



## 4-H Leader Recognition Program



November 13, 2021

6:30 p.m.

North Winds Banquet Hall, Marion

<b>Welcome</b>	Michelle Backes, President 4-H Leaders' Board
<b>Introduction of Guests</b>	Penny Tank
<b>Pledge of Allegiance &amp; 4-H Pledge</b>	2021 4-H Graduates
<b>Dinner</b>	
<b>Silence Auction Ends</b>	
<b>Recognition of 4-H Graduates</b>	Awards and Recognition Committee
<b>Key Award Acknowledgment</b>	Waupaca County Farm Bureau
<b>4-H Leaders' Association Scholarships</b>	Penny Tank
<b>Volunteer of the Year Award</b>	Penny Tank
<b>Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award</b>	Awards and Recognition Committee
<b>Friend of 4-H Award</b>	Woodland Badgers 4-H Club
<b>Distinguished Service Award</b>	Representative Petersen
<b>Recognition of 4-H Leaders</b>	Awards and Recognition Committee
<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Door Prizes</b>	

## **BANQUET COMMITTEE**

Diamond Dreamers, Crossing Creeks, Sunrise, and Woodland Badgers 4-H Club

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Gloria Bigalke, Linda Poth, Deb Desens, Dawn Nelson, Dorothy Paider, Deb Schneider and Jim Zemple

## **4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Michelle Backes
Vice President	Karen Acker
Secretary	Gloria Bigalke
Treasurer	Jenny Heise
Past President	Gloria Zemple
District I Representatives:	Delores Bork and Sue Berrig
District II Representatives:	Virginia Zemple and Jim Zemple
District III Representatives:	Amy Korth and Lora Korth
District IV Representatives:	Deb Schneider and Michelle Orr
District V Representatives:	Gladys Fleck and Mike Much
Youth Representatives:	Abbey Acker and Carolyn Backes

## **EXTENSION WAUPACA COUNTY OFFICE STAFF**

### **4-H Youth Development:**

<b>Penny Tank</b>	<b>4-H Program Educator</b>
<b>Annette Spieth</b>	<b>Program Assistant</b>
Chris Viau	Area 10 Director
Sandy Liang	Human Development & Relationships Educator
Jessica Beckendorf	Community Development Educator
Christi Galbriska	FoodWise Coordinator
Hailee Struck	FoodWise Nutrition Educator
Amy Ebert	Program Assistant

## 2021 “FRIEND OF 4-H”

The Marion Advertiser, Sara Tischauser, has been a wonderful promotor of 4-H during this past year. COVID-19 has presented 4-H clubs with many challenges including the inability to meet in person. Sara Tischauser, the publisher/editor of the Marion Advertiser has eased the process of promoting 4-H in her paper. Each time our 4-H club reporter would submit an article with a picture, she would make sure it would get into the paper. Even within the week, if there wasn't room in the paper, she would make sure it would make it into the next weeks paper. She has always responded to the e-mailed articles with a positive email back to our clubs reporter. This is very encouraging when coming off of such an uncertain year filled with news that wasn't always positive.

Sara Tischauser models the character and professional behavior when interacting with 4-H members and volunteers by her positive feedback given when she responds back to the e-mailed article. Her encouragement to the 4-H club reporter and volunteers promotes the willingness to want to submit pictures and articles to the Marion Advertiser.

Ms. Tischauser does promote life skill development by showing her kindness, and willingness to go above and beyond her duty when running the paper. These are life skills that 4-H promotes in it's moto: "To make the best better." She is doing this by showing the 4-H youth that they do matter by showcasing their many great accomplishments.

## FRIEND OF 4-H” PAST RECIPIENTS

2020	Dr. Alan Wegenke and staff at the Clintonville Veterinary Hospital	2009	McCain Foods
2019	Art Ebbinger	2008	Bowers Feed & Grain
2018	Lisa Jensen	2007	Radtke Dobberstein Auctions
2017	Jennifer Lamers-Sommer	2006	Walker Forge, Inc.
2016	Weyauwega Star Dairy	2005	Terry Mares, Mares Produce
2015	Dale Fire Department	2004	Festival Foods of New London
2014	Dr. John Fountain, DVM	2003	Bruce Hoeft
2013	Duane Abrahamson	2002	First National Bank of Weyauwega
2012	Union Star Cheese Factory	2001	Bruce Grassman, WJMQ
2011	Clintonville Elevator	2000	Maynard Sordahl
2010	Cindy Hardy, Lind Center Greenhouse	1999	Carley Auction Service
		1998	Farm Credit Services
		1997	New London Press-Star

### **FRIEND OF 4-H" PAST RECIPIENT (continued)**

1996 Sherry's Ceramic Giftland	1985 Evan Thoma
1995 Gary Onan	1984 School District of Manawa
1994 Drath's Sewing Center	1983 Hub Moore
1993 St. Paul's Lutheran Church	1982 Victor Struck
1992 Bob & Jan Niemuth	1981 Scott Turner
1991 Grace Kirchner	1980 Dairyland Animal Health
1990 Waupaca County Bankers Association	1979 Marvin Timm
1989 Radtke Real Estate	1978 Bud Brown
1988 Ted Erdman	1977 Niemuth's Steak & Chop Shop
1987 Grant Scheller	1976 Edward Smith
1986 Duane Schultz & Valley Bank	1975 Carol Much
	1974 Virginia Bowersox



### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

2020 Garrett Knoespel (11-20 years)	2013 Sarah Burmeister
2020 Michelle Backes (under 10 years)	2012 Mary Kirchner
2019 Melissa Fischer (11-20 years)	2011 David Bork
2019 Ted Bigalke (under 10 years)	2010 Ray Spiegelberg
2018 Sara Knoespel (11-20 years)	2009 Bernice Abel
2018 Jessica Arndt (under 10 years)	2008 Janice Popple
2017 Kathy Manske (11-20 years)	2007 Cindy Bigalke
2017 Angela Eidenberger (under 10 yrs)	2006 Genny Corwin
2016 Ruthanne Schroeder (11-20 years)	2005 Gloria Behm
2016 Karen Zarling (under 10 years)	2004 Roger Preder
2015 Julia Olsen (under 10 years)	2003 Neil Schmidt
2015 Mark Moser (11-20 years)	2002 Dave Magolski
2014 Richard & Ann Wehrle	2001 Carol Magolski

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2020 Denise Schultz	2003 Orin Zirbel
2019 Kari Riley	2002 Mary Kautz
2018 Myrtle Kutchenriter	2001 Virginia Zemple
2017 Jennifer Heise	2000 Vera Frederick
2016 Deb Desens	1999 Duane & Delores Bork
2015 Lois Fischer	1998 Arnie & Helen Heise
2014 Gladys Fleck	1997 Tina Auer
2013 Dorothy Paider	1996 Joanne Thoma
2012 Dawn Nelson	1995 Dennis Fischer
2011 Gloria Behm	1994 Ardyce Eisentraut
2010 Neil & Diane Schmidt	1993 Jim Auer
2009 Carol Magolski	1992 Jeanette Oberstadt
2008 Bill & Deanna Stinemates	1991 Pat Ritchie
2007 Dave Magolski	1990 Janice Wichmann
2006 Lynn Zirbel	1989 Martha Johnson
2005 Phyllis Bartel	1988 Don Long
2004 Deb Schneider	1987 Geraine Eisentraut



## 2021 4-H GRADUATES

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years in 4-H</u>
Joshua Barnett	Country Pride	10
Andrew Elmhurst	Friendly Valley	12
Morgan Federwitz	Woodland Badgers	10
Giselle Handschke	Lebanon Cedars	12
Shane Kimball	Lebanon Cedars	10
Nicole Kirchner	Woodland Badgers	13
Colin Rowley	Baldwins Mill	10
Anna Rustad	Peterson Mill	13
Mackenzie Shostak	Town & Country	5
Megan Zarling	Woodland Badgers	13

## 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS

### BALDWINS MILL (Royalton)

<b>Linda Poth</b>	<b>25</b>	Alicia Stiebs	6
Genevieve Corwin	19	Randy Stiebs	6
Amber Curtis	17		

### CASEY LAKE (Waupaca)

Kari Riley	28	Aimee Postel	3
<b>Thomas Riley</b>	<b>25</b>	William Postel	3
Megan Passarella	7	Elisha Riley	1
Ashley Bruette	3	Everlah Riley	1

### CHAIN O'LAKES (Waupaca)

Michelle Orr	18
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### COUNTRY PRIDE (Weyauwega)

<b>Delores Bork</b>	<b>50</b>	David Bork	23
<b>Duane Bork</b>	<b>50</b>	Anthony Alix	11
Debra Schneider	43	Jodi Alix	11
Dorothy Paider	36	Elisha Barnett	3
Dawn Nelson	33	Vicki Harvey	3
Dean Schneider	29		
Denise Schultz	24		

### DAYTON COMMUNITY (Waupaca)

<b>Haley Nelson</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Angelica Johnson</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Richard Nelson</b>	<b>10</b>	Nicole Hahn	4
Amanda Fischer	8	Lacy Raisler	4
Michelle Minton	8	Adam Raisler	3

### **DIAMOND DREAMERS (Waupaca)**

Ellen Hooker	11	Chris Hanna	5
Danita Nelms	7	Marcy Farkas	3
David Walsh	7	Brooklyn Wepner	1
Shannon Wepner	6		

### **FRIENDLY VALLEY (Manawa)**

Virginia Zemple	45	Gloria Zemple	27
Ronald Zemple	38	Clint Beyer	17
James Zemple	31	Craig Fietzer	1

### **KROSSING CREEKS (Clintonville/Bear Creek)**

Lisa Schmoll	7	Amy Maas	2
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### **LEBANON CEDARS (New London)**

Ronna Herminath	10	Michael Korth	8
Amy Stuhr	10	Tamara Fabisiak	6
Angel Drozd	9	Karen Handschke	6
Jim Drozd	7	Dana Walsh	1
Amy Korth	8		

### **LIND CENTER BEAVERS (Weyauwega)**

Susan Berrig	14	Janet Olson	7
Medora Magdanz	14	Daniel Magdanz	6
Rebecca Loehrke	11	Tina Attoe	3
Larry Shofner	10	Keyara Berrig	2
Mark Handrich	9	Cynthia Dietzler	1
Lisa Handrich	7		

### **PETERSON MILL (Scandinavia/Iola)**

Karri Bestul	39	Krista Enoch	6
Connie Bestul	16	Jeni Mursau	5
Sharon Rustad	13	Jessica Doyle	4
Scott Doyle	7	Sommer Peterson	4



### **SANDY KNOLL (New London)**

Helen Heise	45	Amy Eckelberg	12
Arnold Heise	44	Emily Magolski	11
Carol Magolski	35	Julia Olsen	11
David Magolski	34	Ted Bigalke	9
Gloria Bigalke	31	Steven Elliott	9
Cindy Bigalke	30	Jared Manske	8
Gladys Fleck	30	Traci Elliott	7
Jennifer Heise	25	Jeff Gulbrandsen	7
Daniel Heise	24	Rebecca Gulbrandsen	7
Kathleen Manske	23	Mikayla Wehrle	7
Sara Knoespel	22	Michelle Backes	5
Candith Hoewisch	17	Leslie Flocker	5
Garrett Knoespel	17	Craig Backes	4
Jim Magolski	17	Shaun Cunningham	4
Lois Tews	14	Margaret Elliott	4
Angela Eidenberger	13	Amanda Zehner	4
Ann Wehrle	13	Thalia Kloehn	1
Richard Wehrle	13		

### **SUNRISE (Marion)**

Debbie Desens	28	Debra Wegner	20
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### **TOWN & COUNTRY (Manawa)**

Joni Steingraber	25	Belinda Shostak	3
Sue Johnson	22	Anya Bonikowske	2
<b>Marcy Wentworth</b>	<b>15</b>	Jordana Umnus	2
Jani Egan	9		

### **TRI-COUNTY (Fremont/Weyauwega)**

Lois Fischer	43	Tammie Merriam	5
Wanda Borsche	30	Jennifer Hanneman/Moen	4
Wendy Fisher	15	Danielle Ryan	4
Nicole DeCoster	11	Rachel Lohff	1

### **WISCONSIN WORKERS (Manawa)**

Michael Much	30	Amanda Pockat	7
Cindy Much	28	Sylvia Ramirez	1
Lisa Wettstein	16		

### **WOLF RIVER RASCALS (New London)**

Mark Moser	22	Becky Amaral	5
Karen Acker	18	Alison Acker	1
Wayne Acker	18		

### **WOODLAND BADGERS (Clintonville)**

Mary Kautz	42	Karen Zarling	12
Peter Kirchner	26	Michelle McAuly	11
Pamela Fenn	26	Amy Zempel	9
Linda Kirchner	18	Cody Zempel	9
Crystal Retzlaff	18	Tanya Zimmerman	9
Sarah Burmeister	17	Meredith Bowers	8
Paul Kirchner	16	Austin Retzlaff	6
Jason Burmeister	15	Christina Froh	3

### **LEADERS AT LARGE**

Patricia Ritchie	54	Connie Morton	10
Myrtle Kutchenriter	46	Ashley Desens	3
Linda Crushinski	43	Jack Desens	3
Clinton Danke	20	Wyatt Kersten	2
Donna Danke	20	Danielle Arnold	1
Annette Spieth	19	Constance Klotzbuecher	1
Mia Janke	18	Joann Noah	1
Stephanie Arnold	15		

**Please remember to thank the Award Sponsors:**  
**4-H Leaders Association**  
**Waupaca County Farm Bureau—Key Award**  
**State Legislature—Distinguished Service**  
**Wisconsin State 4-H Foundation**

**Volunteers who have been 4-H leaders for 20 or more years are invited to share some information about their involvement & interests. We hope you enjoy reading the following highlights:**

45-Years (Virginia)

38-Years (Ronald)

**Ronald and Virginia Zemple**

Virginia is General Leader for the Friendly Valley 4-H Club and is also a project leader. Virginia is on the 4-H Leaders' Association Education Committee and the Record Book Committee. Virginia has helped with the General Leader Manual and the Waupaca County 4-H Family Guide. Virginia serves on the 4-H Leaders' Board, sold plat book ads, works in the 4-H food stand at the fair, checked record books at the county level and helped at Farm Technology Days. Virginia enjoys working with the 4-H members and leaders, seeing them learn and achieve their goals. She also likes working at the county level.

She received the 2000 Communication Award for her help on the Family Guide. She also received the Distinguished Service Award in 2001. Virginia attended the 2007 North Central Region Volunteer Forum in Milwaukee. Virginia has received many 4-H project awards and was State Fair Clothing Revue representative for Waupaca County when she was in 4-H.

Ronald is a project leader for the Friendly Valley 4-H Club. He was on the Leaders' Board for four years, was President of the Leaders' Association, has worked in the 4-H food stand, Farm Technology Days, fundraising committee and rodeo clean-up. Ronald received awards for being a 4-H leader for 5-38 years. He served as a church elder and trustee.

Ronald and Virginia have 5 children who all graduated from 4-H, Heather, Wendell, Heidi, Melody and Kendell; and 9 grandchildren. They are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Manawa and both are greeters there.

## **45-Years**

### **Helen Heise**

Helen joined 4-H in Portage County, starting with cooking, clothing construction, home environment and gardening. These projects continue to be part of our every day life in many ways. At the present time she is involved with Sandy Knoll 4-H. Helen and Arnie have been active with the Super Saturday event and Plat book Committee. We have five grandchildren. We enjoy watching all the 4-H members participate in local club activities, exhibiting their projects, and showing a variety of animals at the County Fair. We have observed 4-H members grow and learn during their 4-H years. Rewards of being a leader happen when 4-H members become adults and use lifetime skills that started in 4-H.

Helen is a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church and Ladies Evening Circle, Waupaca County HCE, Pieceful Hands Quilt Guild, and Waupaca County Farm Bureau. Together their interests are family activities, cribbage, gardening, canning, house plants and their family pet, Gracie. We have many friendships that started with 4-H.

## **43-Years**

### **Lois Fischer**

Lois is currently a general leader for the Tri-County 4-H Club. In the past she has been project leader for Cloverbuds, Exploring, Crocheting and Vegetables. She and her husband, Dennis, had been Leathercraft leaders for the Tri-County 4-H Club and the previous Wolf River 4-H Club. They also taught leathercraft to many leaders in Waupaca County as well as purchasing and distributing leather for many of those Clubs. Lois received the Distinguished Service Award in 2015, twenty years after Dennis received the same award.

Lois retired from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans six years ago after 47 years. Her current hobbies are gardening, reading, and geneology.

## **31-Years**

### **Gloria Bigalke**

Gloria Bigalke has been with the Sandy Knoll 4-H Club for 31 years as an activity leader and helping with the foods leader. She has been very much involved in the Valentine Soup and Sandwich calling all the community members who would like the soup, sandwich and cookies delivered to them. She also made fleece blankets for a 4-H community project. Throughout the years, she assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt and bake sale, June Dairy Bingo, and making the decorations for our 4-H Christmas

party. This year Gloria and her husband helped serve ice cream cones for the Readfield Caledonia fest. At the county level, she is currently serving as the secretary for the 4-H Leaders' Board, sold ads for the 2019 Plat Book, on the Awards and Recognition Committee, and helped with Super Saturday and judges other counties 4-H books. During the fair week, she clerks for the Explorers and the Visual Arts department and helps at the 4-H food stand.

Gloria retired from Thrivent Financial (AAL) after almost 47 years. Even though she is "not working" she is very much volunteering her time. Currently, she helps the New London Sr. Nutrition site packaging the home delivered meals for the local New London residents, delivers the meals and helps in the kitchen. Gloria belongs to Zion Ev Lutheran Church in Readfield and is the President for the Wolf River Circuit for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

For fun, her and her husband, Ted go camping and on bus trips and play bingo. They also go to a lot of soccer games watching their grandchildren Allie and Grant Knoespel participate in. Also, the grandkids were on the school's Cross Country teams, so we got to go to different cities and meets they were in.

Ted and Gloria also have about 10 to 12 great grand kid goats. My daughter, Sara and her husband Garrett raise goats. So my family keeps on extending. My son, Paul, and his wife Marsha and two children live in Schaumburg, IL. Also, they are expecting a child around Christmas. So we will have a new grandson.

4-H has been another busy year for me. 4-H is about the youth and the educational programs it offers. I am glad I can volunteer my time. I like judging the record books the kids complete with all their pictures and hard work they have accomplished in the last year. 4-H should be a "must" for all youth.

28-Years

### **Gladys Fleck**

Gladys had another rewarding year with the Sandy Knoll 4H Club and County Association. This past 2 years her club was limited with what outside activities they could have but worked around it. This year she made Valentine cookies, made 2 fleece-tie blankets for nursing homes, plus helped judge baked goods the kids made, and made Christmas cards for our servicing troops. This past year she had the privilege of being the clubs 4-H Grandmother. It was a great honor. In addition she helped clerk at the Waupaca County Fair and worked in the food stand.

Gladys also took several bus trips—one cruising on the Mississippi River for 2 days and

another was visiting the southwestern part of Wisconsin and part of Minnesota. Even though Gladys is retired she is busy helping her son with farm chores and doing volunteer work with church and the community nutrition site. Plus this year her youngest daughter, Becky, got married.

30-Years

### **Cindy Bigalke**

Cindy has been a 4-H crochet leader with Sandy Knoll 4-H for 30 years. She was named the Waupaca County Volunteer of the Year in 2007. She worked at Piggly Wiggly in New London, but retired in 2019 after 30 years. Now she has the pleasure of watching grandkids, Alexis and Xander.

“Crocheting is one of my activities that I enjoy. There's many activities including sewing, gardening. I love being outside in the flowerbeds and vegetable gardens, and enjoy watching the Packers play football, and also enjoy traveling.”

Cindy and her husband, Jeff, have two sons, Jay and Duane. Jay and his wife, Jess, live in Ohio with their sons Gavin, age 8 and Levi, age 6. Duane and his wife Erin live in Hortonville with their daughter Alexis, age 6 and their son Xander, 2. Cindy and Jeff also have a daughter Carol, who lives in Ohio; and works as a teacher at Troy Christian School.

“Crocheting is one of my favorite pastime. Enjoyed working with my 4-H youths, but it has been a big challenge with not being able to work directly with them in 2020-2021. Let's pray for a better 2022.”

22 Years

### **Sara Knoespel**

Sara grew up in the Waupaca County 4-H program and went directly from club member to club leader. She has been a Sandy Knoll General Leader for 11 years focusing on growing leaders and community service volunteers. Currently, the club has 61 members and 32 leaders. She is also the Foods Superintendent and an Ambassador Advisor. Chaperoning summer camp is Sara's favorite 4-H volunteer activity that she assists with annually. In 2018, Sara received the Waupaca County Volunteer of the Year Salute to Excellence award and in 2019 she received the Wisconsin 4-H Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award.

Sara works fulltime as an Associate Financial Representative at Northwestern Mutual in Appleton. Sara and Garrett just celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary in September. They have 2 children, Allie (10th grade) and Grant (8th grade) that keep

the family busy with many 4-H events, band concerts, soccer games, and cross country & track meets. Soccer became the family sport with Allie and Grant almost playing soccer year-round and Garrett and Sara coaching. Their family belongs to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenville. The Knoespel's have found the funniest animals to raise when they get to watch newborn goats bounce, jump, spin, and give kisses. Currently, they have 12 goats at their house which mostly consist of pygmies and both kids also raise meat goats. Overall, Sara feels that 4-H is the most well-rounded family friendly youth organization that kids can join and loves to work with the youth to become positive role models.





## WI 4-H Movement Word Scramble



Unscramble the 4-H Movement values below.

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Answer Key:  
1. Doing Good to Your Community 2. Belonging Together 3. Growing Skills  
4. Being Healthy 5. Exploring New Opportunities 6. Building Connections



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