



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



August 2022

From the Vice-President

Dear 4-H Alumni Association Members,

It's fair season! For many of us, exhibiting at the Sheboygan County Fair was the highlight of the 4-H year, perhaps even the entire year. While our household no longer has anyone exhibiting, we still look forward to the fair. We enjoy seeing 4-H pride on display and attending has the feel of a giant reunion – it's an opportunity to catch up with friends that one might not see otherwise.

As wonderful as the fair is, 4-H is so much more. Its leadership development through community service, teaching, mentoring and being an officer. Its learning new skills and stretching oneself through public speaking, music and drama and other opportunities. Its going on trips and going to camp. Through the Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Grant program, your association was able to contribute funds towards four American Spirit youth trips. Through your generosity, we provided scholarship money to four very deserving students who are pursuing educational opportunities that will help them make the best better in a future career. Thank you for your support!

The Alumni Association will have a display in the Youth Building at the fair – please stop by to say hello. While you are there, check out the Wall of Honor that recognizes former 4-H Leaders who have passed and stop to bid on our (or one of the other) silent auction items.

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Please help spread the word about your Alumni Association and invite others to help us make the best better (dues are only \$10/year – a great investment in youth development)!

See you at the fair!

Pam Hodgson
Alumni Vice-President

Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

This year, the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association gave four scholarship for \$1,000.00.



Tricia Bidinger was a former member of the Parnell Pals 4-H club. She is attending Wisconsin Lutheran College studying Nursing.

Kennidy Pelnar was an eight-year member of the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club. Kennidy is currently attending University of Wisconsin Madison, where she is studying Nursing.

Owen Beumler was a twelve-year member of the Madison All-Stars 4-H club. He is currently studying chemistry at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire.

Seth Morse was a 13 year member of Leaping Lizards 4-H club. He is currently studying secondary education biology at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater.

Bill Jen's Grant Report

2019 - we were able to give out five (5) grants to 4-H kids going to: 4-H camp, American Spirit Trip & Drama Co.

2021 - we were able to give two (2) grants to 4-H kids going to: 4-H camp.

2022 - we were able to give four (4) grants to 4-H kids going on the: American Spirit trip.

Bill wanted to help kids get new experiences, see new things, learn about other places and he has with his Grant program.

Thank you to Bill's family and everyone else who help support this program.

We are making a difference in our youth's lives with 4-H.

Thanks for all your support.

Skeeter DeGross
4-H Alumni Treasurer

Alumni Board Members

President: Sue Laack

Vice-President: Pam Hodgson

Secretary: Linda Barthels

Treasurer: Skeeter DeGross

Directors:

Tanya Arentsen

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Frank Steiner

Thank You!

Dear Alumni Association,

My name is Seth Morse. I am in my second year at the UW Whitewater campus. I will be completing my Biology major next fall and starting my Secondary Education major and Spanish minor. Many of the 4-H activities have served helpful to my current UW leadership roles. The Festival Arts poster contest, June Dairy Month and the 4-H Window Displays, primed me for the bulletin board displays I am responsible for putting together. Speaking and demonstration contests have helped me to be confident in speaking and presenting programs throughout campus, and the poultry project for the day-to-day effort that needs to be done to reach my goals. My 4-H experience has been nothing less than amazing in helping me, be me.

I continue to serve my Whitewater community, in events and opportunities like food pantry and recyclable collections, organizing a blood drive and anti-drug event. I am enjoying my time at Whitewater. I participate in intramural bad-mitten and soft-ball. I have been involved with their LIT program (Leadership Involvement Team) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) as a representative. This semester I am serving as my floor's RA and will continue next year. Some of my RA responsibilities are growing friendships, "stomping out fires" and bringing the residents of the hall together to be amicable and respectful. I am finding all this challenging and rewarding at the same time.

I want to thank you so much for choosing me for the Peter Talen Memorial Scholarship. I am very honored to receive it. My mom has always talked highly about the Talen family and wished that I could have experience 4-H with some of the unique programming the Talen family provided. The Talen family holds a very special spot in her heart. I am privileged to be able to accept on your behalf the Alumni Scholarship in memory of Peter. This will be a small part of the Talen legacy I can be so proud to be a part of.

With my deepest respect and appreciation, thank you.

Seth Morse

Dear members of the 4-H Alumni Association,

Thank you so much for your generous gift towards my education. You all will have made a great impact on my future and helped me achieve my goals of helping others. I appreciate your kindness and optimism in my abilities. Your gift will greatly help me in my college career.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Kennidy Pelnar

Dear 4-H Alumni Association,

Thank you for awarding me with the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Audrey Laack Memorial Scholarship. I am currently in my first year of studying at the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire. This scholarship will help me continue my studies of chemistry and I will be adding a biology minor next year. I feel that in my first year I got off to a good start and next year I will be able to get more involved in American Chemical Society and the disc golf club. Thank you again for your generosity in awarding me this scholarship, with your help I will be able to continue to work towards my goals.

Thank you,

Owen Beumler

To whom it may concern,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Betty Opgenorth Memorial Scholarship. I have enjoyed my time in 4-H over the years especially being able to participate in all the different projects and activities. 4-H has helped me grow so much as an individual and I hope I demonstrate the values it has taught me everyday.

Thank you,

Tricia Bidinger

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.

If interested fill out the self nomination form.

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 6th to:

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

Leaders Association Scholarship News

Congratulations to the 4-H members selected to receive the 2022 educational scholarships offered by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association.

\$1,000 Suhrke Memorial Recipient

- ♦ Jayden VanHelden - Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club.

\$500.00 Leaders Association Recipients

- ♦ Erika Brown - Madison All Stars 4-H club.



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 28th**. 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.

In Memory of:



Joyce M. Federwisch was 86 years old. She enjoyed gardening and was known as a seamstress to many in Plymouth. She was always willing to help out others and enjoyed volunteering. With 4-H and was superintendent of the flower building at the Sheboygan County Fair.

Carol Debbink was 92 years old. She was an active leader in 4-H, attended the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association, and County Fair Association meetings. She enjoyed leading 4-H, cooking, baking, music, and scrapbooking of news events for 70 years.



Sharlene J. (Woodworth) Meyer was 84 years old. She enjoyed needlework, crocheting, word searches and above all, time spent with her family. A longtime member and supporter of 4-H.

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:

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