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Girls volleyball: South Elgin keeps UEC title hopes alive

By John Lemon



South Elgin's Hayley Fisher, center, hits the ball over the net as Bartlett's Anna Monson, left, and Emily Baggot block during the Storm's win at Bartlett on Wednesday evening.

South Elgin's volleyball team is on the verge of an impressive first.

In the 14 years the school has been open, the Storm have never won a conference championship.

With a 25-17, 25-10 win at Bartlett on Wednesday night, South Elgin improved to 21-8 overall and 8-0 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

The win sets up a showdown with Glenbard East, also 8-0 in conference and 23-5 overall, for the Upstate Eight title next Tuesday on the Storm's home court.

"Last year we came so close so it would be a lot of fun to win this year," Storm senior Kendal Richardson said. "Tonight wasn't our best volleyball we ever played. We'll have to bring it on Tuesday."

Second place in the Upstate Eight Valley a year ago, South Elgin has 8 seniors back from that squad looking to bring home the elusive title.

"We are so excited to be playing on our home court next Tuesday for that big of match," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach, a Larkin graduate. "We have never been conference champs, it's never happened for girls volleyball. It's going to be a very fun match on Tuesday."

South Elgin started slow against the Hawks (16-9, 5-3).

Despite leading throughout the first set, Plach wasn't happy with the number of mistakes. Hayley Fisher did put away 6 of her match-high 12 kills.

"We always want to make sure we beat Bartlett," Fisher said. "It's always one of our best games when we play them."

Fisher's kill gave the Storm a 19-12 lead. Storm coach Bob Schwantz called his second timeout, but Angie Negron and McKayla Geraghty followed with blocks to make it 21-12.

Bartlett's Morgan Myers put away 3 of her 4 kills late in the first set before the Hawks hit wide for the final point.

"Serve-receive was shaky tonight, our hitting seemed off at times, our blocking seemed to be a step late almost every time," Schwantz said. "Then you look at their side of the net and there's someone there every time at least getting a touch. That hurts. They are a good team."

Bartlett led briefly in the second set, the final time at 4-3.

Fischer added 10 digs and had help from Rylee Pompa and Negron with 4 kills, Richardson (10 assists, 3 kills), Anna Skrzpachak (16 assists), Emily Wellman (11 digs) and Geraghty (12 digs).

Richardson ended the match with aces on the final two points.

"It wasn't one girl in particular, everybody made an error (in the first set)," Plach said. "We told them we have to work on communication a little more. They are just naturally quiet kids so trying to pull that communication out of them is sometimes kind of hard. They realize the importance of communication so we are working on that the next two weeks."

"Bartlett plays hard volleyball. They are scrappy. They go for balls. I tell my girls you have to play to the whistle. There were a couple times they started celebrating and the ball wasn't down."

Sam Martino (12 digs), Myers (6 digs), Dakota Johnson (7 assists), Maddie Hankins (6 assists, 3 kills), Ava Anagnostopoulos (3 kills) and Emily Baggot (3 kills) led the Hawks, who improved from a recent loss to the Storm when they scored 24 points.

Bartlett returns to the court Thursday for senior night against Glenbard North.

"I told the girls you tried your best, they beat you, now move on and play for the seniors tomorrow," Schwantz said. "Hopefully they can rise up and put everything together. Our goal now is fourth place in conference."

Bartlett will need to beat Elgin next week to do that.

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Boys golf: Dynamic duo takes Geneva to new heights

By Craig Brueske



Geneva's Tyler Isenhardt chips at the South Elgin boys golf seccional in Bartlett on Monday.



Like teammate Tyler Isenhart, Jack McDonald is a four-time state qualifier for the Vikings.

Individually, Tyler Isenhart and Jack McDonald own a laundry list of accomplishments on the golf course.

Together, they have helped raise Geneva's golf team to new heights the past four seasons.

Prior to their arrival, the Vikings had advanced to the state tournament once in school history -- placing fifth in Class A competition in 1989.

This weekend, the Vikings will make their fourth consecutive trip to the Class 3A state tournament in Bloomington as a result of Monday's second-place team finish in the South Elgin sectional held at Bartlett Hills.

Isenhart placed sixth with a 2-over-par 73 while McDonald added a 77 as the Vikings' No. 2 scorer.

Geneva coach Eric Hatzel admitted watching Isenhart and McDonald tee it up in this weekend's state gathering at The Den at Fox Creek has a little extra special personal meaning.

"It's a bittersweet thing," said Hatzel, whose teams have placed 7th, 6th, and 12th at state the last three years. "On one hand, it's like, 'gosh, what a bummer' thinking about it being the last week working with them.

"The exciting part is that there is still a lot yet to be accomplished."

Isenhardt, who claimed back-to-back regional individual titles, will try to improve upon his back-to-back third-place state finishes this weekend.

Another top-3 showing would cap what already has been an amazing year for the 17-year-old senior.

This past summer, Isenhardt qualified for both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, advancing to the Round of 64 (match play) in the latter event held at Baltusrol Golf Club in New Jersey.

In addition to his U.S. Amateur appearance in mid-August at famed Pebble Beach Golf Links, Isenhardt captured his first American Junior Golf Association title with a 3-day total of 2-under-par 214 at the Memorial Junior in Ohio this past June.

He added a runner-up showing (9-under-par 207) at the Circle K Junior Championship held in July in Columbus, Ind., and finished 17th at the Western Junior Championship held in Skokie last June.

"It was crazy to play on two major championship golf courses," Isenhardt said of Baltusrol and Pebble Beach, which have combined to host 12 U.S. Open Championships.

Isenhardt, who played baseball as a youth, started playing golf seriously as a 7th grader.

"I like that golf is an individual sport -- the work that you put in you get out," he said. "I also like the team aspect."

McDonald, who began playing golf at the age of 6 with his dad at Geneva Golf Club, lists basketball as his first love.

For good reason.

During his first varsity season as a sophomore, McDonald broke the school's single-season assist mark (168 -- regular season) as the Vikings won 28 of 31 games.

Last year as a junior, the 5-foot-11 point guard averaged 15 points per game and became the Vikings' career assist leader -- at midseason.

This weekend, however, McDonald will focus on the smaller dimpled ball.

"I have really enjoyed golf these past four years," said McDonald. "I put a lot of time into golf this summer, playing rounds with my friends and working on my short game. I think it has shown."

Earlier this season, the Vikings established a new 9-hole scoring mark with their 8-under-par 132 during a match against Lake Park and Wheaton Warrenville South.

Naturally, Isenhardt (2 eagles) and McDonald (5 birdies) led the way with 4-under-par 31s.

"Their attitudes are so great," said Hatzel. "Tyler kind of drives the talent while Jack is such a true competitor. Jack thrives being around Tyler, and he has a competitive skill set that pushes Tyler as well."

At first glance, Isenhardt and McDonald are not imposing figures.

Don't let that fool you.

"Even as freshmen, they were two smaller-type guys who could bang it down the fairway," said the coach. "Both of them are sneaky long players who are mentally tough."

"We were at LaSalle-Peru a week ago and Jack went for the green off the tee on a par-4 hole," said Hatzel. "They can both put it out there pretty far."

Both players respect each other's games and are friends on and off the course.

"We're real good friends," said Isenhardt, who will continue his golf career at Baylor next fall. "Jack is a very competitive person."

"I first started hearing about Tyler in 7th grade," said McDonald, who remains uncommitted on his college basketball future. "His consistency is amazing. He shows up locked in at every tournament. We're good friends. He's usually sitting in the front row at our basketball games."

Hatzel realizes his good fortune to have had Isenhardt and McDonald around for the past 4 seasons -- this year supported by Nathan Dalton, Will Klaus, Quin McNeive and Joe Novak, among others.

"They're great teammates," he said. "They all offer great support for each other."

Support that will continue this weekend in Bloomington.

"Tyler and I were talking this summer about really wanting to finish the deal (at state)," said McDonald. "That was our goal."

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Committee hears series of petitioner proposals

By Seth Hancock

Three proposals concerning building and zoning are moving forward in their respective processes as the Village Board of Trustees heard the proposals at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Included was a petitioner, Dan and Shawn Andre, seeking a site plan review and special use permit in order to build a car wash at 1255 West Lake Street which is on the south side of the street according to a memo from Jim Plonczynski, now retired community development director.

The car wash would be built on a 2.88 acre piece of land and includes "a tunnel wash with accompanying vacuums," according to Plonczynski. A 5,500 square foot building would be built, the tallest portion being 33 feet, 5 inches but with an average height of 19 feet, 6 inches which meets current village regulations.

A curb cut is also being requested, but approval would have to come from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

There are residential neighbors to the south which the petitioners plan to build a wood fence as a buffer.

Plonczynski added: "The Petitioner has designed the carwash to keep the dryer portion of the tunnel wash furthest away from the residential use to the south. In addition, the central vacuum mechanical unit, located adjacent to the trash enclosure on the south east side of the property, would be screened on all four sides and have a metal roof matching the building and vacuum canopies. The arched vacuums located along the east side of the building would contain no motors but would be run from the central vacuum system."

The car wash expects to have three employees on site while operating and has its expected hours of operation to be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Another proposal from petitioner James Earley is seeking a special use permit in order to sell wine as part of a wine club at Moretti's at 1175 W. Lake Street.

"We would like to sell bottles of wine in the original package via a wine club at Moretti's," Earley wrote in a letter to the village. "The membership would include wine tastings to

monthly members at the bar. Members would be able to receive featured bottles of wine monthly at a discount that we would serve to them at their table or the bar. They also have the opportunity to take their bottles home."

Details are still being worked on for the membership according to Earley but they are hoping to have the club ready to go at all Moretti's locations by the start of November in advance of the Christmas season.

Both proposals will be moving on to the Plan Commission with general agreement from the board.

Moving on for a vote by the board at its next meeting is an annexation request by petitioner Samprati Shah for the Jain Society located on the east

side of Illinois Route 59.

"No improvements will be made to this property at this time and therefore no annexation agreement or public hearing is required," Plonczynski wrote in a memo. "Staff will notify the appropriate government agencies of the annexation."

Plonczynski added: "The Petitioner has future plans to connect the driveway on this lot to their existing access drive on the adjacent site to the north. A building permit will be required at that time. The Petitioner has stated during the winter months their current access drive becomes very icy due to its steep grade and would rather use this alternative path, when needed."

Apparent lightning strike ignites fire at village home



Fountain Grass Circle home apparently struck by lightning. (Courtesy photo)

On Friday, Oct. 5, at 10:02 p.m., the Bartlett Fire District was called to a report of a house struck by lightning and on fire in the 100 block of Fountain Grass Circle in Bartlett. The first fire district crews arrived on the scene at 10:06 p.m. and reported smoke from the second-floor roof.

The first fire crews pulled a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire from the interior, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant. Firefighters also searched the building for any trapped occupants. Firefighters had to open walls and ceilings in the affected room to expose the fire for extinguishment. The fire was declared under control at 10:17 p.m. and firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and perform salvage and overhaul activities.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which left the build-

ing habitable. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by the fire district investigators.

The fire was fought by 27 firefighters, staffing three fire engines, two ladder trucks, and two ambulances which responded to the scene along with four command officers and one fire investigator. Units from the South Elgin, Hanover Park and Streamwood fire departments were among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. Bartlett Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The Bartlett Fire District reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment or a condominium. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire.



Quarterback sack

Bartlett's Spencer Konstanz, left and Brenden Gran, right, sacking Larkin quarterback Jaxon Aubry on during the Hawks two-day victory over the Royals. For story and more photos see page 11.

(Examiner photo by Caroline Hollis)

Fire Protection Dist. to hold annual open house Oct. 13

The Bartlett Fire Protection District will be hosting its annual open house event on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The event will be at Fire Station 1, 234 North Oak Ave., in the village.

The fire district's fire prevention week theme this year is "close before you doze." According to Underwriters Laboratories Firefighter Safety Research Institute, closing your bedroom door could save your life. Fire is getting faster, so if you can get out, get out. But if you can't, a closed

door could make a life-saving difference.

The fire district will have a live fire demonstration that shows the difference a closed bedroom door can make in holding back a fire's heat. In tests, an open door room reached dangerous temperatures of over 1000 degrees while a closed door room stayed under 100 degrees

Other events will include a vehicle extrication demonstration, guided station tours, hands-on displays, Sparky the Fire Dog, food and more!

Pet of the Week



Alex on the prowl for a new home

Four-year-old Alex was owner surrendered due to the arrival of a baby in he's previous household. He is the happiest of boys and has been making loads of new friends at the shelter. Alex is ready for a forever family that he can call his own! A family that enjoys cuddle time on the couch and providing tasty snacks would be best. Alex is neutered, up-to-date on vaccines and ready for a new home. For more information call 630-407-2800 or email animalserVICES@dupageco.org. (Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

BEDA request surfaces for use at Bartlett Plaza

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees heard from the second applicant of the newly created Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) program at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Manny Rafidia is seeking \$50,000, the maximum allowed, from the BEDA program as part of a renovation project to a 31,860 square foot vacant space at the Bartlett Plaza that Bartlett Fresh Market previously occupied.

BEDA offers tax dollars to new or existing businesses for projects such as interior build-out or compliance issues, and business owners would spend the money for the projects up front and be reimbursed by the village taxpayers. It was created this year with a \$150,000 line item in the current budget.

The request came on the same night that the board approved the first ever BEDA application during the regular board meeting portion by a 5-0 vote, Trustee Vince Carbonaro was absent.

The application was from Ajay Tantuwaya for \$25,000 to help open the village's first Indian restaurant, Indian Express in the Westgate Commons shopping plaza. Tantuwaya plans on opening the restaurant by Nov. 7.

For Rafidia, he is a shopping center owner in several area communities and he typically purchases and improves distressed properties and those with high vacancy rates," according to a memo from Tony Fradin, economic development coordinator.

Fradin said that Bartlett Plaza is "one of the larger and older shopping centers" and the vacant space is the "longest-term vacancy" in the village.

"Bartlett Plaza has been on the mar-

ket for several years and, although several potential purchasers have pursued the property, it has not transacted and remains available for purchase," according to Fradin.

Fradin said the space needs improvements to meet code requirements and to beautify the shopping center, and he said Rafidia has a \$2 million budget for renovating the space.

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya said she felt the BEDA program funds would go to small businesses, and she asked: "How does this specifically meet the criteria set with the BEDA process?"

Fradin said helping small businesses was a "big aspect" to the program, but there was "never any limitations based on the size and the scope of the project." He said the hope of the BEDA program was to bring in tax-generating and job creating businesses.

Trustee Adam Hopkins asked if the \$2 million included the purchase price to which Fradin said "that's in addition to the purchase price." Rafidia said his philosophy is "fix it first and then get in the tenant."

Trustee Aaron Reinke asked if there was a closing date on the property and Rafidia said "from now, three months."

Village President Kevin Wallace asked if the BEDA program was "part of the decision making process" to purchase the property. Rafidia said no but "anything can help."

Fradin said a third BEDA application, for \$15,000, is still pending and the village is "working with an applicant for next month" as well. He said the \$150,000 line item must be spent in this fiscal year.

Rafidia's request is expected to come forward for a vote at the next meeting.

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New member
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Anant Sheth attends Kenyon Woods Middle School where his favorite subject is science. He enjoys being outside, likes to play video games and build model cars. He is also involved in robotics. Sheth will be delivering on Cedarfield and Norwich. (Examiner photo)

Split U-46 vote supports use of online resource

By **Seth Hancock**

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved, via a split vote, a \$48,676 expenditure with Learning A to Z for a supplemental online resource at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 1.

The vote was 4-2, board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no while John Devereux was absent. Ward said the resource was “riddled” with one-sided materials on controversial issues.

The resource will be paid for by the nation’s taxpayers through Title I funds and the purchase was for 15 Title I schools that “budgeted for online access to the Learning A to Z platforms as part of their Title I budget plans,” the proposal stated.

“Learning A to Z includes leveled readers which can be printed and sent home and online resources in English and Spanish,” the proposal adds. “This will increase student access to leveled text.”

Ward expressed her opposition to the resource prior to the meeting with multiple social media posts with examples of biased materials on climate change and religious matters.

Resident Tina Rio spoke during public comments agreeing with Ward’s stance saying “I don’t think you’re providing the kids a good service by teaching them one-sided curriculum” and added that U-46 should seek resources that are “more inclusive so they can think more critically for themselves.”

Ward said: “The curriculum resource Learning A to Z presents anthropogenic global warming as undisputed fact.... There are serious and credible scientific debates on this topic. Scientists, and there are plenty, who disagree with anthropogenic climate change are not flat-earthers as some would suggest. Students ought to be presented with the evidence and discussion on both sides of this issue.”

A booklet titled “Holidays Around the World” is included in the resource that Ward said does not mention the birth of Jesus Christ in its portion on Christmas and does not mention the Easter holiday, but it does include holidays from other religions such as the Muslim holiday of Ramadan.

Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, later said that booklet “wasn’t a deep introspective review of holidays from a religious standpoint but was about traditions” and said the holidays represented were from November to March which is why Easter wouldn’t be included. Easter generally falls in April but has fallen in March as well.

The resource also included a text on Saladin, a Muslim military leader in the 12th century, which Ward said presents a biased view of Islam. Ward, on social media, included a refutation to the Saladin text from Sandra Alfonsi who Ward said has multiple degrees, including a PhD from Catholic University of America in French and languages, and “she has spent the past 25 years reviewing, correcting and vetting US textbooks.”

Alfonsi wrote: “It is my opinion that the article ‘Saladin’ is a deceptively innocuous text that misleads students and indoctrinates them. It uses Saladin, the ‘bigger than life’ Islamic warrior to whitewash Islam, eliminating all traces of Jihad and also Shari’a Law.”

Board member Melissa Owens asked for an overview of Learning A to Z which Shrode said it’s a supplemental resource “to bring the curriculum to life.”

Shrode said there are over 3,500 titles included in the resource, which she later admitted there has likely been no

“exhaustive review” by anyone in U-46 of all of the titles, and she said its most often used in the district for “access to additional print material in Spanish” for “extra practice.” Shrode said the resource has never gone in front of an instructional council.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said parent groups and other schools in the district have purchased the resource for their school.

Regarding the Saladin text, Owens called it a “50,000-foot level story” and “I’m not clear how reading something at a 50,000-foot level that isn’t designed to be a detailed analysis of a historical figure, I’m not sure how that qualifies as indoctrinating a child.”

Owens added: “Words matter. We have a significant number of students in this district that are from the Islamic faith. I want you all to know that you are valued, you are fully welcomed here and that you all deserve the utmost respect regarding your family, your culture and your belief system.”

Regarding climate change theories, Owens said students should be presented with one-sided resources: “We need to put this concept out there because this is what the scientific consensus says. There is not a national body or an international scientific body that opposes anthropogenic climate change theory.”

Ward later said “taxpayers are still paying for these resources” and “the relevant facts regarding Saladin are biased and incorrect.” She said her “biggest objection” was “the plethora of anthropogenic global warming resources” which she said there were at least 20 to 30 titles of one-sided resources on that subject.

“There is no consensus,” Ward said. “The scientists do not agree. The 97 percent scientists agree is a complete farce. It’s not true at all. We ought to be presenting both sides.”

The “97 percent” claim stems from a 2013 study by Australian scientist John Cook of just under 12,000 peer-reviewed papers which Cook concluded “97 percent” say “humans are responsible” for global warming.

The Cook finding has been widely disputed, even among many of the scientists included in the study who have said their papers were misrepresented by Cook. David Legates, a professor at University of Delaware where he previously headed the Center for Climatic Research, reviewed the same papers from Cook’s study and found at that only 1 percent of the 4,014 papers that expressed an opinion came to the conclusion that Cook came to.

Owens did not provide a standard for what a scientific body is, but the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine has a petition signed by over 31,000 scientists which states: “There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the earth’s atmosphere and disruption of the earth’s climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the earth.”

Ward has on multiple occasions voted against curriculum and resource proposals that she’s called biased. Costello has occasionally joined Ward in voting no but more often has voted yes on such proposals as he said he tends to “remove myself from these discussions” because he trusts those choosing the resources, but “what I

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Hawks edge Falcons 1-0 off late free kick goal

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team got a win in the clutch as the Hawks defeated Wheaton North 1-0 in nonconference play on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

With just 15:28 left in the game, Carlos Alfaro setup for a free kick at the top of the box and found the top left corner of the net for the game's only goal.

To that point the Hawks had just one

shot on goal in the game. For the game, Bartlett was edged 9-6 for total shots but its attack produced a 4-2 advantage for corner kick attempts.

"We didn't have any options, any concrete chances," Alfaro said. "So when I was setting up for the kick I knew that it was the game right there."

While Alfaro was able to produce the only offense needed, Bartlett's defense of Austin Cichon, Nico Gomez, Sebastian Gonzalez and Zander Zamora helped produce the win in the back.

Bartlett goalie Jeremy Taylor finished with five saves, his last coming in the final minute of play when he made an initial

stop. Wheaton North did get a second chance on a deflection which went over the net.

"I think that our defense has been our strong point all season," Taylor said. "We're just executing our defensive plan well."

"We were just playing simpler," said Bartlett assistant coach Vince Revak. "We were covering for each other, marking our guys well. We're just smarter defensively overall right now."

Bartlett opened the week with a 3-1 loss to Larkin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Monday, Oct. 1 at Bartlett. Rudy Reyes scored for the Hawks off a Brandon Palid assist.

Against West Aurora, the Hawks finished in a 1-1 UEC

tie on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Bartlett. Omar Chavez scored off a Matthew Tobin feed, and Taylor made eight saves.

West Aurora entered that game leading the UEC, but Elgin clinched the league title later in the week.

Bartlett is now 6-10-3 overall, 2-4-2 in the UEC, as it enters the final week of regular season play. The Hawks will open postseason this Saturday as No. 18 Bartlett travels to No. 16 Willowbrook for the quarterfinal of the Wheaton Academy Regional.



While engaging in a physical contest, Bartlett's Hernan Garcia, left, and the Falcons' Leo De La Torre, battle for possession of the ball, a battle won by Garcia during the Hawks 1-0 win over the Falcons. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Bartlett's Nicolas Gomez, left, and Wheaton North's Alex Beausoleil tracking the ball along a sideline.



The Hawks' Sebastian Gonzalez following up on an elevated ball after playing it off his body as he seized control along a sideline against the Falcons.

Storm edged by Sabres during busy 1-2-1 week

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team rallied but came up short in a 2-1 loss to Streamwood in an Upstate Eight Conference match on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at South Elgin.

Streamwood scored twice late in the first half for a 2-0 lead, but South Elgin started to pressure in the second half eventually leading to a goal by Jose Rangel with 12:37 left to play. That goal was setup by the attack of Victor Chagoya and Anthony Sisler.

Although they didn't find the equalizer, the Storm had their chances especially in the final 30 seconds when Jack McCall setup a quality opportunity for several Storm players in front of the net including a shot by Chagoya.

"I think we played much better than we have been playing," Rangel said. "We gave it our all."

Starting goalie Christian Andrew (six saves) was injured early but later returned to the game, and Zack Juszko (six saves) split time in front of the net. Lucas Reutimann also had a potential goal-saving play on defense early in the second half.

"The boys did great," said South Elgin coach Simon Brinklow. "Defensively they did a good

job and offensively they created some chances. Both goalkeepers did a good job."

South Elgin was coming off a 5-3 nonconference loss against Neuqua Valley on Monday, Oct. 1 at Neuqua Valley.

Daniel Quintana scored off a Jacob Zupan assist for an early 1-0 lead. The host evened the score by halftime and later took a 3-1 lead before Reutimann found the net to pull to 3-2, and later down 5-2 Quintana fed Rangel for the final goal of the game.

The Storm did go onto finish in a 2-2 tie against nonconference foe Glenbard North to snap an eight-game losing streak on Thursday, Oct. 4 at Glenbard North.

Down 2-1 with 12:38 left to play, Sisler netted the equalizer off a McCall assist. McCall gave the Storm a 1-0 lead off a Sisler feed in the first half, and the Storm finished with eight shots on goal while Juszko (three saves) and Andrew (three saves) split time as keepers.

"I thought they all played well even though we didn't walk away with a win," Brinklow said. "We scored first, created many chances, were a little unlucky at times."

South Elgin finished the week with a 1-0 UEC loss to Glenbard East on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Glenbard East.

The Storm are now 1-13-2 overall, 0-8 in the UEC. Although winless since their season opening win, South Elgin's offense has been picking up as it prepares for the Huntley Regional where the No. 18 Storm opens this Friday against No. 16 Huntley in the quarterfinals.

"We just talked about building on the positives," Brinklow said. "In the postseason, anything can happen."



Despite a diving effort, South Elgin keeper Zack Juszko was unable to stop a shot that put Streamwood on the board with a 1-0 lead.



Josh Taboda, left, of Streamwood and Jack McCall of the Storm in an elevated competition to execute a header. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Bartlett perseveres in toppling Larkin 29-6

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team earned playoff eligibility on senior day completing a two-day win over Larkin in a 29-6 Upstate Eight Conference game ending on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Millennium Field in Streamwood. The game started on Friday night at Bartlett before weather forced a suspension.

Most of the game was played Friday night as Bartlett led 22-6 later in the third quarter when the game was postponed to Saturday. For the two days, senior Nick Deckard ran for 127 yards including a six-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and senior quarterback Jonah O'Brien (10-

for-20, 111 yards) threw two TDs.

"(Deckard's) such a tough runner, and he's so hard to take down," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "Also, our wide receivers are stepping up and not dropping balls like at the beginning of the season."

Clinging to a one-point lead late in the second quarter, the Hawks scored twice in a matter of seconds. O'Brien threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Rivelli and Tony DeRosa had a 30-yard interception return for a TD on the first play of Larkin's subsequent possession.

The final score of the game and only score on Saturday was a fourth quarter touchdown pass by

O'Brien to Alec Palella for seven yards. Paige Bednarke was 2-for-2 on extra point kicks, and the Hawks converted a pair of two-point conversions.

Larkin did have a chance to get back into the game as it started Saturday with first-and-goal trailing 22-6 with over a minute left in the third quarter, but Bartlett's defense kept the visitors out with one of senior Spencer Konstanzer's two sacks eventually forcing a turnover on downs.

Bartlett is now 5-2 overall and in the UEC. The Hawks will face South Elgin (6-1) and Streamwood (1-6) as they seek to clinch an automatic playoff berth over the final two weeks.



Bartlett's Jonah O'Brien in the process of handing the ball off to teammate Spencer Konstanzer.



The Hawks' Tyler Rivelli on a carry in the third quarter on Friday, Oct. 4.



Larkin's Angel Garcia being pulled down by Bartlett's Jack Wallace.



Bartlett's Mathew Young breaking away down the field during the third quarter against Larkin.
(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)

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Local Girl Scouts spearhead creation of new patch

Girl Scout Troop 570, of Bartlett, Illinois, has announced creation of Born, Built, Grown, an earned patch program in support of the Illinois Bicentennial, officially endorsed by Illinois Bicentennial, Office of the Governor. Girl Scouts from all over Illinois will now be able to complete requirements to earn the patch which will celebrate Illinois' 200th birthday.

"We're thrilled Girl Scout Troop 570 has chosen the Illinois Bicentennial as a patch program," said Stuart Layne, Executive Director, Illinois Bicentennial. "It's a unique and fun way for Girl Scouts statewide to learn about our state's rich history and celebrate what is born, built and grown in Illinois."

The idea for an earned patch program began when Andrea Kohl, one of the troop's co-leaders, attended a bicentennial event where the governor issued a challenge to community groups to show pride in the state through #IllinoisProud and the Illinois Bicentennial. She took the news back to the troop where the girls made it their own.

The girls knew they wanted to create an inclusive patch all Girl Scouts in Illinois could earn. They brainstormed, researched, and compromised as they wrote patch requirements. They visited www.illinois200.com to explore the bicentennial themes and studied Illinois' unique mix of history, cultures, agriculture, and architecture.

"The girls saw this as an opportunity to connect with Girl Scouts from all over the state," said Troop 570 Co-leader, Karen Sanders.

According to Sanders, the girls' favorite part was learning about all the silly laws, such as in Chicago you may not fish while sitting on a giraffe's neck. She says they especially enjoyed reading how many different United States presidents are connected to Illinois and how the state has played a

crucial part in the history of the nation. "Because they've mostly been raised in cities, they had to dig deep to learn more about their state's rural areas and found that information really interesting," Sanders said of the girls' commitment to including all areas of the state in the patch requirements.

Lauren Kohl and Katie Sanders have been Girl Scouts since kindergarten with Bridget Benson and Sara Regan joining the troop in second grade. All the girls are now sophomores in high school. As the girls have grown, they've taken leadership opportunities through Girl Scouts, including becoming certified Program Aides and Counselors-in-Training who work with younger girls. This helped the girls as they created patch requirements for Girl Scout Daisies, girls in kindergarten, all the way through Girl Scout Ambassadors in 12th grade.

"It was important to them that the patch be available to all girls, at any age level," Sanders said. "We're very proud of them, seeing them want to connect with other girls and other lifestyles in other parts of the state. They are different girls with different interests, and they joined together to make this happen. Something they did around the dining room table now has a statewide impact."

The girls will continue work on the earned patch program, corresponding and sending patches to girls who complete the requirements. They'll also be using what they've learned to begin work on their Girl Scout Gold Award projects this year. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout may earn. The girls have previously earned the highest awards for their Girl Scout levels, the Girl Scout Bronze Award and the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Illinois Girl Scouts can find requirements to Born, Built, Grown at <https://tinyurl.com/ycrqu39w>.



Troop 570. from left to right: Katie Sanders, Bridget Benson, Sara Regan and Lauren Kohl. (Courtesy photo)

South Elgin volleyball tops Glenbard South, Tomcats

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team remained undefeated in the Upstate Eight Conference, now 7-0, and reached the 20-win milestone, now 20-8 overall, with a pair of league wins.

The Storm defeated Glenbard South 22-25, 26-24, 25-23 on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Glenbard South. They went on to add a 25-13, 25-9 victory over East Aurora on Thursday, Oct. 4 at South Elgin.

As has been the case most of the season, the Storm saw plenty of contributions from their deep roster in both victories.

"This year there are eight seniors and one junior," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "Every girl on the team has a lot of volleyball experience through high school and club."

Plach added: "The girls are very

skilled at volleyball but what makes this team competitive is their volleyball intelligence. They all see open holes in the court when hitting and can place the ball in those spots."

Hayley Fisher (nine kills, nine digs, two blocks, two aces), Kendall Richardson (seven kills, 12 digs, 10 assists, ace), Angie Negron (six kills, seven digs, two aces), Rylee Pompa (four kills, two blocks), Anna Skrzypchak (13 assists, six digs, ace), McKayla Geraghty (12 digs) and Emily Wellman (10 digs, ace) led against Glenbard South.

Against East Aurora, the Storm was led by Fisher (13 kills, ace), Pompa (six kills, two blocks), Negron (three kills, three aces), Richardson (13 assists, four aces), Skrzypchak (five assists, ace), Wellman (13 digs, three aces) and Geraghty (nine digs).

Opioid overdose training available Wednesday, Oct. 10

The DuPage Narcan Program (DNP) and Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District are offering a free overdose prevention training on Wednesday, Oct. 10, to learn about the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, how to use the lifesaving antidote Narcan, and more. The training will begin at 5:45 p.m. at Benedictine University, Room 317 Goodwin Hall, 5700 College Road, Lisle. Registration is required.

Those who complete the training will have the option to receive a free dose of Narcan, and learn about the community resources available, including information about using the DuPage County Rx Box program to dispose of medication, the Illinois Helpline for

Opioids and Other Substances, and support groups.

Community-based training on recognizing signs of an overdose and administering Narcan is an expansion goal of the DuPage Narcan Program (DNP).

To register, please Go to: <https://conta.cc/2MsEzUC>.

This event is made possible by funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention & Recovery.

For more information, please call the DuPage County Health Department at 221-7572 or visit the website: <https://hopedupage.org/increase-overdose-response/dupage-narcan-program/dnp-training/>.

County Election Commission releases early voting information

The DuPage County Election Commission is informing the voting public that early voting for the Nov. 6 General Election began on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the DuPage County Election Commission Office located on the first floor of the Administration Building in the DuPage County Government Campus at 421 North County Farm Road in Wheaton.

Voters will be able to vote at other early voting polling places conveniently located throughout the county beginning Monday, Oct. 22 to Nov. 5. Please refer to the early voting schedule to find a convenient location.

If any resident has changed their name or address, they may update

their voter's registration by Tuesday, Oct. 9, or by utilizing grace period voting and registration. Two forms of identification are needed to register to vote; at least one form must display a current residential address.

Grace period voting will begin at the DuPage County Election Commission Office on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Extended grace period registration and voting will begin on Monday, Oct. 22 at our early voting polling places. Grace period registration and voting will continue on Nov. 6, at Election Day polling places. In addition, the DuPage Election Commission will also be open for grace period registration and voting.

Tidbits

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Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Bartlett Log Cabin located at North Avenue and Oak Street at 7 p.m. We are looking for veterans who are interested in serving their community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

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.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, KMR-kitten replacement milk, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

Looking for a job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join our career net-

working email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see our job board; check out the materials in our Quiet Room, which cover topics such as resume writing and interviewing help; look at our Career Networking blog; stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

Do you suspect food rules your life? Overeaters Anonymous (OA) may be the answer for you. It is not a diet club, but a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. OA offers mutual support at its weekly meeting at Living Lord Lutheran Church on Fridays at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1044 Congress Drive. For more information or directions, contact Dwayne at 433-0656.

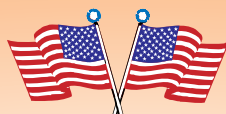
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Weather impacts annual Pumpkin Patch event

By Kristin Carreno

Rainy weather affected the annual Pumpkin Patch event which was held on Saturday, Oct. 6 at SEBA Park. Due to the forecast the event had to be downsized, according to Parks & Recreation Director Kim Wascher.

Between the rainy forecast and river

flood warnings, the event had to be adjusted, Wascher said. The Pumpkin Patch was only open for four hours this year. Pumpkins were still being sold during this time, however, due to the weather, there was no petting zoo or pony rides. The Pumpkin Plunge fundraiser that was also go-

ing to take place at the event is on hold for now.

"We still had pumpkin patch sales, pumpkin painting and carving, concession sales and pyramid of hay," said Wascher. "With the weather that was predicted we were making what we felt were the best decisions for the

event."

According to Wascher, the patch was opened again in the morning on Monday, Oct. 7 for a few hours and all of the pumpkins were sold despite the soggy weather. The plan is to reschedule the Pumpkin Plunge though a date has not yet been determined.



Check out time

Preston Upshaw and his sister Addison sat in their wagon full of pumpkins, waiting to check out on Saturday, Oct. 6 at The Park & Recreation Department's annual Pumpkin Patch at SEBA Park. For story and more photos see page 9.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Village Board approves zoning map change, ordinance

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, Oct. 1, trustees voted in favor of amending the zoning map and adopting the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

The UDO is an ordinance that regulates and controls the development of land and other matters that relate to it. According to Acting Community Director Megan Golden, the UDO is a combination of the subdivision ordinance and zoning ordinance.

"Examples of items the UDO regulates include new developments, signage, accessory structures, parking

and uses," said Golden.

According to Golden, when preparing for the approval of the UDO it was discovered that the establishing ordinance of the Planning and Zoning Commission was originally codified in the village code zoning section.

"The UDO will eliminate signs and billboards, subdivisions and zoning from the village code of ordinances," said Golden. "A zoning map amendment is necessary because the proposed UDO has eight zoning districts and the current zoning map has 16 districts."

Proclamation supports Walk to School Day

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Monday, Oct. 1, Village President Steven Ward read a proclamation acknowledging Annual Walk to School Day.

"The National Center for Safe Routes to School is a program which encourages communities to provide and promote safer ways to get our children to school energized and ready to learn," read Ward. "Driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution, a lack of physical activity plays a lead-

ing role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and to encourage residents to walk to school safely each day.

"The South Elgin Police Department partners with Clinton Elementary School, Fox Meadow Elementary School, Willard Elementary School and Corron Elementary School and encourages parents and students to walk to school.

"Therefore, I, Steven Ward, President of the Village of South Elgin, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, Oct. 10 as Walk to School Day in South Elgin."

U-46 Board approves three separate proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved \$1.1 million over three proposals by a 6-0 vote, board member John Devereux was absent, at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 1.

The largest item was \$1 million with FUSION/BIRCH, which will come out of the education fund, to provide analog phone lines.

The proposal states: "The Analog Phone RFP was issued for the analog lines the District uses for critical applications that MUST have dial tone available at all times. Analog phone service is the most reliable regarding dial tone availability.... It is mission critical to maintain analog lines to support these critical applications until a suitable alternative becomes available."

The analog lines are used for security, elevators, faxes and the district's red phone and SAFE (supervised activities for children of employed parents) programs, according to the proposal.

The red phone program is "used in an emergency and is easily identifiable due to its color and location in the office," the proposal states, and the SAFE phone program is a "self-sustaining DCFS license-exempt program designed to provide quality before and after school care to children in School District U-46 currently enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade while their parents work or further their own education."

FUSION/BIRCH was the lower of two qualified bidders. Two bidders, AT&T and Comcast, were disqualified for noncompliance to U-46's directions for submitting a bid.

The board approved a \$56,000 expenditure with Elgin Community College (ECC) to provide private instrument

lessons to students in Larkin's visual and performing arts academy. The cost will be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through Title I funds.

According to the proposal "students enrolled in their instrumental programs have instrumental lessons as part of the program" and "many of the students enrolled in the instrumental programs do not have access to lessons.... Lessons will occur on a once-per-week basis and the Title I office will be billed on a semester basis. The cost will be billed by student, by lesson."

Board member Sue Kerr said the proposal stated the lessons will be open to all students and asked how many students are expected to use it.

Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, said the district has budgeted for 60 students and added: "When we say that it's open to all students, we pay additional private instrument lesson vendors. They just don't rise to the level that we'd need to come to the board."

Also approved was a \$27,825 expenditure from the education fund for the renewals of 1,085 licenses through Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The licenses are for READ 180 and System 44.

The proposal called READ 180 a "multimedia program that is designed to meet the specific needs of students whose reading achievement is below grade level" and System 44 a "foundational reading program designed for the struggling readers."

Bruce Phelps, senior business official of business services, said in response to questions from board member Melissa Owens that this will be used for general education and is typically used at the middle school level.

Board ratifies purchase of new wheel loader

By Kristin Carreno
During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 4, trustees voted unanimously to approve the waiving of competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of a 2018 Case 521G wheel loader from McCann Industries, Addison. The equipment was purchased at a cost of \$124,102 through the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Program.
According to Director of Public Works Matt Mann, the State of Illinois does not bid out wheel loaders but the State of Minnesota does.
“That’s why we’re requesting to waive competitive bidding,” said Mann.
According to Mann, “the wheel

loader is a heavy-duty tractor that does a lot of material handling.”
Wheel loaders are also used in the winter as snow plows, Mann said.
According to Mann, the wheel loader will replace a 1998 John Deere loader which has been declared surplus and will be sent to auction. Public Works will salvage the plow from the old loader and utilize it on the new unit. The purchase of the new vehicle was included in the current budget at \$140,000.
Trustee William Carlson asked approximately how much the village would receive from auctioning off the old loader.
“We’re hoping to get about \$20,000,” Mann responded.

Sabres football dominated by UEC leading Rams

By Seth Hancock
The Streamwood football team was unable to keep up with Upstate Eight Conference leaders Glenbard East in a 63-2 loss on Friday, Oct. 5 at Glenbard East.
The undefeated Glenbard East squad has scored 38.2 points and allowed 10.5 points on average per game, and it built a 21-0 lead by the end of the first quarter, 42-0 by halftime and 49-2 after three quarters. Down 49-0, the Sabres two points came by blocking a punt that went out of the end zone for a safety late in the third.
Streamwood was outgained 344-95 in total yards and committed four turnovers to Glenbard East’s one. Emmanuel Martinez threw a 50-yard pass

to Alex Tannhauser for Streamwood’s largest offensive play, and both Tremeyon Sanders and Darrel Luce had 15 rushing yards.
The Sabres are now 1-6 overall and in the UEC.
Although only with one win, Streamwood has been within reach of a win in nearly every game except for those against the top three teams in the UEC. The Sabres have been outscored by a combined 171 points against Glenbard East (7-0), South Elgin (6-1) and West Aurora (6-1) but by only 39 points over its four other games.
Streamwood coach Don Guindon said: “We are still playing with everything we’ve got. We’ve just run into some real good teams.”

Streamwood volleyball drops three straight games

By Seth Hancock
The Streamwood volleyball team was unable to keep momentum on its side as the Sabres dropped a 25-16, 22-25, 25-15 nonconference match against Willowbrook on Monday, Oct. 1 at Willowbrook.
After pulling out the win in the second set, the Sabres then jumped to a 6-1 lead in Game 3 before Willowbrook surged back.
“We played with control and came out in the second game with intensity and confidence,” said Streamwood coach Sheryl Hettinger. “The third game started strong, we just made too many mistakes that cost us the match.”
Willowbrook responded to Streamwood’s 6-1 start with a 7-1 run to pull ahead 8-7. From there, the host followed with a 13-3 run to take control with a 21-10 lead.
“It was a momentum breaker for us,” Hettinger said.
Lillian Dewsnap (six kills, 11 digs,

ace), Mariely Sotelo (six kills), Corinne Angle (10 digs, ace), Mary Rackow (17 assists, five digs), Leslie Garcia (nine digs, two kills) and Alexa Silva (six digs) led Streamwood’s effort.
The Sabres went on to drop a 25-5, 25-17 Upstate Eight Conference match against Glenbard East on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Glenbard East. Rackow (five assists, two digs), Ava Sumoski (four blocks), Dewsnap (three digs, two kills, ace), Garcia (two kills), Vivian Sumoski (two blocks) and Kaylee Angle (ace) led the effort.
Also in UEC play, Streamwood dropped a 25-19, 25-17 match against West Chicago on Thursday, Oct. 4 at Streamwood. The Sabres were led by Silva (eight digs, ace), Corinne Angle (eight digs), Ava Sumoski (five blocks, three kills), Rackow (five assists), Dewsnap (three digs, two kills, two aces), Garcia (four kills) and Leandra Gottschalk (four assists).
Streamwood is now 5-23-2 overall, 1-6 in the UEC.

Police reports

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200 block of North Eastern Avenue reported that her purse was stolen in Hoffman Estates on Sept. 24. She has notice activity on her Chase Bank account and found a \$703 pending transaction that she did not initiate. It was determined that her identity was used to cash a fraudulent check in Naperville. Chase Bank reimbursed her the money.
★ At 7:02 p.m., Maribeth Struck, 54, Bartlett, was cited for dog running at

large and dog bite. She was released on signature and faces an Oct. 29 court date.
★ At 7:16 p.m., a complainant in the 1500 block of Wood Creek Trail reported hearing loud pounding on her rear sliding door. She reportedly yelled that she was calling police and heard footsteps run down the back stairs. A search of the area yielded negative results.
★ At 8 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of West North Avenue reported that the title of his truck was missing from a duffel bag that is left in the truck.

Letters to the Editor

Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.
All letters are printed as received. Grammatical and spelling errors are the responsibility of the author.

There is good news and bad news
Dear Editor,
As a realtor who has lived in Streamwood for 20 years, it’s heartbreaking to always hear how buyers don’t want to live in the U-46 School District because the schools aren’t rated highly, especially Streamwood High School.
I was impressed when I attended the homecoming rally at the school last Friday and listened to the introductions of each student elected to the homecoming court. These are kids who are not only smart, but who give and have given their time to those less fortunate. These are kids who should be featured in your paper so we can show the public what a wonderful community we have with good kids who are kind and giving.
Forget about the murders, arrests, etc. Feature one kid each week. Tout our goodness and positivity!

Jeanne DeSanto

Parallel decisions
Dear Editor,
Judge Kavanaugh has been confirmed to the Supreme Court by the U. S. Senate. The confirmation was representative of a true Republic in action and following its Constitution to the letter.
Officer VanDyke was convicted of second degree murder, representative of a judicial system in action in accord with and following that very same Constitution.
Now come those who don’t quite believe or wish to understand the process all the while invoking their rights to “protest” under that very same Constitution.
The judge was a shoe-in based on his more than excellent record as a jurist. Suddenly, accusers came forward with allegations of sexual misconduct, not at the time when he was first elected to public office decades ago but at the 11th hour and 59th minute. That was not by accident or coincidence.
During the hearings, those not of his political party affiliation pleaded, begged then insisted that there be an investigation by our FBI into allegations of sexual misconduct when he was a teenager. The judge could not insist or request an investigation. Such a directive must be made by the Senate Committee.
So, by suggestion of a senator from his own party affiliation, an investigation by the FBI does, in fact, take place but the outcome of those findings still did not suit the Democrat Party accusers.
What follows are more allegations and innuendo of bias by the same Bureau of Investigation that the Democrats wanted in the first place. What also followed was a confirmation of the nominee, but only after this man’s personal life was torn to pieces, and his family having to endure the scars and controversy during his lifetime sitting on the highest court in our Land.
Now comes a hooligan named Laquan

McDonald with a police record, high on drugs, a weapon in hand, already breaking the law by threatening police, slicing the tires of a police vehicle, cockily walking down a street waving that weapon, moving toward police with weapon in hand and by bold action of his own doing is shot dead by one of the law enforcement officers.
The weapon, many protesters argued, was only a three-inch knife. One will be arrested by the TSA if one attempts to carry a three-inch knife on a plane. A weapon is a weapon.
Unfortunately, the convicted officer did not stop him with one or a few shots, but with 16. Excessive? Possibly! But ask anyone who has faced a life or death situation, or one that served in the military who has experienced combat, that very moment is not the time for logic, but a time for action. Add to that scenario, an overload of adrenalin and procedure to follow in which one was trained if facing a situation of that nature. Not an excuse, just a comparison for a fair thought process.
The results of the Senate vote were not accepted by those protesting and those protestors did not take the time to be completely informed nor most likely did not wish to be. Simply protesting for the sake of protesting.
The verdict of Officer VanDyke has not been accepted by those who wanted a first degree murder charge. They will never accept a verdict that was not totally to their liking. No riots, looting, burning thus far by these protestors or with those “wannabees” who wait under the guise of protesting to conduct their unlawful actions... thus far.
Laquan’s mother, siblings and great uncle et al were present at the trial. No mention of his father. Possibly, if Laquan’s father actually acted as a father, there may have been a “family unit” in his short life. Not to be had, so Laquan took to the streets as do so many of the unfortunate kids who grow up without a complete family unit or guidance.
President Reagan in his infinite wisdom once said, destroy the family unit, and you destroy the Nation.

I am now a firm believer that some things will never change. These parallel decisions convinced me. Specifically, there will be no unity between the major parties in our Nation or will there be peace within minority communities with the rest of society.
Sad indeed.

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