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Vehe receives several upgrades

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Deer Park's Vehe Farm received several donated upgrades last week before snow and ice blanketed the area.

A 25-foot windmill was installed through private donations acquired by the Vehe Farm Foundation and Deer Park resident Brian Toczyski moved two historic pillars that were formerly on a private farm that is now the Promenade Shopping Center as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Vehe Farm Foundation President Pat Winkelman said the Vehe Farm originally had two windmills on it which were between 70 and 80 feet tall and used to pump water out of the ground.

"(The new windmill) really authenticates what the farm originally looked like when it was a working farm," she said. "It completes the atmosphere."

The windmill was installed Dec. 4 by Levi Herschberger of Arthur, Ill. who owns L.U. Herschberger Aeromotor Windmill Sales and Service. It will not be a working windmill but was placed above the geological well.

In a separate project, stone pillars were moved from the Promenade Shopping Center--which is anchored by Dick's Sporting Goods at Route 12 and Long Grove Road--to the Vehe Farm Saturday. They are six feet tall and each weigh over 10,000 pounds .

"You need a large crane to lift the pillars and then a flatbed truck to move them and those are both costly pieces of equipment," Winkelman said.

She's been working with Toczyski, a senior at Lake Zurich High School, for over a year to bring the project to fruition. The trucks and equipment were donated by Pepper Construction.

The pillars were placed at the entrance of the walking paths on the southwest side of the farm near the flag pole. They date back to the 1920s and were used to mark the entrance of the Quay family farm on the Promenade site.



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