



## 4-H Leader Recognition Program



November 04, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Cedar Springs, Manawa

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Welcome</b>                               | Deb Schneider<br>4-H Leaders' Board |
| <b>Introduction of Guests</b>                | Penny Tank                          |
| <b>Pledge of Allegiance &amp; 4-H Pledge</b> | 2023 4-H Graduates                  |
| <b>Dinner</b>                                |                                     |
| <b>Silent 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> | Awards and Recognition Committee    |
| <b>Volunteer of the Year Award</b>           | Awards and Recognition Committee    |
| <b>Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award</b>  | Awards and Recognition Committee    |
| <b>Friend of 4-H Award</b>                   | Penny Tank                          |
| <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 —Peterson Mill, Baldwin's Mill, and Lebanon Cedars**

### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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

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

|                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| President                     | Deb Schneider                     |
| Vice President                | Michael Much                      |
| Secretary                     | Gloria Bigalke                    |
| Treasurer                     | Jenny Heise                       |
| Past President                | Karen Acker                       |
| District I Representatives:   | Sylvia Ramirez and Jim Zemple     |
| District II Representatives:  | Amanda Pockat and Virginia Zemple |
| District III Representatives: | Lora Korth and Sommer Peterson    |
| District IV Representatives:  | Delores Bork and Sue Berrig       |
| District V Representatives:   | Wayne Acker and Gladys Fleck      |
| Youth Representatives:        | Danielle Tank and Amira Pockat    |

### **EXTENSION WAUPACA COUNTY OFFICE STAFF**

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

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Penny Tank</b>   | <b>4-H Program Educator</b>            |
| <b>Haley Nelson</b> | <b>Program Assistant</b>               |
| <b>Macey Popple</b> | <b>Program Assistant</b>               |
| Chris Viau          | Area 10 Director                       |
| Tiffany Iliadis     | Lifespan & Financial Security Educator |
| Amy Ebert           | Community Development Educator         |
| Christi Galbriska   | FoodWise Coordinator                   |
| Hailee Paul         | FoodWise Nutrition Educator            |



## 2023 “FRIEND OF 4-H”

Waupaca County 4-H is happy to award the 2023 Friend of 4-H Award to A. Sturm and Sons Foundation. For many years, the Foundation has been donating financially to the 4-H program for local clubs to help support efforts for all members. The donations to each club have been used in a variety of ways.

Some examples include:

- Designing and ordering club shirts for all members.
- Covering membership fees for all families, returning members and new youth joining.
- Helping kids experience activities they normally would not have the opportunity to do (learning how to curl, ice skate, roller skate, and more).
- Paying for meeting location rental and family picnic supplies.
- Renting a bus to take the whole club and families on a bigger club trip to Chicago or Wisconsin Dells for fun and education.
- Supporting educational and recreational activities like Waldvogels Pumpkin Farm, Nordic Mountain, bowling, and LaClaire Creamery.
- Funding club workshops like a whole club cake decorating event and learning to make fused glass ornaments.
- Purchasing materials for community service projects and June Dairy Month promotion.

“We were able to concentrate on giving back instead of fund raising. It was very generous and very much appreciated.”

“This has helped our club members/families not feel another pocketbook pinch during a time when it seems every cost we incur has increased. We are so grateful for the Sturm donation.”

Thank you so much for your support of Waupaca County youth and 4-H!!

## “FRIEND OF 4-H” PAST RECIPIENTS

|      |  |      |                           |
|------|--|------|---------------------------|
| 2022 | Medina-Dale-Readfield Lions  | 2017 | Jennifer Lamers-Sommer    |
| 2021 | Sarah Tischauser, Marion Advertiser                                | 2016 | Weyauwega Star Dairy      |
| 2020 | Dr. Alan Wegenke and staff at the Clintonville Veterinary Hospital | 2015 | Dale Fire Department      |
| 2019 | Art Ebbinger   | 2014 | Dr. John Fountain, DVM    |
| 2018 | Lisa Jensen  | 2013 | Duane Abrahamson          |
|      |  | 2012 | Union Star Cheese Factory |

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

|      |                                     |      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 2011 | Clintonville Elevator               | 1993 | St. Paul's Lutheran Church    |
| 2010 | Cindy Hardy, Lind Center Greenhouse | 1992 | Bob & Jan Niemuth             |
| 2009 | McCain Foods                        | 1991 | Grace Kirchner                |
| 2008 | Bowers Feed & Grain                 | 1990 | Waupaca County Bankers Assoc. |
| 2007 | Radtke Dobberstein Auctions         | 1989 | Radtke Real Estate            |
| 2006 | Walker Forge, Inc.                  | 1988 | Ted Erdman                    |
| 2005 | Terry Mares, Mares Produce          | 1987 | Grant Scheller                |
| 2004 | Festival Foods of New London        | 1986 | Duane Schultz & Valley Bank   |
| 2003 | Bruce Hoeft                         | 1985 | Evan Thoma                    |
| 2002 | First National Bank of Weyauwega    | 1984 | School District of Manawa     |
| 2001 | Bruce Grassman, WJMQ                | 1983 | Hub Moore                     |
| 2000 | Maynard Sordahl                     | 1982 | Victor Struck                 |
| 1999 | Carley Auction Service              | 1981 | Scott Turner                  |
| 1998 | Farm Credit Services                | 1980 | Dairyland Animal Health       |
| 1997 | New London Press-Star               | 1979 | Marvin Timm                   |
| 1996 | Sherry's Ceramic Giftland           | 1978 | Bud Brown                     |
| 1995 | Gary Onan                           | 1977 | Niemuth's Steak & Chop Shop   |
| 1994 | Drath's Sewing Center               |      |                               |

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

|      |                                   |      |                          |
|------|-----------------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 2022 | Julia Olsen (11-20 years)         | 2015 | Mark Moser (11-20 years) |
| 2022 | Jordana Umnus (under 10 years)    | 2014 | Richard & Ann Wehrle     |
| 2021 | Karen Acker (11-20 years)         | 2013 | Sarah Burmeister         |
| 2021 | Amanda Zehner (under 10 years)    | 2012 | Mary Kirchner            |
| 2020 | Garrett Knoespel (11-20 years)    | 2011 | David Bork               |
| 2020 | Michelle Backes (under 10 years)  | 2010 | Ray Spiegelberg          |
| 2019 | Melissa Fischer (11-20 years)     | 2009 | Bernice Abel             |
| 2019 | Ted Bigalke (under 10 years)      | 2008 | Janice Popple            |
| 2018 | Sara Knoespel (11-20 years)       | 2007 | Cindy Bigalke            |
| 2018 | Jessica Arndt (under 10 years)    | 2006 | Genny Corwin             |
| 2017 | Kathy Manske (11-20 years)        | 2005 | Gloria Behm              |
| 2017 | Angela Eidenberger (under 10 yrs) | 2004 | Roger Preder             |
| 2016 | Ruthanne Schroeder (11-20 years)  | 2003 | Neil Schmidt             |
| 2016 | Karen Zarling (under 10 years)    | 2002 | Dave Magolski            |
| 2015 | Julia Olsen (under 10 years)      | 2001 | Carol Magolski           |

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2022 Kathleen Manske      | 2009 Carol Magolski           |
| 2021 David Bork           | 2008 Bill & Deanna Stinemates |
| 2020 Denise Schultz       | 2007 Dave Magolski            |
| 2019 Kari Riley           | 2006 Lynn Zirbel              |
| 2018 Myrtle Kutchenriter  | 2005 Phyllis Bartel           |
| 2017 Jennifer Heise       | 2004 Deb Schneider            |
| 2016 Deb Desens           | 2003 Orin Zirbel              |
| 2015 Lois Fischer         | 2002 Mary Kautz               |
| 2014 Gladys Fleck         | 2001 Virginia Zemple          |
| 2013 Dorothy Paider       | 2000 Vera Frederick           |
| 2012 Dawn Nelson          | 1999 Duane & Delores Bork     |
| 2011 Gloria Behm          | 1998 Arnie & Helen Heise      |
| 2010 Neil & Diane Schmidt | 1997 Tina Auer                |



## 2023 4-H GRADUATES

| <u>NAME</u>        | <u>CLUB</u>         | <u>YEARS IN 4-H</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Verena Bartel      | Casey Lake          | 13                  |
| Melody Taggart     | Country Pride       | 13                  |
| Gracieanna Liegl   | Dayton Community    | 8                   |
| Rhett Nelson       | Dayton Community    | 13                  |
| Lilli Schmoll      | Krossing Creeks     | 10                  |
| Kaylee Schroeder   | Krossing Creeks     | 14                  |
| Rudy Drozd         | Lebanon Cedars      | 11                  |
| Kendal Fabisiak    | Lebanon Cedars      | 10                  |
| Heidi Kimball      | Lebanon Cedars      | 12                  |
| Lora Korth         | Lebanon Cedars      | 11                  |
| Kalisa Nutter      | Lebanon Cedars      | 6                   |
| Bethany Magdanz    | Lind Center Beavers | 13                  |
| Jasmine Cunningham | Sandy Knoll         | 7                   |
| Abigail Lybert     | Sandy Knoll         | 13                  |
| Daniel Lybert      | Sandy Knoll         | 13                  |
| Elisabeth Lybert   | Sandy Knoll         | 13                  |
| Renna Amaral       | Wolf River Rascals  | 10                  |
| Kersten Zimmerman  | Woodland Badgers    | 12                  |

## 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS

### BALDWINS MILL (Royalton)

|                  |    |                  |   |
|------------------|----|------------------|---|
| Genevieve Corwin | 21 |                  |   |
| Amber Curtis     | 19 | Randy Stiebs     | 8 |
| Alicia Stiebs    | 9  | Michelle Krisher | 2 |

### CASEY LAKE (Waupaca)

|                   |    |                |   |
|-------------------|----|----------------|---|
| Kari Riley        | 30 | Miranda Janec  | 2 |
| Thomas Riley      | 27 | Gina Strobusch | 1 |
| April Bartel      | 7  | Janet Wiechert | 1 |
| Ashley Bonikowske | 5  | Lisa Schulke   | 1 |
| Aimee Postel      | 5  | Lorin Weinmann | 1 |
| William Postel    | 5  |                |   |

### CHAIN O'LAKES (Waupaca)

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Michelle Orr | 20 |
|--------------|----|

### COUNTRY PRIDE (Weyauwega)

|                 |    |                  |    |
|-----------------|----|------------------|----|
| Delores Bork    | 52 | David Bork       | 25 |
| Duane Bork      | 52 | Anthony Alix     | 13 |
| Debra Schneider | 45 | Jodi Alix        | 13 |
| Dorothy Paider  | 38 | Angelica Johnson | 9  |
| Dawn Nelson     | 35 | Elisha Barnett   | 5  |
| Dean Schneider  | 31 |                  |    |
| Denise Schultz  | 26 |                  |    |

### DAYTON COMMUNITY (Waupaca)

|                 |    |               |   |
|-----------------|----|---------------|---|
| Haley Nelson    | 12 | Jason Liegl   | 2 |
| Richard Nelson  | 12 | Rebecca Liegl | 2 |
| Michelle Minton | 10 |               |   |
| Nicole Hahn     | 6  |               |   |

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

|              |   |           |   |
|--------------|---|-----------|---|
| Danita Nelms | 9 | Sara Timm | 1 |
| Marcy Farkas | 5 |           |   |
| Emily Huettl | 2 |           |   |
| Barb Wendt   | 2 |           |   |

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

|                 |    |                    |   |
|-----------------|----|--------------------|---|
| Virginia Zemple | 47 | Craig Fietzer      | 3 |
| Ronald Zemple   | 40 | Melissa Fietzer    | 2 |
| James Zemple    | 33 | Brian Moericke     | 1 |
| Gloria Zemple   | 29 | Katherine Moericke | 1 |
| Clinton Beyer   | 19 |                    |   |

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

|              |   |                  |   |
|--------------|---|------------------|---|
| Lisa Schmoll | 9 | Cynthia Schuelke | 2 |
|--------------|---|------------------|---|

### **LEBANON CEDARS (New London)**

|               |    |              |   |
|---------------|----|--------------|---|
| Amy Stuhr     | 12 | Tamara Janke | 8 |
| Angel Drozd   | 11 | Lacy Raisler | 6 |
| Amy Korth     | 10 | Adam Raisler | 5 |
| Michael Korth | 10 | Dana Walsh   | 3 |
| James Drozd   | 9  |              |   |

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

|                 |    |                  |   |
|-----------------|----|------------------|---|
| Susan Berrig    | 16 | Daniel Magdanz   | 8 |
| Medora Magdanz  | 16 | Tina Attoe       | 5 |
| Rebecca Loehrke | 13 | Keyara Berrig    | 4 |
| Larry Shofner   | 12 | Cynthia Dietzler | 3 |
| Mark Handrich   | 11 |                  |   |
| Lisa Handrich   | 9  |                  |   |

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

|               |    |                 |   |
|---------------|----|-----------------|---|
| Connie Bestul | 18 | Sommer Peterson | 6 |
| Scott Doyle   | 9  | Dan Peterson    | 2 |
| Jessica Doyle | 6  | Lora Bayer      | 1 |



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

|                    |    |                  |    |
|--------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Helen Heise        | 47 | Amy Eckelberg    | 14 |
| Arnold Heise       | 46 | Emily Magolski   | 13 |
| Carol Magolski     | 37 | Julia Olsen      | 13 |
| David Magolski     | 36 | Ted Bigalke      | 11 |
| Gloria Bigalke     | 33 | Steven Elliott   | 11 |
| Gladys Fleck       | 32 | Jared Manske     | 10 |
| Jennifer Heise     | 27 | Traci Elliott    | 9  |
| Daniel Heise       | 26 | Mikayla Wehrle   | 9  |
| Kathleen Manske    | 25 | Michelle Backes  | 7  |
| Sara Knoespel      | 24 | Leslie Flocker   | 7  |
| Karen Acker        | 20 | Craig Backes     | 6  |
| Wayne Acker        | 20 | Shaun Cunningham | 6  |
| Candith Hoewisch   | 19 | Margaret Strebig | 6  |
| Garrett Knoespel   | 19 | Amanda Zehner    | 6  |
| Jim Magolski       | 19 | Jodi Fiane       | 2  |
| Angela Eidenberger | 15 | Megan Stueck     | 2  |
| Ann Wehrle         | 15 | Katie Oreshoski  | 1  |
| Richard Wehrle     | 15 | Kyle Oberstadt   | 1  |

### **SUNRISE (Marion)**

|              |    |           |   |
|--------------|----|-----------|---|
| Deb Desens   | 30 | Sarah Roe | 2 |
| Amanda Haufe | 2  |           |   |

### **TOWN & COUNTRY (Manawa)**

|                  |    |                   |   |
|------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Joni Steingraber | 27 | Anya Bonikowske   | 4 |
| Sue Johnson      | 24 | Mackenzie Shostak | 1 |
| Marcy Wentworth  | 17 |                   |   |
| Belinda Shostak  | 5  |                   |   |

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

|                        |    |                |   |
|------------------------|----|----------------|---|
| Lois Fischer           | 45 | Jordana Umnus  | 4 |
| Wanda Borsche          | 32 | Stacey Boelter | 2 |
| Wendy Fisher           | 17 | Gunnar Umnus   | 2 |
| Jennifer Hanneman/Moen | 6  |                |   |

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

|                |    |                 |   |
|----------------|----|-----------------|---|
| Michael Much   | 32 | Sylvia Ramirez  | 3 |
| Cindy Much     | 30 | Emerald Wopshel | 1 |
| Lisa Wettstein | 18 | Sara Andersen   | 1 |
| Amanda Pockat  | 9  |                 |   |

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

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Mark Moser | 24 |
| Pamela Moe | 2  |

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

|                  |    |                 |    |
|------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Mary Kautz       | 44 | Tanya Zimmerman | 11 |
| Peter Kirchner   | 28 | Meredith Paul   | 10 |
| Pamela Fenn      | 28 | Austin Retzlaff | 8  |
| Linda Kirchner   | 20 | Christina Froh  | 5  |
| Crystal Retzlaff | 20 | Rachel Lohff    | 3  |
| Sarah Burmeister | 19 | Dean Polar      | 1  |
| Paul Kirchner    | 18 | Stacey Havlik   | 1  |
| Jason Burmeister | 17 |                 |    |
| Karen Zarling    | 14 |                 |    |
| Amy Zempel       | 11 |                 |    |

### **LEADERS AT LARGE**

|                      |    |                        |    |
|----------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| Patricia Ritchie     | 56 | Colleen Rae            | 10 |
| Myrtle Kutchenriter  | 48 | David Walsh            | 9  |
| Linda Crushinski     | 45 | Ashley Desens          | 5  |
| Karri Bestul         | 41 | Jack Desens            | 5  |
| Ann Moericke         | 28 | Wyatt Kersten          | 4  |
| Bart Moericke        | 28 | Constance Klotzbuecher | 3  |
| Linda Poth           | 27 | Courtney Mallo         | 1  |
| Clinton Danke        | 22 | Macey Popple           | 1  |
| Donna Danke          | 22 | Robert Hoewisch        | 1  |
| Annette Spieth       | 21 |                        |    |
| Mia Janke            | 20 |                        |    |
| Bobbie Jo Montgomery | 10 |                        |    |

**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:**

56– Years

**Pat Ritchie**

Pat was the General Leader for the Hobart 4-H Club until it disbanded. Since that time she has been the Waupaca County 4-H Plant and Soil Science Key Leader. When Pat was a club leader, she was the leader for several projects and activities. Pat has served on the Leaders' Board in several capacities, as well as the State 4-H Leaders Council and the 4-H Foundation Board. She has served on many county committees over the years. Pat is the Superintendent for the Jr. Fair Plant and Soil Science committee and the Open Class House Plants and Flowers at the county fair. She is on the State 4-H Plant and Soil Science committee and has helped with the planning and implementation of the State Plant and Soil Sciences day held each summer. She has also helped to plan and worked at the booth for the plant and soil committee for Farm Technology days. Pat is a certified judge in plant and soil science, houseplant and flowers, and exploring.

Pat has received many honors and awards over the years. This includes the Distinguished Service Award 1991, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Wisconsin Friend of 4-H 1997, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Outstanding Service Award 2000, State Communication Award 2000, and WAE4-HYDP Award 2017. As a 4-H member, she received the Key Award, County Dairy Award and Houseplant Award. Pat is also a member of the Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers. She has served as a county representative and is on the state and county Master Gardener boards. She also serves on several committees at the local and state level for this group. She is a member of the Paper Valley Garden Club and the Creative Arrangers Garden Club. Pat serves as the District Director for the Fox River Valley District, on the

State Board for the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation and chairs 2 committees on the state level. Pat is a certified Flower Show Judge. Pat is a member of the Royalton Christian Church and serves on the church board. In 2007, she completed the Leadership Waupaca County class. As a member of the Weyauwega Historical Society, Pat serves as their secretary as well as on the board for the Waupaca Christian Connection.

4-H has been a very important part of Pat's life. Pat mentions that she comes from a 3 generation 4-H family and the leadership experience she has gained in 4-H has carried over to all the other areas in her life. Looking back on the 56 years she has been a leader, she can see how much 4-H has changed but has remained the core values of the 4-H pledge of "our Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service and Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world". In closing, Pat says it is a real joy to see the members grow up through the projects and responsibilities that they learn.

47-Years (Virginia)

40-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 and rodeo clean-up. 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 and helping at Super Saturday.

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. She also received the WBAY award.

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 5-39 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.

47- Years (Helen)

46 -Years (Arnie)

### **Helen and Arnold 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 has been active with the Super Saturday event and the Platbook Committee. Helen says that “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 Waupaca County HCE, Pieceful Hands Quilt Guild, and Waupaca County Farm Bureau.

Arnie’s 4-H experiences started in Waushara County. He is also a 4-H leader involved with Sandy Knoll 4-H Club including 4-H grandparents. Over the years he was a project leader in sheep, beef and gardening. At the present time he is more involved with the Platbook Committee and Super Saturday, many times being the pick up man for supplies for the various projects or lunch. Arnie and Helen participate in many of the club activities and especially enjoy the Waupaca County Fair. They agree that it is always fun to watch the members show the animals and other projects that they have worked on during the year. The best part of 4-H is watching the 4-H members when they are beginners and see how they grow, improve and advance with their projects. All the friendships they make and carry through life. We have many friendships that started with 4-H.

Arnie is also a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in New London. Arnie has been a member of Waupaca Co. Farm Bureau. Together they enjoy grandchildren with school and summer sports. They keep busy especially in the summer with their garden, making pickles, canning and the family pet, Gracie.

45-Years

**Linda Crushinski**

Linda was in 4-H for 10 years showing cattle, crops, and flowers. Upon graduation from 4-H, Linda became a leader and is now a county key leader for the poultry project. Linda has held many club officer positions and some at the county level. She has held committee and officer positions in her church, as well. Linda says that she truly enjoys spending time with the youth by talking and guiding them in a project that they are truly passionate about. Linda continues to enjoy gardening and flowers and shows in open class.

45-Years

**Lois Fischer**

Lois started 4-H as a leathercraft leader for the previous Wolf River 4-H Club near Fremont along with her husband Dennis. They also held leathercraft classes for members and leaders in Waupaca County and ordered and purchased leather and accessories for many of the clubs in the county. When Tri-County 4-H Club formed in 1979, they worked with both clubs until Wolf River 4-H Club terminated. In Tri-County 4-H Club, Lois was a leader for leathercraft, crocheting, fruits, vegetables, Exploring, Cloverbuds, as well as becoming a General Leader. She helped with the Music and Drama and Speaking Contest members for her club. In 2015 she received the Distinguished Service Award. Her husband Dennis was a 4-H leader for 30 years and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1995. Their children, Rick, Wendy, and Emily graduated from 4-H as well as their grandchildren Bryan Waller and Cian Fischer. Rick was previously a 4-H leader and Wendy is still a 4-H leader. One of the highlights of Lois's 4-H career was her trip with Dennis to the 4-H conferences in Washington D.C. in 1988. This is Lois's last year as a 4-H leader as she feels it is time to retire from these activities. However, she will continue to support 4-H in many ways.



43 - Years

**Mary Kautz**

The years sure fly by so fast, but some things just never change. I joined 4-H 67 years ago at age 8, and the fun of learning is still very important to me, as well as the teaching aspect of our youth. I came from a family of 12 other siblings and 4-H was a very important activity in our lives growing up on the family farm. There were so many great 4-H leaders back in the 1950-60's; and there are still so many great 4-H Leaders to learn from. I enjoy teaching knitting and crocheting to our club members; and some adults as well. It is so much fun for me to watch the youth grow and mature in their life skills and God given talents. I have also been a member of the Waupaca County H.C.E for 50 years in the Modern M&M Club, where I serve as their treasurer. I love to sing in the church choir; serve on the Church Council, and am President of the ladies organization.

My family now consists of 2 daughters; 1 son and their spouses, and 7 Grandchildren who keep me busy and always on the go to their activities. My husband passed away years ago, and even though he's no longer with us, we sure do keep busy. I have learned so much over the years through 4-H, and feel so blessed to be a part of their programs.

33-Years

**Gloria Bigalke**

Gloria Bigalke has been with the Sandy Knoll 4-H Club for 33 years. Gloria is involved with lots of the activities Sandy Knoll club does. She helps prepare and does the calling of participants and delivers for the Valentine Soup and Sandwich community activity. She bakes a lot of items for the Easter Egg Hunt's Bake Sale and helps that day pricing and selling baked items. Gloria and her husband, Ted, serves ice cream for the Readfield Caledonia Fest for 4-H. She goes Christmas shopping for presents for the 4-H Adopt-A-Family children and helps make fleece blankets for local shut-ins. She buys the snack foods for Super Saturday. She bakes items and helps sell them for National 4-H week celebration at New London's Tractor Supply store. She serves as the Secretary on the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Board. She helps judge record books on the club and county level and is on the awards and recognition committee. During fair week, she clerks for the Explorers and the Visual Arts Departments and works at the 4-H food stand.

Gloria retired from Thrivent Financial (AAL) after 47 years. Now, she is the New London Nutrition site manager. She helps packaging and delivers home delivered meals and serves meals to congregate people at the Washington Center in New London. Ted and Gloria like to bake for various bake sales and they do a lot of canning. They purchased a new camper and spent a lot of time at Sugar Camp, WI. Throughout the year, Ted and Gloria watch their grandchildren play soccer.

Gloria has two children, Sara Knoespel and Paul Behm and five grandchildren. Sara and her husband, Garrett, and grandchildren Allie and Grant are also very much involved in 4-H. I am happy to see they are also very much interested in 4-H. 4-H is a "family affair". Gloria likes to go to the club meetings and see 4-H members do their demonstrations. 4-H helps develop skills for our youths in their future years. I especially like looking at the pictures and stories in the record books and how the 4-H member has grown throughout their 4-H years.

33-Years (James)

29- Years (Gloria)

### **James (Jim) and Gloria Zemple**

Jim Zemple has been a 4-H leader with the Friendly Valley 4-H Club for a number of years. Jim is a retired farmer that resides south of Manawa. Currently he transports Amish carpenters. Jim is a member of St. Paul Church and is active in the choir, Men's Club, and the Dart Ball team. He is currently serving on the 4-H Leaders' Board and has been a past president. Jim also enjoys deer hunting with his brother and nephews and fishing

Gloria Zemple is also involved as a 4-H leader with the Friendly Valley 4-H Club. Gloria is retired from Sturm Foods. She is a member of St. Paul Church and is actively participating in LWML, Ladies Aid, and the Alter Guild. She also directs the choir. Gloria has been past president of the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Board. She currently is serving on both the 4-H Super Saturday and Fundraising Committee.



32-Years

### Gladys Fleck

Gladys had another amazing year with the Sandy Knoll 4-H Club and Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association. This year she made Christmas cards for our servicing troops, made Valentine cookies, and other bakery items. She also helped with the club's annual Easter Egg Hunt and wrote thank you's to the sponsors. In addition, she helped clerk at the Waupaca County Fair and worked at the 4-H foodstand. Currently, Gladys is a District Representative for the 4-H Leaders' Association. Gladys enjoyed the 4-H bus tour to Old Wisconsin. Plus she toured Milwaukee and attended the LWMS Convention in La Crosse this year.

This year Gladys really enjoyed judging the club's 4-H record books and seeing the hard work and diligence in their project write-ups and pictures. She would like to encourage parents and leaders to continue promoting 4-H youth leadership. Even though Gladys is retired, she helps her son with farm chores and does volunteer work with her church and the community nutrition site.



30– Years (Kari)  
27– Years (Tom)



### **Kari & Tom Riley**

Kari and Tom have served the local and county 4-H in several capacities. They have been club leaders in rabbit, dairy, goat and swine. Also, leaders in home environment, Cloverbuds and exploring. Kari is the third generation general leader for Casey Lake 4-H. Kari has served as a dairy fair superintendent for years and continues to be involved in the county dairy project. They are involved in the Waupaca County 4-H Goat project and the Small Market Animal committee.

Tom and Kari have 3 children who have graduated from the 4-H program: Ethan, Elisha and Everlah. Elwood, Auroara and Ember are active members. “It’s all about the kids”, our success is measured by what youth have accomplished. I am proud of the many children, not just our own, we have helped encourage, raise and nurture through the 4-H program. Watching members mature and gain leadership skills is rewarding, knowing 4-H will always be an impact on their success in life!

25-Years

### **Kathy Manske**

Kathy began her 4-H involvement as a Cloverbud leader for the Sandy Knoll 4-H Club. She has served as a music and drama, dairy and foods leader. She continues to help deliver soup to the elderly for the club’s yearly community service project. She served one year on the Leaders Board and helped with the Activity Committee and Super Saturday for many years. In 2017, she received the Volunteer of the Year award. In 2022, she received the Distinguished Service award.

Kathy and her husband, Matt, dairy farm full time in New London. Her son, Jared, and his wife, Taryn are the 6th generation on Manske Family Farms. Her daughter, Amy, and her husband, Jon, live near Fremont with their son’s Caden and Cole.

Kathy is also active in Waupaca County HCE. She also takes time to spread cheer and acts of kindness in memory of her late granddaughter, Chloe.

24 - 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 13 years focusing on growing leaders and community service volunteers. Last year, the club had 73 members and 36 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 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September. They have 2 kids, Allie (12<sup>th</sup> grade) and Grant (10<sup>th</sup> grade). Their family is busy with many 4-H events, their pets, soccer games, and track meets. They belong to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenville. 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.



20—Years

**Linda Kirchner**

I have been one of the Sheep Leaders for the Woodland Badgers, for the last 20 years. I have been very active in supporting whatever activities the club participated in. I am a member of St. Martin Lutheran Church. I have played trombone with our Brass Group for 37 years. I just retired from Clintonville Public schools, after teaching 3rd or 4th grade for 38 years. My family includes my husband, Paul, 3 daughters and a son-in-law (Rachel and Mike, Rebecca, and Nicole) and 1 grandson (Benjamin). I am thankful for this 4-H organization because of the many opportunities it offers our youth.

# WISCONSIN 4-H CROSSWORD



Answer the questions and fill in the crossword with the correct answers.

**Down**

- 1 4-H members in grades 5K through Grade 2 are... members
- 4 The 4-H motto is "To Make the Best,...."
- 6 "My... to greater loyalty"
- 9 True or False: In 4-H you learn and grow with other 4-H members
- 10 "My... to larger service"

**Across**

- 2 True or False: In 4-H you learn through exploring projects
- 3 The 4-H emblem is the ...
- 5 The 4-H colors are white and.....
- 7 "I pledge my.... to clearer thinking"
- 8 "My.... to better living"

Answer Key: 1) Cloverbud 2) true 3) clover 4) better 5) green 6) head 7) health 8) heart 9) true 10) hands



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