



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



March 2021

From the President

Where has the time gone! This past year has been filled with a lot of challenges. We all had to pull together! Before we know it, spring will be here with the smell of fresh air, the flowers peeking out and the sound of the tractors on the field planting.

Unfortunately, this year the "4-H Alumni Celebration will be canceled due to the pandemic. But we shall return in 2022!

A reminder to all the 4-H Alumni Scholarship is due on April 1, 2021. For information, please check out 4-H website for application.

Don't forget about the Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Association Grant. The grant is set up for 4-H Youth that need financial support. Please check out 4-H website for application.

Please keeping in mind, we are always taking new members for the organization. So please help spread the word! So, with that said, Let's keep the 4-H Motto in mind, *"To Make the Best Better!"* Wishing all of you a safe and Healthy summer!

Your Alumni President
Sue Laack

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Alumni Board Members

President: Sue Laack
Vice-President: Pam Hodgson
Secretary: Linda Barthels
Treasurer: Skeeter DeGroff

Directors:
Tanya Arentsen
Judy Glander
Lisa Lutzke
Sarah Mauk
Dan Sippel
Frank Steiner

Bill Jens Grant

The Bill Jens family has gifted monies to be used for youth needing some financial support that want to attend State & National trips/events. The "Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Grant" Program will provide financial sponsorship for 4-H members whose families are experiencing a financial hardship. The Jens family has donated a large amount of funds as seed money for this new adventure that the alumni board has accepted in Bill's memory. Bill Jens was a key advisor for starting the Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment fund and the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association.

The alumni board believes it would be a great honor to start this new program in his memory.

Now people can donate money in memory or honor of others to the alumni either for the scholarship fund or the grant fund. This gives the alumni association another great opportunity to help our young people with lifetime experiences.

Application can be found at:

<https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-alumni-association/>

2021 Alumni Association Awards Celebration

For the safety of everyone the Alumni Board has made the decision to cancel the 2021 Alumni Association Awards Celebration.



See you in 2022!

In Memory of Scott Kohlman

Scott was a champion for youth, especially those who had a passion for livestock. Scott was a long-time 4H County-wide Sheep and Swine Project volunteer leader and was a founding member of the county's 4H General Livestock Committee. He served as the county 4H livestock judging team coach for over 20 years, helping youth not only be able to judge and select their project animals, but to gain confidence in themselves. He volunteered many years for the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale and was also an active member of the Northeast WI Sheep Breeders Association and the Tri-County Pork Producers.



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.

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 75 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.

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Scholarship

Due: April 1st

Eligibility:

- A. Applicant must be a 4-H Alumni or currently a member of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.
- B. Applicant must be graduated from high school at time of applying for scholarship and attending a college or technical school.
- C. Must been a 4-H member for a minimum of 5 years.
- D. Recipient will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H alumni Association.

Requirements:

- A. Completed 2-part application
- B. Three dated letters of recommendation from current school year.
 - One from 4-H representative (not a parent or a 4-H agent)
 - One from any other source.
 - One from current college/technical school educator.
- C. Copy of most current unofficial transcript.

Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Association Grant

Due: April 1st

Alumni guidelines are: Depending on number of applications & application itself.

* 4-H Camp: up to \$50

* 4-H Conference – Madison: up to \$75

* Trips/events under \$1000: up to \$150

* Trips/events over \$1000: up to \$300

Eligibility:

- A. Youth needing some financial support that want to attend out of county, state or national trips or events. (Example: American Spirit trip; CWF; 4-H camp; Drama Co.; etc.)
- B. Following information needed: Name of club or if a spin member; How long in 4-H; Any other funds provided: (example, club, Kohler grant, Leaders Association, etc.).

Requirements:

- A. Event name & total cost.
- B. Due dates: when funds are needed & when event is happening.
- C. Leader or parent comments.

Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

Here is a list of people that have! paid! Please send in form on the next page to renew your membership!

2021 Paid Members

- Linda Barthels
- Frank Bartzen
- Walter & Margaret Born
- Allen, Debbie, Jason & Nicole Fenner
- Judy Glander
- Dave & Liz Haag
- Megan Hand
- Helen Harms
- Cheryl Jens
- David & Michelle Johanning
- Fritz & Jeannie Johanning
- Wayne & Kay Keyes
- Nancy Kissel
- Joe & Kelly Koenig
- Sue Laack
- Lisa Lutzke
- Sarah Mauk
- Emily & Michelle Meinnert
- Donna Menart
- Sharlene Meyer
- Kent Olson
- Bev Resop
- Hannah Schleicher
- Rev. Dan Scholten
- Barb Scholten
- Tim & Patty Talen

Lifetime Members

- Skeeter DeGroff
- Tim DeGroff
- Rosemarie Dickman
- Elaine Fiedler
- Kathy Froh
- Virginia Hall
- Nancy Henschel
- Joanne Howe
- Phil Jens
- Gary Kaestner
- Gene & Kathy Kaestner
- Scott Kaestner
- Marlene Kammann
- Anna Kleinhans
- Nathan Kleinhans
- Randy & Sue Kleinhans
- Kristine Lubenow
- Betty Martin
- Barb Meinnert
- Debra Meinnert
- Matthew Meinnert
- Stanley & Sharleen Meinnert
- Earl Opgenorth
- Kelly Rauch
- Edith Rohrbeck
- Staci Schluechtermann
- Daniel Sippel
- Frank Steiner
- Andrew Taylor
- Patty & Jim Taylor
- Walter Taylor
- Nicole Twohig
- Jamie Tyrrell
- Cindy VanderWeele
- Elizabeth Widder
- Heidi Widder



Some 4-H Alumni Membership Information to Ponder

We started lifetime membership in 2010 and here is a break down of membership the last 10+ years:

Lifetime membership:

2010 - 11 members

2011 - 14 members

2012 - 19 members

2013 - 22 members

2014 - 28 members

2015 - 31 members

2016 - 31 members

Lifetime membership & yearly membership:

2017 - 32 lifetime & 49 yearly members

2018 - 35 lifetime & 39 yearly members

2019 - 36 lifetime & 37 yearly members

2020 - 44 lifetime & 45 yearly members

2021 - 44 lifetime & 37 yearly members

If you know anyone who believes in the Sheboygan County 4-H program please encourage them to join the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association.

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Membership Dues Form

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2021 Alumni Association Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2021 Annual membership dues: \$10.00 per member _____

Lifetime membership \$175.00 per member _____

Scholarship Donation _____

Bill Jens Alumni Grant Fund _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

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

Return to:
Skeeter DeGroff, Treasurer
W3894 Playbird Rd
Sheboygan Falls WI 53085

In Honor of:

Name: _____

my donation to the

*Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association
for the: ☐ scholarship fund ☐ Bill Jens grant fund*

With sincere greetings from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

In Honor of:

Name: _____

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With sincere greetings from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

In Loving Memory of:

Name: _____

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With sympathy from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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