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PHILLIPS, BAEDKE EARN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

DUNMORE — Jody Phillips and Emma Baedke were honoured as Cypress County's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Wednesday night.

Phillips, the secretary of the Dunmore Community Association, and Baedke, the president of the Saddles & Spurs Light Horse 4-H Club, were announced as winners during the county's Community and Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue at Sunrise Park in Dunmore.

Citizen of the Year had not been awarded since 2019 due to a combination of the pandemic and a lack of nominees. Phillips joined her community association in 2020 and has been integral to numerous projects, most notably the EDF Outdoor Recreation Centre which held its grand opening May 26.

Phillips hasn't just made Dunmore a better place to live, she's made all of Cypress County better. Her countless volunteer hours (and, as she would note, the hours of many other volunteers just like her) have resulted in numerous events, projects and possibilities.

Young Citizen of the Year is a brand new award given to a youth in grade school, and Baedke is a perfect recipient. The Grade 9 student at Seven Persons School regularly helps younger students, is on the volleyball team, and is described as a "ray of light" to those around her.

Baedke loves anything equestrian and was the Dunmore Equestrian Centre's Little Britches Rodeo Sweetheart last year. She also won a sportsmanship award from her 4-H club.

"Our municipality is truly blessed with groups and individuals who selflessly give their time, energy, and skills to improving the lives of Cypress County residents," says Reeve Dan Hamilton. "We are tremendously lucky and proud to have Jody and Emma as part of our community."

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