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Touchdown for stadium supporters.

U46 board Oks \$1.6M for seats, lights, press box at Bartlett High
BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



Supporters of the Bartlett High School athletic complex project stand up during the School District U46 board meeting Monday. (Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News)

Bartlett High School's plans for an athletic complex moved forward Monday with approval from School District U46 for a \$1.6 million measure that will get the stadium bleacher seats, lights and a press box.

The unanimous vote was a yearslong culmination in getting Bartlett High School — celebrating its 20th anniversary this fall — a sports facility to call its own. Since the school's opening, Bartlett has held most outdoor football and track and field competitions at Streamwood High School, several miles north along Route 59. Last fall, the school district purchased and installed a scoreboard and sound system; Bartlett held its first homecoming game at its own field last fall.

Board members approved a \$1.6 million bid from Aurora-based L.J. Morse Construction Co., to complete the first phase of the high school activity complex. About \$925,000 will be funded from private donations the Bartlett High School boosters collected, \$371,000 will come from state-issued Qualified Zone Academy bonds, and about \$282,000 will come from the district's operations and maintenance fund.

"It won't be done in my time, which is unfortunate," said student representative and Bartlett student Casey Pearce, who graduates in the spring. "But my sister will go here soon. I think it will be really exciting to see what the final product will look like. I'm really excited about it. I love football games."

The academy bonds must be repaid by the high school booster club over time, said George Kantzavelos, the booster club's activity complex director and former booster president.

The bid is for new and expanded seating at the stadium, stadium lights and a press box. Construction would begin this fall, with a goal to finish next summer and have the

stadium ready for fall 2018 games, matches, competitions and activities. Additional phases of construction — such as concession stands, visitors bleachers, the entrance to the stadium, among others — are not included in this measure.

SPORTS SECTION

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Boys Soccer: Triumphant return.

Cleared by the IHSA, Lopez leads Elgin to regional rout with three goals

BY PAUL JOHNSON



Elgin's Jean Padilla-Gomez challenges Jefferson goalkeeper Fernando Ceuteno during Tuesday's game. Elgin won 7-0. (Brian O'Mahoney/The Courier-News)

With the way the past few days went, Elgin junior Omar Lopez was just happy to be on the field.

The star forward faced accusations of playing for his club team during the high school season, which would make him ineligible for the postseason.

The IHSA cleared Lopez and the Maroons on Monday, and Lopez was back to doing what he does best Tuesday, scoring goals and leading Elgin to wins.

Lopez scored three goals, including one in the first minute of the game, to lead the Maroons to a 7-0 win over Rockford Jefferson in the Class 3A Hampshire Regional semifinals.

"I wasn't even really worried because I knew I didn't do anything wrong," Lopez said. "I was just calm and let them make the decision."

Elgin coach Dave Borg knows what Lopez had to endure as the investigation unfolded.

"Omar is a hard guy to figure out because he doesn't show a lot of emotion," Borg said. "I mean, it was a lot for a kid to take. His name is in the newspaper. For anybody, that's a big deal. We're happy with the way it played out."

Returning to his team after a few days of uncertainty, Lopez wasted little time helping Elgin (16-2-3) advance to the regional final at 5 p.m. Friday. After a turnover by Jefferson, Lopez poked it in to start the scoring.

Elgin had a slight lull after the first goal, but Jean Padilla-Gomez got the Maroons back on the board at the 26:41 mark off a feed from Rafael Perez Jr.

Perez then set up Lopez for his second goal six minutes later. With 17:25 left in the first half, Padilla-Gomez's shot bounced off the goalkeeper and Lopez cleaned it up to complete the hat trick. Lopez has scored 28 goals this season.

Jesus Lopez, Padilla-Gomez and Andy Zavala capped the scoring for Elgin.

"I think they did what we asked them to do all week," Borg said. "We wanted to show that we were the better team. That's the way we're going to have to perform in this tournament.

"Defensively, once again, we were solid. We're happy, but we're not going to be really happy until we get our regional (title)."

The game devolved into several yellow cards at the end and nearly a physical altercation between the two teams as time expired.

A Rockford Jefferson assistant coach yelled comments about Lopez's investigation to Elgin's bench before order was restored.

"It's sad that it had to get to that," Borg said. "To be called a cheater at the end of the game, that we're using illegal players, that's difficult."

That's behind the Maroons now, however, as they attempt to capture the first regional title in Borg's 17 years at the school.

"It would be a good feeling," Lopez said about winning a regional title. "It would be great for our school and make our school proud."

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Boys Soccer: Elgin, Hampshire to meet for regional title

DAILY HERALD REPORT

At the Class 3A Hampshire regional, it was business as usual for the Elgin Maroons boys soccer team as they downed Rockford Jefferson 7-0. No. 2 seed Elgin (15-2-3) scored 6 goals in the first half as Omar Lopez tallied a hat trick while Jean Gomez supplied 2 goals and 2 assists. Andy Zavala and Jesus Lopez also provided goals while Rafa Perez squared up 2 assists. Julian Garfias and Pablo Perez added assists as well to get the Maroons to Friday's 5 p.m. title game against No. 11 Hampshire, which beat No. 7 McHenry 3-1 in the nightcap. Hampshire (13-7-3) got goals from Sawyer Shores, Jack Fairwood and Thomas Walker. Andrew Krajecki had 8 saves in goal for the Whip-Purs.

Streamwood 8, Hononegah 1: At the Class 3A Rockford Guilford regional, Streamwood (12-5-2) exploded for 7 goals in the second half to break a 1-1 halftime tie. Alex Chavez powered the Sabres with 4 goals and 1 assist while Oscar Chavez provided 2 goals and 2 assists. Rafa Gil had 1 goal and 1 assist and Aldo Lazaro had a goal. Bryan Mora, Alex Herrera, Tony Hodzic and Gregorio Esteves provided assists whereas goalie Daniel Dominguez made 2 saves. Streamwood will meet No. 10 South Elgin in Saturday's 1 p.m. final. South Elgin downed host Guilford 3-0 in Tuesday's second game.

Dundee-Crown 4, CL Central 1: At the Class 3A Rockford Auburn regional, the No. 1 seed Chargers (18-0-2) broke a 1-1 tie at the half with 3 second half goals. Julian Ajroja

(1 assist), Mario Solano, Eric Martinez and Roland Dearborn each found the net while Ivan Juanchi provided 2 assists. Keeper Damien Smiech had 1 save in net for D-C to move on to Saturday's 1 p.m. final against No. 8 CL South.

CL South 5, DeKalb 0: Oscar Campos and Alex Canfield each had 2 goals and keeper Brandon Gorka provided 3 saves for his sixth shutout during an Auburn regional semifinal win. Nikolas Getzinger also scored while Brad Grabowski and John Wruck added assists for the Gators (11-10-2), who were one of two teams take D-C to overtime this year.

St. Charles East 2, Benet 1 (OT): At the Class 3A St. Charles North regional, the No. 7 Saints continued their hot streak as Truitt Battin provided the heroics in overtime. George Maridis put East up 1-0 at the half and provided the game-winning assist. Luke Schnitker also had an assist for East (8-9-4), which saw goalie Zach Kennedy notch 5 saves in 100 minutes. East will play rival No. 1 seed St. Charles North for the regional title Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Girls Volleyball: South Elgin, Batavia earn UEC crossover wins

DAILY HERALD REPORT

Elizabeth Vedrine had 9 kills and Yvalis Cortes-Rojas added 7 digs Tuesday night to lead the South Elgin girls volleyball team to a 25-13, 25-7 Upstate Eight crossover win over Streamwood.

Casie Swanson added 10 assists for the Storm, who extended their win streak to 14 and moved their school-record win total for the season to 25 against 7 losses.

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Proclamation addresses Halloween safety, hours

By Kristin Carreno

Village President Steven Ward read a proclamation dedicated to Halloween safety at the Monday, Oct. 16 Village Board meeting.

"Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night may cause children to forget to be careful," read Ward from the proclamation. "Motorists should be especially alert on Oct. 31. Watch for children darting out from between cars and enter and

exit driveways carefully. Parents should accompany children younger than 10-years-old and provide them with flashlights with new batteries for visibility. Kids should trick-or-treat in groups and refrain from eating treats until they get home."

In concluding the proclamation, Ward added that Tuesday, Oct. 31 is recognized as Halloween in the village and that the hours of 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. have been established for trick-or-treating.



Making a big decision

The biggest pumpkins were almost as big as 10-month-old Joseph Benavidez, at the village's annual Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 7. For story and more photos see page 9. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Village dedicates week to lead poisoning prevention

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, Oct. 2, Village President Steven Ward introduced a proclamation that addressed Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

The proclamation recognized the week of Oct. 22 to Oct. 28 as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in the village.

"Nearly half a million children living in the United States have elevated blood lead levels that may cause significant damage to their health," Ward read from the proclamation. "Despite the continued presence of lead in the environment, lead poisoning is entirely preventable. To increase awareness

of childhood lead poisoning prevention, the Village of South Elgin along with Center for Disease Control, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is participating in National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week."

In continuing to site the proclamation, Ward said: "I, Steven Ward, President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of South Elgin encourage residents to visit the Illinois Department of Public Health's website for information about protecting children against lead poisoning, to have homes inspected for lead and to remove any lead hazards safely."

Editorial

Race Hustling on the U-46 School Board

Part III

As we promised last week, we intend to bring into the light disturbing matters of public interest in the words and deeds of U-46 **Trustee Traci O'Neal Ellis**. This week, insider dealing, greed and hypocrisy take center stage.

We begin with the recent controversy over the proposed Elgin Math and Science Academy (EMSA). In June, the school board denied the EMSA charter school in a 4-3 vote (since overruled by a state commission), with **Ellis** changing her position from her previous vote in favor of moving forward with the charter process—a maneuver fellow board member Veronica Noland characterized as a "bait and switch." In defending her reversal, **Ellis** cited her concerns that EMSA could not meet its goal to serve at least 60 percent "at-risk" students. In the education business, "at-risk" is coded language for what has become a racial spoils system in our schools. This premise for **Ellis**' "No" is unremarkable insofar as it is well-suited to her divide-and-conquer racial politics. What was remarkable, however, was her extended comments in sympathy with the unions' contract interests.

Why is that remarkable? Well, there are two reasons, and together they combine to form a cause for grave concern for taxpayers—whether or not those taxpayers are in favor of charter schools. Perhaps no organization has spent more money to defeat charter schools than teacher unions. Charter schools undermine the teacher (and other labor) unions' political power and influence, and the best interests of our children are not part of the calculus. As Elgin Teachers Association President Richard Johnson put it: "The EMSA plan just doesn't seem to do it for me." What is part of the unions' calculus, what really does it for them, however, is buying politicians. And you might be surprised how cheap they come.

In **Ellis**'s first election for the U-46 board, in 2011, Illinois State Board of Elections' records show that in the last mandatory disclosure before the April vote, **Ellis** received four donations totaling \$3,750. Of that total, \$3,000 of that money came from Laborers International Union of America. In her 2015 reelection bid, **Ellis** filed a similar report showing six donations totaling \$3,600. This time Laborers International Local 582 out of Elgin paid **Ellis** only \$1,000, but the Elgin Teachers Association gave her \$1,000 twice—on March 13 and again on March 24. That means that over the course of two elections, **Ellis** was financed more than 80 percent by public sector unions whose goal—quite understandably—is to extract the most amount of money from taxpayers for the least amount of work. Which raises the question: Who does **Traci Ellis** really represent?

Traci Ellis, that's who. But even if we put aside her history of ugly racial agitation and her unseemly union boosterism, **Ellis**' sabotage of EMSA is astoundingly galling when we consider what this so-called public servant does for a living.

Previous U-46 Superintendent Jose Torres left the district in 2014 to head the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) in Aurora. IMSA sounds an awful lot like EMSA, doesn't it? Indeed, the alternative schools are similar, except that we also pay for students' room and board in Aurora. *The Examiner* does not take a position as to whether a residential public school for a select few is a sound investment of public resources; we only point out that it is expensive. We do so because in voting against EMSA for U-46, **Traci Ellis** cast aspersions on the financial viability of the non-residential EMSA. Why is this significant? Well, one of the most expensive hiring decisions Torres made after moving from U-46 to IMSA was appointing an Executive Director of Human Resources—quite a lofty title for a single school. Of course, such a lofty position needed to be filled by the most qualified candidate available in all the land, and coincidence of coincidences that candidate was one of Torres's former bosses at U-46—none other than **Traci O'Neal Ellis**. How much does this "executive" set Illinois taxpayers back every year?

A sum of \$116,500 in salary and \$133,987 in total compensation, including 20 annual vacation days (four weeks) worth \$8,961, 16 annual sick days worth another \$7,169, and if that were not enough, a couple of personal days thrown in for good measure. To

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Pet of the Week



Where is Ernie?

Bert is a 10-year-old gray and white shih tzu that is very sweet natured and full of energy. He enjoys taking walks and following around his two-legged companions. Bert doesn't seem to like playing with toys; he'd rather get all the attention from as many people as possible. Big dogs don't scare him, but he definitely enjoys the company of smaller dogs. Bert may be a bit hard of hearing and he is missing some teeth, but he loves getting petted. Bert is a breed of dog that will need to be groomed every few months.

All Kane County Animal Control adoptable cats and dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, up-to-date on all vaccines including rabies. They are tested for feline leukemia/FIV and heartworm. The adoption fee for dogs is \$200 and \$100 for cats. Adoption of two dogs is \$300 and it is \$150 to adopt two cats. For more information regarding Kane County Animal Control's adoptable animals and for an adoption application, please go to www.kanecountypets.org.

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District U-46 Board ratifies varied proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved three expenditure proposals totaling \$166,700 at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 2. The proposals were presented on Sept. 25.

One of the proposals, a \$44,500 contract with Grant Thornton LLP which will come out of the education fund, came with a 5-2 vote as Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voted no.

According to the proposal, it was for “a negotiated and signed contract with a single vendor for our 403(b) and 457” retirement plans for employees as a “consolidation of vendors from over 20 to one.”

Grant Thornton will “advise us during our request for proposal (RFP)

process for selecting the new provider” according to the proposal.

For Costello, the contract shows a lack of competition which is something he has seen previously from Grant Thornton.

“I believe that we need to focus more on getting multiple sources of competitive bids for contracts rather than going with sole sourced vendors and allowing them to kind of pull through our competitive contracts, or lack of competition,” Costello said. “I understand that Grant Thornton is an exceptional organization, I would just like to see options put forth before the board.”

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Torres, however, that might not seem like much when he's sitting on an annual compensation package of \$371,563.

So, when Traci Ellis spoke her truth about the finances of the proposed EMSA, she knew whereof she spoke. After all, if only two of the more than 250 employees at a single school cost taxpayers more than half a million dollars every year—not to mention millions more in future pension liability—Ellis might be onto something. Either way, she and her union money are certainly onto rank hypocrisy and feeding at the public trough. For Traci Ellis, alternative schools should not be available to our children—unless, of course, she can line her own pockets with our tax dollars.

Finally, we need to point out that Torres, much like the unions, does not pave the way for Ellis out of the goodness of his heart. Before he left U-46—and well before his existing contract was to expire—Torres received a hefty raise, along with a new U-46 taxpayer-funded annuity separate from his massive state pension. Immediately after the vote on that generous new contract, Ellis took her seat on the school board and became a cheerleader for Torres and his policies until the day he left. Torres shared Ellis' penchant for identity politics, and together they worked hard to inject race and ethnicity into the formation of district policy. As they say in their social justice circles, both of them are quite “woke.”

As we look ahead to the next election, we see that U-46 parents and taxpayers also need to become “woke.” Woke to destructive, self-dealing politicians. Woke to public sector unions and employees who buy and sell elected officials and who are bought and sold by them. We need to become woke because the corrupting relationship between Ellis and the U-46 superintendent did not go away with Torres and his moneybags. Current Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders is dancing the same divide-and-conquer dance with Ellis today, and the sickening details will be the subject of Part IV in this series next week.

This week in... South Elgin

Wednesday, Oct. 18

- 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at Village Hall.

Thursday, Oct. 19

- 6 p.m. St. Charles North girls volleyball vs. St. Francis High School.*

Friday, Oct. 20

- 7:30 p.m. St. Charles North football vs. Batavia High School.*

Saturday, Oct. 21

- 1:30 p.m. South Elgin football vs. East Aurora High School.*
- 2 p.m. St. Charles North Regional boys soccer title match.*

Monday, Oct. 23

- 5:30 p.m. South Elgin girls volleyball vs. Streamwood High School at IHSA St. Charles Regional.*

Tuesday, Oct. 24

- 5:30 p.m. St. Charles North girls volleyball vs. TBD at IHSA Maple Park High School Regional.*

* Home game unless otherwise specified.

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North Stars girls golf places fourth at state meet

By Seth Hancock

The North girls golf team advanced to state for the fifth straight year, and for the third straight time the North Stars were just shy of taking home a

trophy with a third consecutive fourth place finish.

On the first day at Hickory Point Golf Course in Decatur, North shot a 313 led by junior Megan Furtney's

even par 72 score. The North Stars were tied with Barrington for second place and one stroke ahead of Hinsdale Central after the Friday, Oct. 13 round.

However, the second day saw Barrington pull away to take second by 12 strokes over North, and Hinsdale Central beat the North Stars' 625 final score by six strokes on Saturday, Oct. 14.

"We're able to get here, but when it comes to state it's harder because the course gets longer," said North junior Sarah Arnold who shot a 153 over two days. "There's more pressure, and that's what we have trouble with."

Furtney was all-state for the third straight year with a 148 over two rounds. Juniors Emma Hayes (160) and Katelyn David (164) rounded out North's score.

Along with the top four scoring golfers being juniors, North had two underclassmen compete at state, freshman Isabella Spinazze and soph-

omore Brooke Bayless.

"Everyone works so hard on our team," Furtney said. "We're going to learn from this and come back."

Furtney came back from an injury that kept her out for most of the season to lead the North Stars throughout the postseason including taking the individual Upstate Eight Conference title to help North win the team crown.

At the Burlington Central Regional, the North Stars won the title with a 303 with Furtney's 73 good for the top score on Wednesday, Oct. 4. David shot a 76 and both Arnold and Hayes a 77.

North was second at the Barrington Sectional with a 318 led by Hayes (74), Furtney (77), Arnold (82) and David (85) on Monday, Oct. 9.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team," said North coach Irish Whalen. "They'd been doing very well all season long. They stay composed the whole time, and their confidence was good."

North Stars soccer blank Bulldogs for sixth shutout

By Seth Hancock

The North soccer team will head into the postseason with some momentum after defeating rival Batavia 2-0 in Upstate Eight Conference River Division play on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at North.

Matthew Beaulieu found the net twice for both of the North Stars goals, the first 26 minutes into play and the last with just over 11 minutes left in the match.

"My teammates brought everything to me," Beaulieu said. "I've got to give it to them. We just played good together and got the win."

That first goal was setup by a pair of teammates, Bernard Elegbede and Jake Persenico.

Persenico had sent in a cross to Elegbede who was in front of the net who in turn ripped a shot off. That shot clinked off the crossbar, but Beaulieu was there to finish.

Elegbede said he was aiming high with a "bunch of defenders in front" of him, and he was glad to see Beaulieu to find the net.

"It hit the crossbar, but I was just happy Matt was there to put it away," Elegbede said. "I would have felt pretty bad if I hadn't got it on frame."

From near the top of the box, a Beaulieu free kick netted the insurance goal in the second half. North goalie Piercarlo Ricossa made five saves in the shutout effort, the sixth North Stars shutout of the season.

North had been knocked out of contention for the UEC River Division crown after a loss to rival East and tie against Geneva just a few weeks earlier, so the win ultimately served as a confidence boost heading into its own hosted regional. The North Stars are the top-seed in the Conant Sectional.

"This game didn't mean much for the conference standings, but it meant a lot for us getting ready for the playoffs," Beaulieu said. "We've got to get on the right track, and this was the best way to do it."

The North Stars are now 11-2-4 overall, 3-1-2 in the UEC River Division.

Storm soccer goes 0-1-1 to end regular season play

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team's senior day game got cut short but not before having a chance to get a first look at its opening postseason foe as the Storm finished in a 1-1 tie against Rockford Guilford on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at South Elgin.

The Storm, seeded 10th in the Streamwood Sectional, travels to Rockford Guilford to take on the No. 6 regional host to open the playoffs.

The game was called with just under 15 minutes left in the game on the rainy, cold day.

"Honestly, it was miserable out there," said South Elgin senior defensive captain Alex Kirkby. "I love playing no matter what the conditions, but that was pretty tough."

Early on, the Storm kept Rockford Guilford off the board thanks in part to a defensive save by senior Liam Swangren off a corner kick in the first 10 minutes of play, but with 20:52 left in the first half a second corner kick by the visitors led to a goal.

With 10:20 left before the break, Royce Robinson scored an unassisted

goal for the equalizer. In the final minute of the first half, senior Christopher Stanczyk setup Lucas Reutimann who ripped a shot on goal in front of the net that was saved as the Storm were looking for a go-ahead.

Kirkby said with senior day the lineup was a bit different, but the ultimate goal was preparation for the postseason.

"I thought we played well considering the conditions," Kirkby said. "The results didn't matter as much. We wanted to work on some things to prepare for the postseason."

The Storm have nine seniors on their roster including Fernando Rivera, Brian Dykstra, Sergio Briones, Matthew McKee, Eduardo Carrillo and Kevin Guerrero.

"What makes me love high school soccer is that over the last four years I've been able to play with the same guys," Kirkby said. "That's made it a heck of a lot more enjoyable."

South Elgin went on to drop a 3-2 nonconference game against Oswego East in its regular season finale on Thursday, Oct. 12 in Oswego.

The Storm are now 7-9-3 overall.



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Zumba Kids (7 to 11 years old)

This is an opportunity for boys and girls to be active and jam out to music. Classes feature kid-friendly routines. We break down the steps, add games, activities, and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. This class will be held at the Municipal Annex on Thursdays 5 to 6 p.m.

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We will break out the mats, tunnels, tricycles, and more for your enjoyment. Come for the entire time or just part of the gym time. A waiver must be paid at the door prior to participating. This class will be held at Municipal Annex, 1 W. State St., on Wednesdays at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$2 each week.

Teen

Middle School Basketball

South Elgin Parks & Recreation offers co-ed boys and girls basketball for seventh to eighth graders. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with one game per week played on Saturday. Score will be kept and games will follow IHSA rules. Registration deadline in Thursday, Oct. 26. There will be a \$20 late fee after this date and T-shirt size cannot be guaranteed. If an incorrect size is ordered by parent/guardian or a replacement is needed for any reason, there is a \$20 replacement cost. The class will be held at Kenyon Woods Middle School with a \$80 R/\$90 NR fee. The first game is Dec. 2.*

Our Parks & Recreation sports leagues rely on volunteer coaches, if you are interested or know an adult that is interested, please register using the section number: Head Coach Section #33702-01

*Mandatory skills assessment will be held for the seventh and eighth grade teams in late October/early November



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Dress up as Dracula or a Hotel Guest for the October Family Movie: "**Hotel Transylvania**" at the South Elgin Branch on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. Families can drop by and enjoy popcorn and refreshments during the movie. No registration required.

Parade around in costumes during our annual **Halloween Happening** parade at the Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. or at the Rakow Branch, 2751 W. Bowes Road, Elgin, on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children from birth to grade two accompanied by parents can join in on the parade at the Main Library while children from preschool to kindergarten are welcome to attend the Rakow Branch parade. Dress up in your best costumes and drop by for some great fun! No registration required.

Escape from a pizzeria full of murderous robots during the **Escape Room: One Afternoon at Freddy's** at the South Elgin Branch on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 2 to 3 p.m. Teens in grades six to eight are encouraged to register for this brain-bending event,

where they will work with others to solve puzzles and escape before time runs out.

New parents with little ones from birth to six months old are invited to our special **Welcome Baby: Baby's First Library Visit** program at the South Elgin Branch on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 1 or 2 p.m. This short session will educate new parents on the programs and resources the library has to offer that will help support baby's early literacy development. Attendees will receive a special gift! Please register in advance by calling 847-429-4597, in person at any library location or online at www.gailborden.info/register.

Craft some delicious and scary cupcakes with other adults at the **Halloween Cupcake Decoration class** at the Rakow Branch, 2751 W. Bowes Road, Elgin, on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Whether it's a mummy, spider webs, bats or more, these cupcakes are guaranteed to spook! Supplies will be provided so no need to bring your own. This event is for adults ages 17 and up. Those interested can register now.

Celebrate the **Day of the Dead** at our annual Mini-Fest at the Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. Families will enjoy crafts, stories, face-painting, traditional sweet bread and much more! All ages are invited to drop by, learn something new and have a lot of fun with us. This event will be in English and Spanish.

Police Reports

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Chicago, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to bond call.

★ At 12:56 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Jackson Street for a landlord/tenant dispute regarding the lease expiring. Parties were separated and peace was restored.

★ At 1:05 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of West Bartlett Avenue reported that an unknown offender hit her vehicle and made partial restitution. Police advised the complainant to seek further resolution through the courts for the remaining damage cost.

★ At 5:01 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of River Ash Court reported that unattended new license plates still in their original packaging that she left on top of her vehicle were

missing after she left them to enter her residence for a short period of time.

Monday, Oct. 2

★ At 8:41 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Concord Avenue reported that an unknown offender obtained his Grub Hub account information and ordered \$128 worth of pizza in Fresno, California. The complainant notified Grub Hub of the incident and was refunded the amount.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

★ At 4:19 a.m., Dimas S. Moreno, 38, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with aggravated speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 4:51 a.m., a complainant at Fountain Grass Circle and Blue Heron Circle reported an unknown vehicle occupied by an unknown subject

parks at the corner throughout the week. He does not believe that the individual lives in the area. Police searched the area with negative results.

★ At 1:49 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Cedarfield Drive reported an issue with his neighbor regarding property lines and the sewer. The complainant advised that he believes his neighbor has been on his property as well and attempted to put a stop to it by installing screws between their fences. Police spoke with the neighbor who advised he wanted nothing to do with the neighbor. He advised he had never been on his property and the water draining from his neighbor's lot floods his yard.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

★ At 10:06 a.m., Michelle R. Tyler, 31, Carol Stream, was cited for disorderly conduct. She faces a Nov. 15 hearing date.

★ At 9:12 p.m., Giselle R. Sanchez, 19, Hanover Park, was cited for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. She faces a Nov. 15 hearing date.

Thursday, Oct. 5

★ At 8:44 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of West Schick Road reported that an unknown offender stole his unlocked bicycle from the front of Bartlett High School. Estimated loss \$100.

★ At 11:17 a.m., a complainant in the 900 block of Bryn Mawr Avenue reported that he heard a noise inside his home while he was cleaning outside. He checked the inside of the house and did not find anyone, but noticed a water bottle outside where he was cleaning that was not there previously. Police checked the house with negative results. The complainant later believed he saw someone in his neighbor's yard, but later realized that it was just a shadow.

Friday, Oct. 6

★ At 9:06 a.m., a 14-year-old Hanover

Park juvenile was cited for interference with a village office and faces a Nov. 15 hearing date. Another 14-year-old Hanover Park juvenile was cited or fighting. She faces a Nov. 15 hearing date as well.

★ At 11:23 a.m., two 13-year-old Bartlett juveniles were cited for fighting. Both subjects face a Nov. 15 hearing date.

★ At 9:53 p.m., Aaliyah L. Keys, 18, Bartlett, was cited for fighting. She faces a Nov. 8 court ate.

Saturday, Oct. 7

★ At 3:32 a.m., a 17-year-old Hanover Park juvenile was arrested and charged with driving without a valid driver's license and operating a vehicle at night with one headlight. She was released on an I-bond and faces an Oct. 27 court date.

★ At 7:27 a.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Foster Avenue reported multiple incidents of stolen and damaged Halloween decorations from the front of the residence. Police advised the complainants to report any future incidents as they occur.

★ At 11:29 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Longford Road reported missing apples from his two apple trees while he was out of town. The complainant believes that school children that cut through his yard may have taken them.

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Sunday, Sept. 17

★ At 11:38 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Munger and Army Trail roads for a report of loose horses. The animals were located and reunited with their owner.

Monday, Sept. 25

★ At 8:04 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Honey Hill and Army Trail Road for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was gone when officers arrived, and they were unable to locate it.

Police to participate in pair of upcoming events

By Kristin Carreno

The Police Department and Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer James Creighton have coordinated two upcoming events.

First, on Friday, Oct. 20, the McDonald's located at the corner of Spring Street and McLean Boulevard will host Coffee With A Cop from 9 to 11 a.m. This event gives residents a chance to interact with police officers by asking questions, discussing community issues, to learn more about the

police department and get to know officers on a more personal level.

Then on Saturday, Oct. 21, the annual Red Robin Law Enforcement Torch Run Tip A Cop event benefiting the Special Olympics of Illinois will take place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. According to Creighton, local law enforcement members and athletes will be serving at the Red Robin, located at 420 Randall Road to collect funds to benefit Special Olympics of Illinois.



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Read for the Record, an event where hundreds of thousands of record-breakers across the nation read the same book on the same day, is at the Library on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Join us as we read "Quackers" by Liz Wong. In celebration of reading, we invite everyone to listen to the story, sing songs and take home a special memento. Come dressed as a duck or cat for a special surprise. Register or drop-in for this event. We support Jumpstart's mission to work towards the day when every child in America will enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. Find out more at www.jstart.org/campaigns/read-for-the-record.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time is a

sharing of books, fingerplays, activities and songs in both Spanish and English for infants through age five and their caregivers. The next session is Friday, Oct. 20 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Registration is required. Families living outside the library district may attend for \$2 per person on a space-available basis.

Movie Night with a Tasting of Caudill for students in grades four to eight runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20. Students vote for the new release movie they want to watch, and there will be pizza, popcorn provided by Classic Cinemas and lemonade. Call 630-584-9390 for movie choices. Registration ends Thursday, Oct. 19 at 9 p.m. or when event is full, whichever comes first.

Sensory-Friendly Story Time on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. is especially for children with autism, sensory processing or other developmental needs. The stories and activities will include sensory elements of repetitious language, music and movement to engage the child through age seven. We encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child or showing him/her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Registration is required.

Writing and Telling a Spooky Story for grades six to eight is Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Spooky stories send shivers down your spine. Partake in a story creating challenge to write a spooky story. Then work in groups to tell and act out the tale, complete with props on the stage in the Carnegie Community Room. Register in advance or drop-in for this program.

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Storm exact revenge with win over Trojans



Cary-Grove's Max Buss made it several yards down the field before being tackled by South Elgin's Jake Donat.

By Seth Hancock
The South Elgin football team had a chance to erase some bad memories from last season and the Storm did just that with a 21-6 non-conference victory over Cary-Grove. The game, originally scheduled for Saturday at South Elgin, was moved to Millennium Field in Streamwood on Sunday, Oct. 15 due to weather.
Last year, the Storm dropped a 50-6 game at Cary-Grove, and South Elgin quarterback Nate Gomez (15-for-18, 127 yards) said "we had this game circled on the calendar."
After a second quarter touchdown pass from Gomez to Kyle Pollert (five receptions, 60 yards) from four yards out the Storm would lead for good.
"They took it personally and they responded today," South Elgin coach Pat Pistorio said of last year's loss. "It's just an awesome victory for everyone involved."
Offensively, the Storm gained 273 yards to Cary-Grove's 243, and South Elgin used a balanced attack with 146 rushing yards and 127

through the air. Defensively, the Storm held Cary-Grove to just six points after the visitors entered averaging 38 points per game.
Gomez added a five-yard touchdown pass to Jaron Wells (four receptions, 23 yards) for a 14-0 lead in the third quarter, and ahead 14-6 Pierre Toussaint (nine carries, 59 yards) ran in an 11-yard TD for the final score of the game. Andrew Bucaro was 3-for-3 on extra point attempts.
"This victory was big for us," Gomez said. "It was a whole team effort."
Gomez added 64 rushing yards on 20 carries, and Joey Cipriani had 23 rushing yards on just two carries.
South Elgin is now 7-1 overall and will face East Aurora (1-7) as the Storm attempts to finish undefeated in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division in the final week of the regular season.
"I feel like we're playing really good right now," said Storm cornerback Anthony Zabran. "We've just got to keep it going into the postseason."



Cary-Grove's Jack Trauger closing in on South Elgin's Jaron Wells during a kick off return. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



The Storm's Pierre Toussaint dodging the Trojan's Daniel Battaglia, left, and Andrew Stokes, right, during a second-quarter carry.

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U-46 budget approved but controversy lingers

By Seth Hancock

The Fiscal Year 2018 budget in School District U-46, which sets spending at \$517.9 million and revenues at \$509.1 million, has been approved, but questions over procedures and agenda setting were raised during the process.

The budget was approved by a 5-1 vote, Jeanette Ward voting no and Phil Costello absent for the Sept. 25 vote.

Although not there for the vote, Costello issued a public statement online which he stated: "Having studied the budget, I have concluded that I cannot support it in its present form based on its lack of proactive budget constraints."

Costello added that "longer term prognosis weighs into my decision that I believe will have serious consequences on future School District U-46 budgets including" and he offered concerns as well as recommendations surrounding issues of community impact, dashboard reporting, budget vetting, earned income, transportation, attendance, investments, the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax, personnel, expenditures, vendors, legal, violence, utilities and contingencies.

At the Sept. 25 meeting Ward had planned to read a statement from Costello regarding the budget but the board's majority denied her the right to do so, something Costello later called "another case of selective censorship," and the district administration apparently proved one of Costello's points in a response to his public statement.

"What makes this vote even more contentious is that in most instances board member input is marginalized during the budget process," Costello wrote. "I believe that I have related expertise to offer constructive insights that are generally acknowledged and then summarily dismissed by the District."

The district acknowledged Costello "did not submit (his statement) to administration for a response," but "we feel compelled to provide a response."

Within the district response, it claimed the administration did not "intend to make any board member feel their input was marginalized or summarily dismissed."

Costello said at the Oct. 2 board meeting that his "notes were directed to the public since they were already answered by" U-46 CEO Tony Sanders' staff.

On the night of the budget vote, board member Traci Ellis said Costello "forfeited any right to be heard on this issue" as the board's majority did not allow Ward to read his statement, and Ellis also called his statement "irresponsible" and "so full of inaccuracies."

Board member Melissa Owens criticized Costello's statement at the Sept. 25 meeting saying: "I really wish some of this would have come out in the committee meetings we had."

However, Costello told *The Examiner*: "Each one of those points was raised with members of the finance team and with Mr. Sanders. And they have denied, basically worked around, any type of constructive thought process and have basically said that my comments had no bearing on that issue."

One of the claimed "inaccuracies" concerned violence in which Costello wrote "our schools face daily acts of violence that require disproportionate share of resources to a small segment of individuals that disrupt the education delivery mode for the vast majority of dedicated and deserving students." The district claimed it "has no evidence to suggest" that to be accurate, but according to Costello that

was sidestepping the point he was making.

Costello told *The Examiner*: "The point is that every time a teacher or a student walks down the hall, they are subject to violence. Does that happen every day? Absolutely not, but my point is they have to fear it."

"I also think it's important to note that every day we spend hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars to protect against violence," Costello added. "So we are concerned about it each and every day. And, that to me, takes away resources from the classroom and the people that want to learn and invests it into the people that don't want to learn."

Costello shared concerns in his statement about the sustainability given that enrollment is projected to decline by around 2 percent a year while expenses are expected to continually rise year after year, including an over 2 percent increase a year in personnel costs. If the projections bear out, enrollment will have dropped by 10.6 percent from 2012 to the 2020-21 school year yet expenses will have risen by 22.6 percent.

The decline in enrollment coupled with contractual constraints will lead to a "probable need to increase taxes from public sources" Costello wrote.

The district's response was that "reductions in enrollment do not lead to reductions in overall expenditures" claiming the projection "equates to 8 students per elementary and 0.4 students per classroom."

Costello told *The Examiner* "we will have to cut staff and raise the classroom size in order to make sure our staff gets paid what contractually is owed them."

The district has an over reliance on single sources regarding vendors and investment firms Costello said, and he asks: "Why are we relying on one vendor when we can rely on several and get the best value for our dollar?"

On utilities, the district claimed Costello's statement was "incorrect" as he wrote "the District is projecting a 21 [percent] increase in utilities primarily due to sustaining inferior physical plants as I understand" while the district said "rates increased by nearly 29 [percent] over the previous contract which is the predominate reason for the increase in utilities, not the inferior physical plant of our facilities."

The district response ignored suggestions made by Costello, and he later told *The Examiner* he's been told "raw prices of electricity are not going up substantially" at the park district level where he is a public administrator while U-46 is claiming the opposite.

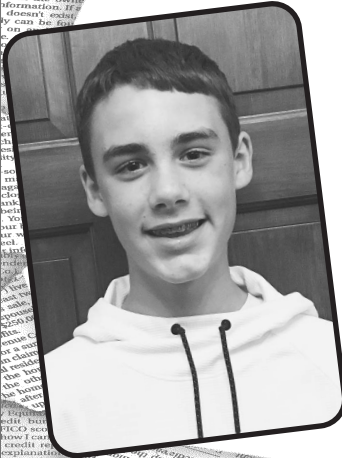
"Something is not congruent there," Costello said. "And I'm not saying that I'm right or they're wrong, but by going out and finding multiple sources of this information you'll get the best value."

Costello said the district's priorities and agenda setting process may not be in the best interest of the public, and he raised the Elgin Math and Science Academy (EMSA) charter proposal as evidence in his budget statement as he wrote "the Board invested countless hours and heard or read over a thousand public comments" on "a \$4-6M budget" for EMSA but was asked to approve a \$517.9 million budget "after three presentations with no registered public comments." He told *The Examiner* the district spent more time "thwarting EMSA" than focusing on the budget.

"This should raise flags to the public and our leadership of dubious priorities in agenda setting," Costello wrote.

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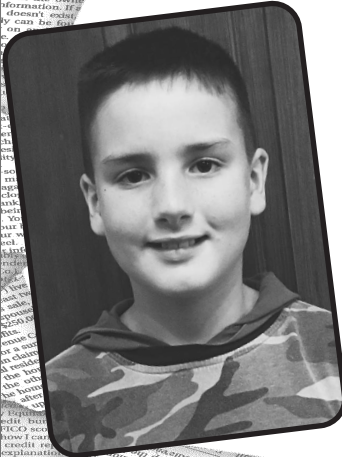


Alex Voncina, attends **South Elgin High School** where his favorite subject is English. He plays lacrosse for True Lacrosse NW and for fun he plays basketball outside. His favorite professional sports team is the Seattle Seahawks and his favorite book is 'Compound.'

Voncina will be delivering to Far Hills Drive, Edgewood Circle, Wood Creek Trail and Greenleaf Court.

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Ethan Voncina, attends **Wayne Elementary School** where his favorite subject is math. He plays football for the Bartlett Raiders and for fun he likes to go to the skate park. His favorite professional sports team is the Atlanta Falcons, while his favorite movie is 'E.T.'

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District U-46 Board ratifies varied proposals

By Seth Hancock
The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved three expenditure proposals totaling \$166,700 at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 2. The proposals were presented on Sept. 25.
One of the proposals, a \$44,500 contract with Grant Thornton LLP which will come out of the education fund, came with a 5-2 vote as Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voted no.
According to the proposal, it was for “a negotiated and signed contract with a single vendor for our 403(b) and 457” retirement plans for employees as a “consolidation of vendors from over 20 to one.”
Grant Thornton will “advise us during our request for proposal (RFP) process for selecting the new provider” according to the proposal.
For Costello, the contract shows a lack of competition which is something he has seen previously from Grant Thornton.
“I believe that we need to focus more on getting multiple sources of competitive bids for contracts rather than going with sole sourced vendors and allowing them to kind of pull through our competitive contracts, or lack of competition,” Costello said. “I understand that Grant Thornton is an exceptional organization, I would just like to see options put forth before the board.”
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A View from the Cheap Seats



Leaving Las Vegas
By Rich Trzupek

As people continue to speculate about Stephen Paddock’s motive for the horror he unleashed on Oct. 1 in Las Vegas, three notions stand out as plausible among a sea of unsupportable conspiracy theories.

The first idea is relatively simple: we’ll never know because the folks who do know aren’t going to let the rest of us know what they know. This is a conspiracy theory based explanation of course, but it’s one that includes a plausible motive among the conspirators and a conspiracy that could be successfully executed in certain, very narrowly-defined, conditions.

If someone believed that Paddock’s motives would cause substantial public unrest or that those motives would prove damaging to a powerful public figure, it is conceivable that investigation into Mr. Paddock’s past should be kept under tight cover.

This presupposes that the number of people who know the real story is very limited. The greater the number of conspirators, the less likely that the conspiracy will remain secret. It’s a theory that appears worthy of being included in the universe of the possible, but not in the realm of the likely.

The next theory involves drugs, legal or illegal, that induced a psychotic break in Mr. Paddock. It has been argued, by people who understand these things (a group of which I am decidedly not a member) that psychotic breaks don’t always result in instant action. Sometimes, when one is detached from reality – especially if the person in question is of a clever sort – then meticulous, long-term planning can occur.

This school of thought suggests that Paddock, his brain addled by legal and/or illegal drug interactions, decided to meticulously plan and carry out this massacre because he believed that by doing so he would be making the world a better place.

This proposition maintains that there are two types of drug-induced psychotic breaks: one that triggers nearly instantaneous action by the psychotic, and another that induces, careful, scheming by the psychotic to accomplish what he or she perceives to be an important goal.

It seems a plausible explanation, but also one that can be easily disproven if there is no basis for believing in it. If drugs were involved, then they should show up in the post-shooting investigation. If it were a case of a tragic interaction among prescribed drugs, that possibility will show up in pharmacy records. If it were a case of the influence of illicit drugs, the presence of such drugs should show up in Paddock’s autopsy results.

The third theory that passes the cred-

ibility test seems the most likely accurate in the eyes of this amateur criminal investigator. It’s a more subtle explanation, but it fits better than anything I’ve heard proposed. We start by considering the following:

1. Paddock was an internet-era hermit. He didn’t do social media. He didn’t blog. He didn’t submit op-eds for publication. His private, personal opinions about virtually any issues of the day remain a mystery and, given the number of available outlets in this era of hyper-communication, surely that is purposely so.

2. Paddock knew that he would attract world-wide media attention the moment he opened fire on the crowd attending the Route 91 Harvest music festival. He also knew that the level of carnage he would inflict – given the number of weapons and amount of ammunition he accumulated in his room on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel – would magnify that attention immensely.

3. Paddock had put an enormous amount of thought into carrying out this atrocity. He spend tens of thousands of dollars purchasing weapons and enhancements for those weapons. He spent days stealthily assembling his cache at his firing position. There was nothing spontaneous about this attack.

4. We are thus left to consider a seemingly contradictory question: why would an obviously intelligent man put so much time, treasure and energy into carrying out such a gruesome attack while purposely avoiding leaving any record to justify his actions?

The only possible answer to the above question seems to explain everything. Paddock did not choose to offer a reason for committing mass murder because he wanted America to talk about one issue, and one issue alone, in the wake of his slaughter: the right to bear arms.

Indeed, that is the only issue that has gained any traction following Paddock’s rampage. Most Democrats and some Republicans are using Paddock’s rampage as a reason to further clamp down on Americans’ rights under the Second Amendment. Paddock left legislators with nothing else to talk about. It’s difficult to believe that was not his intention. What better way, in this mad man’s eyes, to expose the supposed dangers of gun ownership than planning and executing slaughter to an unprecedented degree using guns?

I make no pretense of being any sort of psychological expert when it comes to explaining the actions of psychotics. I merely relate my amateur opinion of the only three theories that make any sort of sense to me. Hopefully, the experts will eventually figure it out.

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U-46 Editorial reaction

Dear Editor,
LOVED your editorial "Race Hustling on the U-46 School Board." I first learned of Ms. Ellis and her remark about our flag in the Illinois Review (dated 9/30/17) and I was outraged -- but not shocked. After reading the book, "Crimes of the Educators: How Utopians Are Using Government Schools to Destroy America's Children" by Samuel Blumenfeld, I firmly believe that Ms. Ellis has been brainwashed and deceived in her "schools of higher learning" (colleges and universities). Ms. Ellis' presumptuous and con-

temptuous airs lead me to believe that she is operating right out of Saul Alinsky's book, "Rules for Radicals."
That being said, I would like to thank you for exposing Ms. Ellis for who she is and, to quote Mike Huckabee "exactly what she [Ellis] thinks about this country."
"Black Identity Extremists" such as Traci O'Neal Ellis and Colin Kaepernick must be exposed as the new domestic terrorists that they are.
Francine Freiberg
See Letters, pg. 15

Hawks outdistanced by Blackhawks 56-14



The Blackhawks' Moshe Rogers sandwiched between Bartlett's Jack Wallace, left, and Mark Repiscak as he was tackled to the turf.



Bartlett's Joey Allen was stopped short by West Aurora's Evan Mackey on a carry in the first quarter. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



Bartlett's Gianetto Rumoro hanging on to West Aurora's Camron Donatlan as Donatlan sprinted down field in the second quarter.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team couldn't keep pace after playing with West Aurora in the first half as the Hawks dropped a 56-14 Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division game on Friday, Oct. 13 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

Things looked shaky early as a couple of big plays, an 80-yard interception return and 49-yard run, gave West Aurora a 14-0 lead after one quarter, but the Hawks made it a game in the second.

Austin Gates (nine receptions, 128 yards) used fancy footwork to keep in bounds when he caught a six-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dean Kotsovetis (15-for-22, 151 yards) to pull within a score, and down 21-7 Joey Allen (30 carries, 96 yards) ran in a two-yard TD to pull to 21-14. Gianluca Broniatowski kicked both extra points.

"You've got a quality football team there, and when they get rolling that's a very high caliber team, a state caliber level football team," said Bartlett assistant coach Steve Szpejnowski. "With

that said, I'm proud of the guys because they fought hard and made it a game."

West Aurora would add another score in the second quarter to make it 28-14 at halftime and went up 35-14 on the first play from scrimmage of the second half.

Bartlett thought it had answered on the following possession when Gates caught a four-yard pass in the back of the end zone, but the officials ruled he did not stay inbounds. That came on fourth down leading to a turnover on downs, and West Aurora then went on

to score three more times.

"Part of the challenge this season has been we have a handful of guys who were inexperienced and they are still learning how to play a complete game," Szpejnowski said.

Bartlett is 2-6 overall, 2-2 in the UEC Valley Division. The Hawks end the season at Glenbard East (2-6).

"Obviously we'd like to send our seniors out with a victory," Szpejnowski said. "We've already been eliminated from the playoffs, so this game is our playoff game."

Storm exact revenge with win over Trojans



Cary-Grove's Max Buss made it several yards down the field before being tackled by South Elgin's Jake Donat.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team had a chance to erase some bad memories from last season and the Storm did just that with a 21-6 non-conference victory over Cary-Grove. The game, originally scheduled for Saturday at South Elgin, was moved to Millennium Field in Streamwood on Sunday, Oct. 15 due to weather.

Last year, the Storm dropped a 50-6 game at Cary-Grove, and South Elgin quarterback Nate Gomez (15-for-18, 127 yards) said "we had this game circled on the calendar."

After a second quarter touchdown pass from Gomez to Kyle Pollert (five receptions, 60 yards) from four yards out the Storm would lead for good.

"They took it personally and they responded today," South Elgin coach Pat Pistorio said of last year's loss. "It's just an awesome victory for everyone involved."

Offensively, the Storm gained 273 yards to Cary-Grove's 243, and South Elgin used a balanced attack with 146 rushing yards and 127

through the air. Defensively, the Storm held Cary-Grove to just six points after the visitors entered averaging 38 points per game.

Gomez added a five-yard touchdown pass to Jaron Wells (four receptions, 23 yards) for a 14-0 lead in the third quarter, and ahead 14-6 Pierre Toussaint (nine carries, 59 yards) ran in an 11-yard TD for the final score of the game. Andrew Bucaro was 3-for-3 on extra point attempts.

"This victory was big for us," Gomez said. "It was a whole team effort."

Gomez added 64 rushing yards on 20 carries, and Joey Cipriani had 23 rushing yards on just two carries.

South Elgin is now 7-1 overall and will face East Aurora (1-7) as the Storm attempts to finish undefeated in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division in the final week of the regular season.

"I feel like we're playing really good right now," said Storm cornerback Anthony Zabran. "We've just got to keep it going into the postseason."



Cary-Grove's Jack Trauger closing in on South Elgin's Jaron Wells during a kick off return. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



The Storm's Pierre Toussaint dodging the Trojan's Daniel Battaglia, left, and Andrew Stokes, right, during a second-quarter carry.

Storm volleyball rolls against and at Elgin



Casie Swanson of South Elgin setting for a would-be kill shot against the Maroons.



McKayla Geraghty executing a service return for the Storm against Elgin.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team is setting program records as the Storm had a 6-0 week which included winning its third straight invitational.

The Storm opened the week with a 25-18, 25-15 victory, their 19th of the season, over Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference crossover play on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Elgin.

Leading the way was Libby Vedrine who continued her strong season with an eight-kill performance.

"Big reason we have 19 wins," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "She's one of the best middles in the area."

Angie Negron (seven kills), Hayley Fisher (five kills), Casie Swanson (12 assists, three aces), Kendall

Richardson (11 assists, five digs), Sarah Murray (12 digs) and Yvalis Cortes-Rojas (nine digs) all contributed.

At the start of the season, the Storm had never won an invitational title but they have now won their third straight by going 5-0 at the Elgin Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 14.

South Elgin defeated St. Edward (25-19, 25-13), Elgin (25-17, 25-9), Dundee-Crown (25-20, 25-20), Elgin Academy (25-6, 25-10) and Leyden (25-10, 25-16). The Storm have now set the program's single-season record for wins improving to 24-7 overall.

"We are having our best season in the 13 years we have been open," Plach said. "We are having a lot of firsts this season."

Fisher (44 kills, ace), Vedrine (27 kills, 10 blocks, four aces), Amelia O'Neal (13 kills), Katie Flanagan (12 digs), Kylee Hunter (11 kills, five blocks), Richardson (53 assists, 10 aces), Swanson (45 assists, 12 digs, 11 aces), Emily Wellman (25 digs, five aces), McKayla Geraghty (24 digs, ace), Cortes-Rojas (17 digs, three aces) and Murray (16 digs, five aces) led the Storm effort.

South Elgin heads into the final week of the regular season and will prepare for the St. Charles East Regional where the No. 7 Storm opens against No. 10 Streamwood.

"I am excited for the postseason," Plach said. "Right now, if we play our best volleyball a lot of good things can happen in the postseason."



The Storm's Amelia O'Neal elevating off the floor in an effort to block an Elgin shot.



Sarah Murray diving to make a dig against Elgin and keep a point alive and maintain the volley for South Elgin.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



South Elgin's Kendall Richardson moving into position to set up a teammate in her team's match against Elgin on Thursday, Oct. 12.



Yvalis Cortes-Rojas celebrating a South Elgin point following an extended volley with the Maroons.

Police Reports

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Bartlett, was arrested and charged with DUI. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

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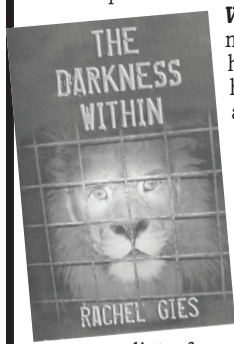
Wednesday, Oct. 4

- ★ At 2:24 a.m., police responded to Matrix Design, 1635 Shanahan Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 11:02 a.m., police responded to Giordanos Pizza, 320 Randall Road, for a fraud complaint.
 - ★ At 12:30 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of Sundown for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 12:49 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Pamela and Randall for a report of battery.
 - ★ At 1:40 p.m., police responded to the Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.
 - ★ At 3:49 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Jenna for a report of an abandoned vehicle.
 - ★ At 5:17 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Stonington for a harassment complaint.
 - ★ At 8:10 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of McDonald and Thornwood for a report of a safety or health hazard.
 - ★ At 9:29 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of an activated alarm.
- Thursday, Oct. 5
- ★ At 5:55 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Thorn-

- wood for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Zachary E. Harrison, age and address withheld, was issued a citation.
- ★ At 9:39 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Hamilton for a 911 investigation.
- ★ At 9:53 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Lowell and Sandhurst for a report of an abandoned vehicle.
- ★ At 10:10 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of North Haverhill for a report of an outside gas leak.
- ★ At 11:31 a.m., police responded to the 1300 block of Jenna for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
- ★ At 12:41 a.m., police responded to the 1300 block of Jenna for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
- ★ At 2:55 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of North Walnut for a missing juvenile report.
- ★ At 3:34 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of West Thornwood for a report of a hit and run in progress.
- ★ At 4:51 p.m., police responded to the Thermal Processing Solutions, 411 Nolen, for a report of a battery in progress.
- ★ At 6:52 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of South Collins for a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 8:12 p.m., police responded to Fieldcrest and Jenna drives for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
- ★ At 8:31 p.m., police responded to Kohl's, 350 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.
- ★ At 11:21 p.m., police responded to

- the 1000 block of Spinnaker for a missing juvenile report.
 - ★ At 11:44 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Greenfield for a report of a domestic in progress.
- Friday, Oct. 6
- ★ At 12:15 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of North for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
 - ★ At 1:17 a.m., police responded to Bookers, 420 N. McLean Blvd., for a failure to pay complaint.
 - ★ At 7:24 a.m., police responded to the State Street Bridge for a report of a safety or health hazard.
 - ★ At 8:54 a.m., police responded to the 1600 block of Raymond for a report of an accident. Andrea J. Pleasant, age and address withheld, was issued two citations.
 - ★ At 1:26 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a report of theft.
 - ★ At 2:20 p.m., police responded to 1515 Raymond, Kenyon Woods Middle School for a report of a person with a gun.
 - ★ At 6:28 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Raymond for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 8:22 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Raymond for a report of an activated alarm.
 - ★ At 8:40 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Exeter for a 911 investigation.
 - ★ At 11:28 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Brookside for a report of an activated alarm.
- Saturday, Oct. 7
- ★ At 12:46 a.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Sandhurst for a report of a domestic in progress.
 - ★ At 4:56 a.m., police responded to

- Head, Inc., 201 N. Center for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 5:58 a.m., police responded to Head, Inc., 201 N. Center for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 7:09 a.m., police responded to Taco Bell, 490 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 7:54 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 8:28 a.m., police responded to Head, Inc., 201 N. Center for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 9:12 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Thornwood for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 10:12 a.m., police responded to



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Bartlett volleyball defeats East Aurora in three sets

By Seth Hancock

Backed by a huge service run, the Bartlett volleyball team was able to take its Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division match against East Aurora in three sets as the Hawks earned a 25-12, 24-26, 25-14 win on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Bartlett.

The Hawks narrowly lost Game 2 as it rallied from a 23-20 deficit behind a Dakota Johnson (28 assists) ace and kills from Emily Baggot (seven kills) and Meghan Colley (six kills) to help forge a 24-24 tie before the visitors scored the final two points to force a third set.

Heading into Game 3, Bartlett coach Katie Spychala said: "The message was just keep pushing for points. They just went out there wanting to get the win. Their effort was great."

The Hawks grabbed an early 6-4 lead thanks in part to a pair of aces from Shayna Chacko which preceded a 12-

point service run by Baggot.

A Baggot kill gave Bartlett the serve and a 7-4 lead and she went on to serve 12 straight points including four aces to take a commanding 19-4 lead.

"That was a huge part to the success in the third game," Spychala said.

East Aurora did rally to pull to 22-14 before a Colley kill and back-to-back unforced errors by East Aurora ended the match.

Samantha Martino finished the match with 13 digs.

The Hawks continue to work with a new lineup heading into the final week of the regular season, and Bartlett is now 11-16 overall, 1-4 in the UEC Valley Division.

"We're still working on the new lineup," Spychala said. "Hopefully we can continue to build on it with some practice time coming up. I think this will be the best lineup going into our regional."

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Garfield Farm Museum hosts historic barn lectures



Time-honored historic barns.

(Courtesy photo)

On Saturday Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. and resuming at 1 p.m. two lectures will be given at Garfield Farm Museum by David Bauer, museum special projects director, on barns that gave the Midwest its iconic landscape. Just as the first log houses that occupied early Illinois are a rare sight today, wooden barns that defined farming in the 19th and 20th century will not survive the 21st century.

Barns 101 will focus on barn terminology, their European antecedents, the evolution of the American barn, roof types and modern barns which will be followed by a tour of the museum's barns until noon.

It will help to have attended the morning session to fully enjoy Barns 201 at 1 p.m. as methods for dating a barn, mortise and tenon techniques, truss designs, barn alterations, timber framing versus plank and balloon framing and silos will be discussed followed by a tour of the barns.

With the changes in agriculture, most

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historic barns no longer meet the size needs of large machinery or large livestock herds on present day farms. As a result, forces of nature, consolidation of small farms into large farms, economics and the passage of time is totally eliminating what was once such a dominate feature of the American countryside. However, museums, inveterate barn lovers, and adapting barns for homes and businesses offer a chance that more might survive their initial construction purpose.

The lectures are \$6 per person per lecture and refreshments will be provided. Reservations can be made by contacting the museum at 630-584-8485 or info@garfieldfarm.org. Garfield Farm Museum is a 375 acre historically intact former 1840s Illinois prairie farmstead and teamster inn that volunteers and donors are preserving as an 1840s living history museum.

The museum is located five miles west of Geneva, Illinois off Illinois Route 38 on Garfield Road.

Brewster Creek tenants approved for expansion

By Christy Mazza

Both Get Fresh Produce and Rana Meal Solutions will be making their presence in the Brewster Creek Business Park bigger following the unanimous approval of village trustees during their meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

"It's exciting when a business moves into Brewster Creek, but it's even more exciting when one expands," said Trustee Adam Hopkins. "I appreciate them committing to Bartlett and expanding."

Trustees approved the site plan for a second building for Get Fresh. The produce company plans on constructing a 151,324-square-foot building on a 9.25-acre lot at the intersection of Brewster Creek Boulevard and Schiferl Road. This building will be constructed just south of their existing building on a piece of property that is currently serving as temporary parking for employee vehicles and trucks.

Rana Meal Solutions will also be building a second building in the in-

dustrial park. Theirs will house the company's first lasagna line in the United States, and it will also bring the company's corporate headquarters to Bartlett from its current home in Oak Brook.

"They hope to have lasagna cooking by the end of 2018," Community Development Director Jim Plonczynski said.

The second Rana building will come in at 326,352 square feet and will be built west of their existing building along Brewster Creek Boulevard.

Village trustees also unanimously approved, via consent agenda, an economic incentive for Rana. That incentive consists of \$50,000 which will come from TIF funds as Brewster Creek Business Park is a TIF district. Plonczynski said the funds will be used to offset permitting costs. The State of Illinois has also provided a tax incentive to the pasta company.

The TIF for Brewster Creek has five years left. It is set to expire in 2022.

Bartlett soccer tops North to advance at regional

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team was unable to overcome a slow start as the Hawks dropped a 3-1 nonconference game against Downers Grove North on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

Downers Grove North scored three unanswered goals in the first half and led 3-0 at the break. Jeremy Taylor, normally a goalie, got the Hawks lone goal in the 75th minute off a penalty kick, and keeper Zachary Rebac finished with three saves.

It was senior night as Bartlett recognized Brandon Palid, Joseph Dimas, Johnny Andrade, Oscar Soto, Hector Rebollar, Andrew Wolf and Sergio Navarrete.

Although a loss in its regular season finale, Bartlett has seen some momentum over the final four weeks of the season. After going winless in their first 12 games the Hawks, now

5-13-4 overall, have won five of their last nine games including a 1-0 win over Glenbard North to advance from the West Chicago Regional quarterfinals.

Bartlett coach Victor Marquez said teamwork can help his team see success in the postseason, and assistant coach Mark Mirsky has seen the teamwork over the final stretch of the regular season.

"I like to talk about the team more than individuals," Marquez said. "I think we all have to be on the same page and make the right decisions to be successful. If we play together, as a team, we can go far."

"I think we're peaking at the right time," Mirsky said. "It's been nice that we've been able to try things out over the last couple of weeks and they're working. The boys have responded well. From front to back, it's been a great team effort."

Storm soccer goes 0-1-1 to end regular season play

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team's senior day game got cut short but not before having a chance to get a first look at its opening postseason foe as the Storm finished in a 1-1 tie against Rockford Guilford on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at South Elgin.

The Storm, seeded 10th in the Streamwood Sectional, travels to Rockford Guilford to take on the No. 6 regional host to open the playoffs.

The game was called with just under 15 minutes left in the game on the rainy, cold day.

"Honestly, it was miserable out there," said South Elgin senior defensive captain Alex Kirkby. "I love playing no matter what the conditions, but that was pretty tough."

Early on, the Storm kept Rockford Guilford off the board thanks in part to a defensive save by senior Liam Swangren off a corner kick in the first 10 minutes of play, but with 20:52 left in the first half a second corner kick by the visitors led to a goal.

With 10:20 left before the break, Royce Robinson scored an unassist-

ed goal for the equalizer. In the final minute of the first half, senior Christopher Stanczyk setup Lucas Reutimann who ripped a shot on goal in front of the net that was saved as the Storm were looking for a go-ahead.

Kirkby said with senior day the lineup was a bit different, but the ultimate goal was preparation for the postseason.

"I thought we played well considering the conditions," Kirkby said. "The results didn't matter as much. We wanted to work on some things to prepare for the postseason."

The Storm have nine seniors on their roster including Fernando Rivera, Brian Dykstra, Sergio Briones, Matthew McKee, Eduardo Carrillo and Kevin Guerrero.

"What makes me love high school soccer is that over the last four years I've been able to play with the same guys," Kirkby said. "That's made it a heck of a lot more enjoyable."

South Elgin went on to drop a 3-2 nonconference game against Oswego East in its regular season finale on Thursday, Oct. 12 in Oswego.

The Storm are now 7-9-3 overall.

BARTLETT Public Library District

Read! Learn! Connect!

Pumpkin Fun and Learn Wednesday, Oct. 18, 3:30 p.m.

The DuPage County Farm Bureau will be here to share information and fun activities related to the pumpkins we buy in the fall. Pick up a free mini pumpkin. Registration required.

How to Pay for College Without Going Broke

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Experienced professionals share their knowledge and expertise to guide you through action steps you can take to reduce college costs and still attend the college of your choice. Both parents are encouraged to attend this free seminar presented by My College Planning Team. Registration required.

Babies and Tots

Thursday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m.

Newborns through 35 months of age with a caregiver. Includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise, movement and baby and toddler interaction.

Medicare Made Clear

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.

Moving from group health coverage to Medicare can be quite a task. Learn about your choices, estimated costs and timelines for planning so you don't incur a lapse in health coverage. Presented by Insurance Broker, Donna Spigolon.

Be Creative Day!

Friday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.

All ages. Come explore painting activities available just for these special days. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver age 16 or older.

Bluestem Book Club

Friday, Oct. 20, 3:30 p.m.

Grades four to six. Booktalks, games, and activities to promote the 2017-2018

Bluestem Book Award nominees. Registration required.

An Afternoon of Classical Guitar Sunday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.

Brad Conroy will be sharing an intimate performance on the classical guitar, featuring music from Spain, Vienna and Paraguay, as well as a world premiere work. Conroy has given concerts across the US and abroad at festivals like the International Guitar Festival in Brno, the Chicago Historical Society and more.

Stories and More

Monday, Oct. 23, 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten to third grade. Gather to enjoy stories, play games and make a small craft.

Chess Club

Monday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m.

Grades two to 12. Everyone is welcome to play chess! Beginners will receive instructions on how to play.

Adult Chess Club

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m.

Interested in chess or simply love the game? Come learn and play in a friendly environment. All boards and pieces will be supplied. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide instruction.

Halloween Storytime

Thursday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m.

Children are welcome to wear their costumes.

Spooky Tales

Friday, Oct. 27, 3:30 p.m.

Grades one to three. Trick-or-treat! Come dressed in Costume for a Haunting good time. Registration required.

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Letters

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Sacred cows

Editor,

I feel it is disingenuous for village trustees and village officials to promote the narrative of raising taxes to fill a budget shortfall after just starting a \$20 million police building project.

It is an insult that the \$20 million project was not put on a ballot to gauge citizen feedback. It is an insult that other projects were also pushed knowing there was an impending budget shortfall. Did village trustees and officials just recently discover that Illinois is having financial troubles?

I question the motives for engaging in million dollar projects during financially challenging times. Recently village officials and trustees have tossed around the idea of reducing police protection as a ploy to create demand for a tax increase. This idea is always dragged out by public

officials as if the budget is pristine of waste. I question the motives for cutting back on police protection as an idea for balancing the budget. The village of Bartlett has many sacred cows but I would like to focus on Bartlett Hills golf course. Removing this entity from the balance sheet of the village would save a substantial amount. Unfortunately some trustees consider this asset a sacred cow and will use every argument to dismiss this idea. Remember a sacred cow is above criticism and arguments will be unreasonable, especially to distort the facts.

The fact is no village should be running a golf course. Villages are not in the business to be taking over and running private sector businesses. Comparatively, communism is defined by private properties owned by the public.

Edward Novak

Thank you for stance

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for standing up for the American flag and actually our way of life.

I think way too many people use their color to blame everything on. And for you to say so in a fact presenting matter is outstanding. I believe in equality for all but its not right to say it just because of their color. It is because of their words and actions!

If they say they are not against the flag or the anthem why kneel or disrespect it at events? Why not some other non-violent means?

Ron Widerski

Tolerating irresponsible behavior in U-46

Dear Editor,

For the past three weeks, District U-46 taxpayers have, once again, had to endure the bombast, insults, vulgarity and absence of decorum from board member Ellis. And while this is nothing new, the lack of courage and character from several of the board members in not calling out

this behavior is also glaringly irresponsible.

Unwilling to properly channel her anger and maintain the decorum expected from elected officials, Ellis posted a diatribe on Facebook that she claimed was private, knowing full well that nothing is completely private when placed on Facebook. Nonetheless, she blamed board member Ward for trying to embarrass her. That, to say the least, is truly rich, since it was Ellis' own words that created the uproar. But then again, her forte is promoting victimhood – not taking personal responsibility.

Ellis claimed that she would have knelt during the Pledge of Allegiance at board meetings, if doing so “would not be disruptive to kids and a distraction to the work we need to do for them.” That claim, of course, was anything but sincere, as she invited fellow “kneelers” to the Oct. 2nd meeting and showboated a supposed apology to everyone in the district except for board member Ward. If she were to have made a sincere apology, she could have simply addressed her comments to the administration and board members without reading each of their names. Instead, in her own corrosive and combative manner, she chose to insult Ward by intentionally omitting her from the list of names. And while she also included the “families” of U-46 in the “apology,” I can tell you that many district taxpayers, elected officials and out-of-district observers as well have shared with me their disbelief and condemnation of board member Ellis relative to her actions and very hollow apology.

Not satisfied, however, to offer a ruse for an apology, Ellis then proceeded to share more of her corrosiveness and lack of decorum by sharing vulgarities verbatim that she had supposedly received through Facebook by explicitly spewing them in the public session. Other than seeking to further promote her own victimhood, this was a crass and irresponsible stunt that should have been stopped and addressed

by the board president. It's hard to imagine that if anyone else, particularly anyone who speaks in disagreement with the board's majority, would have used such language, they would have (and rightfully so) been stopped in their tracks and ruled out of order.

Three weeks ago, Ellis objected to comments that had been sent by board member Costello to be read in his absence relative to the vote on the budget. Unable to determine what to do with the objection, board president Smith allowed a vote as well as personal condemnation of Costello by Ellis to deny his comments. Much like the snowflakes on college campuses who choose to prevent speakers with whom they disagree, Ellis and her lemmings disallowed the comments. My question is this: Would the same action have been taken with someone with whom they agree? I think not.

The behavior of board member Ellis was no surprise and will likely never change. The bigger issue, however, is the question of when this board will, if ever, find the responsibility, courage and decency to facilitate decorum and respect rather than applying it only when it serves their own beliefs?

Rick Newton

Budget

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On the board's agenda itself, he called it the “administration's board agenda” on Oct. 2.

“I do more to prepare for these meetings than most other board members by offering objective and challenging questions to the administration's board agenda, especially on financial issues,” Costello said. “In fact, I have never seen a single question from two board members in two and a half years. Those certain members blindly vote in favor of each and every item that administration puts on the agenda, which should be a greater source of public concern.”

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Sabres volleyball beaten in straight sets at Batavia

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team couldn't overcome Batavia as the Sabres dropped a 25-8, 25-11 Upstate Eight Conference River Division match on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Batavia.

Despite the loss, senior Jahnia Gould had a big game defensively with nine digs. Senior Ashley Rothenberg and sophomore Mariely Sotelo both had two kills to lead the Streamwood offense.

It was the 15th straight loss for the Sabres, but Streamwood coach Sheryl Hettinger has seen solid play from her squad and has said gaining some more confidence will help the young team which includes four juniors and three underclassmen.

"We're just lacking the confidence

right now," Hettinger said. "You can push, push, push them in practice so much, but you can't really teach them confidence."

Hettinger added: "We've got the talent and we've shown it. We've got to get that confidence."

Streamwood is now 2-21 overall, 1-5 in the UEC River Division. The Sabres will get a chance to face their postseason opener in the final week of the regular season.

The Sabres are seeded 10th in the DeKalb Sectional and open against No. 7 South Elgin. Hettinger has said for success, her team needs to play together.

"They're playing hard," Hettinger said. "They love the game. It's just a matter of playing together, communicating and playing as a unit."

Loss to East Aurora keeps Sabres football winless

By Seth Hancock

Both teams entered winless, and unfortunately for the Streamwood football team it remained winless after a 29-6 loss to East Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference crossover play on Friday, Oct. 13 in Aurora.

The Sabres were able to avoid being shutout for the sixth time this season. Streamwood was shutout four straight games to start the year before quarterback Brendon Marton provided a touchdown pass and run and both Jared Martinez and Stephen Deike had rushing TDs over their next two games.

After being eliminated from the playoffs with a Week 5 loss to Elgin, Streamwood coach Don Guindon has said the focus over the remainder of

the season has been getting some experience for younger guys and trying to play a complete game.

"We're trying to get there," Guindon said. "We're starting a lot of young guys now on both sides of the ball. We're trying to get them up to speed."

Guindon added: "I want them to play a full football game. We haven't done that this year. Against Larkin a few weeks ago, it was one of our worst games we've played all season. Elgin we didn't play a complete game. Win or lose, we want to play a complete game."

The Sabres are now 0-8 overall and end the season with an UEC River Division game against St. Charles East (6-2).

Sabres tie Elgin. miss UEC division title win

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team came up just short in its bid for the Upstate Eight Conference River Division title after a 1-1 tie against Elgin on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Millennium Field.

Coming in the Sabres needed a win for the title while Elgin needed either a win or tie to clinch it.

The Sabres had to rally from a half-time deficit after Elgin scored with just over five minutes left before the break, but Streamwood felt like it controlled play. Jose Ibarra had a solid

Bryan Mora feed.

"It came a little too late," Polovin said. "It's a little frustrating because we felt like we were the better team. We had the run of the play."

Sabres keeper Daniel Dominguez finished with three saves.

Streamwood went on to end the regular season with a 1-0 nonconference win over Wauconda on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Wauconda. A second half goal by Lazaro, assisted by Jesus Limon, provided the offense, and Dominguez (two saves) preserved the shutout.

chance early, during the first 10 minutes of play, and from there the Sabres would create multiple opportunities.

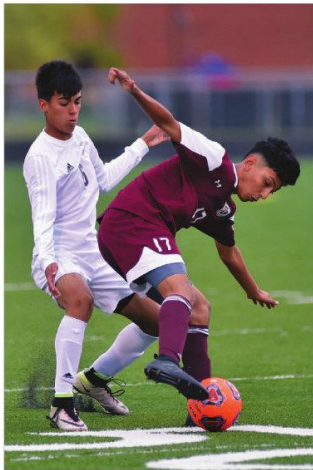
"I thought they played well, wish they would have finished their many chances and put the game away," said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. "It's never a good feeling when the better team doesn't win. Ultimately we tied 1-1, but the guys all knew we should have won by four, five goals."

Streamwood eventually did find that equalizer, but it took until the 77th minute when Aldo Lazaro put away a

Heading into the postseason, Polovin said the focus is on finishing. The Sabres host a sectional in which they are seeded third, and Streamwood opens in the Rockford Guilford Regional.

"Our focus will still continue to be finishing in and around the penalty box area as well as team defending," Polovin said. "The guys can't wait for regionals to start. They feel this postseason might run until the first weekend in November."

Streamwood is now 11-5-2 overall, 3-1-2 in the UEC River Division.



Streamwood's Gregorio Esteves, left, attempting to get past Elgin's Omar Lopez while Lopez worked to maintain control of the ball on Tuesday, Oct. 10.



Alex Herrera of the Sabres striving to exploit having a step advantage on Elgin's Julian Garfias



The Sabres' Bryan Mora splitting the defense of the Maroons' Christopher Colin, left, and Alexander Kunicki



Streamwood's Jorge Bracamontes with a driving effort on the Elgin goal as he attempted to dribble past the Maroons' Olaoluwa Ajayi.

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