



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



March 2025

From the Vice-President

Dear 4-H Alumni Association Members,

Recently, I came across *Money-Saving Main Dishes, USDA Home and Garden Bulletin No. 43*. It was published in 1955 – the same year that my parents were married. It is an incredibly practical booklet. Page 4 lists the approximate amounts of food needed to provide ½ ounce (15 grams) of protein. Page 5 builds out daily meal planning starting with leafy green or yellow vegetables. The whole booklet provides valuable information for a generation that lived through the scarcity of the Great Depression and World War II. The goal of the booklet is to improve the lives of everyday citizens.

Over the years, 4-H has improved the lives of everyday citizens, and its pledge recognizes that health is foundational for community service. Health has many aspects. While good nutrition is important, meaningful relationships have a significant positive impact on health. Meaningful relationships are harder to qualify than grams protein per serving. 4-H trips and camp experiences provide opportunities for friendships and community involvement with a whole lot of fun along the way. Because of your generosity and the generosity of the family and friends of Bill Jens, your association is offering grants for 4-Hers with financial need to participate in trips and camps outside of the county. Please encourage kids to apply.

Another way that your association is working to improve lives is our post-secondary education scholarships. Many of our scholarships are

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memorials to past 4-H leaders and we try to match scholarships with students with similar interests. 4-H Alumni scholarships are possible because of your generosity. Thank you! Please encourage any former 4-H members who are pursuing post-secondary education to apply. Eligibility requirements as well as the application deadline are included in this newsletter.

Applications for both the Bill Jens Grant and the Alumni Scholarship can be found on the Sheboygan County 4-H website: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leader-information/4-h-alumni-association/>

Until the next newsletter, keep making the best better!

Pam Hodgson

2024 Alumni Award Winner



2024 4-H Alumni Award winner Kent Olson. Award was presented by his son Bryon Olson.

Bev Resop Celebrates 85th Birthday



4-H Alumni Association member Bev Resop celebrated her 85th birthday recently.

Alumni Board Members

President: Tanya Arentsen
Vice-President: Pam Hodgson
Secretary: Liz Haag
Treasurer: Skeeter DeGroff

Directors:
Cathy Beumler
Kaye Hau
Isaac Kohlman
Lisa Lutzke
Sarah Mauk
Dan Sippel

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!

2025 Paid Members

- Linda Barthels
- Frank Bartzen
- Cathy Beumler
- Judi Bogenschutz
- Wallace & Margaret Born
- Judy Glander
- Dave & Liz Haag
- Kaye Hau
- John Jens
- David & Michelle Johanning
- Wayne & Kay Keyes
- Nancy Kissel
- Isaac Kohlman
- Lisa Lutzke
- Sarah Mauk
- Adam McCabe
- Donna Menart
- Debbie Oberreich
- Barb Scholten
- Dan Scholten
- Scott Kaestner
- Marlene Kammann
- Anna Kleinhans
- Nathan Kleinhans
- Randy & Sue Kleinhans
- Alisha Klemme
- Michelle Klemme
- Sue Laack
- Kristine Lubenow
- Betty Martin
- Barb Meinnert
- Debra Meinnert
- Matthew Meinnert
- Stanley & Sharleen Meinnert
- Karen Opgenorth
- Kelly Rauch
- Melanie Roehrborn
- 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

Lifetime Members

- Tanya Arentsen
- Skeeter DeGross
- Tim DeGross
- Rosemarie Dickman
- Kathy Froh
- Luke & Liz Gartman
- Virginia Hall
- Nancy Henschel
- Pam Hodgson
- Joanne Howe
- Phil Jens
- Gary Kaestner
- Gene & Kathy Kaestner

Membership form on next page.



Alumni News: Your Money at Work

All scholarship funds go to the scholarships and all grant money goes towards grants. Dues is used for running expenses and further support of the 4-H program.

A young lady went to 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida. She learned about becoming a zoo keeper.

In January we paid the 2023 scholarship winner Jayden VanHelden \$1,000.

A young man went to 4-H Space Camp.

Two young ladies went to 4-H Camp.

Two young men and one young lady went on the American Spirit Trip.

A young man went to Advance 4-H Space Camp.

Save the Date 4-H Awards and Recognition Program

The 4-H Awards and Recognition Program is held the last Monday of November and Hosted by Acuity Corporate Headquarters.



November 30, 2025

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Membership Dues Form

Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Membership Dues Form

2025 Alumni Association Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2025 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 DeGross, Treasurer
W3894 Playbird Rd
Sheboygan Falls WI 53085

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 items we deal with as a board. They are as follows:

1. Alumni Award: review applications for the alumni award and present the award at the awards program 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.

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.

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.

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 planning on attending a college or technical school including certificate and diploma program for the upcoming school year.
- C. Recipient will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H Alumni Association
- D. Must be a 4-H member for a minimum of 5 years.

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

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.

Application can be found at: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-alumni-association/>

2024 Donations to the Alumni Association

Thank you everyone who supports the
Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni
Association with your donations.

In Memory of:

Doris Hanke Margaret & Wally Born

Steven Dimig Skeeter DeGroff
Joan & Carl Laack
Sue & John Laack
Randy & Sue Kleinhans

Henry Umstadt Susan Kracht
Willie & Ruth Van Sluys
Alice Perronne
Roger Wagner
Liz & David Haag
Sartori

Earl Opgenorth Warren Clemens
Jerry Jens
Tom & Beth Jens
Jeannie Johanning
Lin Wilterdink
Margaret & Wally Born
Jim & Ann Hoppert Keller
Rick & Pam Kozeniecki
Gil & Julie Meinen
John & Sue Born
Dan & Sally Opgenorth
Gertrude, Ann & Matthew Opgenorth
Larry Wilterdink
Liz & David Haag
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Rod & Sue Wilterdink
Carol Schleicher Wolf
Scott & Deb Wycherley
Rick, Ken & Kay Yurk
Marilyn & Charles Hirsch

Tom Keyes..... Margaret & Wally Born

Janet SchuelerLiz & David Haag

In Honor of:

Nancy Kissel..... John & Diane Jens

Jeannie Johanning (80th)..... Skeeter DeGroff

Bev Resop (85th)..... Skeeter DeGroff

Given by:

Donors to Scholarship & Grant Funds:

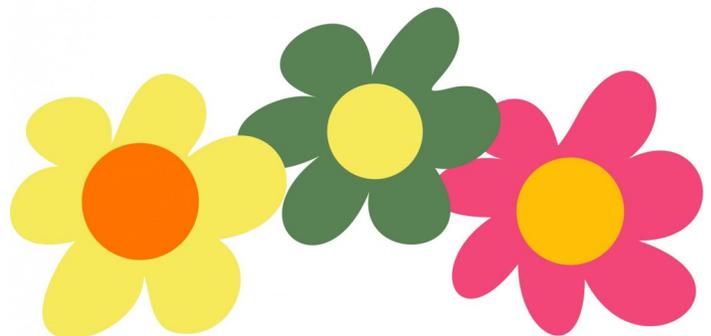
Nancy Kissel

Frank Bartzten

Barb Meinnert

Donna Menart

Thank You



for your Kindness

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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