



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



March 2018

From the President

Brrrrrrrrrr it is cold outside! We are all looking forward to spring! You may be starting to get ready to think about 4-H projects, 4-H camp, or all the fun things that 4-H has to offer. The 4-H Alumni Association is also getting ready and excited for some upcoming events!

A reminder that alumni scholarships are due April 1, 2018. Please check out the 4-H website for the application. The Alumni Association is also looking for nominations for the 2018 Alumni Award. Please use the form found in the newsletter to submit a nomination if there is an alumni you believe would be deserving.

As a new season approaches, the Alumni Association is also trying something new. We would like to invite you to the "Alumni Awards Celebration" which will be held Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Racers Hall in Plymouth, WI from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please see more details in the newsletter. We Look forward to seeing you all there.

While we are all getting ready for summer may it be for 4-H or family vacations may we all keep the 4-H motto in mind "To Make the Best Better". I wish you all a safe and Happy Summer.

Your Alumni President
Heidi Widder

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4-H Memorial Wall of Honor

The Sheboygan County 4-H Clubs have a Memorial Wall of Honor. The wall is a triangular shape made out of oak and is located in the 4-H Youth Building at the Sheboygan County Fair. It was created by the 4-H Leaders Association in 2002 in memory of Roland Nohl, whose name was synonymous with 4-H and its members. The purpose of the wall is to show recognition to all of those special people who felt 4-H was important and had a spot in their hearts where it was always in high esteem, and they were always trying to find ways to make it better.

To date there are 63 names on the wall. The individual names are added with a special note or date, saying or inscription as dictated by the person or persons who have decided whom they want added. "We encourage people to

donate to the wall and put their loved one's name on to support the 4-H program and honor the loved one who has passed away and know that 4-H was an important part of their lives."

If your club or family would like to put a loved one's name on the wall, just fill out the form located on the 4-H website with the information necessary with a minimum of \$100 that can be designated to any part of the 4-H program – example: Camp Riversite, scholarships, trips, awards, alumni, etc. It is a great way to remember love ones and their love of 4-H. It is never too late to honor someone. Former leaders, parents or anyone who has influenced 4-H or young people about 4-H.

4-H Building Needs a New Roof

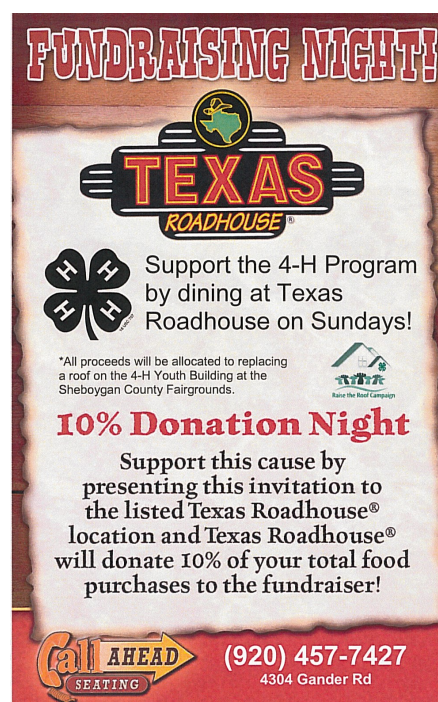
The fair association and 4-H needs our help. The 4-H building needs a new roof. It is our building where we display our 4-H projects and have our main fundraiser - the food stand. We have been helping take care of the building alongside the fair. We have done numerous things over the past 60+ years to improve and maintain the building from installing 88 new vinyl windows, refinishing the floor, bought & install 12 ceiling fans, enlarge & update the food stand and much more. All this was done by individuals, clubs and organizations.

We are asking for your financial help. Please give a donation to this very important project. You can send a contribution along with your membership dues/banquet reservations to help us out.

We should be very proud of our fair and the 4-H building and wish to keep it going. Maybe even put on a green metal roof so our 4-H building would stand out and people would see our great building easier.

Thank you in advance for your help. The alumni and all 4-H members really appreciate your support.

Texas Roadhouse fundraiser on Sunday's. Has no expiration.



FUNDRAISING NIGHT!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Support the 4-H Program by dining at Texas Roadhouse on Sundays!

*All proceeds will be allocated to replacing a roof on the 4-H Youth Building at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds.

10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

Call AHEAD SEATING (920) 457-7427
4304 Gander Rd

2018 Alumni Association Awards Celebration

Come and join us for the Annual Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Awards Celebration on **Sunday, June 10th, 2018 at Racer's Hall, Plymouth** starting a 3:00 pm with our annual meeting. Afterwards, we will have appetizers and a short program to give out our awards and scholarships. The cost of the food to each Alumni member will be \$5.00.

Please send reservations **by Friday, May 25, 2018 to Treasurer, Cindy VanderWeele, W4235 Clearview Rd, Waldo, WI 53093.** Please contact Cindy if you have any questions at 920-946-7915 or **leave a message.**

Just a reminder that you can also send your annual dues (\$10) along with your cost of the food.

It's Easy to be on the 4-H Alumni Board

Please consider running for the *Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Board.*

Just six meetings a year: February; April; May/June (banquet); July; September and November.

There are 6 committee's you can choice from to be a part of:

1. Banquet: find location, decide menu, program; etc.
2. Alumni Award: review applications for the alumni award and present the award at the banquet.
3. Scholarship: review applications, select winners, and award the scholarships at the banquet.

4. Nominating: Outgoing board members solicit new candidates for the Board.

5. Fair Display: Decide what theme would be good to promote 4-H, the alumni, and/or the history of 4-H at the county fair.

6. Silent Auction: Make up a basket for the 4-H silent auction at the county fair.

Memberships is open to former 4-H members, past or present 4-H parents, 4-H leaders, or any person interested in supporting the 4-H program.

It is really a rewarding experience and you get to meet really great people who are interested in the 4-H program and all that surround 4-H.

Got News to Share?!?

The Alumni Board would love to feature Alumni member's celebrations in the upcoming newsletters! These celebrations could range from special anniversaries, births of children and/or grandchildren, new jobs, special 4-H memories, even how 4-H has impacted your life, or anything else that is special to you. This will be an amazing way to learn about our fellow member's lives that they might desire to share.

If you wish to share please notify Tammy Zorn at: tammy.zorn@sheboygancounty.com

Or send to:

UW-Extension Sheboygan County
Attn: Tammy Zorn
5 University Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Thank You For Your Help

I would like to thank the alumni members who have helped with the "Raise the Roof" campaign so far. We are 1/3 of the way to our goal. Your cash donation or items to the silent auction are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your help so far in this worthwhile project to the following Alumni members: Fritz & Jeannie Johanning; Earl & Betty Opgenorth; Brian & Kelly Rauch; Virginia Hall; Rev. Dan & Sara Scholten; Kay Keyes; Sarah & Jason Britt; Tim DeGroff; Jessica Ford; Josh Kroeplien; Frank Steiner; & Skeeter DeGroff. Our next step is the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 18th. Tickets available at UW-Extension or Laack's Hall.

Thanks again for your help.

Skeeter DeGroff
Chair: "Raise the Roof"

2017 Donations From Members

Thank you to the following for your donations:

Scholarship Gifts

Frank Bartzen
Nancy Kissel
Donna Menart
Norbert & Sharleen Meyer
Frank & Geri Steiner

Memorial Donations

Wallace & Margaret Born
John & Sue Born
David & Elizabeth Haag
Ann Hoppert Keller
Jens Family
Fritz & Jeannie Johanning
Gene & Kathy Kaestner
Dennis & Kristine Lubenow
Jeff & Deb Meinnert
Earl & Betty Opgenorth
James & Patty Taylor
Heidi & Steven Widder

Julie Mentink

Julie (Meinnert) Mentink passed away in January, from a snowmobile accident.

Julie was a Johnsonville Hustler and very active in the club. She was a club officer, and mentor to all of the members. She did sewing, canning, showed pigs and cattle.

Julie showed cattle at the state fair and mentored many younger exhibitors. Julie also showed at other cattle shows. Julie went on to college pursuing a degree in Dairy Science.

After college she married Jason Mentink and together they worked the family farm with their son John.

Julie was currently serving of the Sheboygan County Dairy Committee.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

Paul Debbink

We lost one of our alumni members in February 2018: Paul W. Debbink, 91 of Sheboygan Falls. Paul & his wife Carol were charter members of the alumni. Paul married Carol Pietenpol in 1950. Paul was a 4-H woodworking leader for several years. In 1978, the system of displaying exhibits in the

youth building at the county fair was revamped. Paul Debbink was hard at work on remodeling the food stand in the youth building along with replacing permanent fixtures with moveable display cases in the building. He worked along with many other volunteers on several display areas at that time.

Audrey Jean Mulder

Audrey Jean Mulder, 87 passed away in February also. Born Audrey Jean Buehler, she married Kenneth W. "Lefty" Mulder in 1950. They farmed in the Town of

Lima for many years. Audrey worked for the Sheboygan County Extension Office for a brief time. She was a General Leader of the Dye Road 4-H club.

2018 Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Award Nomination Form

Recipient: _____

Briefly describe the contributions of the individual:

Individual completing the nomination: _____

Return by: April 9th 2018

**To: Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association
5 University Drive,
Sheboygan, WI 53081**

(Please feel free to add an additional page, if needed)

Reflections from Alumni Scholarship Winners

Nicole Twohig - Physical Therapist, St. Nicholas Hospital

I would like to take this time to encourage all youth who are eligible to apply for the 4-H Alumni Association Scholarship. I feel so honored to have received this scholarship back in 2008 and to now be able to give back by serving on the Alumni Board. 4-H has made quite the impact on my life. If it weren't for my participation in 4-H I would still be fearful of public speaking. 4-H has modeled me into the person I am today and has inspired me to keep working hard and to never give up on my dreams. I have made so many amazing friendships by being involved in 4-H. I am so lucky to have grown up in a family who encouraged me to participate fully in all the programs 4-H has to offer. The 4-H Alumni Scholarship helped me to further my education at Carroll University where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science and my Doctorate of Physical Therapy. I am so thankful to have been able to pursue a degree in a field I am now so passionate about. I am currently a physical therapist and enjoy working in a field where I can make a difference in people's lives. I also enjoy continuing to give back to the 4-H community by volunteering in the 4-H Stand helping to serve breakfast and helping with the Meat Animal Sale when I am able to. I also am a high school varsity volleyball coach. I am so grateful that the Alumni Association Scholarship helped me to fund my education for a career I thoroughly enjoy.



Vanessa VanderWeele - Operations Supervisor, Fond du Lac Historical Society and Galloway House and Village

I have been heavily involved in 4-H my whole life, and I have seen its impact on my life as time has gone on. I was a member of the Hingham Handy Helpers for 11 years, and was a youth leader for the Cloverbud program. My 4-H connections did not disappear after graduating from 4-H, but only grew.

While attending Lakeland College, I became a project leader for the History project and became the 4-H Youth Development Summer Intern in 2013. These experiences gave me a new perspective on how much work leaders and families put into 4-H and its programs. I would not have been able to afford to participate in these opportunities had I not received an Alumni Scholarship.

As an adult, I have been a member of the 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board since Nov. 2016; and as of Nov. 2017 hold the Secretary position. I also am serving on the Endowment Fund Committee, which has been a resource as I plan to create a similar fund for my current employer. I am proud to share my 4-H Alumni status, and encourage others to support other post-high alumni in their educational pursuits.





Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Awards Celebration and Membership Dues

PLACE: Racer's Hall, W4408 County Road C, Plymouth (new location this year)
DATE: **Sunday, June 10, 2018**
TIME: 3:00 - 5:00 pm - Appetizers, Coffee and Water
COST: \$5.00 per member
RSVP by: **Friday, May 25, 2018**

4-H friends are welcome, even if they aren't members of the Alumni Association.

Please note we changed when we are collecting dues, we will collect them with the award celebration reservation form. Please note: **You do not need to go to the Award Celebration, but use the form below for sending in Dues.**

Make check payable to: **Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association**

Mail to: Cindy VanderWeele
Treasurer
W4235 Clearview Rd
Waldo, WI 53093

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Celebration & Membership Dues Form
June 10, 2018

2018 Alumni Association Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2018 Annual membership dues: \$10.00 per member _____

Lifetime membership \$175.00 per member _____

Scholarship Donation _____

Raise the Roof donation _____

CELEBRATION RESERVATION FORM

Number of reservations _____ \$5.00 per person. Award recipients food is free. Award recipients guests are asked to pay for their food.

Name(s) attending: **PLEASE PRINT** – (INCLUDE MAIDEN NAME IF IT APPLIES)

	Member	Guest	Award Recipient
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Make check payable to: **Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association** TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Return to: Cindy VanderWeele, Treasurer, W4235 Clearview Rd, Waldo, WI 53093