



4-H Leader Recognition Program



November 09, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Cedar Springs, Manawa

Welcome	Mike Much 4-H Leaders' Board
Introduction of Guests	Penny Tank
Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge	2024 4-H Graduates
Dinner	
Silent Auction Ends	
Recognition of 4-H Graduates	Awards and Recognition Committee
Key Award Acknowledgment	Waupaca County Farm Bureau
4-H Leaders' Association Scholarships	Awards and Recognition Committee
Volunteer of the Year Award	Awards and Recognition Committee
Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award	Awards and Recognition Committee
Friend of 4-H Award	Woodland Badgers 4-H Club
Distinguished Service Award	Representative Petersen
Recognition of 4-H Leaders	Awards and Recognition Committee
Closing Remarks & Door Prizes	

**BANQUET COMMITTEE —Casey Lake, Chain O Lakes, Country Pride,
Dayton Community, Lind Center Beavers**

AWARDS COMMITTEE

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

4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Michael Much
Vice President	Amanda Pockat
Secretary	Gloria Bigalke
Treasurer	Jenny Heise
Past President	Deb Schneider
District I Representatives:	Jim Zemple and Sarah Burmeister
District II Representatives:	Virginia Zemple and Gloria Zemple
District III Representatives:	Sommer Peterson and Amy Korth
District IV Representatives:	Sue Berrig and Janet Wiechert
District V Representatives:	Gladys Fleck and Sara Knoespel
Youth Representatives:	Kylie Heise and Hailey Burmeister

EXTENSION WAUPACA COUNTY OFFICE STAFF

4-H Youth Development:

Penny Tank	4-H Program Educator
Haley Nelson	Program Assistant
Macey Popple	Program Assistant
Chris Viau	Area 10 Director
Alicia Utke	Human Development and Relationships Educator
Amy Ebert	Community Development Educator
Christi Galbriska	FoodWise Coordinator
Hailee Paul	FoodWise Nutrition Educator



2024 “FRIEND OF 4-H”

Waupaca County 4-H is happy to award the 2024 Friend of 4-H Award to the VFW Post 63 of Clintonville. The VFW Post 63 in Clintonville has a monthly steak fry throughout the summer. They invite various local clubs to help serve guests. Clubs can also earn money in 3 different ways:

- Bring in a raffle basket
- Bring in desserts to sell for \$1.00 per portion
- Tips

They raffle the gift basket and that money is given to the club. Our club also bakes desserts and sells them there. There is also a tip jar on the tables.

VFW sends the message that working together will have great results. They give us advice on what works the best and how to earn more tips. Everyone has been so friendly to work with. Our goals are similar: VFW earns money to help its patrons and we earn money for our club. This has proven to be our biggest fundraiser. We are supporting and helping our community while our community supports and helps our club. The life skills learned include baking yummy desserts, customer service, helping patrons and of course teamwork! We love that we can do this together and for our community.

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

“FRIEND OF 4-H” PAST RECIPIENTS

2023	A. Sturm & Sons Foundation	2016	Weyauwega Star Dairy
2022	Medina-Dale-Readfield Lions	2015	Dale Fire Department
2021	Sarah Tischauser, Marion Advertiser	2014	Dr. John Fountain, DVM
2020	Dr. Alan Wegenke and staff at the Clintonville Veterinary Hospital	2013	Duane Abrahamson
2019	Art Ebbinger	2012	Union Star Cheese Factory
2018	Lisa Jensen	2011	Clintonville Elevator
2017	Jennifer Lamers-Sommer	2010	Cindy Hardy, Lind Center Greenhouse
		2009	McCain Foods

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

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	1976 Edward Smith
1993 St. Paul’s Lutheran Church	1975 Carol Much
1992 Bob & Jan Niemuth	1974 Virginia Bowersox
1991 Grace Kirchner	

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

2023 Maggie Strebig (under 10 years)	2016 Karen Zarling (under 10 years)
2023 Wayne Acker (11-20 years)	2015 Julia Olsen (under 10 years)
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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2023	Michael Much	2010	Neil & Diane Schmidt
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



2024 4-H GRADUATES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>YEARS IN 4-H</u>
Brooklyn Butzin	Dayton Community	13
Reed Curtis	Baldwin's Mill	11
Isabelle Dietzler	Lind Center Beavers	9
Evy Drozd	Lebanon Cedars	11
Brigid Elliott	Sandy Knoll	11
Shelby Hoewisch	Dayton Community	10
Justin Kong	Sandy Knoll	4
Reed Meyer	Country Pride	11
Amira Pockat	Wisconsin Workers	8
Elwood Riley	Casey Lake	11
Logan Rogney	Dayton Community	7
Sydney Tews	Sandy Knoll	15
Emilia Waite	Sandy Knoll	7
Rosemary Walsh	Diamond Dreamers	11
Charlie Wentworth	Town & Country	11

Congratulations!!

4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS

BALDWINS MILL (Royalton)

Genevieve Corwin	22		
Amber Curtis	20	Randy Stiebs	9
Alicia Stiebs	10	Michelle Krisher	3

CASEY LAKE (Waupaca)

Kari Riley	31	Gina Strobusch	2
Thomas Riley	28	Lorin Weinmann	2
Ashley Bonikowske	6	Janet Wiechert	2
Aimee Postel	6	Tammy Pomerence	1
William Postel	6	Sheila Stevenson	1
Miranda Janec	3		

CHAIN O'LAKES (Waupaca)

Michelle Orr	21		
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COUNTRY PRIDE (Weyauwega)

Delores Bork	53	David Bork	26
Duane Bork	53	Angelica Johnson	10
Debra Schneider	46	Elisha Barnett	6
Dorothy Pailer	39		
Dawn Nelson	36		
Dean Schneider	32		
Denise Schultz	27		

DAYTON COMMUNITY (Waupaca)

Haley Nelson	13	Jason Liegl	3
Richard Nelson	13	Rebecca Liegl	3
Michelle Minton	11	Robert Hoewisch	2
Nicole Hahn	7	Heather Newton	1

DIAMOND DREAMERS (Waupaca)

Danita Nelms	10	Holly Marquardt	1
Marcy Farkas	6		
Emily Huettl	3		
Sara Timm	2		

FRIENDLY VALLEY (Manawa)

Virginia Zemple	48	Craig Fietzer	4
Ronald Zemple	41	Melissa Fietzer	3
James Zemple	34	Brian Moericke	2
Gloria Zemple	30		
Clinton Beyer	20		

KROSSING CREEKS (Clintonville/Bear Creek)

Cynthia Schuelke	3		
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LEBANON CEDARS (New London)

Angel Drozd	12	Adam Raisler	6
Amy Korth	11	Dana Walsh	4
Michael Korth	11	Rudy Drozd	1
James Drozd	10	Lora Korth	1
Lacy Raisler	7		

LIND CENTER BEAVERS (Weyauwega)

Susan Berrig	17	Tina Attoe	6
Rebecca Loehrke	14	Keyara Berrig	5
Mark Handrich	12	Cynthia Dietzler	4
Lisa Handrich	10		
Janet Olson	9		

PETERSON MILL (Scandinavia/Iola)

Karri Bestul	42	Jordan Bestul	1
Connie Bestul	19	Chris Henschel	1
Sommer Peterson	7		
Dan Peterson	3		

SANDY KNOLL (New London)

Helen Heise	48	Amy Eckelberg	15
Arnold Heise	47	Emily Magolski	14
Carol Magolski	38	Julia Olsen	14
David Magolski	37	Ted Bigalke	12
Gloria Bigalke	34	Jared Manske	11
Gladys Fleck	33	Mikayla Wehrle	10
Jennifer Heise	28	Michelle Backes	8
Daniel Heise	27	Craig Backes	7
Kathleen Manske	26	Shaun Cunningham	7
Sara Knoespel	25	Margaret Strebbig	7
Karen Acker	21	Amanda Zehner	7
Wayne Acker	21	Megan Stueck	3
Candith Hoewisch	20	Nancy Horvath	1
Garrett Knoespel	20		
Jim Magolski	20		
Angela Eidenberger	16		
Ann Wehrle	16		
Richard Wehrle	16		

SUNRISE (Marion)

Deb Desens	31	Sarah Roe	3
Amanda Haufe	3		

TOWN & COUNTRY (Manawa)

Joni Steingraber	28
Sue Johnson	25
Marcy Wentworth	18
Anya Bonikowske	5

TRI-COUNTY (Fremont/Weyauwega)

Wendy Fisher	18
Jordana Umnus	5
Stacey Boelter	3
Gunnar Umnus	3

WISCONSIN WORKERS (Manawa)

Michael Much	33	Sylvia Ramirez	4
Cindy Much	31	Emerald Wopshel	2
Lisa Wettstein	19	Sara Andersen	2
Amanda Pockat	10	Duane Much	1

WOLF RIVER RASCALS (New London)

Mark Moser	25
Pamela Moe	3

WOODLAND BADGERS (Clintonville)

Mary Kautz	45	Tanya Zimmerman	12
Peter Kirchner	29	Meredith Polar	11
Pamela Fenn	29	Austin Retzlaff	9
Linda Kirchner	21	Christina Froh	6
Crystal Retzlaff	21	Rachel Ritchie	4
Sarah Burmeister	20	Stacy Havlik	2
Paul Kirchner	19	Amanda Van Straten	1
Jason Burmeister	18	Bart Van Straten	1
Karen Zarling	15		
Amy Zempel	12		

LEADERS AT LARGE

Patricia Ritchie	57
Linda Crushinski	46
Bart Moericke	29
Annette Spieth	22
Mia Janke	21
Deb Robbins	14
Bobbie Jo Montgomery	11
Colleen Rae	11
David Walsh	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:

48-Years (Virginia)

41-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 and the 2020 online Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum. 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 5-41 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.

48- Years (Helen)

47 -Years (Arnie)

Helen and Arnold Heise

Arnie and Helen are 4-H leaders and 4-H grandparents involved with Sandy Knoll 4-H Club. They enjoy many club activities, the favorite being the Waupaca County Fair, observing 4-H members of Sandy Knoll and grandchildren show the projects they have spent many hours working on through the year, especially the summer preparing for entry in the fair. They have carefully selected fed, cared for and walked their project animals daily from a very young age until the animals are ready for sale and slaughter. We enjoy strolling through the youth building to observe the finished projects they have worked on all summer. These projects teach skills 4-H members will use in their future.

Arnie and Helen are members of Emanuel Lutheran Church in New London and Waupaca Co Farm Bureau. Gardening is a joint adventure each summer. As well as preserving the fruits and vegetables, by canning and/or freezing and sharing with neighbors and family. Helen is a member of Pieceful Hands Quilt Guild and HCE. Together they enjoy their family pet, Gracie, high school sports and summer baseball. 4-H has definitely been a family favorite for many years.

45 - Years

Mary Kautz

Where have the past 45 years gone by to? I have always loved 4-H since I joined it at age 8; as well as our 3 children who joined Woodland Badgers in the 1970's and early 1980's. I grew up on a family farm near Clintonville; and 4-H was always a wonderful part of our learning experiences, as we grew to become adults. Being 1 of 13 children in our family, it was a lot of "lifelong skills" that us 13 kids learned and enjoy even today. So many leaders encourage us and helped us learn to do many projects that we still pass on to our youth today.

Good leadership is so important, no matter what group or organization we belong to. I enjoy teaching knitting and crocheting, and also sewing; singing and dancing. I have been a member of Waupaca County H.C.E. for over 50 years in the Modern M & M Club, where I serve as Treasurer. I've sang in the church choir since age 14; serve on the church council, and am the President of our ladies group at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville.

Ron and I were blessed with 2 daughters; 1 son and their spouses, and 7 grandchildren that keep me very busy and on the go to all their activities. Ron passed away over 7 years ago, and he encouraged all 5 of our Grandsons to stay in Boy Scouts of America and earn their Eagle Scout award. So far, 4 have attained it; and the youngest is working towards it. I love to stay active in 4-H and help out where and whenever I can.

I thank the Waupaca County Board and the 4-H Leader Association for continuing, the 4-H program here as it is so valuable to our young boys and girls, as they learn so many good "lifelong skills" they take with them into adulthood.



34-Years

Gloria Bigalke

Gloria Bigalke has been with the Sandy Knoll 4-H Club for 34 years. She is very active in Sandy Knoll's activities such as calling community members for their Valentine Soup and Sandwich deliveries, baking items and working at the bake sale for the Easter Egg Hunt, serving ice cream cones for Caledonia Fest and goes shopping for the adopted families for Christmas and makes fleece blankets for local shut-ins. During Fair time, Gloria helps clerk for Food Judging, Exploring and in Visual Arts with drawings and paintings and works in the 4-H Food Stand. On the county side, she helps with Super Saturday and bakes items and helps the sales at Tractor Supply for National 4-H week. Gloria is the Secretary for the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Board and Association. She is on the Plat Book, Awards and Recognition and Food Stand Committees.

Gloria did retire from Thrivent, formerly Aid Association for Lutherans, after almost 48 years. Currently, she is the New London Site Manager at the Washington Center in New London for Home Delivered Meals. She is busy packaging, delivering and serving meals four days a week. She enjoys providing meals for the elderly.

Gloria is a member of Zion Ev. Lutheran church in Readfield. She serves as the Reporter for her church for the Wolf River Circuit. She helps during election times for the Town of Caledonia.

Gloria and her husband, Ted, enjoy baking together, camping and going on bus trips. This year they went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, visit New England states - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, and a trip to Branson seeing Christmas shows. They like to go camping at Sugar Camp, near Eagle River, this summer. They also worked for a strawberry farm and working at the farm markets during weekends selling strawberries, blueberries and honey berries.

Gloria has two children, Sara Knoespel and Paul Behm and five grandchildren. Gloria and Ted enjoy going to soccer games spring, summer and fall and cheering on her grandchildren.

Gloria enjoys going to 4-H meetings, watching 4-H members doing their demonstrations, and working at the fair. She likes to see the wonderful projects they bring to the fair. Waupaca County should be proud of their 4-H members, the leaders and parents and board members who does a great job supporting 4-H.

33-Years

Gladys Fleck

Gladys had another wonderful year with the Sandy Knoll 4-H Club and the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Association. This year she helped with the June Daily event, Christmas luncheon, made valentine cookies and other bakery items. She also helped with the club's annual Easter Egg Hunt and arranged the club's tour of the Dale Fire Department. In addition, she helped clerk at the Waupaca County Fair and worked at the foodstand. Currently Gladys is a District Representative for the 4-H Leaders Association.

This year Gladys went on several bus tours: to Hershey and Lancaster, Pennsylvania; to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and tour Chicago. She is retired but helps her son with farm chores and volunteer work with church and the community nutrition site.

Gladys enjoys seeing the beautiful and creative projects the kids worked hard during the year for the fair. She would like to encourage parents and leaders to continue promoting 4-H youth leadership.

**THANK YOU
4-H VOLUNTEERS!**



Thank you to the volunteers who have
made contribution to the 4-H community!

31– Years (Kari)
28– 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, swine, cats, home environment, Cloverbuds and exploring. Kari is the third generation general leader for Casey Lake 4-H. Kari 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 4 children who have graduated from the 4-H program: Ethan, Elisha, Everlah and 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!

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



21—Years

Linda Kirchner

I have been one of the Sheep Leaders for the Woodland Badgers, for the last 20 years. I am now a Cloverbud leader. 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 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.



20— Years

Sarah Burmeister

I am a product of the Waupaca County 4-H Program. I never left Woodland Badgers 4-H Club as one may say. I went from a club member to a club leader. Currently I am a co-general leader of the Woodland Badgers 4-H Club. Watching youth grow in their spark is something that I thrive on. Some of the activities that I participate in are serving on the education committee, working with the Cloverbuds and dairy project members, and I serve as an ambassador advisor.

I currently work for the Clintonville Public School District. My husband Jason and I have a dairy herd made up of 60 cows. We have four children Hailey 9th grade, Bryce 5th grade, Owen 2nd grade, and Simon Kindergarten. Our family is very busy with 4-H activities, sports, and taking care of our animals. We are members of St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Clintonville.

4-H is an organization that holds a special place in my heart. It has provided me with many opportunities. I hope to instill this compassion to the many youth that join this organization.

4-H PROJECT WORD SEARCH

You can discover new skills through 4-H projects!
Look for the 4-H projects listed below.

A F E R D J G D G
R R Z R T N A A P
K V T D I L R N I
C Z Z H E D Z C H
U L S G E Q S E S
Y I O N N T W P R
F S I T N L I T E
H N D E H S N B D
G S G O D I E H A
I C A M P I N G E
A R C H E R Y G L

Archery	Art	Legos	Camping
Clothing	Dance	Dogs	Gardening
Fishing	Swine	Leadership	





WI 4-H Movement

Word Scramble



Unscramble the 4-H Movement values below.

GNIVGI BKAC OT
ROYU YUMCMTION

INELOBNGG EROTTHGE

VSIENRCDOG LSISLK

IEBGN FRELUOSY

GOPNILXRE NWE
PORTISTNPIUEO

LIBIUGDN ESCONONTNCI

Answer Key:
1. Giving Back to Your Community 2. Belonging Together 3. Discovering Skills
4. Being Yourself 5. Exploring New Opportunities 6. Building Connections

I pledge

My Head

to clearer thinking

My Heart

to greater loyalty

My Hands

to larger service

My Health

to better living

for my club, community, country and my world.



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