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:

TRINITY LOEWENHAGEN

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 Moline @ 715-442-5371

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

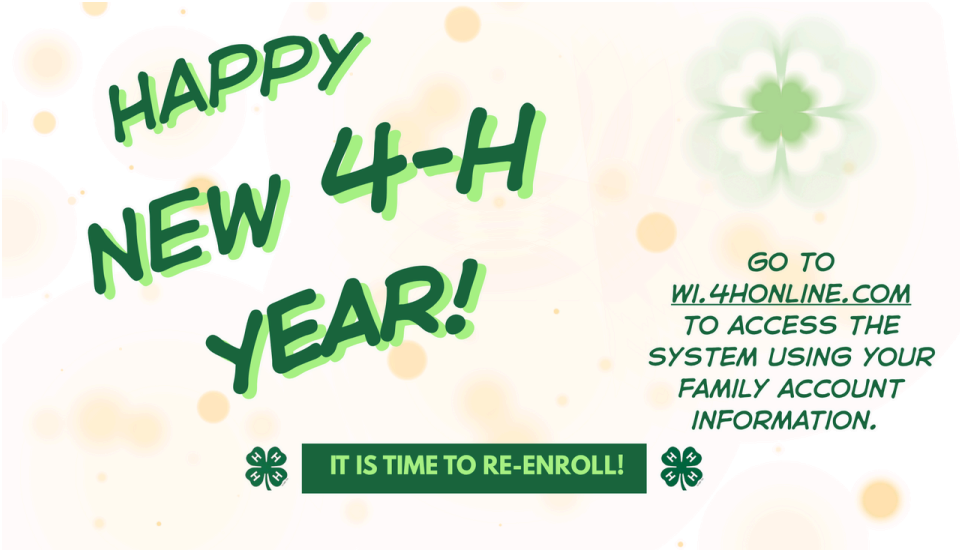
Contact Sky Holt @ 715-279-7677

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



Re-enroll in the new 4-H Year Now!

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

Or scan the QR code:

Lima Lads and Lassies News

Here is a little catch up for our September 20th meeting.

September marks the beginning of the 4-H year. During this meeting we elect new club officers for the 2026-2027 year. Our President is Elizabeth Wayne, Secretary is Alivia Hurtgen, Treasurer is Dylan Jereczek and Sunshine Awards is Willa Brenner. Enrollment in 4-HOnline is open so families are reminded to complete their re-enrollments.

We had 4 new families join our club. Hadley Dahl and her mom, Stephanie. Camden and Brooks Nelson and their dad, Tyler. Max and Calvin Nelson and their dad, Ryan. Lydia Costello and her dad, Matthew. All of these parents were 4-H members when they were kids so they are familiar with the workings of a club.

After all the introductions of the new members we set the dates for our monthly meetings for the next year and any extra activities that we participate in.

We will not have an October meeting. Instead we will have our annual 4-H Achievement Awards Program on October 11th at Club 10.

We had a small attendance from our club for the 4-H Awards Program. Members present were Lizzy, Alivia, Oakley, Maverick, Ryker, Willa, Wrenly, Wylie and Wren Brenner.

Top Awards were as follows:

Most Welcoming Family - Hannah, Nick and Leah Brion

Bleeds Green- Alivia Hurtgen

Willing Worker - Cayden Bauer

Strives to Lead - Elizabeth Wayne

Most Active Member - 3 Way Tie to Elizabeth Wayne, Nick Brion and Leah Brion

Honorable Mention for Record Book - Elizabeth Wayne

Best Cloverbud Report - Oakley Hurtgen

Best Record Book - 6th-8th grade - Alivia Hurtgen

Best Secretary Book - Corrina Brunner

Best Treasurer Reports - Jacey Brunner

Following the awards families were welcome to go bowling.

Our next meeting will be November 1st at 9:00. We will be putting up Christmas decorations in Memorial Park and Riverview Park. The National Honor Society from the Durand/Arkansaw school is willing to put up the decorations at Tarrent Park again this year. If anyone in our community has any working outdoor Christmas decorations that they were thinking about getting rid of please consider donation them to our 4-H club to put them on display at one of our city parks. You can contact me, Wendy Brantner at 715-495-4472 to arrange a pick up or you can drop them off at the Pepin County Extension Office.











With the turning of the calendar page it's time to start thinking about the holiday season coming up. On November 1st the Lima Lads and Lassies 4-H Cub completed a community service project in Durand. We decorated Memorial Park and the Clock Tower Park in preparation for Durand Dazzle Day on November 28th. We had many hands helping so it went fairly quickly plus we have done this job for several years now so we know the plan of attack to get the job done. If any community members have working outdoor decorations that are thinking about getting rid of please consider donating them to our club to use in future years. You can contact Wendy Brantner at 715-495-4472 to arrange a pick up of decorations.

The National Honor Society from the Durand /Arkansaw School will be decorating Tarrent Park later this month.

We did have an incident of vandalism shortly after we completed setting up the decorations. I had gone back to the park after the rest of the club had gone home to change out an extension cord. There were 5 kids at the park when I got there. The 4 younger kids immediately told me that the older kid had broken 2 decorations and was taking some other decorations apart. I attempted to talk to the older kid about what he had done but he wouldn't stay in the park for me to talk to him. That kid has been identified and the situation is being taken care of. I didn't ask the 4 kids what their names were but I identified myself to them. I want to commend those 4 kids for letting an adult know what was happening and they were trying to fix what the older kid had done. They actually commented that decorations cost a lot of money and it was bad to break them. They commented how nice the park looked with the decorations. A mom had come to the park to pick her 2 kids and I informed her of what had been going on at the park and I had told her that I greatly appreciated it that her kids were doing the right thing!!

Also, someone else has been plugging in the lights. Please leave them unplugged. We don't want them lit until November 28th.









Activities and Events

Audience: Grades K-2

Date: Tuesdays in February, 6-7 PM

February 2: Crafting Magical Apparel

February 9: Fantastic Beasts

February 16: Magical Potions & Quill Making 101

February 23: Fantastic Foods

Register: space limited, **https://27dlcloverbud.4honline.com**

Materials: MOST supplies are provided with the program fee.



Youth AND adults are invited to build a LEGO® creation that represents your favorite winter activity.

📅 Due Date: January 18, 2027

📩 Submit Here: https://go.wisc.edu/hzwgrw



Each entry may include up to three photos from different angles. Enter as an individual or team — everyone is welcome!

Join us for a fun Viewing Party on January 31 at 6:00 pm to celebrate all the amazing builds!



Audience: Grades **3 and up**

Date: February Mondays, 6:30 -7:30 PM

Designed specifically for beginning and intermediate 4-H photography members. Through hands-on weekly photo challenges, lessons, and activities, you will unlock the secrets to mastering your camera and building a portfolio of work.

Register: space limited, **https://27dlphotography.4honline.com**

Materials: MOST supplies are provided with the program fee.

This 100% virtual, no cost program is a 4-week experience for youth grades 8-10!

Charting A Path - January 13
Finding Your Strengths - January 20
Beyond Ready & Me - January 27
LEGO Communication - February 3

For more information, visit **https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/winter-academy/**





American Spirit 2027 is available to youth grades 9-10 and held June 25-July 3, 2027. The 4-H American Spirit Experience is an opportunity for youth to immerse themselves in history and heritage through a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast.

Applications are open in 4HOnline and close on November 30, 2026.

For more information, visit **https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/state.../american-spirit-east/**

The Salvation Army Pepin County Red Kettle Campaign will be starting soon. 4-H Club members can sign up for shifts early at these local areas:

Durand Fresh Market – Shifts start on November 19th and run through December 24th from 9am to 7pm daily. No Sunday shifts are available online

Villa Bellezza – Saturdays 11am to 4pm

Consumer Cooperative - Pepin Saturdays, 9am to 4pm

Bank of Alma-Pepin Saturdays, 8:30 to 11:30 am

The Pepin sites begin on November 21 and run through December 19th.



National 4-H Conference brings 4-H youth and adults to Washington D.C. to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H at the local, state, and national levels.

2027 dates are unknown at this time.

For more information, visit **https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../national-4-h-conference/**.

Audience: Grades 3 and older

When: all at 6PM

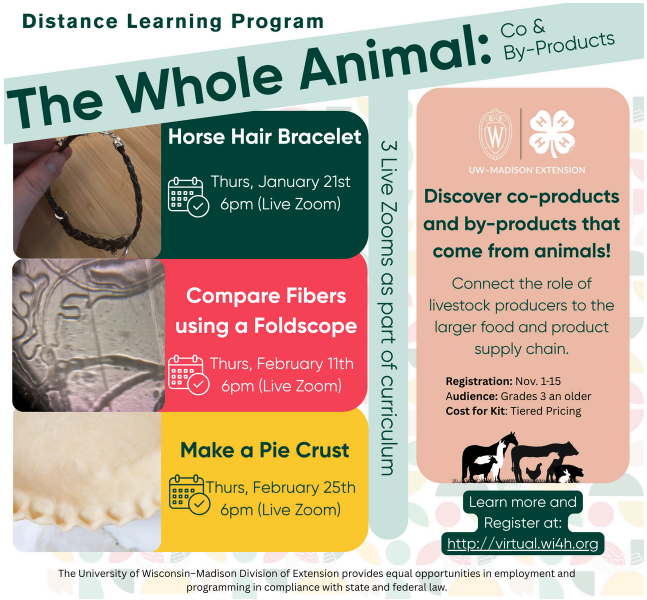
January 21**:** Horse Hair Bracelet

February 11: Compare Fibers using a Foldscope

February 25: Make a Pie Crust Crust

Register: space limited, **https://27dlanimal.4honline.com**

Materials: MOST supplies are provided with the program fee.



Fair and Animals



2026 FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED!

Please cash or deposit your check by AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

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

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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.



2027 Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Program



The goal of the Starter Flock Program is to help an aspiring young shepherd establish their own flock of registered Targhee sheep. By providing high-quality foundation genetics and experienced mentorship, the USTSA aims to empower the next generation of agricultural leaders.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Youth between 10 and 15 years of age as of January 1, 2027.

Immediate family must not currently raise registered Targhee sheep.

For more information: https://www.targheesheepus.com/news-updates

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/

* To find workshops, classes and other events hosted by University of Wisconsin-Extension see this site:

https://extension.wisc.edu/events/

This Month's Fun Page



Other Notables



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/





Ask your food preservation or home safety questions at:

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

UW- Madison Division of Extension Pepin County provides educational programs and information in 4-H, youth development, and human development and relationships. Our research based resources are open to all people. Please call ahead, to ensure in office availability of staff.

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