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Health Heroes Recognized at Alpenfest

Alongside doctors, nurses, administrators, infection preventionists, emergency department and intensive care department managers from Munson Healthcare Otsego Memorial Hospital, Health Officer Lisa Peacock, Medical Director Dr. Josh Meyerson and Health Department of Northwest Michigan staff were recognized for their dedication and perseverance during the COVID-19 pandemic as the 2021 Alpenfest Honored Industry.

“The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has watched over us, given us instructions based on national and state guidelines, and helped everybody through,” said Dave Baragrey, member of the Alpenfest Board of Directors, during the morning opening ceremony on July 13.

The Alpenfest Honored Industry award, selected by the Alpenfest Honors Committee and the Alpenfest Board of Directors, is granted to an honoree that is “a great friend to the community, should work to improve rapport between community groups, and have a significant impact on the community.”

“On behalf of the whole health department, we want to thank the Otsego County and Gaylord community for all of their support throughout the pandemic,” Health Officer Peacock said. “Our many community partners, including Munson, the county and city officials and staff, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners - including our Board of Health members, law enforcement, EMS, our schools and many other partners, have worked so hard together to keep our residents safe. The Gaylord community has been so resilient throughout all of this, bouncing back from every challenge – we are so happy to be here with you celebrating your community and we are deeply touched by this honor,” she added.

Front line health care workers and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan were formally honored and awarded the Honored Industry award during the official opening ceremony of Alpenfest 2021 on Tuesday evening.

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Health Department of Northwest Michigan Health Officer Lisa Peacock, Medical Director Dr. Josh Meyerson, and Gaylord based health department staff attended the Alpenfest opening ceremony and walking parade where they were presented with the Honored Industry award.

Lisa Peacock (from left) and Health Department of Northwest Michigan nurse Heather Schrems proudly hold the Honored Industry award during the evening session of the Alpenfest opening ceremony.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit nwhealth.org.

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