

Ozaukee County 4-H acknowledges contributions, leadership

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OZAUKEE COUNTY — At a celebration held in the Ozaukee Pavilion on the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds Nov. 12, several outstanding citizens were honored for their contributions to the Ozaukee County 4-H program in the past year.

Friends of 4-H Awards

The Friend of 4-H Award recognizes a citizen or organization from the community for their contribution to the 4-H Program. Below are the winners and the 4-H profile on each:

■ **Fox Brothers Piggly Wiggly:** Fox Bros. has owned and operated Piggly Wiggly stores since 1988. They bought the Saukville store in 2011 and the Port Washington store in 2014, graciously serving folks in the Ozaukee County area since. Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly has been a strong community supporter and has donated more than \$1 million in cash and merchandise to community groups and organizations.

Each month, Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly features a different organization through their “Charity of the Month” program, with the expectation of giving more than \$250,000 to local charities this year alone. Ozaukee County Leaders Association was the recipient of a nearly \$8,000 award this year.

■ **Luann Burmesch,** the manager at Casey’s in Fredonia, is always ready to help out area organizations and 4-H is no exception. While putting together “The Haunt at the Village” at Ozaukee County Pioneer

Village in 2021, she frequently provided breakfast and lunch during the build. Everything was either a deal or free because Burmesch believes in 4-H, what it represents and was a 4-H’er herself.

Early last December, the Waubeka 4-H Club rang the bell for the Salvation Army near the entrance of Casey’s, providing a place to warm up and enjoy free hot chocolate. When the Waubeka 4-H Club had their Spring Brat Fry, Burmesch provided the group with catsup and mustard packets and desserts the club could sell or ask for a free will offering. Burmesch would walk over a box of donuts for the youth and adult workers to snack on.

■ **Cedarburg Lions Club:** Every year the Cedarburg Lions Club makes a \$200 donation to the Ozaukee County 4-H Program. The funds come from part of the club’s bingo tent proceeds at the Ozaukee County Fair and they turn it right back around to give to the 4-H youth. Cedarburg Lions Club volunteers walk around the fair and talk to 4-H youth about their projects and love being a friendly face in the community.

4-H Leadership Recognition Awards

The 4-H Leadership Recognition Award is designed to honor an outstanding leader, group or organization within the Ozaukee County 4-H Program. The 2022 recipients are Danielle Gettelman and Mary Hamm.

■ **Mary Hamm** serves as Ozaukee County Dairy Group vice president, general leader of Holy Cross 4-H Club, a club leader for



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Left, Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly was the recipient of a Friends of 4-H Award. Pictured are individuals from the Saukville and Port Washington stores with Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders’ Association President Sue Dowe. From left are Paul Weiland; Saukville Customer Service Manager Trish Weiland; Port Washington Store Manager Jeff Kozlowski; Director of Operations Johnnie Dinkins; Toni Dinkins; Saukville Store Director Derek Tonn; and Abbie Tonn. Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders’ Association President Sue Dowe is in the front row. **Right,** Luann Burmesch, left, the manager at Casey’s in Fredonia receives a Friends of 4-H Award from Dowe.



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Left, Jeff Wandschneider, president of the Cedarburg Lions Club, accepts a Friends of 4-H Award from Leaders’ Association President Sue Dowe. **Right,** From left, Mary Hamm and Danielle Gettelman accept 4-H Leadership Recognition Awards from Dowe.

Holy Cross dairy and more. She works with youth from her club to teach them how to show dairy and grow a passion for the industry and helps plan different dairy events at the county level. As part of the Leaders’ Association, Hamm oversees the volunteer sign-

ups for fair.

Her passion for the 4-H Dairy Project not only shows at the club level, but also at the county level of holding the vice president position for the Ozaukee County Dairy Group.

■ **Danielle Gettelman** is a photography project leader

and a member of the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board. On the Leaders’ Board for several years, Gettelman is in charge of correspondence, holding the Corresponding Secretary position, as well as serving on the Key Award committee on the Leaders’ Board.

This past year, she also volunteered to take on running 4-H parking at the County Fair, even though it would be a challenge, as she was getting married near the same time. She has done a great job on the Leaders’ Board and is a true asset to Ozaukee County 4-H.