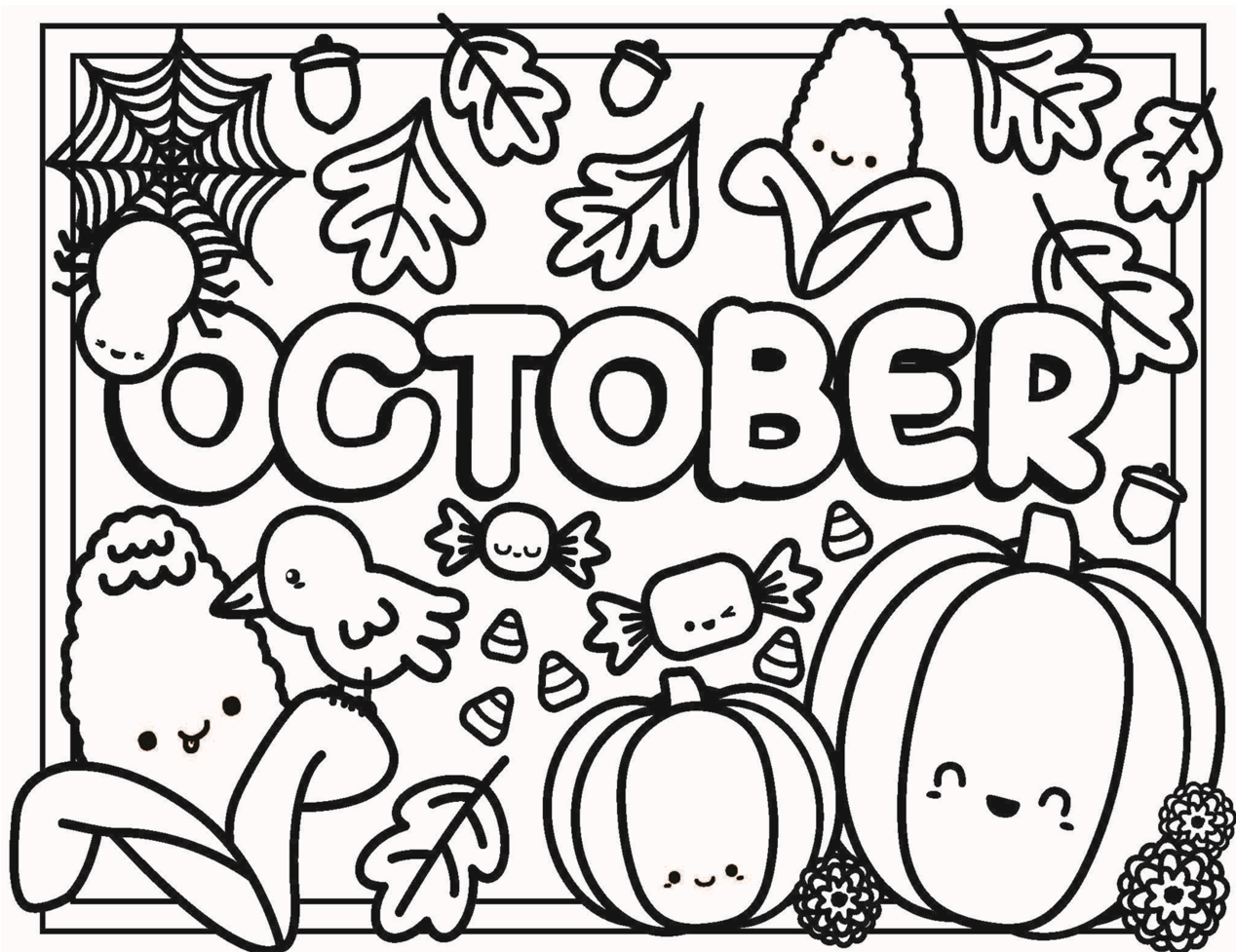
Check Out These Event Calendars

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/>

This Month's Fun Page



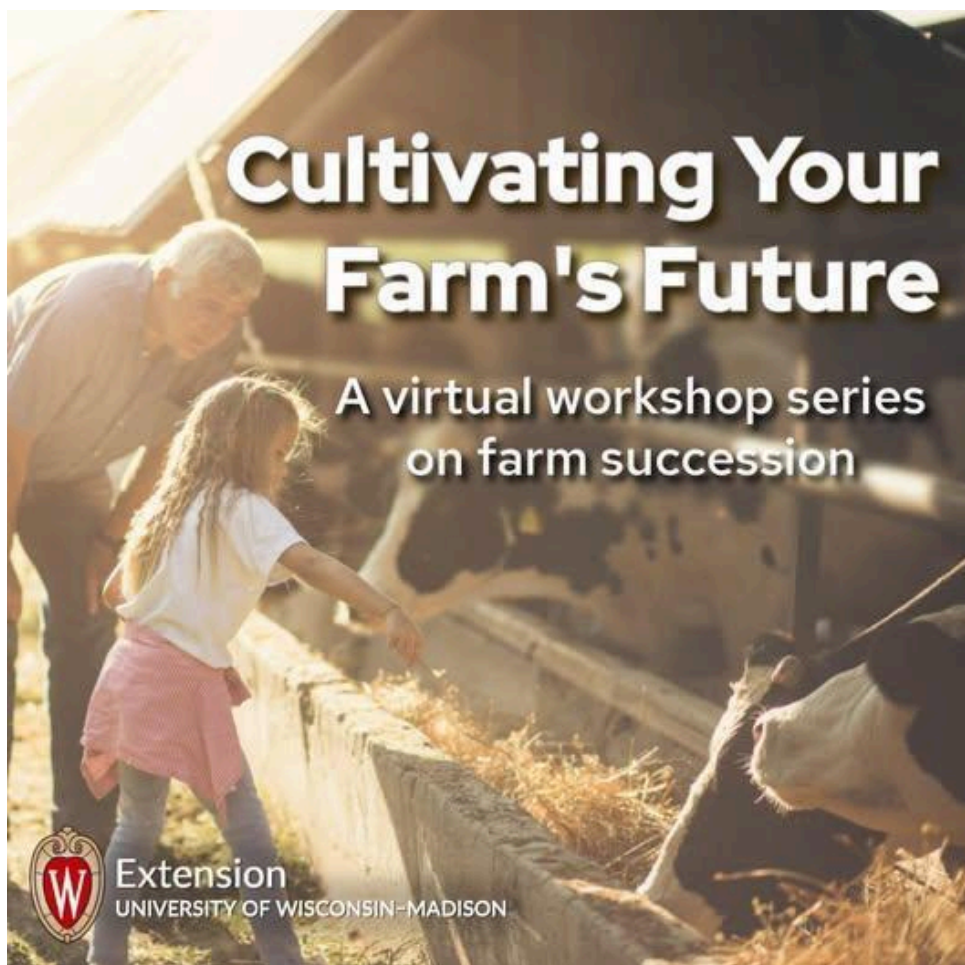
Other Notables



Don't forget about Durand's 9th Annual Trunk or Treat event happening on Halloween from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM on Main Street.

How will your farm operate when you're ready to step back? Protecting your life's work means starting the conversation today. "Cultivating Your Farm's Future," is an interactive virtual workshop that starts November 12, 2026. This online learning series is designed to help families navigate the succession process together. Whether you are the owner generation or the successor, this workshop provides the tools to shape your farm's legacy.

Registration ends October 23! Secure your spot at:
go.wisc.edu/cyff



FIND ANSWERS TO YOUR AG QUESTIONS

go.wisc.edu/agquestions



Ask our experts an Agricultural questions at :

<https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/ask-an-agriculture-question/>

Ask our Horticultural experts a question at:

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/ask-a-gardening-question/>

PLANT HEALTH ADVISING 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

HAVE A FOOD PRESERVATION OR HOME SAFETY QUESTION?

ASK AN EXPERT!

Wisconsin residents can call the AnswerLine for **trusted, research-based** help with food safety and household questions. Staffed by trained Extension professionals, the service offers **reliable guidance you can count on**.

We Can Help With:

- ✓ Safe food canning, freezing, and drying
- ✓ Preserving jams, jellies, salsa, and more
- ✓ Caring for kitchen equipment
- ✓ Seasonal safety tips



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Get In Touch:



PHONE NUMBER

1-866-540-4636

Monday-Friday
9 am-12 pm & 1-4 pm



LEARN MORE

go.wisc.edu/AnswerLine

This resource is made possible through a partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Ask your food preservation or home safety questions at:

<https://health.extension.wisc.edu/food-safety-and-preservation/answerline/>

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