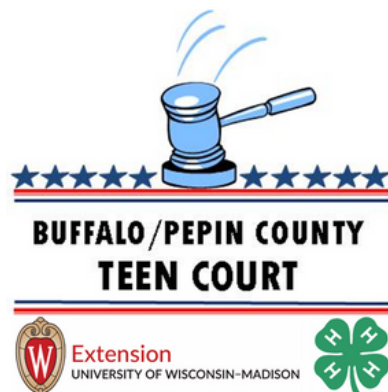


BUFFALO/PEPIN COUNTY TEEN COURT

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2022 TEEN COURT STATS



33 REFERRALS IN 2022

OVER HALF OF THE HEARINGS WERE FOR VAPING, MARIJUANA/THC, OR DISORDERLY CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

100% OF THE YOUTH WITH VIOLATIONS COMPLETED ALL THEIR SANCTIONS SUCCESSFULLY

TEEN OFFENDERS PERFORMED OVER 100 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PARTICIPATED IN OVER 50 HOURS OF COURSEWORK ONLINE OR IN PERSON

YOUTH PANELISTS VOLUNTEERED A COMBINED TOTAL OF 295 HOURS FOR TRAINING AND HEARINGS

31 STUDENTS FROM ALL SIX SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN BUFFALO AND PEPIN COUNTIES ARE TRAINED PEER JURY MEMBERS



2022 PANELIST TRAINING



17 NEW PANEL MEMBERS

Buffalo / Pepin County Teen Court welcomed 17 new panel members at their training on April 14 at the Buffalo County Courthouse in Alma. Integral parts of the training included developing an understanding of the pillars of restorative justice, practicing effective and equitable questioning strategies, reviewing the hearing process and steps in deliberation, and discussing the research behind criminogenic needs. A highlight of the training day was an opportunity to observe the Honorable Tom Clark as he presided over testimony in a jury trial. Throughout the training, experienced panelists coached new judges in a mock teen court hearing. They shared their perspectives, challenges and rewards serving on teen court.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT

CIRCLE PROCESSES & JUVENILE JUSTICE DECISION-MAKING

Teen court panelists and coordinators participated in the Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit on June 16, 2022, in Madison. The keynote speaker, Eric Butler, was a nationally recognized restorative justice practitioner whose life story is documented in the film *Circles*. Youth enjoyed gathering with over 100 other youth and adults engaged in restorative justice from around the state. They had the opportunity to learn more about effective circle processes and juvenile justice decision-making that impacts others. Buffalo/Pepin County Teen Court Coordinators were part of the Summit's planning committee.



RESTORATIVE CIRCLES TRAINING

MONIKA AUDETTE



Youth and adults involved with the Buffalo-Pepin County Teen Court program engaged in a Restorative Circles training on Friday, January 21, 2022 with statewide trainer and national author of *From a Single Pebble: Barron County Restorative Justice Programs*, Monika Audette. The training focused on utilizing restorative justice principles in relationships and facilitating difficult conversations between victims and offenders. Participants also learned about victim perspective and how shame and guilt impact the response of individuals who violate the rules or law. Learning about how individuals respond to conflict differently and what that means for meeting needs of all was an integral piece of the day's training as well. Young people developed skills as circle keepers and conducted a mock circle.



Youth and adults also discussed how concepts and processes of restorative circling could be more formally implemented into Buffalo-Pepin County Teen Court hearings. Participants left the training eager to use what they learned from Audette with their peers and families in their schools and communities.

CONGRATULATIONS MARIE!



MARIE RITSCHER RETIRED IN NOVEMBER AFTER A DECADE WITH BUFFALO/PEPIN COUNTY TEEN COURT AND 38 YEARS IN HER ROLE WITH THE DIVISION OF EXTENSION.

Marie was an integral part the teen court program from coaching panelists to working with youth with violations and their families. She will be greatly missed as she transitions on to her next adventures. Check out just a few memories of Marie Ritscher in action as a teen court coordinator over the last ten years!



WISCONSIN TEEN COURT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS



GRACE MCQUISTON
ALMA HIGH SCHOOL

Grace McQuiston (Alma) received one of only two Wisconsin Teen Court Association \$500 state scholarships in Spring 2022. She was also awarded the \$250 Buffalo/Pepin County Teen Court scholarship at her graduation ceremony in May.



ALEXANDER MONTREUIL
GILMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

AJ Montreuil (Gilmanton) was awarded the \$500 Buffalo/Pepin County Teen Court scholarship at his graduation ceremony in May.



Buffalo / Pepin County Teen Court Coordinator Annie Lisowski presented about restorative justice at her professional association's national conference in Madison, Wisconsin in October 2022. Colleagues across the nation were eager to learn about how restorative practices could be integrated into their youth programs.

TEEN COURT IS EVOLVING!

AS THE FIELD OF YOUTH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEVELOPS, SO DOES THE BUFFALO/PEPIN COUNTY TEEN COURT.

To align with current research, the Advisory Board voted in October 2022 to eliminate the first-time offender only policy. This change creates the opportunity for young people who have a violation in elementary or middle school to participate in teen court again as a high schooler if they have a successful completion in their first appearance.

2022-2023 TEEN COURT PANEL MEMBERS

Emma Myren - Alma Area School
Ryann Rieck - Alma Area School
Emily Walker - Alma Area School
Ashley Bartelt - Alma Area School
Zoey Danzinger - Alma Area School
Finley Noll - Alma Area School
Mya Stewart - Alma Area School
Isabella Holzer - C-FC School
Jaycee Lisowski - C-FC School
Mya Stanton - C-FC School
Corbyn Weber - C-FC School
Courtney Bauer - Durand-Arkansaw School
Isabella Wayne - Durand-Arkansaw School
Bailey Weisenbeck - Durand-Arkansaw School
MaKenzie Almsted - Durand-Arkansaw School
Kailyn Pophal - Durand-Arkansaw School
Kayla Rooney - Durand-Arkansaw School
Gabrielle Schneider - Durand-Arkansaw School
Maya Weir - Durand-Arkansaw School
Kailey Herbenson - Gilmanton School
Alyson Turner - Gilmanton School
Julia Moats - Mondovi Public School
Sofia Sandberg - Mondovi Public School
Ella Fluekiger - Mondovi Public School
Caitlyn Stadter - Mondovi Public School
Miriam Sandberg - Mondovi Public School
Kaylee Auth - Pepin School
Lillian Hullopeter - Pepin School
Drew Seifert - Pepin School
Evan Olson - Pepin School
Claire Goeldner - Rural Virtual Academy

2022-2023 TEEN COURT ADVISORY BOARD

Heather Kosik - Assistant Principal, Alma Area School
Rob Stewart - Superintendent, Alma Area School
Lana Rieck - School Counselor, Alma Area School
Aarik Lackershire - Chief of Police, Alma Police Department
Renee Pronschinske - Clerk, Buffalo County
Michael Schmidtknecht - Sheriff, Buffalo County
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Dave Williams - School Counselor, C-FC School
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Stephen Trudeau - Principal, Durand-Arkansaw School
Stan Ridgeway - Chief of Police, Durand Police Department
Brandon Bonnerup - School Resource Officer, Durand
Kory Rud - Superintendent, Gilmanton School
Marcy Smith - School Counselor, Gilmanton High School
Darin Gray - Principal, Mondovi High School
Jeff Rykal - Superintendent, Mondovi High School
Vacant - Chief of Police, Mondovi Police Department
Gina Rieck - Judicial Assistant, Pepin County
Carol Pulkrabek - Social Worker, Pepin County Human Services
Matthew Roesler - Chief Deputy, Pepin County Sheriff Department
Joel Wener - Sheriff, Pepin County
Jesse VanAlstine - Chief of Police, Pepin Police Department
Bruce Quinton - Administrator, Pepin School
Danni Noel - School Counselor, Pepin School
Annie Lisowski - Teen Court Coordinator, UW-Madison Extension
Kailey Herbenson - Youth Representative, Gilmanton High School
Sofia Sandberg - Youth Representative, Mondovi High School



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