

# County Fair, 4-H honor their youngest ambassadors



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Maria Lee and Tim Gierach will serve as Miss and Mr. Ozaukee 4-H for the next year. They were selected at this year's Ozaukee County Fair. Pictured in the front row are Cloverbuds Kolby Rusch and Kennedy Jacobson; center row from left, are candidates Katelyn Dynes and Courtney Rathke, Lee, Gierach and last year's Mr. and Miss, Jacob Peacy and Amy Jentges; in the back row are the candidates' escorts. Mr. and Miss. Ozaukee act as all-around 4-H ambassadors. They serve as greeters at the 4-H open house in September and at leader and youth leader banquets. They promote the 4-H Haunt and participate in the Grafton Christmas parade, the 4-H Bowlathon for the 4-H Foundation, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and many other summer parades, as well as host the 4-H dance and Cops & Kids Day.



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Sue Dowe, Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board president, presented this year's 4-H Key Awards to, from left, Amy Jentges of the Little Kohler 4-H Club, Abigail Garry of the Cloverleaf 4-H Club and Jacob Peacy, Knellsville 4-H Club. Key Award recipients are outstanding 4-H members who have demonstrated consistently high achievement during the past three or more years with at least one year of youth leadership experience and positions of responsibility within their clubs; involvement in county, district and state 4-H activities; and overall personal development through activities demonstrating leadership, good citizenship and participation in community service.



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Last year's Fairest of the Fair Jessie Schoessow, right, assist her successor, Grace Toebes, with her sash.



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From left, Molly Millard, Ashlyn Paape and Elsie Hanson will serve as next year's Future Fairest of the Fair representatives.

The Ozaukee County Fairest of the Fair is the official ambassador of the Ozaukee County Fair, promoting the educational, agricultural, social, cultural and commercial opportunities that are available at the fair.

In 2023, Grace Toebes will represent the Ozaukee County Fair at

various promotional events prior to the fair. During fair week, she will attend all the major daily events and activities including animal judging, the demo derby and truck/tractor pulls, concerts, the livestock auction and more.

The Ozaukee County Agricultural Society awards scholarships

to top candidates. Plus, the Fairest is eligible for a \$1,500 award based on completion of duties and participation in the state competition.

The Junior Fairest of the Fair, Cecilia Hanson, will accompany Toebes when she works as the ambassador of the 2024 county fair.