

Lindenhurst police use old papers to help out shelter

By Matt Ward

The Lindenhurst police department is taking small steps toward improving the lake county community with an internal program they began a few weeks ago.

They have asked the officers on the force to bring in any spare newspapers from home and collect them at the PD. The newspapers are then transported by explorers to the orphans of the storm animal shelter in Riverside.

The explorers are a group of students ages 14 and up that study law enforcement and police techniques to aid officers in the field and learn. The shelter is then able to use the papers to line the animals' cages.

"They are in dire need of newspapers for lining in the cages," said Rebecca Albrecht, the community service officer at the Lindenhurst PD.

The shelter uses the papers to line the cages of the animals during the winter to help keep the animals warm and off of the cold concrete. It goes through over 100 papers a day to keep the animals healthy.

The shelter is one of the few non-kill shelters in the area. Once an animal arrives there it is there for good unless it is diseased or ill. Many of the animals that the PD pick up or have the county pick up are sent to that shelter. The PD started this program to help the shelter to operate smoothly and to thank the shelter for all of the work that they do for

both the animals and the community.

"If we didn't have a shelter like that the animals would be destroyed," said Valach.

The shelter is entirely funded by private donations and doesn't receive funding from the state.

For every dog or cat that we adopt out every year it costs us \$450," said Dorian Breuer, an employee at the shelter. When the animal is dropped off at the shelter they collect a ten dollar service charge from the county. It costs the public 60 dollars to adopt an animal and the shelter picks up the remaining cost of \$380.

The shelter still needs papers, blanket, and cash donations. The shelter can be reached at: 1-847-945-0235.

newsbriefs

Swing Street opens March 8

The annual jazz variety show, Swing Street, is right around the corner. March 8 and 9 are the big nights.

"It's a night of entertainment," says Lynne Keller. The show has been in planning since the fall. "It takes a lot of parent volunteers to make it all come together," says Keller.

This event only happens once a year and is an annual big fund-raiser. Its been 20 years since the first jazz variety show, and seven years since the name Swing Street came about. You can buy your tickets before the show or at the door. Pre-sold tickets are \$10 and include a dinner. The tickets at the door are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students, and children under five get in free. All tickets at the door do not include a dinner, but there will be plenty of other food to snack on, including pizza. The theme for this year's Swing Street will be patriotic, especially when looking at the scenery.

ACHS students face task of building robots

The future engineers and computer technicians that attend Antioch Community High School all come together to combine forces in March. They are faced with the task of building a robot that will hang from a beam and be able to reach down to perform tasks. The students who are behind this seemingly impossible task are the group called BEST Robotics. BEST stands for Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology.

Part of the judging that the BEST group will be subject to things like a 25 page paper, records of the thought process that went into building, a detailed notebook, and a 20 minute presentation.

Grand jury indicts Wells for criminal wrongdoings

By Rick Mengyan

The Lake County grand jury indicted Timothy Wells resulting in the loss of his job in Fox Lake. Wells worked as an administrator and a consultant for Fox Lake last week. According to Fox Lake Mayor Nancy Koske, Wells had been working as a village administrator since May.

"Mr. Wells has been providing an outstanding service to the village of Fox Lake. He has brought a new level of professionalism to the municipality in the conduct of its business," Koske said at a press release last week.

"We are saddened by the indictment and the alleged charges, but we recognize that he will need time to prepare his defense and that our administration has to focus on the needs of the village without distraction," Koske stated in a press release last week.

After being indicted on criminal wrongdoing charges at his old job

as an Antioch village administrator, Wells surrendered on Wednesday.

Arraignment on charges is scheduled for March 6.

"While we are not in a position to comment on the Antioch allegations, we are proud of our current controls that have been implemented in our village. Our system of checks and balances works," said Koske.

A 15 count indictment accuses Wells of not setting up a separate donation fund for the \$1.5 million donated by the late former Mayer, clerk and treasurer.

"Officials of the village will be talking about what to do about the open village administrator position. In the meantime, the village's experienced department heads will insure the continuation of normal services," said Koske.

The mayor said the department heads have been "unanimous in their praise for Mr. Wells' efforts and the positive impact the position has had with their activities," she said.

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