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Oakbrook Terrace donates to York Township Food Pantry, Ellis Library

Recently, Oakbrook Terrace Acting Mayor Paul Esposito brought in a van full of non-perishable food to help stock shelves for the York Township food pantry. He also brought over a box full of books for the seniors Ellis Library. Esposito, a long-time resident of York Township and Oakbrook Terrace said, "People are in need so I had to step up."

DuPage Foundation grants \$300,000 to support struggling arts organizations during pandemic

Local arts organizations are among the most severely impacted industries as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and face great economic losses.

The shutdown of theaters, concert halls, museums and other areas where the arts are practiced and enjoyed has been devastating to the cultural and economic landscape of DuPage County, not to mention the livelihoods of those who are employed by the sector.

When the pandemic hit, however, DuPage Foundation's Arts DuPage initiative stepped into a leadership role with the local arts community to serve as communicator, advocate, connector and now as a conduit for DuPage Foundation grants to this beleaguered community.

Recently, the foundation was able to secure and grant \$300,000 in

Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds from DuPage County to 24 local arts organizations to help them weather this unprecedented storm.

"Local arts organizations play a vital role in the county's economy, and they've received little relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. We're pleased to work with DuPage Foundation to ensure these organizations receive the assistance they desperately need so they can continue to provide cultural and economic benefits to DuPage County," said DuPage County Board member Sheila Rutledge, who requested this funding proposal be considered by the board.

With Rutledge's assistance, Arts DuPage appealed to the DuPage County Board, led by Director of Arts DuPage Debbie Venezia, on behalf of the nonprofit arts community

for the relief funds which the county approved Dec. 8 with the stipulation that funds be distributed by Dec. 30.

Through a speedy, but thorough, grant process, a small working group of DuPage Foundation volunteers evaluated grant applications based on specific criteria required for CARES Act funds to meet the deadline.

Prior to securing CARES Act funds for arts organizations, Arts DuPage was serving as chief connector and information conduit for local arts organizations, a role it continues, in addition to that of marketer for the sector through its artsdupage.org website.

For more information about DuPage Foundation's grant programs, contact Barb Szczepaniak, vice president for programs at 630.598.5280 or barb@dupagefoundation.org.

Villa Park resident honored as 88's Best for January

Tumilty an academic and athletic standout at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School senior Grace (Gracie) Tumilty of Villa Park was her school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of January. Tumilty was honored during the District 88 Board of Education's virtual meeting on Jan. 25.

The district's board and administration created the 88's Best award to recognize students for their achievements both in and out of the classroom. The award recognizes nine students at each of District 88's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—each school year.

As a student, Tumilty consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. When she finishes her high school career, she will have completed nine Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, as well as several honors courses. Tumilty has been recognized as a National AP Scholar, and she has been named to the school's Distinction Honor Roll in each semester of her time at Willowbrook.

Tumilty is also an inductee of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas.

Beyond the classroom, Tumilty commits her time and talents to a variety of activities at Willowbrook. She is a member of Blue Crew and the Youth Equity Stewardship (YES!) series.

A multi-sport athlete, Tumilty has competed in volleyball, basketball and soccer, serving as a captain of each team. An injury in the fall of 2019 sidelined Tumilty for a significant portion of her junior season. She returned in the fall of 2020—at the start of her senior year—to compete in her fourth sport in high school as



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Willowbrook High School senior Grace (Gracie) Tumilty of Villa Park recently received the 88's Best award for the month of January. Tumilty has excelled in academics and athletics during her career as a Warrior. She has played four sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer and tennis) at Willowbrook. She plans to continue her athletic career at the collegiate level. She intends to study biology in college and is considering a career in medicine or education.

a member of the varsity girls tennis team. Tumilty looks forward to concluding her Willowbrook athletic career with a busy sports schedule over the next few months.

Tumilty plans to apply to the University of Notre Dame, Grand Valley State University, the University of Dayton, Carthage College and Carroll College. She intends to continue her athletic career and study biology while considering a career in medicine or education.

Warriors begin season with a narrow loss to Leyden

The Willowbrook girls bowling team opened its season with a close battle against Leyden.

The visiting Eagles edged the Warriors 2,950 to 2,881 in the team standings of the Feb. 4 dual meet, which took place at Willowbrook's home venue of Stardust Bowl in Addison.

Willowbrook freshman Jacquelyn

Porro posted the meet's best three-game series with her total of 629. Porro earned scores of 215, 203 and 211 in her three games.

Junior Taylor Balslew of the Warriors delivered the best game of the meet by firing a 243.

Willowbrook's schedule this week includes a home meet against Downers Grove North.

Montini Catholic High School announces summer sports camps

Montini Catholic High School has announced opportunities for grade school sports enthusiasts to develop skills, gain confidence and discover their passions while making 2021 an unforgettable summer.

Bronco sports summer camps are now open for registration.

"Wherever one's athletic interests lie, we are sure that they will find that there is something here for them," said Athletic Director Tom Lentine. "We offer a wide variety of fundamental camps for all ages, as well as specific camps in several sports. Our coaches really look forward to conducting our athletic camps each summer and are committed to working with campers to hone and improve their knowledge and skills."

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Offered this summer

Baseball (boys)—Grades 5-8 July 12-15, 10-11:30 a.m. \$75.

Basketball (girls)—

Grades 4-8. Shooting and ball handling June 14-17, 10-11:30 a.m. \$75; fundamentals June 21-24, 10-11:30 a.m. \$75; skills and shooting July 12-15, 10-11:30 a.m. \$75.

Basketball (boys)—Grades 5-8. Skills June 14-18 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$85; shooting June 28-July 2, 9-10:30

a.m. \$50

Broncettes (dance)—Grades 2-8. July 26-28, 9 a.m.-noon and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28. \$85.

Cheerleading—Grades 4-8. July 13-15, noon-1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15. \$75.

Cross country (girls)—Grades 4-8. July 5-30 (no Wednesdays), 8-10:30 a.m. \$100.

Cross country (boys)—Grades 5-8. July 5-30 (no Wednesdays), 8-10:30 a.m. \$100.

Football (boys)—Grades 5-8. Youth skills June 28-July 1, 1-3 p.m.

\$75; big man July 2, 1-3 p.m. \$25.

Golf (coed)—Grades 4-8. July 26-29, 1:30-3 p.m. \$80.

Lacrosse (girls)—Grades 4-8. July 26-28, 10 a.m.-noon. \$50.

Soccer (coed)—Grades 4-8. Camp 1 June 14-17, 12:30-2 p.m.

\$75; Camp 2 June 21-24, 12:30-2 p.m. \$75.

Softball (girls)—Grades 1-8. Grades 5-8 July 6-8, 9-10:30 a.m. \$65; Grades 1-4 July 13-14, noon-1:30 p.m. \$40.

Speed and agility (coed)—Grades 5-8. Basics July 13, 15, 20, 22, 8-9:30 a.m. \$40.

Volleyball (girls)—Grades 3-8. Grades 3-4 July 6-9, 9-11 a.m., \$60; Grades 5-8 July 6-9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$60.

Volleyball (boys)—Grades 5-8, July 12-16, 8:30-10 a.m. \$50.

Small Fry Introduction to Sports (coed). Ages 4-7, June 14-18, 9-10 a.m. \$25.

Full camp descriptions and registrations now available at www.montini.org/SummerCamp21. Montini Catholic will abide by IHSA and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines for all 2021 summer camps.