

GREENE COUNTY RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING AREA YOUTH

Greene County is pleased to announce their selections for their 2023 Youth Awards. A description of the activities and involvement within the community for each youth nominated was submitted to the Greene County Youth Advisory Board portraying a caring, dedicated individual whose efforts and accomplishments should be recognized. Selecting the awardees out of the many excellent nominations was a very difficult task. However, they are confident that the awards are being made to very deserving young members of our county: **Ella Schoenborn of Coxsackie has been named the 2023 Youth of the Year while Micah Doig of Catskill will receive the Chairman's Award and Maeve Lampman of Surprise will receive the Director's Award.**

Ella Schoenborn, daughter of Gus Schoenborn and Christina Gifford, is in the 9th grade at Academy of



of the Holy Names. In 2018, at the age of nine, Ella embarked on a mission to feed the hungry. "ProjectElla" started simply as a sandwich making operation in her home and ballooned into the distribution of more than 7,000 meals and hundreds of thousands of food pantry items. Since starting Project Ella, Schoenborn has helped more than a dozen organizations and food pantries. She serves as a volunteer for Street Soldiers of the Capital District, as well as locally at the Bethel AME Church in Coxsackie, Cairo Food Pantry, Athens Food Pantry, Catskill Community Fridge, Salvation Army in Hudson and the Hilltown Food Pantry. While freely giving to benefit others, Ella maintains a 4.0 GPA and is an active member of her school community. She

is a member of the Student Council and has served as Class President. She is on the school's Cross Country/Track team and was Captain of the JV Lacrosse team. She has received numerous community service awards for her dedication and care to her fellow man including: Daughters of American Revolution, Hudson; Greene County Sheriff's Office and Bethel AME Church, Coxsackie. Sunmark Credit Union recognized her with "The Cool to be Kind Student Leader Award" and the YWCA of Northeastern NY presented her with the Young Excellence Award. She has been recognized by the NYS Assembly with a citation for community service and was recognized with the Youth Virtues, Valor, and the Vision Award from the National Catholic Educational Association, having been chosen from more than 1.6 million Catholic school students across the country.

Micah S. Doig, son of Shawn & Linda Doig, is a senior at Catskill High School. He is a member of the Community Life Church and serves as drummer for the Church worship team; Youth Leader of the Youth Group, assists with Light the Night, and helps with church dinners and the concession stand. In addition, he is a Patrol Leader/Sr. Patrol Leader of Scouts BSA, Troop 43 Cairo, currently working on his Eagle Scout rank. He has volunteered for Scouting for Food; participated in Veteran's ceremonies in the community; led spring clean-up; placed flags & wreaths on Veteran's graves, and cleaned brush around historical landmarks. He has collected food for Matthew 25, as well as delivered & sorted items. Like Ella, Micah is also involved in his school community. He has played the lead role in



several of the school's theater productions (Tarzan in 2022 and "Eddie" in Sister Act in 2023), as well as is a member of the school Jazz band and Baritones. He has achieved recognition as a Life Scout and was nominated by Broadway.com for "Best Performer" for his role in "The 25th Annual Putnam County

Spelling Bee”, a musical comedy. In today’s world, he has maintained good character with a great moral aptitude.



Maeve Lampman, daughter of Douglas and Stephanie Lampman, is in the 11th grade at Greenville High School. She volunteers in the community with the Norton Hill Church at their annual turkey dinner and as a parking guide at the annual Greenville Day. In 2022, she was named to the Greene County Youth Advisory Board as a youth member. She is an active member of her school community and has volunteered her time by working the GCS chicken BBQ dinner and offers to organize materials & supplies in the school art room. Maeve is a member of the school Interact Club, Journalism Club, Prom Committee, and serves as Student Council Secretary. She plays a vital role within the school by serving as a Mental Health Advocate. Academically, she

has made the Principals’ Honor Roll for several years and in 2022 was named to the National Honor Society while serving as a member of the school’s athletic association and varsity cheerleader. She considers “giving back to the community is important as the community has cared for me throughout my life. I believe I can make a difference.”

Joseph van Holsteyn, son of Joe & Lisa van Holsteyn, of East Durham will receive Merit Recognition. Joe is in Grade 11 at Cairo-Durham High School. He has volunteered his time with the library, highway clean-up, and food pantries. As a scout, he has participated in parades, Veterans’ events, served in various ranks, earned 32 badges and was named to the Order of the Arrow (Scouts Honor Society), Scouts BSA Troop 43, Cairo. He has given to his community by serving as a volunteer firefighter with the East Durham Fire Company since 2020, and is currently training in CPR and Safety.

Congratulations to all these fine young Greene County residents. They are truly role models for others and we are grateful for their service. They will be honored by the Greene County Legislature at opening ceremonies of the Greene County Youth Fair, Thursday, July 27 in Cairo.