



# Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



October 2023

## From the Vice-President

**D**ear 4-H Alumni Association Members,

The Sheboygan County Fair has come and gone with new memories made and friendships renewed. While we are bombarded with change, it gave me joy to see the livestock exhibitors engaging in an epic water fight at the wash rack during Monday's plus 90-degree swelter. In the Youth Building, I saw families viewing the projects and kids pointing with pride when they spotted their entry. The horse arena was busy everyday with individual events and drill teams showing off their skills. Yes, 4-H, like the world around us, is changing, but 4-H still is delivering on its pledge to positively impact head, hands, heart, and health.

While in the Youth Building, I recalled a big change in my 4-H career – the move to face-to-face judging. When the move was announced, I was terrified by the prospect of having to talk to an adult that I didn't know. Still, the year before, I was disappointed that my pincushion didn't do very well. I didn't know what I could have done differently, and my mom pointed out that I wasn't just competing against other 9 year olds – there were pincushions made by high schoolers in the same class. Face to face judging solved some of those challenges. Not only could the judge explain the placing and possible improvements, but other aspects could be factored in – what was learned, age of the exhibitor, etc. It was a good move.

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While I was never completely relaxed going into judging day, I did come to appreciate the opportunity to talk about my entries, the challenges and learnings. It turned out that those scary adult judges were positive 4-H people who cared about youth and their development.

Right now, there is a shortage of county fair judges. Within our organization, there is talent, skill and experience. Most importantly, 4-H Alumni members understand the value of being an affirming presence and giving feedback in a way that builds self-esteem. I hope that you will consider becoming a fair judge. The application to become a judge can be found on WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection website: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/AgDevelopment/FairsAndShows.aspx>. WDATCP also offers training for judges/potential judges – please check it out. Our kids need you.

Until next time, keep making the best better!

Pam Hodgson

## 4-H Recognition Program

**C**lover, Cloverbud, Project, Community Builders, Secretary, Reporter, Treasurer Awards, Spirit of 4-H Awards, Trip Scholarships, Post Secondary Education Scholarships, Key Award Announcements and Leaders Recognition will be included in this wonderful evening on **Monday, November 27<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 18th, as well as reviewing Secretary, Reporter, Treasurer and Community Builder Books. Call 459-5903 to volunteer!

### SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Name(s) of Youth Award Recipient or Leader being recognized:

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☐ I will be able to attend the 4-H Awards and Recognition Program

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Youth Attending \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults Attending

☐ I will not be able to attend the 4-H Awards and Recognition Program

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to ensure proper recognition and sufficient amounts of food and drink please return this RSVP to Extension Sheboygan County, Attn: 4-H, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 or submit your registration electronically at: <https://forms.gle/7dDhYUhtETzf279A> by **Friday, November 17th**.

## 2023 - 2024

### 4-H Alumni Association Executive Board

The 2023 - 2024 Alumni Board members are:

Tanya Arentsen - 2nd term ends 2026

Linda Barthels - 2nd term ends 2024

Skeeter DeGroff - appointed

Judy Glander - 2nd term ends 2024

Kaye Hau - 1st term ends 2025

Pam Hodgson - 2nd term ends 2026

Sue Laack - 2nd term ends 2024

Lisa Lutzke - 2nd term ends 2026

Sarah Mauk - 2nd term ends 2025

Dan Sippel - 2nd term ends 2025

Tanya Arentsen, Pam Hodgson and Lisa Lutzke all agreed to stay on the board for another term there will be no ballot since there are no other candidates running for the board



## 4-H Alumni Membership

**T**he Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association would like to extend to you a **one year free membership as a new 4-H Alumni.** Being an Alumni member, allows you to stay in touch with other 4-H graduates of all ages, and be able to give back to the local 4-H program. Membership is open to any individual interested in the Sheboygan County 4-H program. After the first year, the annual membership dues are \$10 per member per year. A lifetime membership is also available for \$175.00 fee. local 4-H program. We are one of the only active Alumni Associations in the state.

The Alumni Association also offer scholarships to those attending technical and college programs. You must be a member of the Alumni Association to be eligible for the scholarships. The scholarship applications are available online. The scholarship deadline will be April 1, 2024.

## Alumni Association Membership Renewal Form

**Plan to renew your Alumni Association membership for 2023-2024. Please submit to Tammy Zorn**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024  
Membership Dues x \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime membership \$175.00

\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund donation

\_\_\_\_\_

Bill Jens Grant donation

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Sheboygan County Alumni Association**

**Mail to:** Sheboygan County Alumni Association  
ATTN: Tammy Zorn  
5 University Drive  
Sheboygan, WI 53081



## 2023 Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Award

**Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the contributions of the individual:

Individual completing the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by: October 25, 2023**

**To: Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association  
5 University Drive,  
Sheboygan, WI 53081**

**(Please feel free to add an additional page, if needed)**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*In Honor of:*

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*With sincere greetings from:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*In Loving Memory of:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*With sympathy from:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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