

A passion to serve

Ozaukee County 4-H honors volunteers

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CEDARBURG — Throughout the years, the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association has recognized the contributions made by county organizations and individuals for the support and exemplary service they offer to the 4-H program. On Sept. 26, the association presented four awards for service in 2021 at a banquet held on the county fairgrounds.

Bernie's Fine Meats and Kevin and Sue Richison received Friend of 4-H awards. Steve and Sandy Bennett, owners of Bernie's Fine Meats in Port Washington, have supported the organization by storing

equipment at their facility for the organization's brat fry at the Port Washington Farmer's Market, provided discounted pricing for brat fries and at the Clover Café fundraiser at the county fair, and supported the organization through donations of merchandise and the purchase of advertising in the Plat Book fundraiser.

Kevin and Sue Richison are long-time leaders in the 4-H Sheep Project, mentoring youth in selecting, raising, training and showing sheep. Through their business, Dawgs in Motion, they have sponsored the Parade of Champions at the county fair and purchased advertising in the 4-H Plat Book fundraiser. They were

instrumental in starting the 4-H Small Animal Auction and are ardent supporters of the program.

Deb Poull and Marcia Nosko were honored with 4-H Leadership Recognition awards. Poull is president of the Horse & Pony Project, recording secretary for the association board and a member of the Jay Road 4-H Club leadership team. She volunteers for multiple tasks and projects. Most recently she revamped the summer camp experience to stay aligned with state pandemic protocols. Her idea to open camp to the public resulted in additional youth joining 4-H.

Marcia Nosko is president of the current Ozaukee

County Leaders Association board and is affiliated with the Holy Cross 4-H Club. In addition to serving multiple terms as president and vice president, she served as co-coordinator of the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation and has co-chaired the Clover Café committee. This year she stepped in when the county fair parking coordinator left after many years of service and took on the work of acquiring a new annual policy for events when it was discovered the association had an insurance deficiency. Additionally she worked with other officers to move the association's finances to QuickBooks.



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Steve and Sandy Bennett, owners of Bernie's Fine Meats in Port Washington, accept the Friend of 4-H Award from Association President Marcia Nosko.



Kevin and Sue Richison accept a Friend of 4-H Award from Association President Marcia Nosko.



Diane Hamm, left, Association financial treasurer and a member of Holy Cross 4-H Club, presents the 4-H Leadership Recognition Award to Association President Marcia Nosko.



Association President Marcia Nosko, left, honors Deb Poull, association recording secretary, with a 4-H Leadership Recognition award.