

## Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



August 2019

#### From the President

OW! Where has summer gone, before we know it will be Christmas! Wait a minute I am getting way ahead of myself here. We first have to get ready for the FAIR! Yes it is that time of year to see the youth projects, the animal shows from pigs, beef, dairy, horses, to chickens and rabbits, to sheep and goats. Of course we cannot forget about all the yummy food! Yes, its Labor Day weekend August 30, 2019 thru September 2, 2019 at the Sheboygan County Fair Grounds.

The Alumni Association is looking for new members to join our organization. It's a great way to meet new friends, talk about the 4-H history. Our membership dues are \$10.00 a year or a life time membership is \$175.00. Please consider joining our membership! Dues go toward the Scholarship fund. You may also contribute to our scholarship fund if you want to honor someone for Birthdays, Anniversary Funerals etc. There are forms in the newsletter for you to use giving the information.

We are also, looking for someone to join our board. We meet 6 or 7 times a year on the first Wednesday of the month. Meeting start at 6:30 p.m. There is a form attached to the newsletter or talk to one of the members of the board.

We will once again have our "Celebration Awards" Sunday, May 17, 2020 time 2:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar. It is a great way to see what our youth has accomplished with the awards and Scholarships and most of all it is a great way to meet new people and talk about old times with people you haven't seen for awhile.

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I hope you all are enjoying your summer may it be on vacation, or just hanging out with family and friends. Just remember a great way to end your summer is to come to the Sheboygan County Fair this Labor Day weekend. Hope to see you all there!

Your Alumni President Heidi Widder

#### **Fall Election**

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

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 vear
- 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		
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#### Return by September 8th to:

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

#### **Alumni Association Scholarship Winners**

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

#### \$500.00 Recipient

Tessa Bidinger is the daughter of Richard and Jenny Bidinger. She was a ten-year member of the Parnell Pals 4-H club. Tessa is studying at Concordia University Wisconsin to be a Director of Church Ministries. During her time in 4-H, Tessa held various leadership positions secretary, including vice-president president of her club. She also was a camp counselor and was a youth leader for Anything Goes at fair. Tessa's highest 4-H achievement was earning the Emerald Award. Tessa's favorite projects were creative art, foods and nutrition, and blacksmithing. Her passion for creative art led her to help with several club project days and to co-lead a craft at the Project Day. County Tessa has emphasized service in her life. During her time at 4-H, she participated in bell ring for Salvation Army for seven years and participated in Memorial Day presentations for Veterans for nine years. Tessa identifies her 4-H experience as impactful to her development and growth and is appreciative of all the opportunities and support 4-H has provided her.

Lyndsay Fenner is currently a junior studying agribusiness at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. At school she is actively involved in the Sigma Alpha Professional Women in Agriculture Sorority, Alpha Zeta honors fraternity. well as as а campus ambassador. Upon graduation she wishes to pursue a career in the ag industry, preferably something relating to livestock or landscaping.

Megan Rammer is the daughter of Tim and Mary Rammer and was a former member of the Ourtown Orioles 4-H Club. While in 4-H some of her favorite projects were Knitting, Crocheting, Foods and Nutrition, and Celebrate Arts. She also enjoyed some of the different 4-H activities such as county-wide softball and various community service activities. She was also a leader for her club as a Secretary, Reporter, President, and Crochet Project Youth

Leader. Over the past year, she has attended University of Green Bay, Sheboygan Campus and plans to transfer to UW-Stevens Point in the fall to complete a degree in dietetics. In her free time she loves to run and she plans to join both the cross country and track teams when she transfers to UW-Stevens Point. After graduating she plans to pursue a career as a registered dietitian.

Kristen Rauch is an eight-year member of the Ourtown Orioles 4-H club. As a 4-H member Kristen participated in the Drawing and Painting, Photography, Crocheting, and Llamas and Alpacas projects. She served as the Exploring Project youth leader, Secretary, and Vice President in her club. Kristen received the Wisconsin Key Award. Some of her favorite memories of 4-H include being a counselor for Clover bud Camp, The American Spirit Experience, and directing her club's music and drama festival entry. Kristen is currently attending UW-Whitewater, where majoring in marine biology and minoring in special education. While at school Kristen dives competitively and participates in her school's Best Buddies organization and the Nursing Home Visitation Program.

Hannah Schleicher is a 12 year member of the Lima Lites. She's in the Early Childhood Education program at LTC where she's made the Dean's List 4 semesters and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She'll transfer to Lakeland in 2020 to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

In her 4-H career, she's held all club officer positions; President and Vice-President several years. She does monthly community service like town hall clean-up, decorate Meals on Wheels bags, play BINGO, and Christmas Caroling at Pine Haven, donate to food pantries, humane society and nursing homes.

She's in the Swine Project for 10 years, mentoring with the Lil' Hams for 3 years. Child Development for 8 years, and Celebrate Art for 7 years.

#### **Alumni Association Scholarship Winners**

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She was a representative at the Wisconsin Youth Conference, a summer camper and then camp counselor for both Outpost Camp and Cloverbud Day Camp. She participated with Anything Goes, enjoyed pizza and movie nights, and the lock-in.

She'll also be recognized to receive a Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship, and 3 different Livestock Project Scholarships this year.

#### **\$1000.00 Recipients**

Jared VanderWeele, is the son of Jay and Cindy VanderWeele and was a 14-year member of the Hingham Handy Helpers 4-H Club. Jared has been very active in the Dairy project starting when he was 9 years old. He enjoyed showing Guernsey calves he owned as

well as Holstein calves from friends' farms. His best 4-H memory was winning the Supreme Champion Showman award as well as the Rammer Family Sportsmanship Award on the same day. He also enjoyed the Rabbit project showing his rabbits as various shows for many years. Jared was active as a secretary and treasurer in his local club and vice-president of the County Dairy Committee. He was also a club dairy youth and rabbit leader. Currently, he has completed his sophomore year at UW River Falls in the agricultural engineering program. He is also the on the UW River Falls Dairy Club leadership team and the Robotics Club team. After graduation, he plans to design robotic milking systems to make them efficient and affordable for all farmers.



#### **Alumni Board Members**

President: Heidi Widder Vice-President: Nicole Twohig Secretary: Barb Meinnert Treasurer: Skeeter DeGroff

Directors: Linda Barthels Judy Glander Kay Keyes Sue Laack Frank Steiner



Back row left to right: Sue Laack, Barb Meinnert, Nicole Twohig, and Linda Barthels

Front row left to right: Kay Keyes, Skeeter DeGroff, Heidi Widder and Judy Glander

#### **Leaders Association Scholarship News**

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

- Brianna Breunig has been a member of the Wilson Wildcats for 13 years. She has spent many years involved with the Goats and Dog Project as well as the Arts and Photography Projects. Brianna was active with her club holding officer positions and helping the younger youth. She participated in the Communication Arts Festival and the Music and Drama Festival. Brianna will be attending River Falls and expanding her education to help her work towards a career that works closely with animals, either training service dogs or working in wildlife rehabilitation.
- \$400.00 Leaders Association Recipients
- Lyndsay Fenner was a member of the Happy Workers 4-H Club for 10 years. She has been involved mostly with the goats and poultry project. When she started the goat project she didn't know very much about it. She now holds goat project demonstrations about fitting and showmanship, helping the younger youth learn. Lyndsay is attending

- UW Platteville pursuing a degree in Agribusiness.
- Cassidy Grubisic is currently a member of the Mosel Farm and Home 4-H Club for the past 9 years. Cassidy was very active in her club holding several officer positions. Some of Cassidy's favorite projects include Photography and Foods and Nutrition. Cassidy will be attending Drake University pursuing a career in International Relations.
- Tessa Parrish has been a member of the Waldo Fireflies for 10 years. She is passionate about the Archery project and has even gone to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition through it. Tessa was very involved with her club and also at the county level with camp and the Youth Association. Tessa will be attending UW Milwaukee for a Biomedical Engineering degree.
- Megan Rammer has been a member of the Ourtown Orioles 4-H Club for the past 8 years. She has been very involved with her club helping lead many service activities. Her projects included knitting, crocheting and celebrate arts. Megan will be attending UW Stevens Point to receive a degree as a registered dietitian.



Left to right:

Tessa Parrish, Jared VanderWeele, Kristen Rauch, Megan Rammer

#### 4-H Members Receive Key Award

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 three Sheboygan County 4-H members who received the 2018 Wisconsin 4-H Key Award are:

- Lauren Danforth is a member of the Willing Workers 4-H Club and has been in 4-H for 9 years. She is very active with her club ranging from helping with her club's Music and Drama performance to Breakfast on the Farm. She has been in the cake decorating project for 9 years. Lauren stated that 4-H has taught her how to learn from adults, work as part of a team, and lead a group.
- 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 her education continue in Business Lakeshore **Technical** Management at College to give herself a foundation for a four year degree should she choose to pursue that.
- ◆ Tessa Parrish has been part of the Waldo Fireflies 4-H Club for 10 years. Through those years she was very active with her club and county. Tessa's leadership involved club officer positions, being a camp counselor, and a 4-H Ambassador. Tessa said that participating in the 4-H interviews for camp and awards has prepared her for interviewing for her current jobs.



#### **Thank Yous!**

lumni scholarship winners: Jaren VanderWeele, \$1000; Tessa Bidinger, Lyndsay Fenner, Megan Rammer, Kristen Rauch & Hannah Schleicher \$500.

I am very honored to be the recipient of the Depping Family Memorial Scholarship. 4-H has had a huge influence on my life and I can't wait to encourage others to pursue the opportunities that it provides. This scholarship will help me achieve my degree and spread the word of 4-H.

Thank you So much! Sincerely, Jared VanderWeele

Thank you very much for your contribution to my education. College is a large financial burden and generous people like you have made a college education possible for me. I am very appreciative of your support and the support I have received from the 4-H organization.

I am very grateful for the opportunities I have received while in college. My liberal arts education will serve me, not only in my future evocation as a director of Church Ministries, but also as a member of my community and society.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I appreciate not only your investment into my education but also your investment into the future by supporting further education for young adults like me.

Sincerely, Tessa Bidinger

ear Sheboygan Co. 4-H Alumni Assoc.,

Thank you for your \$500 scholarship! It will be put to good use this fall as I further my education. As I continue to pursue my degree in Agribusiness. I hope to one day work in Ag Sales or continue to advocate for WI Agriculture through other various pursuits.

Thank you again for your generosity! Lyndsay Fenner I am writing to thank you for your generous Sheboygan County Alumni Scholarship of \$500. I plan to go to UW-Stevens Point next year to finish a degree in dietetics. After going through the internship process, I plan to become a registered dietitian. By awarding me with this scholarship, you have helped lighten the financial burden, so that I am able to focus on my studies. I promise to continue to work hard and eventually use my dietetics degree to give back to the community. Again, I thank you for both your support and generosity.

Sincerely, Megan Rammer

ear Alumni Association,

As a recipient of the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Scholarship for 2019, I would like to thank you for making this scholarship possible. I am honored to be the recipient of this award. I am currently majoring in marine biology with a minor in special education.

Because of your generosity I am able to take summer classes and finish my degree early. I look forward to starting my career and being able to give back to the community. Thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals.

Kristen Rauch

ear Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association,

Thank you for granting me with this years scholarship. I am beyond grateful. I plan to use the money to finish paying my tuition at Lakeshore Technical College so I can continue to finish and earn my Associates degree in Early Childhood Education.

Thank you again, Hannah Schleicher

#### **Thank Yous!**

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#### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

ear Alumni members & board:

I wanted to thank you so much for the big surprise at the Awards Celebration. I am so honored to have received the 2019 4-H Alumni Award. 4-H means a great deal to me. What a history it has, the great people associated with 4-H, the great kids in the organization and the great memories made from being involved. I have been involved with Sheboygan County 4-H for over 20 years. It all started when my son joined in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade like so many families. It is a family organization. The whole family participates and is rewarded with what 4-H has

to offer. You bond with your kids, leaders, neighbors, friends and strangers who later become new friends. They become lifelong friends. I was a general leader for 8 years and retired from that in 2008 or so. But the kids that were in my club as I was leader always says Hi to me in passing, give hugs when they are home visiting family & friends. 4-H is a great foundation for kids to stand on and learn life lessons.

Again thank you all so much for this great honor of receiving this award.

Thank you all so much for your support.

Skeeter DeGroff 2019 4-H Alumni Award Recipient

#### **Alumni Award Winner**

Te are here to Celebrate a Friend on 4-H/Alumni member Marnietta DeGroff. I bet most of you are going WHO? But if I say Skeeter that is a name we all are very familiar with. AKA: Skeeter.

Skeeter has been an Advocate for the 4-H for many years. First as a Mom/Leader, as a General Leader and County Leader and 4-H Alumni Member.

She was a General Leader of the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club for 8 years. While the General Leader she was a promoter of the various awards. She encouraged members to get the points they earned and apply them to the award levels. She wanted everyone to earn the Key Award. She encouraged all members to try for the county sponsored trips. At the club level she wanted everyone to excel.

She was also always working for the county and promoting the 4-H Causes. She helped with organizing the Awards program. She was the face at judging day when all 4-H members picked up project entry tags. She works the 4H office in the Youth building during the fair, answering all questions to the best of her knowledge.

She was a HUGE promoter of the 4-H Youth building at the fair. She took it upon herself to get sponsorship's and organized a very successful fundraiser for RAISE THE ROOF.

She created a Memorial for all leaders and members.

Skeeter has been very active with the 4-H Alumni as well. Serving not 1 but 2 terms. She continues to advocate for all 4H youth.

She is well deserving of this award for 2019. She is a leader we all admirer and wish we had the energy she shows.

Thank you Skeeter.



Deb Meinnert & Skeeter DeGroff

#### **Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?**

ere is a list of people that have!!

#### November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019 Paid Members

Linda Barthels Barb Bitter Judi Bogenschutz Wally & Margaret Born Judy Glander David & Elizabeth Haag Helen Harms Phil & Cheryl Jens David & Michelle Johanning Fritz & Jeanne Johanning Virginia Jordan Wayne & Kay Keyes Leslie Kleinhans-Blad Joe & Kelly Koenig

Sue Laack

**Emily Meinnert** 

Donna Menart

Sharlene Meyer

Michelle Meinnert

Kristen Rauch Linda & Ellis Robson Barb Scholten Rev. Dan Scholten Andrew Taylor Walter Taylor Mary TerMaat Cindy VanderWeele

Jared VanderWeele

#### **Lifetime Members**

Skeeter DeGroff Tim DeGroff 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

**Betty Martin** Barb Meinnert Debra Meinnert Matthew Meinnert Stanley & Sharleen Meinnert Earl Opgenorth Kelly Rauch Edith Rohrbeck Staci Schluechtermann Daniel Sippel Frank Steiner Patty & Jim Taylor Nicole Twohig

Kristine Lubenow

Jamie Tyrrell Elizabeth Widder

Heidi Widder

#### **Alumni Association Membership Dues Form** Please fill this out and send it in if not on the list!

Name	 	
Address		
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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!!!

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SECRETARY REPORT June 23, 2019

Members present: Skeeter DeGroff, Kay Keyes, Barb Meinnert, Heidi Widder, Sue Laack, Judy Glander, Nicole Twohig and Linda Barthels.

The meeting was called to order by Heidi Widder.

Pledges were lead by Kay Keyes.

Secretary's report was read and a motion was made by Skeeter DeGroff and seconded by Kay Keyes motion passed.

Treasures Report was read by Skeeter DeGroff. We have 35 lifetime members and 33 yearly members. In January we paid out our 2018 scholarships winners: \$1,000 to Emily Meinnert/Clark University and \$500 to Sarah Deheck/Concordia University. We donated \$100 to Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders for trips in memory of Rev. Howard & Pearl Knox. Then placed their names on the wall of honor. We approved \$3,500 for this year's scholarship which will be paid in January of 2020. The 6 recipients we are recognizing this afternoon. Starting new this year is the Bill Jens Grants. When Bill passed away his family gave us \$6,250 seed money to be used to send kids on 4-H trips and events. We set up guidelines and requirements. We were glad to be able to help 5 4-H kids this year with \$625 of assistance. We assisted with 3 kids for the American Spirit Trip and 1 kid for base camp and 1 kid to be able to participate in the drama company.

Treasury is as follows: checkbook: \$549.24 Passbook: \$4,500 CD: \$10,000 with a total of \$15,049.24 out of this \$4,515 is for scholarships which will be paid in Jan. of 2020. \$5.660 is what is left in the Bill Jens Grant that leaves us with \$4,874.24 for misc. Expenses celebration cost, license and stamps etc. Now people can donate to the scholarships or the grant.

Motion was made by Barb Meinnert and seconded by Judy Bogenschutz to accept treasures report. Motion carried.

Adjourn Skeeter DeGroff and seconded by Sue Laack motion carried.

Skeeter was awarded the Alumni Award by Deb Meinnert. For the rest of the celebration see the program.

Barb Meinnert

Secretary

In Loving Memory of:	Name:	my donation to the	Sheboygan County 4-H Alumní Associatíon for the: 🗆 scholarship fund 🗀 Bill Jens grant fund	With sympathy from:	Name:	Address:	
In Honor of:	Name:	my donation to the	Sheboygan County 4-H Alumní Associatíon for the: $\square$ scholarship fund $\square$ Bill Jens grant fund	With sincere greetings from:	Name;	Addross:	



# Sheboygan County 4-H Alumní Association

Your \$10 membership helps us support youth scholarships in Sheboygan County.

Yearly Membership	Lifetime Membership	Scholarship Donation	Bill Jens Grant Donation	
\$10	\$175	\$	\$	

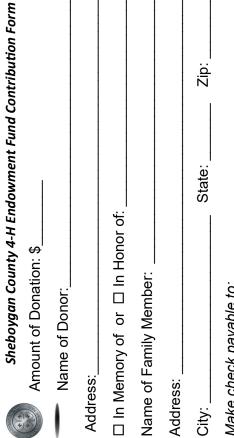
Please mail card and donation to:

Sheboygan County Alumni Association

5 University Drive

Sheboygan, WI 53081

Thank you for your support!



Make check payable to:

Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association

Return to:

Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund

5 University Drive

Sheboygan, WI 53081

#### **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? 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 From there, you took a shift as ribbon. "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 30th rom 10:00-1:00 pm and Monday, September 2nd 4:00-7:00 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 <a href="mailto:linda.robson@wisc.edu">linda.robson@wisc.edu</a> (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@wisc.edu



#### 4-H Recognition Program

Clover, Project, Community Builders, Secretary, Reporter Awards, Trip and Key Award Announcements and Leaders Recognition will be included in this wonderful evening on **Monday, November 25**<sup>th</sup>. The awards program will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. with hor d'oeuvres and beverages served after the

program at 7:00 p.m. The 4-H Leaders Association is looking for help with Project Awards Interviews on October 15th, as well as reviewing Secretary, Reporter and Community Builder Books. Call 459-5903 to volunteer!



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