



Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



August 2025

From the Vice-President

Dear Alumni,

As I write, it is raining, corn is growing, and 4-Hers are working. They are working with animals and making fair entries. Gardening, canning, and photographing. Woodworking, blacksmithing, and sewing. Model farming, legoing, painting, drawing. Making rockets, educational displays, books, and posters. Decorating cakes and practice baking. If a 4-Her can imagine it, 4-H has a project for it. Some projects will lead to careers or lifelong hobbies. Other projects will help 4-Hers learn why they want to do something else. Both experiences are important.

4-Hers need your help on August 18 for judging day. More details are in the newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Keep making the best better,

Pam Hodgson
Alumni Vice-President

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We Could Really Use Your Help for 4-H Judging Day

Do you want to see what our 4-H members are making?

Here is a great opportunity to remember your 4-H years, see what the popular project is for this year, and help us out. We are looking for volunteers to help on first judging, Monday August 18 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Some of the opportunities are: relieving for breaks, marking placing papers and more. Easy, rewarding work and get to see the smiling faces of 4-H members. If interested in volunteering text Skeeter DeGroff at 920.980.0761 or email her at go2tooslow@yahoo.com. Thanks in advance!
Skeeter

HELP NEEDED

Alumni Association Scholarship Winners for 2025

Scholarships were awarded to four young adults for 2025 that will be paid in January 2026. The following people were selected for this year's scholarships:

1. Kathryn Schwartz was with Spring Valley 4-H club. She is attending Fox Valley Technical College studying Animal Science, Agribusiness Science and Technology Agronomy. She is receiving the \$1,000 Henry Umstadt JR Memorial/Alumni Scholarship.
2. Benjamin Beumler was with the Madison All-Stars 4-H club. He is attending UW-Stevens Point studying Music Education. He is receiving one of the \$1,000 Earl Opgenorth Family Memorial/Alumni Scholarships.
3. Payton Vorpahl was with the Town & Country 4-H club. She is attending UW-River Falls. Studying Animal Science and Agricultural Business. She will be receiving one of the \$1,000 Earl Opgenorth Family Memorial/Alumni Scholarships.
4. Lauryn Pelnar was with the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H club. She is attending the University of Arizona studying communications. She will be receiving the \$750 4-H Alumni Scholarship.

Bill Jen's Grant Report

We gave out 6 grants to young people this year.

1. Two 4-H youth went to winter camp.
2. One 4-H youth went to Summer Academy.
3. Three 4-H youth went to base camp.

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

Scholarship Thank Yous!

Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association,

Thank you for awarding me the Earl Opgenorth Family Alumni Scholarship. Your scholarship allows me to continue studying music education and playing bassoon at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. This allows me to continue my studies without being stressed over school work and finances. Thank you so much.

Ben Beumler

Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association,

I would like to thank you for awarding me with this generous scholarship. I am greatly honored to be a recipient. As I work to reach my goals, this will be very helpful. Thank you so much!

*Sincerely,
Lauryn Pelnar*

Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association,

I am deeply grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the Henry Umstadt/Alumni Scholarship. Your generous support means so much to me and will greatly help in my academic journey. Thank you for investing in the future of 4-H members like myself. I truly appreciate your kindness and commitment to education!

*Sincerely,
Kathryn Schwartz*

Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive this scholarship. I am grateful that my passion for 4-H & Sheboygan County did not go unnoticed by the board. This scholarship allows me to focus on my studies without the constant stress of financial constraints. I am thankful for your investment towards my education.

*Thank you,
Payton Vorpahl*

Leaders Association Scholarship News

Congratulations to the 4-H members selected to receive the 2025 educational scholarships offered by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association.

\$1,000 Suhrke Memorial Recipient

- ♦ William Huenink - Lakeview Badgers 4-H club.
- ♦ Carson Thiel - Herman Cheerios 4-H club.

\$500.00 Leaders Association Recipients

- ♦ Branda Brusse - Hingham Handy Helpers 4-H club.
- ♦ Anna Jerabek - Lakeview Badgers 4-H club.



Alumni Board Members Needed

We have 3 board members whose terms are up in 2025. Please consider running for the board. Send in the self nominating form below to the UW-Extension Office.

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 annually deal with each year.

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

In Honor of:

Name: _____

my donation to the

*Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association
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With sincere greetings from:

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