

Maria Lee- 2023 Recipient

The recipient of the 2023 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Badger Meter Scholarship for \$2,000 is Maria Lee of the Lindenwood 4-H Club. Her parents are Richard and Deanna Lee. This scholarship was the first to be established by the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation and was given in honor of Mr. Jack Janik of the Badger Meter Corporation. Jack was a founding member of the 4-H Foundation Board. It is given to the most outstanding applicant as determined by the scholarship panel.



Maria is a 13 year 4-H member, starting as a Kindergarten clover bud. She has held almost every officer leadership position within her club, some multiple times. She is the current VP of the Ozaukee Co. 4-H Leader's Association, and Miss Ozaukee. Maria is the 4-H Open House Coordinator, Communications Festival Co-Coordinator, Livestock Association Sheep Youth Representative, Dairy Group Youth Representative, and serves on 4-H Camp staff and the Haunt Committee. She was selected for Space Camp, American Spirit and National Agriculture Summit trips. She has helped at practically every event put on by Ozaukee County 4-H. Maria's projects have included Archery, Dairy, Leather Craft, Auctioneering, Sheep, Photography, Shotgun, Woodworking, Quilting, Bees, Tie-dye and Youth Leadership. She has also shown as a junior exhibitor at the WI State Fair for some of these projects.

Maria is a split- enrolled high honors, National Honor Society student at Homestead High School and attends Random Lake High School for the opportunity to be a part of agriculture course work and FFA program. She serves on the Homestead Student Council, is a captain of the Varsity Lacrosse team, serves as a Random Lake FFA officer and has been selected in two categories to continue to compete at the state FFA convention in June. Maria also cantors at Lumen Christi Church.

Maria will be forever thankful for the adults and leaders within 4-H who have helped her get to this point in her life. She will be attending South Dakota State University to major in Precision Agriculture and minor in Animal Sciences and Agronomy. Please join us in congratulating Maria on being awarded the 2023 Badger Meter Scholarship.

Timothy Gierach– 2023 Recipient

The recipient of the 2023 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation S. Duane Stroebel Scholarship for \$1,200 is Tim Gierach of Lindenwood 4-H Club. His parents are Bob and Amy Gierach.

This scholarship is given in memory of Mr. S. Duane Stroebel. Mr. Stroebel was an agricultural enthusiast and an ardent supporter of the Ozaukee County 4-H program. It is to be given to an outstanding candidate who exemplifies the values of the 4-H program.

As a dedicated member of the Lindenwood 4-H Club for 10 years, Tim has demonstrated a passion for various projects, including Woodworking, Leathercraft, Woodburning, Shotgun, Beef, Sheep, and Youth Leadership. In addition to actively participating in these projects, Tim has held numerous leadership positions within the club, such as Club President, Club Planning Committee member, and Secretary. His leadership skills have played an exciting role in shaping the future direction of the club.

Tim's active involvement extends beyond his club, as he participates in county-wide events. Whether it's contributing to the Communications Festival, Bowl-A-Thon, Ambassadors, Livestock Association, Open House, or participating in volleyball and softball tournaments. Currently serving as Mr. Ozaukee, he stands as a role model for his peers, symbolizing leadership and community involvement.

Tim has been actively involved in various community service activities. Whether working on the family dairy farm, participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program, serving as a church acolyte, or showcasing his talents as a drama performer, Tim continuously seeks opportunities to give back to his community and make a positive impact.

Tim's academic journey will lead him to MATC, where he plans to pursue Business Management studies while supplementing his knowledge with appropriate agricultural courses. With the S. Duane Stroebel Memorial Scholarship, Tim is well-equipped to further his understanding of the connection between business and agriculture. The Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation congratulates Tim for this well-deserved honor.



Sarah Mann– 2023 Recipient

The recipient of the 2023 Richard and Diane Omdahl Family Scholarship for \$1,200 is given to Sarah Mann of the Cloverleaf 4-H Club. Her parents are Christopher and Jennifer Mann.

Diane Omdahl believes that the 4-H program is what has helped shape her life, the lives of her daughters and grandsons. Diane and her late husband Richard established this family scholarship to give back to the 4-H program that helps so many.

As a dedicated member of the Cloverleaf 4-H Club for seven years, Sarah Mann has excelled in various leadership roles within the organization. Serving as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Report leader. Furthermore, Sarah has taken on the role of Youth Leader, providing guidance and support to fellow members in projects such as Poultry, Photography, and Exploring.



Sarah's involvement in numerous county-wide activities such as organizing The Haunt to participating in events like Cops & Kids Day and Project Bunny, Sarah has made a significant impact on the local community. Her contributions extend beyond the club level, as she has actively served on the board of directors for both The Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation and 4-H Haunt.

Recognizing the invaluable leadership skills she has developed through 4-H, Sarah acknowledges its vital role in preparing her for the future. Graduating high school early, she is currently working three jobs at Blain's Farm and Fleet, Riverview Kennel, and a local horse barn, diligently saving money for her future education.

Sarah's unwavering determination and passion for personal growth have led her to the University of South Alabama, where she will pursue a degree in Business Management, accompanied by a minor in German Language and Culture. With this scholarship in hand, Sarah is poised to excel in her chosen field and continue her journey as a future leader.

Congratulations Sarah on being awarded the 2023 Richard and Diane Omdahl Family Scholarship!

Lydia Loupee – 2023 Recipient

The recipient of the 2023 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation State Bank of Newburg Scholarship for \$1200 is Lydia Loupee of Covered Bridge 4-H Club. Her mother is Christina Loupee. The State Bank of Newburg takes pride in the community it serves. Not only are they committed to providing excellent customer service inside their doors, but they extend that service into the community as seen by this scholarship.

Throughout her 10-year involvement with the Covered Bridge 4-H Club, Lydia has displayed commitment in taking part in an impressive selection of projects, such as Sheep, Jewelry Making, Knitting, Cake Decorating, Clothing, and Candle Making, she has acquired a assorted skill set and an appreciation for the arts and crafts.

Lydia's passion for sharing her knowledge and expertise with younger members is evident through her role as a youth leader for Cloverbud, Candy Making, Knitting, and Jewelry Making. By conveying these valuable skills, she not only raises a sense of creativity but also serves as an inspiration to the next generation of 4-H youth.

Beyond her contributions to the Covered Bridge 4-H Club, Lydia is actively involved in a multitude of community events and activities such as participation in Bunny Breakfast, Open House, Leadership Banquet, Clothing Revue, Summer Camp, Executive Board Youth Liaison, and Fall Forum.

Outside of her involvement in 4-H, Lydia maintains a range of interests. With a passion for music, she dedicates her time to learning multiple instruments, including the piano, violin, and flute. Additionally, Lydia showcases her talents as a member of the Living Word Band and the Living Word Basic Worship Team.

Lydia's future aspirations revolve around pursuing an entrepreneurial program in college, although she is currently undecided about her major. She is poised to thrive in any chosen field.

Congratulations Lydia on being the recipient of the 2023 State Bank of Newburg Scholarship.



Courtney Rathke 2023 Recipient

The recipient of the new 2023 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation LaBudde Group scholarship in the amount of \$1200 is Courtney Rathke. Her parents are Steve and Jackie Rathke.

The LaBudde group, with over a century of experience in the animal feed industry, recognizes the importance of supporting a 4-H scholarship for Ozaukee County. Despite the county's limited agricultural size, LaBudde acknowledges the significance of 4-H in fostering understanding and meeting the agricultural needs of both humans and animals. The new ownership group, is eager to contribute to the future of agriculture. The LaBudde scholarship is in its inaugural year will be given to a deserving young individual actively involved in 4-H and considering further education in an agricultural field.



Courtney, a remarkable individual with a decade-long commitment to the Little Kohler 4-H Club, her deep-rooted involvement in 4-H began at an early age, shaping her into an outstanding member of the organization. Throughout her 4-H career, Courtney has taken on President, Vice President, and Treasurer of her club.

The span of Courtney's projects includes Beef, Rabbits, and Sheep to Home Environment, Arts, Photography, and Foods, which demonstrates her desire for learning various areas of interest. Courtney's active participation in events such as the Variety Show, Bowl-a-Thon, softball and volleyball tournaments, and her contributions as the Youth Director on the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation, Livestock Association youth representative, and involvement in the 4-H Haunt, highlight her commitment to 4-H. Courtney's accomplishments extend beyond her 4-H involvement. She has achieved recognition as a WI State Fair exhibitor and a World Beef Expo exhibitor, participated in the State and National Shorthorn Jr. Show showcasing her passion for agriculture. Beyond her 4-H career, Courtney is involved in FFA, Basketball, Cross Country, and Track. Additionally, she is a member of the National Honor Society, the American Shorthorn Association, and the American Angus Association.

With a solid commitment to her education and a passion for animal science, Courtney plans to attend UW Milwaukee/Washington County to pursue her Associate's degree before transferring to UW Platteville to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science, with an emphasis on Meat.

The 4-H Foundation congratulates Courtney on being the first recipient of the Labudde Group Scholarship.

Kylie Gahan- 2023 Recipient

The recipient of the 2023 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Janice and Tom Bublitz Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1200 is Kylie Gahan of Lakeview 4-H Club. Her mother is Monica Gahan.



This new scholarship, named in honor of Tom and Janice Bublitz, has been established to commemorate the remarkable legacy left behind by this beloved couple. Their children, deeply moved by their parents' profound impact on their lives and the lives of the 4-H youth, have generously donated the funds for this scholarship in their memory. This scholarship not only honors their memory but also aims to empower and uplift deserving individuals who embody the values and virtues that were dear to Tom and Janice's hearts.

Kylie, a 10-year member of the Lakeview 4-H Club, has left a mark on the organization through her leadership and project involvements. Her 4-H career has seen her hold positions such as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian within her club, showcasing her organizational skills and commitment to the 4-H community.

Throughout her 4-H journey, Kylie has explored countless projects, including Beef, Horse and Pony, Candy Making, Cake Decorating, Home Environment, and Photography, among others. Her dedication to honing her skills and exploring various areas of interest has undoubtedly contributed to her personal growth and development as a well-rounded individual.

Beyond her club engagements, Kylie has eagerly participated in a range of 4-H activities and events, such as attending 4-H camp, contributing to The Haunt, attending the Bowl-a-Thon, volleyball tournament, and the communications Festival. These experiences have enriched her 4-H journey and strengthened her confidence in public speaking.

Outside of her involvement in 4-H, Kylie actively participates in Basketball and Track and Field.

Driven by her passion for helping others, Kylie has set her sights on pursuing a career in Nursing at South Dakota State University. Armed with the invaluable skills and experiences gained through her involvement in 4-H, she is poised to make a lasting impact in the healthcare field.

Congratulations Kylie on becoming the first recipient of the Tom and Janice Bublitz Memorial Scholarship.