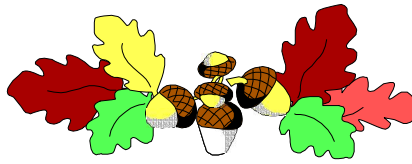


Sheboygan County 4-H ALUMNI NEWS



October 2009

Hello Alumni Family and Friends . . .

The reports are in, and the annual 4-H Alumni reception at the fairgrounds was a huge success. Many thanks go out to all those that made this event happen, and to those of you who attended. I hear it was a good time remembering and catching up on families and friends.

As you will notice, it is one again election time. Please take a few moments to cast your votes. May I ask you also to consider running to join the Alumni Board. We would like to see some new faces on the board with new ideas.

Back to news on the annual Alumni dues. At the September board meeting it was decided to offer a "Lifetime Membership" at the cost of \$175.00. You may also choose to pay your yearly dues at \$10.00 per year. We would like to urge you to consider making extra donations through out the year for the 4-H Alumni Scholarship fund.

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the colors of fall.

Until next time . . .

Your President
Phil Jens
Alumni Association

ALUMNI RECEPTION

The 4-H Alumni Reception was once again a success. We had about 40 Alumni 4-Hers come to visit and tell stories about their experiences in 4-H. I would like to thank everyone that brought something to the reception. It was greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you next year at the Fair!

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD

Skeeter DeGroff - I just completed my first 3 year term on the Alumni Board. I have served as Treasurer all 3 years and helped on various committees. I was on the Sheboygan County Executive Board for 8 years, serving as president one year. I was general leader of the Johnsonville Hustlers for 8 years before retiring last year. I am active on the county level with the clover awards, trip awards, wall of honor, music & drama committee, youth building display team, and help out where ever I can. I have a son that has graduated from 4-H and benefited greatly from the 4-H programs. I hope I have the opportunity to serve on the Alumni Board for another term. It is a pleasure to work with all the 4-H volunteers & 4-H kids.

Judi Bogenschutz – Hi – My name is Judi Bogenschutz and was asked if I would serve on the 4-H Alumni Board. So here is a little bit about me. I was a 10 year member of the Herman Cheerios 4-H Club and currently a leader in the club. I served on the 4-H Leaders Association Board and was Secretary. I have 2 children and they were in 4-H also. The unique thing about this is that they were members of the same club that I was. 4-H taught all of us to Make the Best Better.

Deb Meinnert – Hi, My name is Deb Meinnert. I was active in 4-H my younger years. I was with the Mosel Farm & Home 4-H Club. My last year of 4-H was when the Clover Awards started. Presently I am active with the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H Club and I am the General Leader. My daughters, Michelle is 15 and Emily is 12, both love the program and I enjoy helping like my mom and aunts did in my time of 4-H. I think 4-H is great for any family and hope to be a part of this Alumni group.

HELPING HANDS



Lets add new hands to our Alumni Association to help our 4-H Youth. Membership is open to any individual interested in the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.

Feel free to use the 4-H Alumni Brochure to help recruit!

Annual membership dues are \$10 per member per year. The membership year runs from November – October. **So if you paid in May that was for 2008 – 09. To continue your membership in 2009 –10 you need to join at this time.** The \$10.00 membership fee goes to support the 4-H program. We are one of the only active Alumni Associations in the state. Please feel honored and join us. Just complete the form on the last page of the newsletter.

Encourage people to join now. . . it's a great deal and a great way to support Sheboygan County 4-H Program.

PIZZA SALE

Sheboygan County 4-H is selling pizzas, desserts, cookie dough, and more. If you haven't been approached by a 4-H member and want to order any of the above items, call Patty Taylor at 565-2998 and place an order by November 1. Product comes on Saturday, December 6th.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SECRETARY REPORT

July 8, 2009

Members Present: Phil Jens, Patty Taylor, Skeeter DeGroff, Deb Meinnert, Frank Steiner, Sharleen Meinnert, Heidi Widder, Eugene Kohlman, Amber Rehberg,

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Jens.

Thank You notes were read from Stephanie Meinnert, Jenny Bimmel, Jennifer Pentek, and Riley McKinch.

The secretary's report was presented. Skeeter DeGroff made a motion to accept the secretary's report as corrected and Heidi Widder seconded the motion. Motion carried. Skeeter DeGroff presented the treasurer's report. The balance is \$2,799.99. Patty Taylor made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sharleen Meinnert seconded the motion. Motion carried. In 2010 there will be an additional scholarship in memory of Mavis Burkhardt.

Old Business:

Alumni Banquet: Everyone enjoyed the banquet. Many comments were made that the pork was very good. It is currently booked for the first Friday in May at Klemmes Wagon Wheel.

Alumni Award: The award was given to Karen Longrie. We need to research the origination and intend of this award. A question was asked if a 4-H involved person can be considered for this award if they are not a member of the Alumni Association.

County Fair Reception: Gibbsville Cheese will be contacted if they would donate the cheese. Patty will contact Old Wisconsin Sausage for Sausage links. Sharleen will bring crackers and purchase the drinks. It takes 4 white sodas to 3 cranberry juice bottles. Everyone should bring bars. It will be on the deck outside the Youth building from 11:00 till 12:00p.m.

Fair Display: Patty Taylor will work with Elaine Fiedler to provide a display at the fair.

New Business:

Nominations for Alumni Board: On the nominations committee is Heidi Widder, Deb Meinnert, and Skeeter DeGroff. Deb and Skeeter are eligible to run for a director position again. Everyone should bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Races Food Stand: It worked well. We had enough people. Heidi Widder motioned that next year we could request a night that is not a holiday weekend. Frank Steiner seconded the motion. Motions Carried.

Articles for the newsletter are due August 1, 2009.

The next meeting is September 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the UW Center. Heidi Widder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Frank Steiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Patty Taylor
Secretary

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI HISTORY BOOK IS HERE!

Read all about Sheboygan County 4-H – where, when, why & how it all got started. There are 142 pages of Sheboygan County 4-H History, County Agents, 4-H Clubs, 4-H facts & stats, 4-H photos, songs, and much, much more. All this for only \$15.00! They are available at the UW Extension Office at 5 University Drive, Sheboygan. You can have them mailed to you for an additional \$5.00 shipping charge. Order a book today, while they last. Make checks payable to the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni.



WE NEED YOU!

4-H Project Leaders – With a new 4-H year about to begin, we are in need of project leaders and the club and county level. Sewing, Ceramics, Dogs, Cooking, Knitting, Electricity, Gardening or Bugs . . . Whatever your hobby or interest, your leadership is a vital part of our 4-H program. “Our program is strongest when we have project leaders working with youth,” says Amber Rehberg 4-H Program Coordinator. You do not need to do it alone, we are here to support you and often have other volunteers that can co-lead or coordinate efforts with you. Please contact us at (920) 459-5903 anytime throughout the year to offer your experience and expertise.

4-H Afterschool – With new outreach programs comes new opportunities for you to be involved. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday throughout the school year in two programs taking place at Sheridan Elementary School and Farnsworth Middle School.

At Sheridan Elementary School you could assist our Nutrition Educator with programming the first Tuesday of every month helping 2nd thru 5th grades students learn about healthy eating and living. You could help the second Tuesday while these students explore various 4-H projects! Or you could help the third Tuesday while UW Extension Educators share their expertise with agriculture, mapping, water testing and more. Or come every week from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. and help us provide these opportunities to all 70 youth in the 4-H Afterschool Program.

At Farnsworth Middle School, mentors are needed to help teach and lead various leadership and citizenship activities and projects during their program every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mentors do not need to find extra time to meet one-on-one with these 25 students, instead we will be mentoring in a group setting during the club’s program each Tuesday. Again, please contact us at (920) 459-5903 anytime throughout the year to offer your experience and expertise.

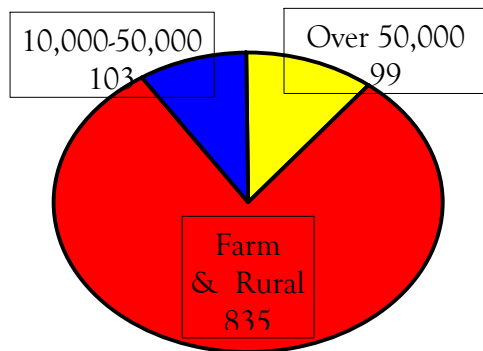


Fact Sheet...2009

Membership

In 2009, Sheboygan County 4-H had 1,037 enrolled members ranging from grades Kindergarten through High School. 116 of those members were Cloverbuds (K-2 grade.)

Demographics



Leadership

Sheboygan County 4-H is not just a youth organization, it is a family organization with something for everyone! Just ask one of our 414 4-H Volunteers Leaders. So far this year, 49 new leaders have been certified.

4-H Clubs

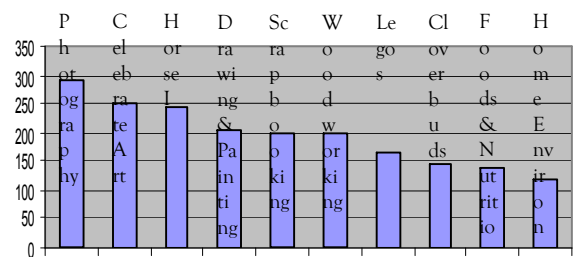
With the 35 4-H clubs in Sheboygan County, a youth or adult should not have a difficult time finding a club to join...the hard part is deciding which club to join!

4-H club size varies throughout the county. This variety gives strength to the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.

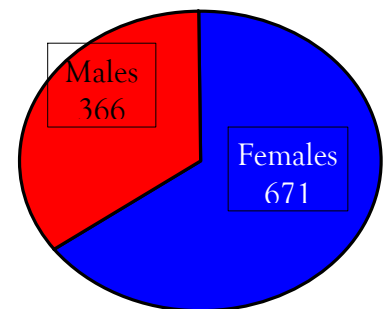
Most 4-H clubs focus on leadership, service and citizenship development. Young people are involved in planning and carrying out club activities and experiences.

Projects

Here is a look at Sheboygan County's most popular 4-H Projects...



Gender



For More Information...

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**2009-2010 4-H Alumni Association Executive Board
BALLOT**

Three Year Term - Vote for 3

Judi Bogenschutz	_____
Deb Meinnert	_____
Skeeter DeGross	_____
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Return by: November 2, 2009

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

Name: _____

4-H Alumni Association Membership

- Annual membership dues: \$10.00 per member.
November 1, 2009 - October 31, 2010 _____
- Lifetime membership: \$175.00 per member. _____
- History Book (\$15.00 each)
(mailed to you add \$5.00) _____
- Scholarship Fund _____
- Voluntary gift to Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: **Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association**

News to share with 4-H Alumni membership:

Do you have "news" to share with other 4-H Alumni? Alumni news is included in upcoming newsletters. Please take the time to share what you are currently doing or share a special 4-H memory with other alumni by jotting down your "news" on the lines below. Or share any thoughts or ideas you have for the Alumni Association.

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