

Recreation Connection honors three volunteers



Volunteers of the Year (left to right) Scott Boyce, Keith Giese and Roger Steig pose with Crossroads Recreation Connection President Ellen Finkbeiner at the group's meeting on Jan.16 in Reed City.

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REED CITY — Every nonprofit will have a slate of volunteers that they consider vital to their organization, and such is the case with Crossroads Recreation Connection in Reed City.

At their meeting Jan. 16, the group pushing for better recreational opportunities for the area named three men in particular who were of great help.

Keith Giese, Roger Steig and Scott Boyce were chosen as the 2024 volunteers of the year due to the amount of time they donate to the organization's different activities.

"Crossroads Recreation Connection truly relies on volunteers to help our events run smoothly, and these three men have been an integral part of our team," Vice President Stephanie Boyce said. "We'd be lost without them."

Steig is the wrestling coach for Reed City, and Boyce said he encourages his athletes to volunteer in the community.

"He and the team completely cleaned out the main floor of the Old Community Ed building in September, so that we could host the Haunted House there at Halloween," she said.

Steig also had the team help at Crossroads Recreation Connection New Year's Eve Ball Drop, doing different activities for the organization throughout.

The coach even ran the ball himself, dropping it all three of the times they celebrated midnight, even with his aversion to heights.

The other two men, Stephanie Boyce said, are always there to help the group when they have events and need to set up and tear down.

"Keith helps gather the greens for our wreath making, storing both the greens and completed wreaths until we can sell them," she said. "In addition, he built the fire and kept it going during the ball drop, also monitoring the playground during the event."

She added that Scott Boyce, her husband, is always willing to help, too.

"(He) is someone who will work behind the scenes helping our group to reach their goals," she said. "Scott is the one who came up with the idea of hosting a euchre tournament as a winter fundraiser"

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