

A family-flavored 4-H project

■ Knellsville club leader, daughter join forces to create ice cream that reaches state finals in Cedar Crest contest

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When Sue Dossie heard about Cedar Crest Ice Cream's 4-H Flavor Contest, she thought it might make for an interesting project for some of the Knellsville 4-H children she leads.

What she got instead was a good bonding experience with her 14-year-old daughter Rebecca, and, to top it all off, one of five finalists in the contest.

"There wasn't a ton of interest from the kids when I first brought it up and my daughter was even a little hesitant," Dossie said. "I told her 'Let's just try it and see what happens.'"

The duo, who live in Port Washington, mixed together mint ice cream, mini marshmallows and "chocolate rocks" to create a concoction they called "4-H Rocks," playing off the organization's four-leaf clover logo.

"We didn't really expect much, so we were surprised to hear we were chosen as a finalist," she said. "I guess it never hurts to try."

For Dossie, being involved in 4-H has a special meaning for her and her daughter.

"I met my husband, Fritz, through 4-H," Dossie said. "My daughter has been in it since she was five years old."

Rebecca, an eighth-grader at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Port, is a co-leader of the Knellsville club, does ambassador work for the group and takes part in annual sewing, flower and music projects.

She is also the reigning Ozaukee County Junior Forest of the Fair.

"I had no idea what to expect when I signed her up," Sue said. "She wanted to do everything she could. She has no issues with volunteering for a ton of things."



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Rebecca Dossie of Port Washington sampled her "4-H Rocks" concoction featuring mint ice cream, mini marshmallows and chocolate rocks. The recipe, which Dossie created with her mother Sue, was named one of five finalists of the Cedar Crest Ice Cream's 4-H Flavor Contest.

Photo by Sam Ansell

Dossie learned she was a finalist — along with entries from Portage, Lincoln and Wauzeka counties — in December.

This is the third year the contest has been held and the first time a finalist from Ozaukee County was named.

Cedar Crest will announce its winner later this month and have the winning creation on sale this summer.

"The ice cream has a ton of different colors and I think it helps represent the diversity of 4-H all over the world," she said.

The recognition is great, Dossie said, but she's just happy to have spent the time with her daughter.

"She's an only child, so we are able to focus our attention on her. She is a busy girl."

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