

4-H Distinguished Member Award Ceremony



**Sunday
July 25th, 2021**

1-2pm | Ceremony

Free Stage

**Dunn County Fair Grounds
Menomonie, WI 54751**

*Extension Dunn County
3001 US Hwy 12 E, Suite 216
Menomonie, WI 54751*



Program

Welcome & Introductions

Member Awards

Adult Awards

Recognition of General Leaders

Presentation of 2021 Graduates

4-H Promotion Giveaway

Ceremony Conclusion

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**.





Dunn County Mission Statement

The Dunn County 4-H Youth Development education program creates supportive environments for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential.

“To Facilitate Programs in Education, Experience, Achievement, Leadership and Community Service for the Youth of Dunn County.”

4-H'ers are...



**more likely to
give back to their
communities**



**more likely to
make healthier
choices**



**more likely to
participate in
STEM activities**



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Achievement Award Winners

Benjamin Seguin - Cedarlings

“Ben is an outstanding 4-H member, taking advantage of all that 4-H has to offer pushing himself to try new experiences. With all that he is involved in Ben strives to be the very best he can be in everything he does and this effort is evident in the number of awards he has received over the years for his projects.”

- James Ivens, Past Cedarlings General Leader

Citizenship Award Winners

Kaleb Gilbertson - Elk Meadow

“Kaleb would be a wonderful recipient of your Citizenship award. Dictionary.com defines a “Citizen” as, “a native member of a state or nation who owes allegiance to its government and is entitled to its protection” I could not describe Kaleb any better. Kaleb is proud of whatever he does and, especially, where he is from. The allegiance inside Kaleb is evident in all that he does. He has a captivating presence that breathes life into his teammates.”

- Abe Ferguson, Elk Mound Area
School Teacher and Coach

Maddie Horvath - Cedarlings

“Maddie has been a champion for many of our service projects, suggesting new ideas, strengthening old ones, and searching for effective ways to continue our service despite disruptions caused by COVID. I know that service is definitely part of Maddie’s commitment to 4-H, and that she takes that part of our pledge seriously.”

- Amy Zuber Seguin, Cedarlings General Leader





Leadership Award Winners

Samuel Seguin - Cedarlings

"Sam has held the leadership role of historian and most recently secretary. He has also shown leadership in presenting and demonstrating take home projects to the club and assisting others. He has also encouraged members to try new experiences by sharing 4H camps, activities, and projects that he has participated in."

- Jill Haldeman, Cedarlings Volunteer

Graham Haldeman— Cedarlings

"It has been a pleasure to see Graham take on responsibilities within the club as he has gotten older. He is a hard worker, willing to take on increasing responsibilities, and responds well to challenges. I have been impressed with the leadership he has shown in the club, as well as opportunities to mentor younger members."

- Amy Zuber Seguin, Cedarlings General Leader

Scholarship Winners

Scholarship recipients receive a \$400 scholarship from the Dunn County Leaders Council.

Bailey Gilbertson - Elk Meadow

Austin Gjestson - Willing Workers

Quinn Russell - 22ers

Ella Syth Ivens - Cedarlings





Key Award Winner

The 4-H Key Award is the most prestigious award a 4-H member can receive. It is received by members who have demonstrated growth in their 4-H involvement, leadership skills, and active participation in the functions of their 4-H club and community.



Ella Syth Ivens - Cedarlings

“Ella has always chosen to pursue new and educational experiences. When participating in these opportunities, Ella is cognizant of the different experiences that have brought others to be involved in them as well. Ella has worked hard to be a leader in our club, participating faithfully in 4-H across the years, and even strived to remain involved during a year abroad.”

- Amy Zuber Seguin, Cedarlings General Leader





Volunteer of the Year

Amy Zuber Seguin

“Amy is always the first one to step up and help! She regularly offers creative solutions to problems even when everyone else falls silent. Amy is always willing to roll up her sleeves to get things that need to be done - done! That said, she is also great about being clear on what she cannot do. Somehow she avoids over committing and under producing. Her work as president and secretary for Leaders Council has been exemplary. Having her as our resident parliamentarian has also been very helpful for the community as a whole. When faced with people in conflict, I have never seen her be unkind. She uses humor as an appropriate diffusing tool and is willing to hear people out before speaking her thoughts. Amy has been a lynch pin to the volunteers and leaders of this county. Her hours of work and her creative problem-solving deserve to be recognized.”

4-H Alumni Award

Donna Hakes

“Donna has been a part of Dunn County 4-H for 16 years. She has served the Ideal 4-H Club as a volunteer and has been in a number of leadership roles, including a stint as treasurer for the Dunn County Leaders Council. Donna stepped up to tackle this job at a time when her organizational skills were much needed. Donna worked to formalize policies and procedures and to help with nonprofit compliance issues. As an advocate for creating better record books, she helped create a new and improved system for record book evaluation that will benefit the community for years to come.”



Partners in 4-H Award

Culvers of Menomonie, Michael Dehne

“Michael helped start the Dunn County Youth Support Fund in 2019 when he donated 200 cups of frozen custard to help raise money to begin the fund. He said he wanted to support 4-H but preferred to use Culver's donations for youth in need. With that wish voiced, a number of volunteers worked with Michael and our 4-H Educator to launch the fund. He willingly stuck with us as we worked out the way the fund would actually operate with our Leaders Council and offered Culver's support to the Youth Activities Council. He has also pledged to donate up to 200 cups of custard this summer for the Dunn County Fair.”





2021 4-H General Club Leaders

22ers

Angie Harder
Steve Russell

Cedarlings

Amy Zuber Seguin

Colfax Comets

Tina Edwards
Heather Pyka

Connorsville Comets

Brandi Uthall
Darcy Simonson

Countyliners

Melisa Berg

Elk Meadow

Kay Gilbertson

Hay River Helpers

Amy Thorson
Shirley Casper

Ideal

Laura Jones Holm

Little Elk Creek

Paula Powers

Missouri Valley

Missy Weisenbeck
Carrie Bullard

Rock Falls Rockets

Missy Hazen
Paula Biesterveld
Theresa Strand

Sand Creek Pipers

Staci Martinson

Willing Workers

Deric Wolf
Troy Steinmeyer

General Leaders are organizational leaders for the 4-H club. They coordinate programs and activities as planned by the group. They work with club officers in helping them conduct monthly meetings. They help members and parents follow through with responsibilities they have accepted. The General Leaders are the main resource between the club, the Leaders Council, and the Extension Office. They are instrumental to the Dunn County 4-H Community Club Program. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!!





2021 4-H Graduates

22ers

Quinn Russell

Little Elk Creek

Trent Lauer

Abigail Powers

Cedarlings

Ella Syth Ivens

Menomin Helping Hands & Little Elk Creek

McKenzie Carlson

Connorsville

Comets

Emma Briese

Willing Workers

Austin Gjestson

Kendall Rudiger

Elk Meadow

Bailey Gilbertson

Kate Westphal

*Congratulations
Graduates!*

Quinn Russell

22ers

4-H Projects

Woodworking, Music,
Skiing, Aerospace, Foods
& Nutrition, Photography

4-H Activities

Space Camp, American
Spirit East, 4-H camp,
Battle of the Clubs,
Softball

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

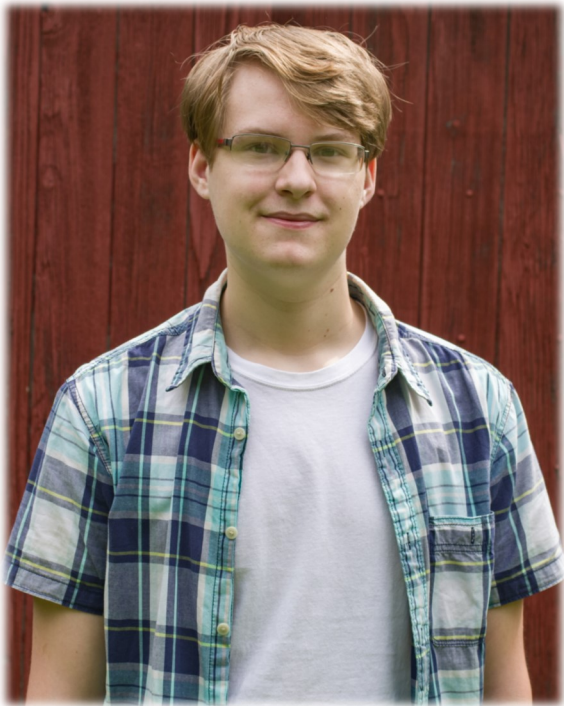
Being able to have a way
to explore things I am
interested in.

Favorite 4-H Memory

Going on the American
Spirit East trip.

Future Plans

Attend St.
Norbert in
De Pere WI.





Ella Syth Ivens

Cedarlings

4-H Projects

Photography, Drawing
& Painting, Food &
Nutrition

4-H Activities

Foods Review, Arts and
Photography contest,
Music Review, Winter
Camp, National 4-H
Congress, Citizenship
Washington Focus

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

All of the learning
experiences and
people you get to
meet.

Favorite 4-H Memory

Going on
Citizenship
Washington
Focus and
National 4-H
Congress.

Future Plans

Studying at the
University of
Wisconsin
Milwaukee for
International
Studies.



Emma Briese

Connorsville Comets

4-H Projects

Poultry, Home Environment, Woodworking, Folk Arts, Foods & Nutrition, Photography, Meat Animal: Sheep, Cultural Arts, and Child Development

4-H Activities

Battle of the Clubs, Raking the Park, Caroling, Bell Ringing, Bing, Various local parades

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

Learning to care for my animals.

Favorite 4-H Memory

Seeing the happy faces of the elderly when we went caroling.

Future Plans

Enter the workforce to save money until I decide what I want to do for college.



Bailey Gilbertson

Elk Meadow

4-H Projects

Foods & Nutrition, Dogs, Dairy, Beef, Pigs, Cultural Arts, Home Environment, and Plant & Soil Sciences

4-H Activities

Softball, Dairy Judging, Roadside Cleanup, June Dairy Promotion, Ruby's Pantry, American Spirit East Trip, Summer Camp, Cloverbud Day Camp Counselor, State Youth Conference, Drama, Christmas is for kids, and making Valentine cards

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

I benefited most by meeting new people from trips to fairs and camps. I enjoyed the overall experience of stepping out of your comfort zone to make new friendships.

Favorite 4-H Memory

Going on the American Spirit East Trip the summer of 2018.

Future Plans

I plan to attend UW-Stout in the fall for Industrial Design.



Kate Westphal

Elk Meadow

4-H Projects

Horses, Cats, Rabbits, Photography, Drawing & Painting, Foods, Communications, and Clothing

4-H Activities

Softball, Battle of the Clubs, Ditch clean-up, Flower planting, 4-H Youth Conference, and Drama

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

I benefitted most from the preparation for real world experiences, such as the interview process for awards and trips. This prepared me for future job interviews and college application processes.

Favorite 4-H Memory

My favorite 4-H memory is going to the Milwaukee State Fair to perform our Junie B Jones skit. It was a long time ago but I remember having loads of fun.

Future Plans

I plan to attend Wheaton College in Illinois.



Trent Lauer

Little Elk Creek

4-H Projects

Rabbits, Photography,
Foods, and Vegetables

4-H Activities

Softball, Homecoming
Parade, and Treasurer

Favorite 4-H Memory

Playing 4-H Softball.... So
many good memories!

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

Made a lot of friends that
I probably never would
have met without being
involved in 4-H.

Future Plans

I am planning on
attending CVTC in Eau
Claire for HVAC.



Abigail Powers

Little Elk Creek

4-H Projects

Dairy, Swine, Horse,
Ceramics, Foods

4-H Activities

During my years in 4-H, I have participated in the speaking contest, music fest, softball, and dairy judging.

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

Dairy judging, by far, has been the most beneficial for me! Dairy judging has taught me valuable speaking skills that will benefit me for the rest of my life.

Favorite 4-H Memory

My favorite memory was being a member of the 4-H Dairy Judging team when we won not only the district and state contest, but won the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo! That is an experience I will never forget!

Future Plans

Last summer I was hired by a large dairy in Baldwin, WI. This is the place I have always wanted to work and I love my job! I plan on continuing my work at the farm.





McKenzie Carlson

Menomin Helping Hands & Little Elk Creek

4-H Projects

Dog Project, Foods & Nutrition, Photography, and Horticulture

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

Enhancing my leadership skills.

4-H Activities

4-H Camp

Favorite 4-H Memory

Being a 4-H Camp Counselor.

Future Plans

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for Nursing.





Austin Gjestson

Willing Workers

4-H Projects

Swine, Photography, Shooting Sports, Natural Science, and Foods & Nutrition

4-H Activities

Softball, Battle of the Clubs, Christmas for Kids, and Community Services activities

Favorite 4-H Memory

Softball, Dunn County Fair, Space Camp and the American Spirit Trip.

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

Learning leadership skills, meeting new people, making lifelong friends, and trying new things.

Future Plans

Attend University of South Dakota majoring in Engineering.



Kendall Rudiger

Willing Workers

4-H Projects

Beef cattle, Photography, and Baking. As a Cloverbud I participated in Arts & Crafts.

4-H Activities

Numerous community service projects; Ditch Clean-up, Christmas for Kids, putting together care packages, and fundraising for my 4-H club. Also participated in 4-H softball, and I am currently secretary of Willing Workers 4-H Club.

Most Beneficial 4-H Experience

Being able to gain leadership skills, meeting new friends, and helping the younger youth learn about agriculture.

Favorite 4-H Memory

Winning Grand Champion steer at the County Fair in 2018.

Future Plans

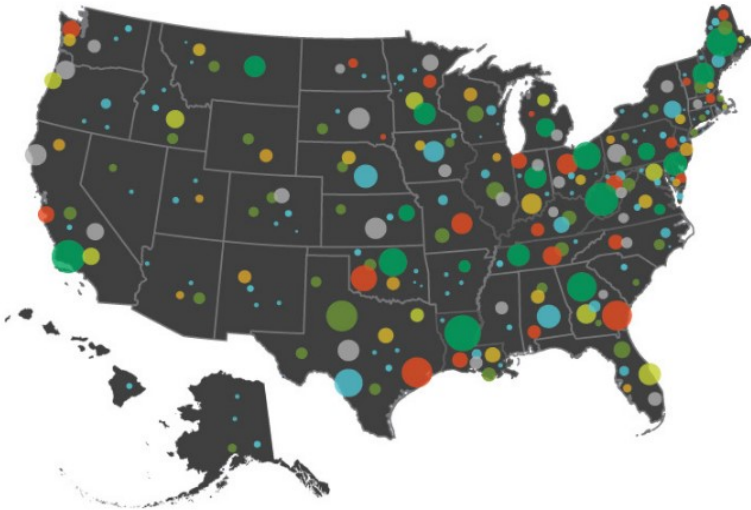
I plan to attend Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) in the fall to major in Animal Science.



4-H Alumni

4-H Alumni have gone on to accomplish incredible feats and hold prestigious positions throughout the world. Some 4-H Alumni have achieved great celebrity like Jennifer Nettie, Johnny Cash, Julie Roberts, David Letterman, and many more. Other 4-H Alumni have held titles such as VP of Public Policy & Chief Sustainability Officer, CEO of United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, President of the National PTA, VP of Advertising at Facebook, and National Motivational Speaker. Their experiences in 4-H made an extraordinary impact on their success.

Today 4-H Alumni have a large and intricate network throughout the nation. This is a map illustrating all of the registered 4-H Alumni in the United States. Did you know you can register once you're an alumni? Just search for 4-H Alumni Community!

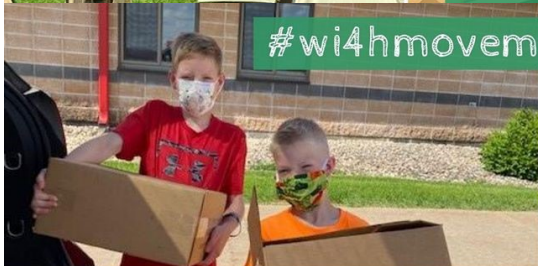


Join the network | #4HGROWN





Have fun while...
BEING YOURSELF



GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY



Friends of 4-H -

Thank you to all family, friends, general leaders, project leaders, key leaders, resources leaders, community members, and local sponsors. The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and life skills through experiential learning programs and positive youth development. With your support, Dunn County 4-H is able to prosper while empowering our youth to be strong and dedicated community leaders.

4-H is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, currently including over 6 million members. According to The Journal of Extension in 2012, one out of every seven adults in the U.S. is a former 4-H member. This means the positive ripple effect 4-H may have on our local, state, and national communities is monumental. 4-H truly grows here.

Your generosity and acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for supporting the Dunn County 4-H Program. Together we can grow 4-H to benefit everyone.

Sincerely,
Extension Dunn County

Confidence Grows Here

Resilience Grows Here

Leadership Grows Here

4H Grows Here

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