



# Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



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## From the President

Greetings Alumni and 4-H Friends:

Just think, summer is coming to an end but the fun is just beginning at the “2018 Sheboygan County Fair!” There are a lot of great things going on! The 4-H building has a “New Roof,” thanks to all the great sponsors who donated to the project, but most of all the great 4-H projects that are on display from the youth. We as Alumni can look at how projects are done now and compare them to how we did them and of course all the “yummy food” especially in the 4-H building from the delicious shakes to the yummy baked potatoes, grand nachos and yummy 4-H breakfast.

There are many opportunities for all to assist at the fair, may it be by helping at the fair 4-H judging days or the youth building watch. All are a good way to see old friends and to make new ones. Please consider lending a hand. If you are interested in helping please contact the UW Extension 4-H office at 920-459-5903.

Once the fair is over school starts and a new 4-H year begins. There are lots of things to do like filling out forms for awards, trips, signing up for new projects for the upcoming year. Take the time to fill them out, it is a great way to meet new friends and also help you out in the future.

We are looking for new Alumni Board members. This is the perfect opportunity to give back to the 4-H program. Please consider joining us. New members and new ideas are always welcome. Dues are \$10.00 per year or \$175.00 for a Life Time Membership. Any Suggestions to help us improve our Alumni Association are welcome. Please let one of our board members

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if you are interested to be on the board or if you have any suggestions.

So, on that note I hope all of you are having a fun, safe summer and hope to see you all at the Sheboygan County Fair!

Your Alumni President  
*Heidi Widder*

## Fall Election

**W**ould you like to be on the Alumni Executive Board? Or do you know someone else who might be interested? If so, please call Heidi Widder at 918-2815 or fill out the self-nomination form in this newsletter. It's a lot of fun and a great

experience. The current board decides the time of the meetings, so if day meetings work out better for you, that may be considered. We would like your ideas and input. . .consider being on the Alumni Executive Board this year!

## Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Board Member Job Description

**E**ach board member is expected to:

- Know the Association's mission, bylaws, and program needs
- Faithfully read and understand the Association's financial statements
- Serve as an active advocate and ambassador for the Association
- Be an Alumni dues paying member
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in 5 board meetings and one annual meeting per year
- Participate fully in one or more committees

Further, board members are expected to:

- Follow the Association's bylaws, policies, and board resolutions
- Maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of the 4H Alumni Association
- Serve a three year term and may be reelected once for a total time on the board of total of six years
- Find a replacement for his/her position at the end of eligibility to serve

## Alumni Self Nomination Form for Board

### Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Self-Nomination Form for Board

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Years \_\_\_\_\_

### Return by September 8th to:

4-H Alumni Association  
UW-Extension Office  
5 University Drive  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

## Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

This year, the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association gave one scholarship for \$500.00 and one scholarships for \$1,000.00.

### \$500.00 Recipient

Sara Deheck received the Wallace Kleinhans Memorial Scholarship, and is the daughter of Tony and Susan Deheck. She has been a member of the Madison All Stars and Ourtown Orioles for 12 years. Sarah is studying Hospitality and Event Business at Concordia University. As a 4-H member, Sarah did many activities within her club, the county, and the state. She held leadership positions such as club President, Youth Association Secretary and County Ambassador. Sarah participated in 4-H camp for 9 years; as a camper for 6, counselor for 3, and Junior Director for one. She was a part of statewide events such as American Spirit Experience, Citizenship Washington Focus, and Fall Forum. At Concordia, Sarah is an Executive Member for the Campus Activities Board where she does marketing for the events.

### \$1000.00 Recipients

Emily Meinnert received the Depping Family Memorial Scholarship, Emily is the daughter of Jeff and Debbie Meinnert of Plymouth, WI. She was involved with the Johnsonville Hustler's 4-H club for 13 years, participating in the swine and dairy projects. Throughout her years, she became more involved with county wide organizations such as the 4-H Dairy Committee and the Meat Animal Sale committee. 4-H helped her grow into a stronger speaker, teammate and leader. She wouldn't be the person she is today without the influences of 4-H in her life. Currently, she is finishing up her undergraduate degree at UW-Platteville in biology. Starting in fall, she will begin the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program at Clarke University in Dubuque, IA.



Alumni & 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship Winners pictured left to right: Sarah Deheck, Lauren Schmitt, Jared Vander Weele, Emily Meinnert and Hannah Morse.



## Alumni Award Winner

**I**t all started in 1965 when her 12 year old son wanted to take leather craft for 4-H. The project class was at Mrs. Edgar Koeser's home, the leader at the time, in Howards Grove.

When they got home, Audrey said "I can do this and we don't have to drive to Howards Grove." So she got a Tandy leather book from the 4-H agent and ordered the basics.

She got a cheap hammer, boards, and a number of tools. And she learned from the catalog. Some of the things her 4-H kids made were wallets, purses, belts, dog collar

checkbook cover and her granddaughter Lydia made a pair of moccasins from a kit.

50 years of teaching our youth to make something beautiful from a piece of leather. She taught her own kids, her grandkids and a generation of neighborhood kids how to make leathercraft items.

Audrey Laack &  
Skeeter DeGross



## Leaders Association Scholarship News

**C**ongratulations to the 4-H members selected to receive the 2018 educational scholarships offered by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association.

### **\$750.00 Suhrke Memorial Recipient**

- ◆ Hannah Morse has been a member of the Leaping Lizards for ten years. She has spent many years involved with the Poultry Project as well as the Ceramics and Stamping Projects. Hannah is interested in business, finances and the economy and would like to continue her education in Business Management at Lakeshore Technical College to give herself a foundation for a four year degree should she choose to pursue that.

### **\$400.00 Leaders Association Recipients**

- ◆ Tessa Bidinger is currently a member of the Parnell Pals for the past 10 years. Some of Tessa's favorite projects include Celebrate Art, especially wood burning and coppersmithing. If she could change anything in 4-H, she would like there to be more county-wide art opportunities. Tessa will be pursuing degrees in Psychology and Business Communication & Christian Thought.

- ◆ Hannah Schleicher has been a member of the Lima Lites for 11 years. She loves the Child Development Project and has made several fair projects geared for young children. Hannah completed a senior thesis related to child development and wants to continue working with young children by attending Lakeshore Technical College and Lakeland University with the goal of becoming a teacher.
- ◆ Lauren is a member of the Herman Cheerio's for 12 years. She has been involved in many things during her time in 4-H. She has grown to especially love horses, going from the Horseless Horse Groom Project to owning her own horses. Lauren will be pursuing a degree working with horses as an equine veterinarian, acupuncturist and chiropractor at UW-River Falls.
- ◆ Jared has been a member of the Hingham Handy Helpers for the past 14 years. He has been very involved in the Dairy and Rabbit Projects. He plans to continue his education in math and science to help develop tools to make dairy farming more efficient.



## 4-H Members Receive Key Award

**K**ey Award recipients are high school students with at least three years of experience in 4-H and one year as a youth leader. The Key Award is sponsored by Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Rural Insurance Companies, GROWMARK, Inc., and The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

The seven Sheboygan County 4-H members who received the 2017 Wisconsin 4-H Key Award are:



Pictured left to right: Jared VanderWeele, Fritz Johanning & Megan Rammer

His plan is to get his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point and then move down to Florida to pursue his PhD in marine biology. He contributes many of his successes and growth to 4-H as well as the great network of peers that he has today.

- ◆ Bryan Burkhardt, of the Madison All-Stars appreciates the self confidence that comes from 4-H. He is active in his club as well as at the county level, serving as president of the Youth Association for the past two years. He will be showcasing his leadership skills at 4-H Base Camp as Co-Junior Director. He enjoys the Poultry Project and the Photography Project!
- ◆ Megan Hand, is a member of the Lima Lites and has been in 4-H for 13 years. She has been involved with the Beef Project, the Knitting Project and Self-Determined.
- ◆ Kevin Krentz, a member of the Leaping Lizards and has been involved with 4-H for 10 years. Kevin is going to be a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, Sheboygan.

- ◆ Megan Rammer, a member of the Ourtown Orioles. Her favorite 4-H projects are knitting and crocheting. When she is not busy with 4-H, she loves to run and is on the Track and Cross Country teams at school.
- ◆ Hannah Schleicher, is an 11 year member of the Lima Lites 4-H club. She is the current Club Secretary and has had the roll of Club President, Vice President, and Club Sunshine Reporter. She is active in the Swine Project and Child Development Project. She is an active volunteer for her church and community.
- ◆ Jared VanderWeele, has been a member of the Hingham Handy Helpers 4-H club since he was 5 years old. He has been involved in the Rabbit and Dairy Projects over the years. He has learned much about the dairy industry through his 4-H experiences within the county as well as at that state and national levels. He also enjoys showing cattle at local events such as the Sheboygan County Fair Futurity.

Dairy has formed his interest in pursuing a college education to become an agricultural engineer. He can use his skills to design and build agricultural equipment that is efficient and affordable for farms of all sizes. He has recently completed his freshmen year at University of Wisconsin River Falls, where he is involved in the UW River Falls Dairy club. He has been elected to the Junior CAFES representative position for the coming fall.

- ◆ Grace Wolfington, is a member of the Sheboygan County Wranglers and has been in 4-H for nine years. She has been involved with the Horse and Pony Project.

## Thank You!

**A**lumni scholarship winners: Emily Meinnert, \$1000; Sarah Deheck, \$500.

Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni,

Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient for your scholarship. This money will help greatly with my continuing education towards becoming a physical therapist. I will be starting my graduate program in August so this money will help with my tuition.

Thanks again,  
Emily Meinnert

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni,

Thank you for awarding me one of the scholarships! I'm excited to continue my education at Concordia University and to continue my participation in the 4-H program.

Thank you,  
Sarah Deheck

## 4-H Recognition Program

**T**his year's Project, Leader, and Clover Awards Program will take place at Acuity Corporate Headquarters on November 26th. Hor d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:30 pm and the program beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The 4-H Leaders Association is looking for help with Project Awards Interviews on October 16th, as well as reviewing Secretary, Reporter and Community Builder Books. Call 459-5903 to volunteer!

## Alumni Board Members

**President:** Heidi Widder  
**Vice-President:** Joanne Howe  
**Secretary:** Barb Meinnert  
**Treasurer:** Cindy VanderWeele

**Directors:**  
Skeeter DeGroff  
Kay Keyes  
Debbie Oberreich  
Frank Steiner  
Nicole Twohig



Back row left to right:  
Heidi Widder, Joanne Howe, Nicole Twohig, Frank Steiner and Barb Meinnert.

Front row left to right:  
Skeeter DeGroff, Debbie Oberreich, Kay Keyes and Cindy VanderWeele

# Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

**H**ere is a list of people that have!!

## November 1, 2017– October 31, 2018 Paid Members

Cathy Beumler  
Barb Bitter  
Judi Bogenschutz  
Wally & Margaret Born  
Sarah Britt  
Lyndsay Fenner  
David & Elizabeth Haag  
Helen Harms  
Phil & Cheryl Jens  
David & Michelle Johanning  
Fritz & Jeanne Johanning  
Virginia Jordan  
Wayne & Kay Keyes  
Joe & Kelly Koenig  
Matthew Meinnert  
Emily Meinnert  
Michelle Meinnert  
Donna Menart  
Norbert & Sharlene Meyer

Debbie Oberreich  
Kristen Rauch  
Micah Rautmann  
Barb Scholten  
Rev. Dan Scholten  
Andrew Taylor  
Walter Taylor  
Mary TerMaat  
Henry Umstadt Jr

## Lifetime Members

Skeeter DeGross  
Tim DeGross  
Rosemarie Dickman  
Elaine Fiedler  
Kathy Froh  
Virginia Hall  
Joanne Howe  
Gary Kaestner  
Gene & Kathy Kaestner  
Scott Kaestner  
Marlene Kammann  
Nathan Kleinhans  
Randy, Sue & Anna Kleinhans

Kristine Lubenow  
Betty Martin  
Barb Meinnert  
Debra Meinnert  
Stanley & Sharleen Meinnert  
Earl & Betty Opgenorth  
Kelly Rauch  
Edith Rohrbeck  
Daniel Sippel  
Frank Steiner  
Patty & Jim Taylor  
Nicole Twohig  
Jamie Tyrrell  
Elizabeth Widder  
Heidi Widder

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## Alumni Association Membership Dues Form

Please fill this out and send it in if not on the list!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all people you are paying dues for

Dues \$10 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for Scholarship fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to Extension Office or

Cindy VanderWeele, Treasurer  
W4235 Clearview Road  
Waldo, WI 53093

***Thank You for all your Support!!!***

## Master Naturalist of the Year

**T**om Lentz of Sheboygan Falls received the award of Master Naturalist of the Year. The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a statewide network of well-informed citizens dedicated to conservation education and service within Wisconsin communities. Most states across the country offer similar master naturalist programs to increase informed volunteer service related to natural resources.

For many years Tom participated in the Sheboygan County 4-H program and attended numerous programs at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit with his daughter, April. As time progressed, Tom started to volunteer in leadership roles for both organizations and conducting numerous nature-based activities and programs.

In the fall of 2013, Tom took part in the 40-hour Master Naturalist training at Riveredge Nature Center located near Newburg and became one of the first Master Naturalists in the state. To continue as a Master Naturalist, Tom must complete eight hours of continuing training and 40 hours of services in the areas in natural resource education, stewardship, and/or citizen-science projects.

Since becoming a Master Naturalist in late 2013, Tom has logged more than 500 hours of volunteer time. He conducts and assists with a wide variety of programs at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit including Nature Sensations, Saturday Morning Nature Explorers, and the Halloween Nature Hikes. With the 4-H, he coordinates special nature-based programs and participates with many of their special events. To top things off, he shares his knowledge, talents, and time with the members of his church.

Tom Lentz truly is an outstanding Master Naturalist and amazing volunteer for so many different organizations! Congratulations to Tom on receiving the Master Naturalist of the Year



Jackie Scharfenberg & Tom Lentz



## Thank You For Your Help

I would like to thank the alumni members who have helped with the “Raise the Roof” campaign. We surpassed our goal. With your cash donation, items to the silent auction, bucket raffle items, your spaghetti dinner donations, delicious tortes and participation was all greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your help 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, Virginia Jordan, Caroline & Phillip Jens, Kathy Froh, Barbara Drewy-Zimmerman, Liz Haag, Randy Meyer, Henry Umstadt, Sue Kleinhans, Margaret Born, JoAnn Howe, David & Michelle Johanning, Edith Rohrbeck, Mary TerMaat, Helen Harms, Patty Taylor, Randy & Sue Kleinhans, Brian & Deb Rautmann, Janice Morse, Marlene Kammann & any other alumni members I may have missed. With all your help, our 4-H clubs pitching in and some great companies helping - we raised over \$40,000.00. All funds over the cost of the roof will be used for the 4-H building – (possible new doors, deck repair, etc.)

The 4-H clubs that helped with this very important project were: 4-H Rangers; Clover Crusaders; County Mounties; Happy Workers; Herman Cheerios; Hingham Handy Helpers; Hub City; Johnsonville Hustlers; Lakeview Badgers; Lima Lites; Madison All-Stars; Mosel Farm & Home; Ourtown Orioles; Parnell Pals; Plymouth Shamrocks; Scott Pioneers; Sheboygan County Wranglers; Sheboygan Shooting Stars; Sherman Workers; Spring Valley; Town & Country; Willing Workers; Wilson Wildcats and Wise Wizards. The following companies made a financial donation to our project: Masters Gallery Foods (Over \$900); Vollrath Co. and Curt G. Joa Inc (\$500 each) & Kohler Co. donated \$17,000. We can now replace the roof with a green steel one and fix some other needed repairs. As our motto says “To Make the Best Better” we can now do that. We will see you all at the fair as you enjoy the great food at the 4-H food stand, check out all the neat projects, meet old and new friends and see our bright new green roof. You can all be very proud of our 4-H program, building and members.

Thanks again for your help.

Skeeter DeGroff

Chair: “Raise the Roof”

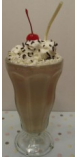


# Sheboygan County Fair

Looking back, I bet we all have some very fond memories that were made at the county fair! The county fair is a very important piece of the whole puzzle of 4-H. Remember how nervous and excited you were to take your beautifully crafted project to fair judging? Or, the hours upon hours you spent with your animal preparing them to show in the ring? You learned about responsibility, independence, problem solving and sportsmanship. Through the years you became skilled in talking with adults that were critiquing your project explaining why you deserve that blue ribbon. From there, you took a shift as “Building Watch” in the youth building, or “Barn Duty” by the animals. You talked with fair goers, grandparents, neighbors, and friends about why 4-H is so amazing. You even took a shift in the foodstand, serving up shakes on the cold side, or preparing baked potatoes on the hot side. Friendships were formed, customer service skills were honed, and you learned how hard work really does pay off.

Would you like to relive some of those fond 4-H memories?

We are looking for help in the foodstand on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-1:00 pm. If you (and a friend) are interested in helping serve up some 4-H foodstand goodies, please contact Linda Robson at 920-459-5914 or [linda.robson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:linda.robson@ces.uwex.edu) (Wouldn't it be fun to wear our OLD 4-H t-shirts too?)



Help is also needed with the Building Watch in the Youth Building during the fair. If you feel that you have an hour or two, and would like to bust out one of the sweet green vests and help answer 4-H questions, contact Linda Robson at 920-459-5914 or [linda.robson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:linda.robson@ces.uwex.edu)

