



# Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



October 2025

## From the Vice-President

*“Stay away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great ones make you feel that you, too, can become great.” ~ Mark Twain*

While Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) lived before the 4-H movement, the quote above is a concept that many of us in 4-H embrace. The nature of trying to “make the best better” is aspirational. It’s in the spirit of how can I be better today than I was yesterday? How can we inspire the people around us to be their best versions of themselves?

The hands on, active experimentation nature of 4-H lends itself to peer learning. In the eyes of a beginning 4-Her, that accomplished older youth is the great one and the truly great older youth build up the younger members. 4-H encourages youth to aim high through the goal setting process. Still goals are empty without a plan on how to accomplish them. As adults we have the privilege to facilitate learning and growth opportunities – not by telling youth exactly how to reach their goals, but rather through teaching concepts and by helping youth find resources so that they can map out their own plans. There is a balance here – we want youth to be successful by finding their own pathway to success. This often starts with providing age-appropriate challenges and experiences.

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Through your Alumni Association you can support positive youth experiences. Because of your generosity and the generosity of the family and friends of Bill Jens, your association offers grants for 4-Hers with financial need to participate in trips and camps outside of the county. Please consider a contribution to the fund.

Until next time, keep making the best better!

Pam Hodgson

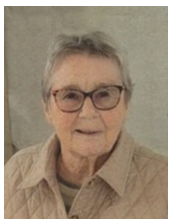
## Faces Seen At The County Fair That Will Be Missed



**D**iane Fiedler passed away at 76. She was a member of Riverside 4-H club. Later she became a leader.



**D**aniel Fenner was only 59 when he passed away. He supported his daughter raising & showing and later mentoring many 4-H kids with their projects; goats, birds & cows. Dan never missed the Sheboygan County Fair for 58 consecutive years, just like his father before him.



**R**ose Marie Fenner passed away at 80. She was a fixture of the sheep barn at the fair.



**P**auline Jens passed away at 98. She was wife to William for 64 years and a former 4-H Club Leader..



**B**ernetta Rautmann passed away at 96. She volunteered yearly at the Ag Building at the fair.



**G**lenn S. Thompson, age 92. He launched his 31-year career with UW-Extension, first as 4-H agent in Monroe County. He then became the Sheboygan County 4-H agent and later became the ag agent there. He held several statewide positions at the UW Extension office in Madison, topping off his career as Associate Dean for UW Extension. After retirement, he worked as General Manager of the Wisconsin Farm Progress Days.

Throughout his career, Glenn was given many awards, and after retirement he was awarded the 4-H Fair Distinguished Alumni Award, He was also inducted into the Rock County Agriculture Hall of Fame.

**K**now of a Sheboygan County Alumni that should be noted here?  
Contact a Sheboygan County Alumni Association Board member.

## Candidates for Alumni Association Board



**B**arb Meinnert

My name is Barbara Meinnert. I am running for the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni board. I was the general leader of the Johnsonville Hustlers for 10 years, on the executive board for 4 years as secretary and was on the Alumni board and was secretary for 4 years. Please vote for me because I am retiring soon and would like to get involved again. Thank you in advance for your vote.

**K**aye Hau

My name is Kaye Hau. I am currently on the Alumni Board completing my first term. I have been a registered 4-H leader in Sheboygan County for 34 years.

**P**atty Taylor

I am Patty Taylor. I am a lifetime member of the Alumni Organization and in past years have served on the Alumni Board. I have been involved as a leader in the 4-H program for 41 years with the Herman Cheeri-o's 4-H Club. My favorite part of 4-H is witnessing the growth of our youth today. My current role on the 4-H Leaders Executive Board is President Elect and I am serving on the Endowment Committee as Chairman. Yes, I am quite busy, but I recently retired from the position of Sr. Director of Financial Aid at Lakeland University, which will allow me to have more time to devote to the 4-H programs. I bleed green through and through and would be honored to serve on the Alumni Board.



## Enchanted Forest/Open House

**E**nchanted Forest is being held Sunday, October 5th from 1:00—3:00 pm at 4-H Camp Riversite, N2823 Camp Riversite Rd, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. Non-perishable item donation appreciated.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>**. The awards program will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and beverages served after the program at 7:00 p.m.

Watch for the October Cloverleaf Crier for registration information.

2025 - 2026

Three Year Term—Vote for 3

\_\_\_\_\_ Kaye Hau

\_\_\_\_\_ Barb Meinnert

\_\_\_\_\_ Patty Taylor



Return by: November 1, 2025

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

## Alumni Association Membership Renewal Form

Plan to renew your Alumni Association membership for 2025-2026.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026  
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  
5 University Dr  
Sheboygan, WI 53081



## 2025 Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Award

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

Briefly describe the contributions of the individual:

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

**Return by: October 25, 2025**

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

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