



Three Lakes Community Foundation board member Heidi Raddatz, left, presented the Cheers for Volunteers award to Barb and J.P. Holtz. —Photos By Kerry Griebenow

The Three Lakes Community Foundation held its annual meeting and awards presentation this past week at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes.

Highlights of the meeting included the presentation of the Rising Star Scholarship and the Cheers for Volunteers volunteer of the year award.

The Rising Star Scholarship recipient was Three Lakes 2021 graduate Mollee Gruszynski. TLCF Treasurer John Olkowski and TLCF board member Lee Siudzinski presented the award.

The foundation created the Rising Star Scholarship to benefit a graduating student from the Three Lakes High School who shows exceptional service to the community in the form of volunteer service. By awarding a scholarship of \$1,000 to the student, where the student receives \$750 toward their college tuition and \$250 is donated to a charitable nonprofit organization of the student's choice, the foundation is inspiring community stewardship in youth.

Gruszynski selected the Three Lakes Library Foundation to be the recipient of the \$250 donation.

This year's Cheers for Volunteers award was presented to J.P. and Barb Holtz. J.P. Holtz was one of the founders of the Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry and after 32 year of service, has retired from his work with the pantry. Barb Holtz was instrumental in many aspects of the food pantry, as well as organizing the first Ecumenical Community Calendar sale in 2008, which over many years provided much needed funds for the pantry.

TLCF board member Heidi Raddatz presented the award to Barb and J.P. Holtz.

TLCF Vice President John Stauner also gave an update on the progress of the Forward Three Lakes initiative which began in 2019 and its outlook for the future of Three Lakes.