



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



August 2023

From the Vice-President

Dear 4-H Alumni Association Members,

As I sit down to write this article in early July, my heart is filled with gratitude for recent rains - life giving/life preserving rains. As anyone who gardens or farms or just spends time outside knows, we are in a dry weather pattern. While corn hasn't yet tasseled, much less made grain, recent rains make a crop possible. Fortunately, because of the dry spring, roots run deep, and the plants can effectively utilize any rain that might fall.

So, what does this have to do with 4-H? The Sheboygan County 4-H program has deep roots too. While the last three years have been hard on institutions across the board, we are seeing a resurgence of 4-Hers going on trips and going to camps. Because of your support, your alumni association was in the position this spring to grant numerous camp and trip scholarships. Thank you for your generosity! We are also deeply grateful for the vision and generosity of the family and friends of Bill Jens who entrusts your association with grant funds and the grant process.

Like our area's corn crop, there is more growing to do; more youth to impact through positive 4-H activities. Alumni Association dues are a mere \$10/year - a great investment in youth development. Who do you know who should be part of our organization? Donations and memorials are also welcome. We will have a silent auction item in the Youth Building at the

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Fair (bid early & often!). While in the Youth Building, stop by the Alumni Association's display.

Until next time, keep making the best better!

Pam Hodgson
Alumni Vice-President

Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

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

Jayden VanHelden was a eleven-year member of the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club. He is currently studying Civil Engineering at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Thank You!

Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Scholarship Selection Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me for a Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Scholarship this year. I am grateful for your generosity and support of my college education. This scholarship truly means a lot to me and will make a great impact on funding my education.

I am currently attending UW-Madison in pursuit of a degree in civil engineering. Upon completion of my degree, I plan to work as a professional civil engineer in/near Sheboygan County, with my ultimate career goal being to hold a management position.

With the help of this scholarship, I am now one step closer to reaching my goal. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Jayden VanHelden

Bill Jen's Grant Report

We gave out 4 more grants to young people traveling to out of county events. We supported youth going to CWF; Am. Spirit Trip; Space camp and Exchange program to Costa Rica. We are also giving 3 youth grants for 4-H Camp.

Thanks everyone who supports our grant program. It helps a lot of youth to be able to experience new and exciting opportunities. Also makes great memories and meet new friends.

Thanks for your support.

Skeeter DeGroff
Treasurer

Alumni Board Members

President: Sue Laack

Vice-President: Pam Hodgson

Secretary: Linda Barthels

Treasurer: Skeeter DeGroff

Directors: Tanya Arentsen, Judy Glander,

Kaye Hau, Lisa Lutzke,

Sarah Mauk, Dan Sippel

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

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

Just three meetings a year: April; September
and November.

There are 5 committee's you can choice from to
be a part of:

1. Alumni Award: review applications for the
alumni award and present the award at the
awards banquet in November at Acuity.
2. Scholarship: review applications and select
winners.
3. Nominating: Outgoing board members solicit
new candidates for the Board.

4. 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.

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

Membership 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 2023 educational scholarships offered by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association.

\$1,000 Suhrke Memorial Recipient

- ♦ Jozie Larson - Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club.

\$500.00 Leaders Association Recipients

- ♦ Carson Anhalt - Spring Valley 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 27th**. 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:



Eunice Lensink was 96 years old. She was a 4-H leader for 50 years and was the General Leader of the Oostburg Wooden Shoes 4-H Club. She was always there on 1st judging day as a superintendent and always did building watch over the 4-H projects during fair.



Elaine Fiedler was 97 years old. She was a member of the Homemakers of America. Elaine was a leader of the Riverside 4-H club and a member of the 4-H Alumni Association. Elaine was a leader for a total of 35 years. She loved taking her house plants and cut flowers to the Sheboygan County Fair.



Fritz Johanning was 83 years old. Fritz was a charter member of the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H Club. Fritz & Jeannie were the general leaders of the Johnsonville Hustlers for 8 years. Fritz was also the Dairy Leader of the club. Fritz was past president of the 4-H Leaders Association. Fritz was a member of the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association where he served as treasurer for many year. We lost another great role model & leader of 4-H and the world.

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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