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**SUPERVISOR'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS
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Over 150 people attended the Hanover Township Supervisor's Community Service Award banquet held on April 16 at the Hanover Township Senior Center. The awards committee comprised of Linda Best, Lori Ann Airdo, Lee Beattie, Mike Dexter and Lorrie Glaser, presented awards to winners in five categories: Shane Bonner, Outstanding Youth Volunteer; Jay Olriksen, Outstanding Senior Volunteer; Rodger McDowall, Outstanding Adult Volunteer; Friends of Lords Park Zoo, Outstanding Organization; and Bartlett Jewel Store #33478 Outstanding Business of the Year.

"This year we had more nominations than ever before," said Hanover Township Supervisor Brian P. McGuire. "The quantity and quality of the nominations really speaks to the great organizations and volunteers we have dedicating their time in the Township."

Those winning the Supervisor's Choice Awards: Michael Capezio, Outstanding Adult Volunteer; Kathleen Donaldson, Outstanding Senior Volunteer; Delbert Seaton, Honorable Senior Volunteer; Hanover Park Community Bank, Outstanding Business of the Year; and Streamwood Woman's Club, Outstanding Organization of the Year.

The evening's top prize, the Mary Ellen "Mel" Runzel Volunteer Service Award, was presented to Lee Beattie. The award was created in 2013 to honor Mel for her immeasurable efforts in creating new programs and recruiting volunteers throughout the community as a former Township Trustee and Township Welfare Services Director.



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A life-long resident of Hanover Township, Lee is a staple at any community event where she can volunteer her time. Lee has worked at Streamwood High School and in School District U-46 for 13 years, where she is involved with Health Occupation Students of America, supporting students in learning about healthcare and preparing them for national competitions. She is a founder and leader of Team Trish, a group formed to provide emotional and financial support for cancer patients and their families. Lee is an active participant in the national program, “Feed My Starving Children at Church”, along with actively collecting food and toys for the Hanover Township Food Pantry and Sponsor-a-Family programs. Lee is also a strong supporter of the Bartlett Veterans Memorial Foundation and volunteers her time in coordinating events and fundraisers in their name, among countless other organizations and causes that Lee is passionate about.

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