The show goes on

Baldwin Summer Concert Series

As the 28th season of the Baldwin Summer Concert Series came around, so did COVID-19. Organizers questioned if they should continue with plans, but with the allowance of outside events up to 100 people, they proceeded with caution. Guests could sit outside at Wenger Pavilion, socially distanced with masks, or they could listen from their cars over the radio. Throughout the series, 13 groups performed.

“We began our letter to our donors by saying ‘This year will be unlike any other’ and it was,” said committee chair Karen Peterson. This year’s Concert Series proved that the show can truly go on even if it may look a little different, an anthem that many of us have embraced this year.

Promoting college readiness

Robert and Barbara Radunzel Family Scholarship Fund

The Radunzel family has always believed in the importance of promoting education at many different levels. In 2013, the family created the Robert and Barbara Radunzel Family Scholarship for students graduating from Baldwin Community Schools. They wanted to encourage local students to prepare early and consider attending a community college, so the scholarship is designed for students attending West Shore Community College in their first and second year. It can also be awarded to a student who participates in an annual college readiness program through a university.

Chair’s notes

Over the past three years, Lake County Community Foundation has made significant progress. We have worked with our local partners to create positive programming in our community. The trustees approved working on large community projects with increased funding.

We moved our grant round to an online system to provide both our committees and nonprofit partners the ability to work collaboratively. Our goal is to continually work to improve the review process for our grant rounds.

All of this work was done under the outstanding leadership of Jane Allison. She helped us focus our goals and move forward, which left us prepared for the interesting year that 2020 has been. While Jane is remaining as a Community Foundation trustee, it is my privilege to succeed her as chair. I have had the opportunity to serve as a trustee for the last three years.

Throughout this unique year, the Community Foundation has worked to be very intentional with our grantmaking and to partner with the community to make sure that resources are available for Lake County residents. I look forward to continuing to serve Lake County in my new role.

Respectfully,

Seth Wenger
Board Chair