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"IF I WERE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER OR A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CHOOSE THE LATTER." THOMAS JEFFERSON

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Potential JROTC program in U-46 sparks debate

By Seth Hancock

The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program could be coming to School District U-46 as part of the planned career pathway academies at district high schools, but there are differing views on the program.

As part of a June 4 presentation on the career pathways, the district said the JROTC program could be a part of "two to three high schools." JROTC is offered through all branches of the military.

At a July 23 board meeting, two members of American Legion Elgin Post 57 spoke in support of the JROTC during public comments while five members of the public, most of whom are members of Fox Valley Citizens for Peace and Justice, spoke against it at the June 4 meeting.

"The JROTC mission is to instill the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment," said Craig Essick, commander of Post 57. "The primary goal of the program is to motivate young people to be better citizens. We cannot think of a better goal for U-46 students as they pursue an education and learn the true meaning of citizenship and service to our communities."

"It is important that we serve the community by helping those students who need that direction, who need that leadership," said Daniel Symonds, an executive committee member for Post 57, who added that JROTC provides an "understanding of what it means to be a citizen of the United States. I think that's lost on this generation and generations after it

and in the future. It needs to be instilled."

Essick is a retired colonel with the United States Army and Symonds is a member of the Army Reserve.

Those opposed to JROTC said they were concerned with militarization and targeting minority and low-income students for military recruitment among other concerns.

"I feel it is part of the increasing militarization of our whole society, and I find that very troubling because I am a pacifist and an advocate for peace and justice," said Mary Shesgreen. She said JROTC "sends students the message that force and violence really do solve problems, that they are a primary way to solve problems."

Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford said she had "moral and ethical concerns about training children to shoot weapons in our schools." She said "most students are given marksmanship training" with what she called "lethal weapons."

JROTC does offer marksmanship training and competitions using air rifles that shoot pellets which are not generally known as lethal weapons.

Bettina Perillo claimed there are negative health effects associated with the JROTC and said members of the military have an "increased mental health risk including substance abuse and suicide." She cited a policy statement from the American Public Health Association which opposed "military recruiting in the nation's primary and secondary schools because of the substantial negative health effect, negative health repercussions for teens."

However, both Essick and Symonds

said there are no military obligations for JROTC students, and they said the program leads to positive results for students.

"It doesn't mean you're going to force them into military service, nor are they going to militarize the schools at all," Symonds said. "I believe it is something that gives those students who are lost, who need direction, that direction, leadership, period. And I think this is something that is important to the citizens of Elgin and the students of Elgin."

"There is no military obligation for the graduates," Essick said. "All students can benefit, regardless of whether they plan to enter into military service in the future."

Essick said that the JROTC has a rigorous curriculum which teach collaboration, critical thinking and leadership while also promoting healthy lifestyles. He said JROTC "delivers results."

"Cadets exceed national averages in grade point average (GPA), attendance and graduation rates," Essick said. "Cadets also demonstrate substantially lower dropout rates and records of disciplinary incidents. These are results that align with our community vision for the future success of U-46 students."

According to the Army JROTC web-

site, its students have an average GPA of 2.91 compared to 2.72 for the general student population, they have a 93.5 percent attendance rate compared to 90.3 percent, they have a 94 percent graduation rate compared to 83 percent and they have a dropout rate under 1 percent compared to 8 percent.

Also according to the Army JROTC, student outcomes from the program include that they "act with integrity and personal accountability as they lead others to succeed in a diverse and global workforce," "engage civic and social concerns in the community, government, and society," "graduate prepared to excel in post-secondary options and career pathways," "make decisions that promote positive social, emotional, and physical health" and "value the role of the military and other service organizations."

Shesgreen said it is "not fair to be offering ROTC to students as an example of a good and noble pathway," but for Symonds it may be unfair not to provide the program.

Symonds said his father, older brother, two nephews and a niece are all JROTC graduates, but the program was not offered at his school when he attended. He said JROTC offers "unique, cool" experiences citing his niece learning to fly an airplane at 16 years old.

Parade float winners acknowledged at meeting

By Kristin Carreno

An awards ceremony was held during the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 9 to recognize organizations that had been recognized as award winners in the 2018 Streamwood Summer Celebration parade on Saturday, July 28. A total of 10 organizations received awards for different float categories chosen by village board members.

According to Village President Billie Roth, the theme was "Around the World in Three Days." There were over 90 floats in the two-hour parade this year.

"It was a fabulous parade," said Roth. "I'd like to give a special thanks to two individuals who have worked on the parade for over 30 years, Bill and Dianne Berquist."

According to Roth, residents Bill and Dianne Berquist worked all day on parade day to ensure the event would be a success.

They also filmed the entire fest including every special attraction and guest for the village. Roth indicated there will be a volunteer meeting trustees and department members may attend to view the video.

"I'd like to welcome the special guests present tonight who are here to

represent their organizations whose floats were selected winners in our parade this past weekend," Roth said.

Roth asked Bill Berquist to help present the awards. Each organization was called to the front of the room to accept their framed award and a trophy.

Berquist presented the best band award to West Suburban Home School Band. The best club award was won by Grupo Folklorico Quetzal. For the category of best commercial float, the award went to St. John Evangelist School. Two awards were handed out for best non-profit floats, won by Kiwanis Club of Streamwood and Immanuel United Church of Christ. The junior marchers award was presented to Cub Scout Pack 49 and the senior marchers award was presented to the South Shore Drill Team. VFW Post 5151 won the most patriotic award. The best theme award was won by the Streamwood Choral Society and Poplar Creek Library won the unusual entry category award.

"Thank you to all who participated in the parade," Roth said upon conclusion of the awards presentation. "Next year is our 25th anniversary of Summer Celebration."



Attentive to law

While certain types of parking violations may result in vehicles being towed, the village recently modified its ordinance governing the towing and impoundment of vehicles used in the commission of a crime. The change was done to be in compliance with recent changes to state law. For story and more photos, see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Police Reports

STREAMWOOD

Saturday, July 28

★ At 3:56 a.m., Totionna A. Allen, 18, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, July 29
★ At 11:50 p.m., Theo F. Montano Ortiz, 35, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with battery. He was transported to bond call.

Monday, July 30
★ At 2:40 pm., Marisela Lopez-Vil-lagomez, 24, Elgin, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She was re-leased on bond and faces an undeter-mined court date.

Tuesday, July 31
★ At 12:02 a.m., Vinson David Sahlin, 56, Belvidere, was arrested and charged with possession of am-munition without a firearm owner’s identification card. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Wednesday, Aug. 1
★ At 4:44 p.m., Tetiana Tunik Chor-na, 26, Houston, Texas, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 7:15 p.m., Sergio A. Burcicaga, 52, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, disobeying a stop sign, and no using headlights and wipers when required. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

BARTLETT

Saturday, July 28

★ At 12:33 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Eastwick Lane re-ported receiving an email from Ap-ple advising her to update her credit card information with an image of her driver’s license. She advised po-lice immediately after uploading her information that she believed it was a scam and closed the credit card. No suspicious activity was observed on her account. An identity theft packet was provided.

★ At 5:17 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of South Hale Avenue re-ported a group of males looking into a vehicle. She also advised subjects in the area making comments that made her uncomfortable. Police spoke with the subjects who advised they had locked their keys in the car. Police advised the complainant to call police when an incident occurs.

Sunday, July 29
★ At 12:22 a.m., Elias Saavedra, 23, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with DUI, illegal transport of alcohol, failure to reduce speed and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces an Aug. 29 court date.

★ At 10:33 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Burton Drive for a report of a female walking the street who seemed confused. Police located the subject in front of her own home.

★ At 1:43 p.m., a complainant re-ported a window on a home in the 700 block of Cove Court with derogatory writing on it. Police spoke with the homeowner who ad-vised that he was not aware of the writing but had multiple issues with neighbors in the past.

★ At 5:03 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of West Stearns Road re-ported two patrons at the Bartlett Aquatic Center who were highly in-toxicated. Police spoke with the pa-trons, escorted them out and called for a ride.

★ At 10:52 p.m., a complainant in the 200 bock of South Main Street re-

ported that a subject came into the business and appeared to have been battered. The subject then ran from the scene. Police searched the area with negative results.

Monday, July 30
★ At 4:45 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of West Bartlett Road re-ported seeing a flash in her living room and believed it to be someone in the hallway with a flashlight. Po-lice used a flashlight in the hallway and the complainant was unable to see it with her door shut. She advised it may have been lightening.

★ At 7:23 a.m., Fluke Dada, 55, Chicago, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspend-ed, speeding and operating unin-sured motor vehicle. She was re-leased on an I-bond and faces an Aug. 31 court date.

★ At 10:07 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Geneva Court re-ported her inner garage door was ajar after she returned from shop-ping. She advised the door was closed after she left. Police checked the residence with negative results. Nothing appeared to be disturbed.

Tuesday, July 31
★ At 10 a.m., a complainant in the 1100 block of Thousand Oaks Dri-ve reported observing a suspi-cious vehicle in the driveway of another residence and an un-known subject walking around the property. The complainant con-tacted her neighbor who was not home, to advise on the situation. The neighbor confirmed that they had contacted a pest control com-pany for an estimate.

★ At 11:12 a.m., an agent for Crest Motel, 300 block of East Lake Street, reported hiring a contractor to re-model two rooms. On today’s date, the contractor’s son threatened the manger after he refused to front additional money to the contractor. He also threatened to return to post signs bearing negative comments about the motel. The suspect was un-able to be located.

★ At 3:29 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Shorewood Court re-ported receiving an email from an in-dividual who threatened to release false information to his contacts if he did not pay \$3,200. No monetary loss was incurred.

Wednesday, Aug. 1
★ At 12:53 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Dartmouth Drive reported that a copper vent register was stolen after UPS delivered it to the wrong address. The driver re-turned to the address where the package was accidentally delivered and spoke to the homeowner who advised he had not seen the package. The complainant advised she would reorder the item.

★ At 4:08 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of South Main Street re-ported being contacted by Best Buy regarding installing a firewall on his computer. He agreed to this service and provided credit card informa-tion. He advised that the representa-tive contacted him to advise that he had been overcharged but could rec-tify the matter by sending a cashier’s check to the representative’s compa-ny and the credit card charges would be reversed. The complainant real-ized that this was a scam and no monetary loss was incurred.

★ At 5:52 p.m., a complainant in the 2000 block of Grovetown Drive re-ported that an unknown subject fraudulently charged \$600 to his Best Buy Visa at Fairfield Inn in Georgia.

★ At 6:58 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Sundance Drive report-ed that a subject was letting his dog run unleashed after a community

service officer addressed this issue a week earlier. The neighbor admitted that his dog got away from him and said he would keep the dog leashed in the future.

Thursday, Aug. 2
★ At 4:08 a.m., Edward R. Baltes, 46, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with DUI, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and ex-pired registration. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Sept. 4 court date.

★ At 8:06 a.m., a complainant in the 200 block of South Main Street re-ported that he was unable to locate his 1970 Ford Taurus but understood that the police knew its whereabouts. Police advised it was located in the parking lot of the strip mall across the street from the police department the previous evening. Police advised it would remain in the lot until it could be removed safely.

★ At 3:31 p.m., a complainant in the 900 block of Foster Avenue reported observing an adult female and juve-nile male arguing by Sunrise Park. The parties confirmed that the argu-ment was only verbal.

★ At 3:46 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of West Bartlett Avenue re-ported that a known offender was harassing staff and is threatening to damage vehicles. Police provided in-

Task force recommendations

aimed at making schools safer

Safety in the schools and college campuses is a right every student and family should expect. As students from pre-kindergarten to college pre-pare to head back to school, the Illi-nois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local emergency manage-ment agencies across the state are re-minding educators about the recent recommendations of the Illinois Ter-rorism Task Force School Safety Working Group. The group’s 13 rec-ommendations are designed to help make Illinois schools safer. These rec-ommendations were presented to Gov. Bruce Rauner in May and are available online for the public to re-view.

“There is no single answer to achiev-ing school safety,” said Mike Cham-ness, chairman of the Illinois Terror-ism Taskforce. “No individual has all of the answers, but the experience and expertise found within the members of the School Safety Working Group il-lustrate the state’s commitment to of-fer practical recommendations for our schools to implement into their poli-cies and procedures.”

In addition to the recommendations of the School Safety Working Group, there are additional resources avail-able to help increase the level of pre-paredness of schools and campuses. The Illinois School and Campus Safety Resource Center provides a variety of training programs to help public and private K-12 schools and higher edu-cation institutions plan for, respond to, and recover from an emergency or disaster. Training opportunities, which are provided free of charge, in-clude traditional classroom courses, workshops, webinars and online training.

The Statewide Terrorism & Intelli-gence Center’s (STIC) School Safety Information Sharing Program is de-signed to identify the information needs of school and campus safety of-ficials and ensure timely and wide dis-semination of actionable intelligence that is tailored to the protection of these communities. The goal of the program is to aid in school safety ef-

formation on how to obtain an order of protection.

★ At 4:20 p.m., a complainant in the 1400 block of Beaumont Circle re-ported that she is in the process of evicting a renter and they have agreed to communicate only via text. On today’s date, the tenant was banging on her door and pounding her cane on the ground, causing the complainant to become alarmed.

Friday, Aug. 3
★ At 10:31 a.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Kent Circle reported that he wanted to help a friend who lives out of state by getting a police report for him. Police directed him to the correct jurisdiction and provided a phone number for them.

CAROL STREAM

Saturday, July 14

★ At 11:03 p.m., Ward T. Henderson, 79, New York, New York, was arrest-ed and charged with DUI, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane use and no insurance. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, July 19
★ At 1:06 a.m., Malik Goodloe, 22, Lisle, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08 and illegal trans-port of alcohol. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

forts through sharing information from local, state and federal agencies with at least one person in every school and campus in the state of Illi-nois.

Parents can also play a crucial role in protecting students. As students head back to the classroom this fall, be sure to include emergency preparedness in back-to-school plans. Here are some planning tips for parents to consider:

- Find out where children will be tak-en in the event of an evacuation dur-ing school hours;
- Ensure current emergency contact information is on file at your child’s school;
- Pre-authorize a friend or relative to pick up your children in an emer-gency and make sure the school knows who that designated person is; and,

• Teach children with cell phones about ‘Text First, Talk Later.’ Short, simple text messages, such as “R U OK?” and “I’m OK,” are more likely to get through than a phone call if phone service is disrupted following an emergency. As phone congestion eas-es, follow up with a phone call to relay more information becomes possible.

For parents of college-aged students, a little research can provide peace of mind. Many college campuses offer email and text messages to alert stu-dents of potential dangers, such as se-vere weather and other threats. En-courage your college student to sign-up for such alerts. Some colleges also provide alert messages for parents so they also are aware of potential dan-gers on campus. In addition, make sure your student knows the emer-gency plans for their dorm or apart-ment building.

Parents and educators alike are en-couraged to take a moment to review the information available on the ready.illinois.gov website. Whether a parent, school administrator or school resource officer, there is helpful infor-mation and training available – many times at little to no cost – to help keep the youngest citizens and future lead-ers safe.

One man's opinion challenges U-46 practice

By Seth Hancock

Is School District U-46 putting too much emphasis on following educational dogmas?

L. Dean Hufsey, of Elgin, addressed the Board of Education during public comments at its meeting on Monday, July 23. Hufsey spoke on the education of minorities based on the work of Thomas Sowell who is an economist and senior fellow with the Hoover Institution, a public policy think tank out of Stanford University.

In a policy paper titled "The Education of Minority Children," Sowell wrote about his research of successful minority schools in Washington, D.C., New York and New Orleans. He researched extensively on Dunbar High School in D.C. with nearly a century worth of data studied.

"The common denominator among these successful schools studied was work and discipline," Hufsey said. "Aside from this common denominator, these various schools had little else in common. Some were public, some were private, some were secular, some were religious."

Hufsey added: "Some of the most successful schools with minority students, the parents role has been that of giving moral support to the school by letting their children know that they're expected to behave and learn."

There are no excuses for poor academic results according to Hufsey, but political motivations in the American educational system have incentivized failure.

"History shows what can be achieved in the face of adversity, and

we have no excuses for achieving less in the present era of greater material abundance and greater social opportunities," Hufsey said. "But today, within the politics of education, Dr. Sowell points out bluntly 'failure attracts more money than success.'"

Sowell wrote: "Politically, failure becomes a reason to demand more money, smaller classes, and more trendy courses and programs, ranging from 'black English' to bilingualism and 'self-esteem.' Politicians who want to look compassionate and concerned know that voting money for such projects accomplishes that purpose for them and voting against such programs risks charges of mean-spiritedness, if not implications of racism."

The percentage of minority students in U-46 is 72.3 percent according to the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) report card, and 61 percent have been labeled as low-income. Those numbers have been used as talking points by the district to argue for more state funding, but the ISBE's data shows that more money has not equated to better results in U-46.

In nearly all ISBE metrics, numbers have gotten worse in U-46 with the number of freshmen deemed on track to graduate showing one of the largest drops from 96 percent in 2014 to 81 percent in 2017. The ISBE numbers show that per student spending has increased by \$2,434 from 2012 to 2016, all the years available on the report card.

Sowell wrote that "fashions prevail and evidence is seldom asked or given" in today's educational system.

Hufsey's comments likely stemmed

from recent conversations had in U-46, the most recent being a Student Code of Conduct update which changed nearly half of the 50-page document. That change was approved by a 5-2 vote, Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no, in June.

Prior to that vote, Hufsey said: "The teacher responsibilities are to maintain orderly classroom behavior and then teach content in basic core subjects. Student responsibilities are simply to behave and learn. It doesn't take 50 pages of type-written script of which 32 percent is a glossary to explain that."

According to John Heiderscheidt, director of school safety and culture, the district has a "positive discipline philosophy" with a focus on "relationships and community above rules and regulations." The district's goal from the code changes is to produce equal outcomes rather than equally enforcing the policies.

Ward argued at the time that the code was full of "undefined, subjective terminology and unaccompanied by objective academic standards." Members of the board majority who voted for it offered no justification for the changes.

Sowell said in a 1993 interview that what is being pushed today is affective education which is the idea that "you can somehow educate people's feelings rather than to educate their intellect and the problem is that most public school teachers have no such qualifications, if anyone has such qualifications. But certainly they are not psychiatrists or psychologists. They have no idea of the emotional turmoil that may be stirring up in the students."

The education establishment tries to

"alienate the child from the parent" by undermining their values according to Sowell, and he thinks "that's the most dangerous things they do."

The educational dogmas Sowell describes in his policy paper mirror many of the same arguments that have been made by U-46's administration and board majority such as a need for so-called "adequate funding" and a need for smaller class sizes. Sowell said the evidence does not support those dogmas, including at Dunbar.

"During its heyday, Dunbar was starved for funds and its average class size was in the 40s," Sowell wrote. "Its lunchroom was so small that many of its students had to eat out on the streets. Its blackboards were cracked and it was 1950 before the school had a public address system. Yet, at that point, it had 80 years of achievement behind it-- and only 5 more in front of it."

According to Sowell's research, the successful majority black schools he studied did not have an "Afrocentric" curriculum and had rigorous classes that included Latin and Greek, and the schools included some that were all-black and some all-white staffs but its "whole focus was on expanding the students' cultural horizons, not turning their minds inward."

"The biggest secret is that there are no secrets, unless work is a secret," Sowell wrote. "Work seems to be the only four-letter word that cannot be used in public today."

Sowell added: "The point here is not to say that this is the only viable approach. The point is that the social visions of the day have not been essential ingredients in educational success."

Board approves pacts for engineering services

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, July 19, trustees voted unanimously in approval of three resolutions for professional design engineering services from HR Green Inc., Yorkville, Illinois. Time and material costs per proposals are \$26,460, \$25,359 and \$24,496. Each represents phase 2 of a project.

"In anticipation of federal funds becoming available in the near future for resurfacing projects we are requesting approval to complete phase two engineering for three projects," said Public Works Director Matt Mann.

According to Mann, the first resolution is for Park Boulevard, between Irving Park Road and Schaumburg Road at a cost of \$26,460.

Woodland Heights Boulevard and Buttitta Drive between Park Boulevard and Barrington Road are the subjects of the second project, according to Mann. The cost is \$25,359.

Mann indicated the third route is East Avenue between Buttitta Road and Schaumburg Road at a cost of \$24,496.

All routes are village-owned routes that are also designated as Federal Urban Aid (FAU) routes, according to Mann. FAU routes are eligible for federal funding. Phase one has been completed and approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for all three routes.

"Completing phase two for these three FAU routes will allow the village to apply for any available federal funding for 'shovel ready' projects," Mann said. "Often times federal funds go unused because projects get delayed. Projects that are phase two 'shovel ready' are in a better position to be awarded funds than projects that are not ready and still require phase

two work and IDOT approval."

IDOT regulates the use of the federal funds for local projects, Mann added. There are very stringent requirements for all phases of projects utilizing these funds. HR Green will prepare the plans, specifications, proposals and estimates and obtain all required approvals from IDOT for the future construction projects.

"This consultant is well qualified and has performed well for the village on similar projects," Mann said.

Trustee James Cecille asked if these streets have been completely rehabilitated in the past.

In responding, Mann said: "They've been reconstructed in the past so these are resurfacing projects which would include some concrete repairs and some minor storm sewer repairs."

Rachel Gies surprises her readers with this suspenseful thriller. **The Darkness Within** is a murder mystery that is hot, hot, hot. Kate and her brother, Nick, are being terrorized. Someone is playing cat and mouse with them as they unveil illegal shipments and are in danger of becoming the beast's next victim as they get closer to the truth. The list of suspects is constantly changing. Terror and suspense explode as it all comes to a terrifying shocking end. Previously self published books include **Captured Pearl** and **One Size Fits Most**.

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A happy birthday letter to a mother’s son

Here is a story about a young woman who made a decision to adopt a baby whose birth mother couldn’t take care of him. She had no firsthand experience caring for a child but after she laid eyes on him the love poured out of her heart and the feeling was overwhelming. She didn’t think twice as she held this beautiful tiny baby in her arms. After the women cried and hugged she took the child home against her husband’s wishes but convinced him that she wanted this baby to be her own and would love and nourish the precious bundle forever. It took time for her husband to accept the child but her love and devotion for the baby prevailed and she raised the child as her own.

Years passed as Michael grew in a loving home and after college he moved away to make his place in the world. Michael and his mother Shari kept in close touch and talked for hours on the phone, there were many visits and hugs and then he’d leave once again. As Michael became older Shari decided she wanted to share some of her deepest feelings and thoughts with him that only a mother could. So, on this particular birthday Shari wrote him this letter.

My beloved Michael,

Fifty-five years ago today I was in a hospital with Emma Jackson to visit her friend Anna. As we walked into the room Anna looked so small laying there with this huge mound showing through the coverlets and that picture will always be in my mind. I had no idea that day that the mound showing through the coverlets would end up being you my beautiful son Michael.

As choices were made, I was so scared. I had not been around newborn babies and was overwhelmed by the responsibility that was facing me. When the decision was made that you would be my son, the first thing I did was buy you your first pair of shoes. I still have them as a keepsake. I just went and took them out of the drawer and looked at them and they looked so tiny. As tears welled up in my eyes I hugged those soft little shoes close to my heart and put them back where they had been for so many years. A month later on May 30, 1954, I brought you home, our home.

I remember the day when I picked you up and we were in Anna’s apartment. We were in her kitchen by the stove when she handed you to me, her hands trembling as were mine. The tears were streaming down her face because she knew she couldn’t take care of you. I was crying also because my heart was breaking for Anna. I remembered feeling so sad that Anna had to give you up to another woman, nearly a complete stranger. What a horrific, but loving decision she had to make that day.

What a journey you and I have had together. Even though I was in a marriage, in reality I was alone. Not having a family, mother and father were gone and I am the one who took the responsibility and you and I became a family. You shared in everything I did. You were a beautiful little boy so full of life and always so happy. You were never a cry baby and you were an absolute joy that filled my life. I think you had a sense of humor from the day you were born. You always made me smile as well as everyone around you. Everyone loved you almost as much as I did.

When you came into my life, you gave my life purpose. I didn’t have time to think about myself. You changed my life for the better and gave me a direction that I might have never taken had you not been my dearest Michael. I look back and have so many wonderful memories of you and me and the fun things we did together. Happy Birthday son!


Much love always,
Mom

The words in this letter touch on the love and appreciation all mothers have for their children, whether they

are theirs at birth or adopted by choice.

Congratulations to the following Streamwood residents who recently graduated with the following degrees

Tidbits...



By Rachel

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from the University of Wisconsin-Madison: Nisarg Patel, master of science-nuclear engineering and engineering physics, nuclear engineering and engineering physics; Andrew Som, master of accountancy, business: accounting.

Jack Pizzo will be doing his presentation “Bringing Nature to your Yard” at the Tri-Village Garden Club on Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park, Streamwood. Pizzo is an ecologist and landscape architect who can show how to combine native plants into our own backyards. A natural landscape is beautiful, attracts native insects, butterflies, songbirds, hummingbirds and other native wildlife. For additional information, please contact Wally Groble 497-1958 or Sandy Swenson 837-0281 or visit their web site at www.trivillagegardenclub.org/wordpress.



Connections
Poplar Creek Public Library

Life-Sized Board Games
Wednesday, Aug. 8 from 1 to 5 p.m.
Meeting Room 1

Teens-bring a friend and come play giant, life-sized board games! Register online or call 483-4928.

LinkedIn
Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 1 and 2 p.m.
Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

Come to the Branch Library in Hanover Park and learn how to create an account, customize and upload a photo to your profile, and more. Don’t have a photo? We’ll take one for you! A working email address is required. Register online or call the Branch Library at 372-3131.

Tween Science: Diver Dan
Thursday, Aug. 9 at 3 p.m.
Children’s Department

Join our group in making a scuba diver in a bottle. This simple and fun experiment teaches about density and how it impacts whether an object will float or sink. Register your tween online or call 482-4923.

Drop-in Craft: Handmade Cards
Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 1

The year is half over and a slew of holidays are heading your way! Stop by to make five cards, including one each for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other special events in your life. No Registration but sign-up at the door. Supplies are limited.

Kids Drop-in Craft at the Branch Library
Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Drop by the Branch Library in Hanover Park to make a fun take home craft. Ages three and up. No registration necessary-just stop by!

A&D American Veterans and Families Golf Outing is on Wednesday, Aug. 15 at Briggs Popular Creek Golf Course. Many sports celebrities are scheduled to attend including members of the NFL Retied Football Association, retired Chicago Cubs players and others. The event starts at 10 a.m. with registration. A banquet will be served after golf. There will also be prizes via a silent auction and raffles. Participants will be assisting handicapped veterans and their families and veterans wishing to go to Washington on honor flights. Call Fred Hossfeld at 550-5518 for more information on how to participate.

The Streamwood Womans Club will be hosting a Meet and Greet event at Panera Bread located at 971 W. Irving Park Road in Streamwood on Thursday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and club members will on hand to greet you and get you acquainted with some of the clubs events and activities. The Streamwood Womans Club has been in existence for over 50 years. They are a not for profit organization that is both a philanthropic organization as well as a social club. Please join this enthusiastic group of ladies to find out more about how you could get involved.

The 14th annual Golf Outing and Day of Beauty in support of the Ulta Beauty Charitable Foundation will be held on Monday, Aug. 20, at Twin Orchard Country Club in Long Grove. Funds raised by this event help organizations that enhance the education and well-being of women and their families, including the Breast Cancer

Research Foundation. For complete details and to register, please visit ultra.com/ubcf-golf-outing.

There’s still time to submit films to the 10th Annual Elgin Short Film Festival (ESFF) taking place at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin on Saturday, Sept. 22. The deadline for submission is Aug. 24. For a complete list of rules and regulations, and to download an application, go to: www.hemmens.org/annualfilmfestival. Tickets to the film screening are \$10 and may be purchased at the Hemmens box office, online at www.hemmens.org or by phone at 847-931-5900. The Hemmens Cultural Center is located at the corner of Symphony Way and North Grove Avenue in Elgin.

The Streamwood Choral Society is looking for crafters, artists, and vendors for the fourth annual Holiday Arts Extravaganza! Craft Fair taking place on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Streamwood High School. The craft fair supports the musical arts in Streamwood including high school scholarships, the Streamwood High School music department, and the Streamwood Children’s Choir. For more information go to hae18.eventbrite.com, email the Streamwood Choral Society at streamwoodchoralsociety@gmail.com, or call Nicole Hain at 847-207-8043.

Take time to give back to your local community by joining the Streamwood Woman’s Club. Enjoy fellowship with members who work on local philanthropic projects to help the community become a better place to live. They meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month, September through May, at the Streamwood Police Station. Membership is open to any woman who is 18 years and older. Not restricted to Streamwood residents. Contact Anita at 247-2359 for more information.

West Suburban Patriots Patriots Breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 until 11 a.m. at Wheaton Bowl banquet room in Wheaton. There is no charge to attend their meetings. An a la carte breakfast is available for a nominal fee. Wheaton Bowl is located at 2031 N. Gary Ave. For more details, see westsuburbanpatriots.com.


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Village Board approves new street sweeper

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 2, trustees voted unanimously in favor of a motion to allow the purchase of a 2018 Schwarze A9 Monsoon street sweeper on an Autocar chassis from R.N.O.W., Inc., of West Allis, Wisconsin for the public works department. R.N.O.W., Inc. was the low bidder at a cost of \$231,882. The highest bid received totaled \$263,939 (less trade in).

According to Director of Public Works Matt Mann, the 2018 budget included \$270,000 for the replacement of a street sweeper.

The sweeper being replaced is a 2006 model.

"The street sweeper is a machine that sweeps and vacuums pavement areas," said Mann.

He added that the machine is used year-round when temperatures are above freezing. Main also said that the sweeper not only helps keep the streets clean but also helps meet Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requirements by reducing debris and pollutant entry into the storm water system including pipes, creeks and ponds.

According to Mann, the sweeper is also used for the street paving program and the new machine should last for 10 to 15 years.

The public works department has assessed, analyzed and researched this piece of equipment over the last couple of years and obtained manufactur-

er's trial demonstrations, Mann said.

"Based on department needs we're recommending a 2018 Schwarze A9 Monsoon on an Autocar chassis to replace this vehicle," Mann said. "The price includes trade-in of the current sweeper, delivery, training, an extended three-year warranty and a lifetime warranty on the stainless-steel debris hopper."

Mann added that the hopper is a "tank that holds all the contaminants and debris we pick up so it gets very corroded and gets a lot of damage, so I'd certainly like to have a lifetime warranty on that."

According to Mann, this sweeper comes with features that will increase safety and efficiency including a larger debris hopper and water tanks, a camera system, safer maintenance features and additional safety lighting.

"You can watch the camera as you back up," Mann said.

The price was compared to other regional bids and purchasing cooperatives, Mann said. The National Joint Powers Alliance and Houston Galveston Area Counsel are public agencies that help members with purchases and the village is a member of both agencies.

Trustee Michael Baumer asked how much they are getting for the trade-in of the old sweeper and Mann answered, "We're getting \$40,000 on the trade-in."

According to Mann, the \$231,882 cost includes the \$40,000 trade-in deduction.

Summer Celebration deemed successful event

By Kristin Carreno

A discussion was held regarding the 2018 Summer Celebration during the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 2. Village President Billie Roth and Village Manager Sharon Caddigan lead a review. The event began on Friday, July 27 and ended on Sunday, July 29.

According to Caddigan, the event was a huge success.

"A sudden storm cut the end of the event short but did not dampen the fun," said Caddigan.

Caddigan said that on Friday the children's stage hosted a band challenge with "homegrown talent" to raise money for teen suicide prevention. They collected over \$1,200 for the cause.

Caddigan added that over 90 parade units dazzled and delighted the crowds on Saturday.

"The fire department drenched the brave on Sunday with its fire hose spray," Caddigan said.

"We had approximately 750 children

go through the fire department and fighter obstacle course. Everyone had a good time," added Fire Chief Chris Clark.

According to Chief of Police Daryl Syre, TOPS Kennel performed two police K-9 demonstration shows, one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

"I think the Sunday one was attended a little bit more strongly but everyone who was there fully enjoyed the demonstration," Syre said. "I agree it was a very successful fest."

According to Caddigan, she was thankful to all volunteers and service organizations that ran many of the games including Boy Scout Troop 199, Cub Scout Pack 49, Living Well Cancer Resource Center, Streamwood Culture Arts Academy, Streamwood Children's Choir and the Windy City Bulls.

"Great music, delicious food and all-around family fun made Summer Celebration 2018 our best fest yet," Caddigan said.

"Staff did a fabulous job," Roth said. "Thank you all very, very much."

Man arrested for having concealed weapon at school

On Sunday, Aug. 5, the Bartlett Police Department arrested Oscar A. Chavez, 45, 105 Mayfield Drive, Streamwood. He was charged with a class B misdemeanor for carrying a concealed weapon in a prohibited area.

At approximately 1:20 p.m. police responded to the parking lot of **Nature Ridge Elementary School** located at 1899 Westridge Blvd. A witness alleged Chavez displayed a handgun inside an ankle holster shortly after a soccer game dispute. Following an investigation, Bartlett police arrested Chavez for



Oscar A. Chavez

cated in Rolling Meadows.

allegedly carrying a concealed weapon in a prohibited area.

Chavez was released on a \$1,500 individual bond with an assigned court date of Monday, Sept. 13, at the Cook County court facility located in Rolling Meadows.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, KENOSHA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT H. HESPEL

Case No. 2018PR000163

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Special Administration (Formal Administration)

A Petition for Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth July 23, 1944 and date of death April 20, 2017 was domiciled in Kenosha County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 6737 102nd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The petition be heard at the Kenosha County Courthouse, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Room 117, before Judge Milisauskas, Court Official, on 9/21/2018 at 9:45 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

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BY THE COURT:

Electronically signed by Judge Anthony Milisauskas, Circuit Court Branch 4, Circuit Court Judge

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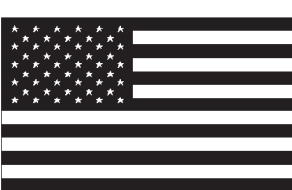
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U-46 Board discusses taxpayer funded junkets

By Seth Hancock
Should taxpayers in School District U-46 foot the bill for out-of-state junkets for private citizens?
Board member Jeanette Ward raised the issue regarding a trip to Nashville, Tennessee which included four members of the public, at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, July 23. Nancy Coleman, Alignment Collaborative for Education's (ACE) executive director, was one of the members of the public but she paid her own expenses.
Donna Smith, the board's president, later admitted during the discussion that it's been a longtime practice for U-46 to send private citizens on taxpayer funded excursions.
The other three members of the public included two Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) members and a second

ACE member.
Ward said she had just learned of the trip, which took place last September, in June via a social media post. Through a Freedom of Information Act request, *The Examiner* learned that U-46 sent 18 people on the trip at a taxpayer cost of at least \$28,719 (without any additional reimbursements included in the cost) for registration and airfare.
When Ward raised the issue during board member updates, she said: "In the future, when the district uses taxpayer funds to cover the costs of trips for individuals who are neither district employees nor elected officials, I propose that approval should be sought from the board."
The board initially continued with updates ignoring Ward's concern, but U-46 CEO Tony Sanders later said:

"That would be something the board could certainly consider, but I would take the guidance of the full board for that."
As the concern was not addressed Ward was forced to raise it again saying: "I think we should discuss that approval should be sought from the board if we're going to pay for travel for non-elected community members who are not employees of the district."
Board member Phil Costello agreed with Ward and suggested that the district hires staff partly to attend conferences and fact finding trips.
Sanders said: "Just to be transparent, we've had other incidents where we've paid parents for travel."
Smith said she's attended taxpayer funded trips as a CAC member prior to being elected to the board in 2001, and board member Sue Kerr said she went to Washington, D.C. on the taxpayers' dime as a CAC member which she called a "valuable experience."
"Sometimes it does, when we have a group like CAC who helps us work and make recommendations and everything on things, from a parent's point of view, it does help to be able to see and be a part of that experience," Smith said. She said her trip was for sightseeing: "It wasn't really a convention, and I don't think this was really a convention either, it was more seeing the sites for the (career) pathways."
Board member Melissa Owens said she didn't "mind having that conversation" on whether the board should approve such travel, but she said taxpayer funded jaunts are "invaluable when we talk about family engagement."
Ward said "I just think that it should come before the board," and Costello added: "I don't doubt that the experience of going down there for a parent, be it as involved as a CAC or even the board, is a valuable learning opportunity, but I don't think we'll get the same things out of it that a staff person

does."
"Yes, you're right," Smith said about Costello's comment regarding staff. "They do have the expertise. But the parent portion can be a totally different piece of information for the administrators"
The total cost of the Nashville trip exceeds the board's policy regarding contracts. Code 4.060 states that all "contracts for supplies, materials or work involving expenditure in excess of \$25,000" must receive board approval.
In 2016, the board updated the district's travel guidelines to align with state law which required all travel by elected board members to be approved at a "properly convened open meeting."
The eight-page travel policy references mostly staff and/or employees in its travel standards which has only one section near the end titled "Travel for non-employees" which states: "Additional costs for travel, lodging, meals or other travel expenses for spouses or other family members will not be reimbursed. Travel requests for District-related business by non-U-46 employees must be pre-approved by the Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent or designee."
The Examiner did question the district to ask if when taxpayer's funds have gone towards travel expenses for private citizens, could any taxpayer request to attend the trip or only certain members of the public invited by the district from groups such as the CAC?
"I have not done a complete review but am only aware of U-46 parents invited by District administration to support District research and study aimed to benefit students and support our mission and strategic plan," said Mary Fergus, director of communication.
Fergus added: "These invitations are based on evidence of long-term and ongoing interest and engagement in District work."

Board ratifies change to impoundment ordinance



The Elgin headquarters of Artie's Towing, the company that performs towing services for the village. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

By Kristin Carreno
At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 2, trustees voted unanimously in approval of an ordinance to amend vehicle impoundment regulations.
According to Village Attorney Thomas Bastian, the village previously adopted an ordinance authorizing the towing and impoundment of motor vehicles used during the commission of certain criminal offenses. That ordinance was approved pursuant to the village's home-rule authority.
Bastian added that a section of the Illinois vehicle code was amended and the code now mandates that should the village's administrative hearing officer determine the village exceeded its authority in the impoundment of a motor vehicle, the village will now be liable to the owner or lessee of that vehicle for the cost of vehicle storage and

reasonable attorney fees.
According to Bastian, the towing of vehicles is part of the current contract the village has with Artie's Towing, Inc.
"Our practice was not to charge storage fees to any car if a vehicle impoundment was determined improper," said Bastian. "The amendment to the ordinance is necessary to comply with changes to state law."
The fees towing and storage all go to the towing agency.
"The village does not collect any of the tow or storage fees charged to the owner of any vehicle towed," Sayre said.
While the village will also periodically require vehicles to be towed for certain parking infractions, according to Bastian, that is part of a separate ordinance that was not impacted by the board approved amendment.

Streamwood Womens Club to hold Aug. 29 fundraiser

The Streamwood Womens Club has announced the August Dining for Dollars event. It will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at Georgio's located in the Arboretum of South Barrington, 100 W. Higgins Road, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Georgio's is considered a casual Italian spot with pizza, pasta and sandwiches, plus a bar with TV in a tavern environment. Attendees may either dine in or carryout and Georgio's will donate 20 percent of all sales to the Streamwood Womens Club fundraising efforts.

All of the club's fundraising efforts for the 2018-2019 year will benefit local community organizations such as the Hanover Township Food Pantry, Hanover Township Open Gym Program, the Streamwood Police Department D.A.R. E. program and the Streamwood High School drama department/AV technical equipment.
All attending are required to bring a flyer with them. For more information regarding the flyer or for answers to any other questions, please contact Annette at 289-7743.



Pictured, left to right, Marion Janiec, Betty Pelikan, JoAnne Linsell, Naomi Walters Lenoci, Chris Cannella (standing), Carol Frykman and Annette Porro. (Courtesy photo)

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