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Boys & Girls Club plan includes new programs After-school sites in Streamwood to open by Nov. 1

By Mike Danahey



The Boys & Girls Club of Elgin opened its first after-school satellite location outside of Elgin at Ridge Circle Elementary School in Streamwood, where these fifth- and sixth-graders are members of the Power Hour Homework Club. (LaShaunda Jordan photo)

The Boys & Girls Club of Elgin is planning to open three new satellite after-school programs in Streamwood this year and a clubhouse in South Elgin in 2019, club officials said.

“We’re working to make sure we cover areas that are part of Elgin-area School District U46,” club mission advancement director LaShaunda Jordan said.

“Our goal is to serve more kids better,” said Cathy Russell, the club’s president and CEO. “We have a great partnership with U46, and we work with them to locate where kids are who need us most.”

In August, the club opened a satellite location at Ridge Circle Elementary School in Streamwood — its first outside of Elgin, where it is already partnered with 11 schools, Russell said. By Nov. 1, there also will be satellite after-school programs at Canton and Tefft middle schools in Streamwood and at Streamwood High School, she said.

A grand opening for the first Streamwood location is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the school, 420 Ridge Circle. In addition to a ribbon-cutting, Streamwood Village President Billie Roth and other officials will speak, a presentation will be held and program tours offered.

U46 CEO Tony Sanders said having the sites means more lives will be changed for the better.

“From providing a trusted after-school or summer program to supporting homework or just listening to a child, the Boys and Girls Club’s local expansion means more support for some of our students with the greatest needs,” Sanders said. “We are grateful and excited to work with this community partner and open doors to more opportunities for students.”

The Ridge Circle site operates from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on school days and has been drawing about 100 students a day, Russell said. That’s about 10 percent of the roughly 1,000 children who participate on a daily basis in programs at satellite locations and at the group’s main building at 355 Dundee Ave. in Elgin, she said.

The proposed South Elgin clubhouse would be housed in the village’s former public works building, which is to be converted to a facility serving 250 children, she said. A fundraising campaign will be launched in 2019 to pay for the work, she said.

Roth said Streamwood officials are excited about the club’s expansion into their town. She has visited the Ridge Circle program and was impressed by the services offered to students and their families, she said.

“It was obvious that the students were excited about being in the program. Parents noted that they didn’t want to leave,” Roth said. “The staff with the Boys and Girls Club is committed to the students and enthusiastic about working with them. The teachers and principal were delighted by the educational support this program offered.”

Speak Out: U46 wrong to spend so much on travel for training, Nike doesn't understand meaning of sacrifice, more

The 100th anniversary of the end of World War I is a reminder it was not the war to end all wars, as many hoped it would be. The Meuse-Argonne American cemetery in Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, France, holds some of the graves from a battle in which 26,000 U.S. soldiers were killed. (Virginia Mayo / AP)

War to end all wars failed

Soon we will mark the 100th year since World War I ended, the so-called war to end all wars. Yet the very next generation lost near three-quarter of a million men to the second World War.

Nike doesn't know sacrifice

This is about that Nike advertising campaign featuring Colin Kaepernick, where they say sometimes you have to be willing to stand up and sacrifice everything. I doubt anyone at Nike or the ad agency ever served their country. I think there were 58,000 young men who went to Vietnam for their country and came back in body bags. They are the ones who sacrificed everything, but I'm not going to try to tell that to Nike.

Pritzker's potty tax break

This is about the debate between J.B. Pritzker and Bruce Rauner over taking the toilets out of a house. I tell you what, J.B., you are such a liar. I was a rehabber in Elgin for 25 years and did 65 properties. I totally restored them. I took bathrooms out and saved everything. I didn't get my taxes reduced. Anybody who votes for you has to be nuts.

U46 training costs

This (School District) U46 training needs to be under control. Everyone on it should be kicked off. Fifty-six thousand dollars in meals and trips. What kind of trips? What a fraud. Check into them and see who's putting the money in their pockets.

Spotlight protesters' lives

Every little detail of Brett Kavanaugh's life has been investigated and broadcast since his childhood. All the women in this nation protesting him should be put through this ordeal. Every abortion, every incident of parent or child abuse, every unpaid debt brought up. How many of the hundreds of thousands could pass the smell test?

Illinois governors' character

Is it any wonder so many Illinois governors graduate from their terms in office right into terms in prison? The voting public is forewarned of the character of these men. Yet they still vote them into office.

Trump's SCOTUS choice

It's only logical this lying scumbag of a president would install a lying scumbag Supreme Court judge. No respect for either. The president is a liar, and this rich white boy scammed the system. There should be an asterisk by his name on each and every case he presides on indicating he's a predator.

Whining women

They talk about voting in more women to run the country and in Illinois. Are they out of their mind? Women are so emotional and whiny. They're behind all of this harassing, crying and marching. Give me a man any day who's got common sense and forget the women whining and crying.

No left turns off Laurence

Regarding the Fox River Crossing complex to be built in Elgin at North State Street and Laurence Avenue, I agree that no left turn from Laurence Avenue should be allowed into the complex. Laurence Avenue handles a lot of traffic, and it increases more each year. The left turn will back up traffic going down Laurence toward State Street. It is a really bad idea.

Kennedy a senator for life

Late Sen. Ted Kennedy caused the death of a young lady in 1969 as he drunkenly drove off a bridge. He remained in the Senate for life. Of course, he was a Democrat.

Editor's note

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Latest tax levy amount presented to U-46 board

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 is proposing a 3 percent increase in its 2018 property tax levy which was presented to the Board of Education on Monday, Oct. 15.

Both the determination of the levy as well as a resolution regarding the levy will be voted on at the Monday, Nov. 5 meeting.

The actual 2017 levy was \$271.6 million with the proposed 2018 levy \$279.8 million, an \$8.2 million increase. That is a defensive levy as the district expects a \$6.8 million increase, or \$278.4 million total for a 2.5 percent increase.

Including an additional \$42.2 million for debt service and public building commission leases, the total property

tax levy extension in 2018 would be \$322 million which is 2.2 percent higher than \$315 million in 2017.

Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, said: "To determine the amount of the 2018 tax levy, we need to estimate the 2018 Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) which includes the amount of new construction and the change in the (EAVs) for properties in the district. The levy amount is then increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is 2.1 percent, to give us our 2018 expected extension."

The proposed 2018 EAV increase is \$5.1 million, up from \$4.7 million in 2017, and U-46 expects the actual 2018 EAV to increase by \$4.9 million.

The defensive levy is to extract the

maximum amount of tax dollars from taxpayers as possible which the district claims it is "entitled" to according to the determination of the levy proposal.

The proposal states: "EAV is not known until approximately April for Kane and DuPage Counties and July for Cook. Since levies are filed by the last Tuesday in December of the previous year, it is still necessary to defensive levy to insure receipt of all property tax dollars to which the District is entitled."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders added: "When this gets to the counties, they always adjust us back down to reflect the actual CPI that comes in after we've already done this process. You always try to protect yourself by going a little bit above, and then they adjust it back down on our behalf."

Board member Sue Kerr asked about the district's plan to abate.

"We'll also be bringing forward in

November the intent to abate resolution, and we would be abating the new growth for this year, which was about \$5.6 million, and adding that to the \$3.9 million that we abated last year," Burnidge said. "The total abatement will be around \$9.6 million."

Burnidge added: "The effect on that will be for current taxpayers, it should keep their tax bills flat. They really shouldn't see an increase all other things being equal."

The abatement effectively means the district will be kicking the tax increases down the road for higher property taxes for future property owners in the district as board member Jeanette Ward replied: "But the idea of it is to preserve increases into the future so that we're not penalized by the state for keeping it flat. So in effect we're keeping it flat, but we're preserving the increase for the future."

Burnidge said "that's correct."

Vendor approved for sewer rehabilitation job

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, trustees voted unanimously to approve the low bid for sewer cleaning, televising, sealing and lining from Michels Pipe Services, Brownsville, Wisconsin, at a cost of \$226,206. According to Director of Public Works Matt Mann, this bid was the lowest of three bids received with the highest bid being \$303,417.

According to Mann, the project remained within budget. The engineer's estimate was \$232,905.

"There are sanitary sewer and manholes that need to be cleaned, televised and sealed," said Mann.

According to Mann, the joint sealing

is done by injecting a chemical group under pressure. Each joint is air pressure tested and if it does not pass it is grouted then pressure tested again. The grout is a chemical that forms a flexible seal on the outside of the pipe to reduce infiltration of ground water into the sanitary sewer system. The project also includes lining deficient manholes with a cement liner which reinforces the host manhole and prevents infiltration of groundwater into the sewer system.

"This work meets the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's requirements for their mandated Inflow and Infiltration Control Program," Mann said.

Halloween Safety Tips

The Village of Streamwood has set Halloween trick-or-treat hours as 3 until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31. Residents are encouraged to turn on their front porch lights if they want to pass out candy on Halloween.

The Streamwood Police Department encourages everyone to have a safe and fun Halloween by following these important safety tips while trick-or-treating:

Children are reminded to bring their Halloween candy home and have their parents properly inspect the candy before eating it.

A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children.

Older children should walk together with a large group of friends and stay in their immediate neighborhoods.

Children should always walk on the sidewalk and should avoid trick-or-treating near busy streets.

Motorists are reminded to drive carefully in residential neighborhoods and watch out for children crossing the street.

Children should carry glow sticks or flashlights when trick-or-treating during the evening hours and only go to homes where the porch light is turned on.

Children should never enter a residence or a vehicle to accept Halloween candy.

The police department will also be conducting extra patrols in the residential neighborhoods on Halloween. Parents and children are encouraged to immediately dial 9-1-1 if they observe any suspicious activity while trick-or-treating.



Being fully prepared

Joshua Mburu tried on a firefighter uniform and explored a fire engine up close, at the Streamwood Fire Department's annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Fire Station #31. For story and more photos see page 7.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Dist. U-46 Board trustee offered additional seat

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on whether or not to allow board member Sue Kerr to serve as a trustee on the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (ISDLAFP) board at its next regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 5.

A resolution concerning Kerr's appointment to that board was discussed on Monday, Oct. 15.

Kerr said that the fund was set up by the state "to help school districts invest sort of together," and she was asked to serve on the board last year.

About 600 school districts are members of the fund according to Kerr, and the board is comprised of eight members including two school board members, two superintendents, two community college officials and two school finance administrators. The board meets four times a year.

Kerr said she "was asked to join as a trustee last year, but they didn't get the paperwork to me until last week.... Apparently I need a resolution to act as a trustee on this fund."

Board member Jeanette Ward said this was the first time the U-46 board has heard about this, and she asked for an explanation on how Kerr was selected.

"This is the first time a U-46 board member has been asked to be a trustee," Kerr said.

Ward asked: "And what was the reason for having a U-46 board member be a trustee?"

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the Illinois Association of School Boards asked him if there was a U-46 board member who could serve and he and the board's president Donna Smith, who was absent at the Oct. 15 meet-

ing, decided on Kerr because she "typically has time to do maybe more daytime meetings."

"At the time, this was at least a year ago, we did not realize that this resolution was required at the time," Sanders said.

Ward asked if the trustees cast any votes on investments in the fund to which Kerr said: "You're given a presentation of basically their budget and their investments, and you vote on that.... You're sort of keeping an eye on things. They give you a very detailed report on what the economy's doing, what the investments are doing and so forth."

The discussion came on the same night that the board was updated on U-46's first quarter investment report.

Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, said the district's total portfolio was \$372.6 million at the end of September with a current yield of 2.194 percent. He said it has accrued \$1.9 million.

Burnidge added that the district's savings deposit accounts are yielding 2.05 percent.

"September is our high point for cash due to all the tax receipts that we've had during the month, and we'll be spending down our cash balances over the next five months," Burnidge added.

Kerr and Ward asked about how this report compared to last year and why there's been an increase in yield.

"The interest rates have been rising," Burnidge said, and "it's up probably about double from a year ago."

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New natural gas pact could save U-46 money

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 is seeking to secure prices for a 48-month contract with a natural gas supplier as the Board of Education will be voting on the proposal at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 5. The proposal was presented on Oct. 15.

The proposal would allow the district to enter into a contract with either incumbent CenterPoint Energy or Constellation New Energy/Exelon, but no official price is available yet. The contract will likely cost about \$3 million over the four years, and it would be paid for out of the operations and maintenance fund if approved.

U-46 has been under contract with CenterPoint since February 2014 and it will expire in March of next year. This proposal would allow the district to secure lower prices for the 48-month contract according to the proposal.

Richard Ramos, facilities coordinator, said once the proposal is ap-

proved the two suppliers will provide refreshed prices and the district will choose the lowest price.

"The School District uses approximately 2.6 million therms of natural gas annually," the proposal states. "Therefore a small change in fractions of a cent per therm one way or the other will mean an exponential change in funding; positive or negative."

Currently, U-46 is "paying \$0.335 per therm" according to the proposal for an annual cost of \$871,670, but the "current, conservative rates are around \$0.29 per therm" for an annual cost of \$754,580. That would equate to \$117,000 less per year or a 13.4 percent decrease in costs.

"The target results are to secure natural gas pricing lower than the current contracted rate, thereby saving a sizable amount of funding," the proposal states. "The current gas contract ends during the winter blended gas rates (March 2019), so locking in the lower

summer rates now will ensure savings are secured."

The district used consultant Belden Energy Solutions (BES) to help secure a contract. Jim Belden, managing director for BES, wrote in a letter: "Since the current energy market creates a favorable opportunity to secure low

pricing for a long term contract, BES recommends U-46 pursue a 36 to 60 month term as the best contract length to lock in low historic prices and budget certainty. BES also recommends U-46 seek final pricing proposals from the Recommended Supplier list on or around November 7, 2018."

Fire District Board given updated financial report

By Joe Hyland

At its Wednesday, Oct. 17 meeting, the Fire Protection District Board of Trustees received a summary of the district's finances as of the end of its third quarter.

"It's actually two financial presentations tonight," said accountant James Howard.

Howard opened with the revenue side of the equation.

"We've taken in 95 percent of our total revenue budget," Howard said, noting that the percentage of property tax revenue was up 3 percent from the previous year. "At 98 percent, that's what I'd expect this time of our budget year,"

Another plus on the revenue side was ambulance fees, which Howard noted were up by 13 percent.

On the expense side, Howard reported that the district had expended 73 percent of its total budgeted amount. He said this included one additional health insurance payment. He reported that the capital budget expenditures were only at 28 percent of their budgeted amount so far. The big item there was \$45,509 for vehicle computer replacement. Overall expenses

were at \$5.7 million which represented a 3 percent increase over the previous year. As usual, personnel costs were the largest percentage of this, representing 78.7 percent of total expenses.

Howard summarized that the district was still in a surplus position due to most of its revenue being received. However, he also sounded a cautionary note that there were still three months of expenses coming. He said that the district had a 65 percent fund balance to expenditure ratio. He also noted that interest income was \$14,312 so far.

Howard then moved on to the subject of the annual tax levy. He said that, due to the passage of the referendum in April, the total increase in the district's levy would be 21 percent. However, he noted that the district's share of the typical property tax bill is only 5.87 percent in Cook County and 6.18 percent in DuPage. The total increase to the district's levy amount would come to \$1.67 million, resulting in a total levy request of \$9.8 million. Howard noted that the district would almost certainly not receive the full amount.

Wayne to take new course for Arbor Day program

By Joe Hyland

For a number of years, the Wayne Village Board has appropriated money, generally \$600, for the purchase of tree seedlings to be given away for Arbor Day.

This year, things were different. When Trustee Kate O'Rourke, who is the board's liaison with the Parks Commission, made a motion to again appropriate the money, Trustee Ann Tigges raised an objection.

"I've just always had a hard time with this," said Tigges. "For all I know, we're just throwing that \$600 away."

Tigges said that there was no tracking the fate of the seedlings once they were picked up. Trustee Mike Anastasio agreed.

Village President Eileen Phipps reminded the trustees that the village is designated as a Tree City, and the giveaway was part of maintaining that designation.

Tigges questioned the value of the designation to the village.

Village Engineer Dan Lynch suggested that those who wanted seedlings should be required to order them in advance.

O'Rourke said that she was only the messenger.

"I'm just trying to liaise to the Parks Commission on this," O'Rourke said.

Tigges was adamant in her opposition.

"I'm going to vote no on this," Tigges said.


Ultimately, the proposal was voted

down 3-2 with Phipps casting the deciding vote along with Anastasio and Tigges. Trustees Rob Reed and Pete Connolly were absent.

"I really like Dan's idea," Phipps said after the vote. "It would be more accountable."

Village Clerk Pat Engstrom said she would check with the Public Works Department to find out how many trees would be available for planting next year.

Phipps thanked Anastasio and Tigges for pushing for a new pro-



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Home sweet home

Bartlett 1 of only 2 teams from Elgin area to host a playoff game

By Paul Johnson



Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh and the Hawks play Glenbard West at home Friday in the first round of the Class 8A playoffs. (H. Rick Bamman/Courier-News)

Bartlett had never even hosted a football game on campus until this season, when the school's new stadium opened.

Now the Hawks are one of only two teams in the Elgin area that will host a first-round playoff game.

The Hawks (7-2) earned the 15th seed in Class 8A, giving them a 7 p.m. Friday home game against 18th-seeded Glenbard West (7-2), a perennial powerhouse.

"The kids were super-excited," Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh said. "We had a good idea right after the games Friday, so it wasn't really a surprise. It's very exciting for the school and the kids.

"(Glenbard West) has had a great program for a long time. It's a great opportunity for us."

Bartlett ended the regular season on a four-game winning streak.

"We've been getting better every week," Erlenbaugh said. "It's a good thing going into the playoffs knowing that every week you're getting better. We're looking forward to the challenge."

A first-round win for Bartlett would set up a showdown with defending 8A state champion Lincoln-Way East. The second-seeded Griffins (9-0) play at 7 p.m. Friday against host St. Charles East (5-4), the 31st seed.

The Saints took Lincoln-Way East to the brink in last year's second round before losing 15-14.

"Let's go," St. Charles East coach Bryce Farquhar said in a tweet. "Nobody thought we had a chance last year either."

The theme of local teams facing former state champions in 8A continues with Huntley. The 27th-seeded Red Raiders (6-3) travel for a 7:30 p.m. Friday game at sixth-seeded Maine South (8-1). Huntley is 3-1 in its last four games. Maine South last won 8A in 2016.

South Elgin (6-3) faces a different situation in 8A. The 26th-seeded Storm have to face a fellow Upstate Eight foe in drawing seventh-seeded West Aurora (8-1).

South Elgin lost 48-10 Friday to the Blackhawks. The Storm play them at 7 p.m. Saturday in the rematch.

"We get to correct our mistakes," South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic said. "They get to correct theirs. We're excited about it. They're very talented, but we'll have a chance."

St. Charles North (6-3) lost its last two regular-season games in stunning fashion, so the 22nd-seeded North Stars have to travel to 11th-seeded Normal (8-1) for a 1 p.m. Saturday game in 7A.

Genoa-Kingston (7-2) is in the same position it was last year, hosting a 4A game at 1 p.m. Saturday. The sixth-seeded Cogs drew Clemente (6-3), an 11th seed making its first playoff appearance.

The Cogs won 34-6 Friday over Stillman Valley to snap a two-game losing streak.

"It was nice to finish the regular season how we did (Friday)," Genoa-Kingston coach Chad Wilmarth said. "Our kids are excited. They're looking forward to it."

The Cogs lost in the second round last year, but they're looking for more.

"We're always excited to make the playoffs," Wilmarth said. "Last year is always in the back of your mind and you want to improve yourself. The kids know that they want to one-up the last group."

St. Edward (5-4) joins the Cogs in the 4A field. The 13th-seeded Green Wave travel to fourth-seeded Urban Prep-Bronzeville (8-1) for a 10 a.m. Saturday first-round game. Last season, the Green Wave also finished 5-4, but ended up being the last team out of the field due to a lack of playoff points.

Winning the Metro Suburban Red conference title solved that problem this season.

"That one will stick with me forever," St. Edward coach Mike Rolando said of missing out in 2017. "I know this team will make those guys proud."

Good to go

Perez's goal, assist power Elgin to first regional title in program history

By Patrick Z. McGavin



Elgin's Rafael Perez, top, shown earlier this season, scored a goal in the first half and then served up a corner kick for Omar Lopez's goal in a 2-0 win against Rockford East in the Class 3A Huntley Regional championship game Saturday. (Brian O'Mahoney/Courier-News)

Senior midfielder Rafael Perez has provided a steady and creative presence for Elgin.

"He's a very high-motor guy and a great player," Maroons coach David Borg said of Perez. "I tell 'Rafa' all the time, 'How you go is how the team goes.' "

With two plays Saturday, Perez helped the Elgin go where no other team has gone in program history.

Perez scored a goal in the first half and then served up a corner kick for Omar Lopez's header as Elgin shut down Rockford East 2-0 in the Class 3A Huntley Regional championship game.

Unprecedented never felt so good.

"We just made history, so it feels great," Perez said. "I think what's different this year is our teamwork. We are always talking to each other, and it just works out there for us. We are tight like a family."

The regional title is the first in the program's history.

"I've been waiting 16 years for this," Borg said. "We played in six other regional titles and lost each one by one goal. What makes it really satisfying is that it came with this team, a really great group of kids."

Top-seeded Elgin (16-1-3) moves on to play upstart Crystal Lake Central (5-8-2) at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Hampshire Sectional semifinals.

Second-seed Streamwood plays third-seeded Dundee-Crown at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the other semifinal.

The Maroons are riding a 13-0-3 stretch since Aug. 31.

The versatile play of Perez and a continued impressive performance on defense has established Elgin's template for success. Lopez's goal in the 77th minute swelled his single-season program record to 39 goals.

That offensive firepower has overshadowed the contributions of the defense.

Senior goalkeeper Martin Jimenez, a four-year starter, made four saves as the Maroons posted their second straight shutout in the playoffs.

"Our forwards and attacking players are obviously very good, but our defense is what makes the team," Jimenez said. "We are in charge of keeping it together the whole game. My style, I think, I am pretty cocky at times but I try to play as simple as possible. Just secure the ball."

Crystal Lake Central has already pulled off upsets of higher seeds in Hampshire and DeKalb.

Jimenez didn't think that would be an issue for Elgin.

"Now that we have this regional (title) under our belts, it loosens us up," Jimenez said.

"This is a monumental win for us.

"Our focus right now is obviously just stay humble, take it one game at a time and keep going hard in practice."

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Girls volleyball: South Elgin, St. Charles East advance to regional final

By Allen Oshinski

There was just no stopping South Elgin. Playing before a raucous home crowd, the Storm downed rival Bartlett, 25-21, 25-11, in the semifinals of the Class 4A South Elgin regional.

The Storm will meet St. Charles East, a 25-13, 25-21 winner over Jacobs in the evening's first match, on Thursday for the regional title.

Hayley Fisher with 8 kills led a balanced attack for South Elgin (27-9), which set a school record for wins in a season.

The Storm took control of the second set with a 9-point run to go up 14-5, then scored the final 7 points of the match to beat the Hawks for the third time this season.

"We knew they were going to come out stronger, so we just focused on what was going on on our side," said South Elgin's Rylee Pompa. "It was more communication and energy because in the first set we were kind of lacking that. We wanted to finish strong."

It was a total team effort for the Storm.

"We're definitely an 8-player team," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "We have plenty of girls to get the job done, we don't just 1 or 2 girls that can get kills. We have 6 girls that can get kills and that's the key for us. We can set the ball to anybody and get a kill."

Kendall Richardson added 5 kills, and Pompa contributed 3 kills and 4 blocks. Libero Emily Wellman led the defensive effort with 19 digs.

The first set was much tighter, as Bartlett jumped ahead 5-1. South Elgin rallied to go ahead with Richardson firing a pair of aces from the service stripe. The Hawks briefly regained the lead, 7-6, before the Storm went on a 4-0 run to go ahead for good.

"The better team won," said Bartlett coach Robert Schwantz. "They took it to us. They did everything better than us. They were faster, they were stronger at the net. We made some basic errors, just little things that caught up to us."

Emily Baggot played a solid all-around game for the Hawks (19-11) with 7 kills and 9 digs. Isabella Diaz had 3 kills and 6 digs, while Samantha Martino dug up 10 more for Bartlett.

In the first match, the Saints won the first set handily but trailed Jacobs 20-15 in the second set before rallying to score 10 of the final 11 points.

Emily Stallman served 6 straight points, including an ace, putting the Saints ahead 22-20. After a sideout by Jacobs, back-to-back kills by Kirsten Rogers and a block by Samantha Urban finished it off.

"The kids (turned it around)," said St. Charles East coach Jennie Kull. "They've been practicing being down in practice and turning it around. We kind of were slow today, we didn't have our normal push. It's the first game of regionals. The first game of the playoffs, you've got to feel that out and that's what happened."

"We just talked about bringing a lot more energy to the court, talking a lot more," said St. Charles East Calli Gentry, "and that just really brought the play up, too."

Urban finished with 9 kills, while Gentry added 7 and Rogers 6. Emily Stallman led the defense with 20 digs.

The Golden Eagles played well for most of the second set but couldn't finish it.

"A little bit of our inexperience showed, with some younger players out there," said Jacobs coach Lisa Dwyer. "Their defense was so spunky. I can't complain about the passing or the defense. I was extremely proud of them. Yeah, it was just some of that inexperience. We got some passes, but we just needed to get a little better offense off of those passes and digs that we had."

Maggie Wallenberger led Jacobs with 9 kills, while Jaclyn Poirier added 6. Rachel Kaczorowski had 21 assists.

Making family memories that last a lifetime

As children grow up most of them hang onto their favorite memories, and for the most part, forget many of the details from their daily childhood unless something really stands out and sticks with them for the rest of their lives. It could be something such as a special place they visited that held memorable moments and it is fun to reflect on those memories. During our childhood growing up in the Netherlands my family would take a vacation once a year and as poor as the folks were, we still managed to take one month out of the year and spend it in a small village about an hour away by train. Each summer mom, my brother and I packed a few belongings, hopped on the train and went to visit the tiny village where we were welcomed by the people who lived there. I remember walking to the train station dragging a small suitcase, as did mom and my brother. We didn't own a car nor did we ride our bikes because they'd have to stay behind and one month would be too long to leave them unattended. Dad stayed behind to take care of the coffee shop at night while he worked at a company during the day. He walked to work every day because riding a bike scared him and he felt walking was better. Dad actually never rode a bike because his parents didn't have enough money to buy bikes for their eight children. Walking was the way many folks got around Amsterdam although some would ride the street car for a small fee. Dad would stay behind and come on the weekends for a couple of days to be with us. For the whole month we were there by the beach which was our favorite place to run and play, even though we would get nasty sunburns. There were always kids to hang out with and every year we laughed and played until the time came to go home. We cried buckets of tears not wanting to leave our wonderful beach and our friends behind. Most kids were visiting from Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Poland. In order for us to communicate we had to learn to speak German, some Dutch and even some Polish. But no matter what language anyone spoke we all had fun babbling and giggling about whatever silly thing was going on.


There was a small park near the beach that had swing sets, slides and other fun rides for kids to enjoy and our favorite was a huge rocking boat that swung back and forth where we'd sit inside and rock until we got motion sick. When we had enough of the stomach-churning boat we would stop at the small food stand to buy cookies, ice cream and other delectable treats satisfying our sweet tooth and giving us more energy to run and play.

At last when the sun went down all the parents would collect their children and take them home until the next day. We would head home to our dinky but cute cabin where we'd eat dinner and spend the night dreaming of the next day. This tiny cabin, that had been a stall for the landlord's small animals, was renovated into a small house and rented out during the summer and was like a mansion to us. After living inside our small apartment we loved the roomy cabin and though it still smelled a bit like horse manure it mattered little to the family.

After a good night's sleep we were ready to go and spend most of our day on the beach swimming and playing with our friends. Swimming in the water was fun and we loved the saltiness of it splashing over us after playing in the sand for hours. No one wore lotion to protect our skin and no one worried about sunburn in those

days. Maybe because the sun wasn't as hot back then. Who knows? Once in the water we'd watch out for those nasty jellyfish that came towards us, and if we weren't careful those creepy, slimy critters would attach

Tidbits...



By Rachel

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themselves to our bodies to sting us, which would burn and leave big red marks. The stinging was unbearable and could last from a couple of hours to a couple of days.

Summer was always an awesome time for us kids and many memories were made each year that have lasted our entire lives. Time flies, as we all know, and as we go through our life it is the fond memories that stay with us the most. As I sit and think back on my life, the happy times are what come to mind, rather than the tough moments. Memories are something special and hopefully as we've raised our children they too will have memories that are forever lasting. Make time to create happy moments with your family because they are more precious than anything.

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The Streamwood Blood Commission holds its next blood drive at the Village Hall, located at 301 E. Irving Park Road, on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 1 to 7 p.m. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds, is in good health, and has not given blood in the past 56 days is eligible to donate. To schedule an appointment, please use the LifeSource mobile app or register online at www.lifeforce.org and use the sponsor code SW98. You may also contact Lifesource at 877-543-3768. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

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The Streamwood Woman's Club is happy to announce the November Dining for Dollars event will take place Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Riccardo's Ristorante at 1170 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Riccardo's Ristorante is considered a mom and pop bistro doling out Italian classics such as baked clams and cannelloni. You can either dine in or carryout and Riccardo's will graciously donate 15 percent of all sales to the Streamwood Womans Club

fundraising efforts. Please come support the club while having a wonderful dining experience! You only need to mention this Dining for Dollars event. For more information visit the club's Facebook page at Streamwood-WomansClub or you can email streamwoodwoman-sclub@yahoo.com.

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

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The Streamwood Woman's Club will be hosting the ninth annual Gingerbread House Raffle event on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Panera Bread in Streamwood located at 971 Irving Park Road. Join them for a chance to win one of many gingerbread houses. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Or you can purchase an assembled house for \$15 and decorate it yourself while you dine. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there as well. Bring the kids! Panera will supply sugar cookies for the kids to decorate.

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

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

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Interested in playing bridge? Join in at the Hanover Township Senior Cen-

ter, Illinois Route 59, Bartlett. Bridge is played on the second and fourth Tuesdays (duplicate bridge on the first and third) from 1 to 4 p.m. Open to all residents in the area. For more information, call 483-5600.

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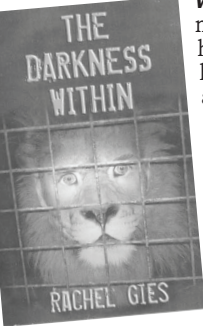
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Habitat grant application has Nov. 30 deadline

Applications will be accepted by the IDNR Division of Education through Nov. 30 for the Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant program. Applicants can select to develop a pollinator garden or a wildlife habitat of their choice. More details are available at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/GrantsSHAG.aspx>.

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Streamwood volleyball splits final season matches

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team snapped a six-game losing streak with a 25-20, 20-25, 25-19 Upstate Eight Conference win over Larkin on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Larkin.

The Sabres hitters helped propel them to victory with four different players reaching at least three kills, led by six from Lillian Dewsnap (three aces).

"Overall, the Sabres controlled the game," said Streamwood coach Sheryl Hettinger. "We had some strong offense this match and kept pushing to come home with the win."

Kaylee Angle (four kills, three blocks), Mariely Sotelo (three kills, two aces), Ava Sumoski (three kills, three blocks), Corinne Angle (nine

digs), Mary Rackow (15 assists, four digs) and Alexa Silva (three digs, ace) contributed in the winning effort.

Streamwood did go on to drop a non-conference match to Schaumburg in its regular season finale on Friday, Oct. 19 at Schaumburg.

The Sabres enter the St. Charles North Regional with a 6-25-2 record, 2-7 in the UEC. No. 9 Streamwood opens against No. 8 Elgin.

"We have to stay focused, play each game like it's our first and not let any of the season's downs get to us in order to be successful," Hettinger said. "These girls can be very determined and will prove that. We need to play good defense and combine with that strong offense that showed on Tuesday (against Larkin)."

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Sabres blank Larkin to win regional crown

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team hoisted a regional plaque on its home field at Millennium Field.

The No. 2 Sabres defeated No. 10 Larkin 3-0 in the Streamwood Regional title game on Saturday, Oct. 20. Streamwood, now 16-4-3 overall, advances to the Hampshire Sectional for a semifinal matchup against No. 3 Dundee-Crown.

In the first matchup with Larkin in Upstate Eight Conference play, Streamwood finished in a 2-2 tie and the rivals remained even at 0-0 in the rematch at halftime. A little over 10 minutes into the second half, Rolando Martinez broke that up with the game's first goal from a Jose Ibarra assist.

"Once we got the first one, I think Larkin's shoulders started dropping a bit," said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin said. "I told them that once we score keep going at them."

Polovin added: "I felt we had possession of the ball the majority of the first half. The only thing that was keeping us from doing anything good was getting shots on goal. We had to start taking chances."

Alex Chavez found the net twice to wrap up the scoring with a goal in the 63rd minute, off an Edwin Peralta, feed and the 71st minute, assisted by Jesus Limon.

Streamwood goalie Hector Alfaro made three saves to preserve the Sabres

eighth shutout of the season.

"It's my last game on this field," said Chavez, a senior. "I'm really confident in our guys. Every time we need something we pull it out, and everything was clicking in the second half."

In the regional semifinals, the Sabres defeated No. 15 Rockford Jefferson 7-0 on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Chavez (two goals, one assist), Limon (two goals, one assist), Peralta (one goal, two assists), Martinez (one goal), Jose Banuelos (one goal) and Bryan Mora (one assist) led the Streamwood offense. Alfaro was in net for the shutout but did not need to make a save.



Edwin Peralta of the Sabres during a full-stride dribble past Larkin's Julio Cruz. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Streamwood's Rolando Martinez being squeezed by Larkin's Jesus Alonso,, left, and Francisco Lopez Gonzalez while advancing the ball down the goal line toward the Royals goal. The effort set up a corner kick for the Sabres.

Streamwood beaten by Bartlett in season finale



Streamwood's Josh Morris slipping past Bartlett's Liam Gallagher in the second quarter.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood football team ended its season with a 46-6 loss to Bartlett in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Oct. 19 at Millennium Field.

The Sabres were outgained 360-90 in total yards and committed two turnovers, and they trailed 26-0 in the second quarter before junior Sirrion Dixon burst for a 51-yard touchdown run. A two-point conversion attempt failed, and Bartlett led 32-6 at halftime and finished the scoring in the third.

Along with Dixon's score, Streamwood's offense was led by 24 rushing yards from senior Josh Morris.

Despite the loss, the Sabres have some hopes for a solid future as they completed the season with a majority of the squad being underclassmen and juniors.

"We have 16 of our 22 starters coming back,"

said Streamwood coach Don Guindon. "We were a very young team this year, but we learned a lot and hopefully that carries over to more success in the future."

After a winless season last year, Streamwood finished 1-8 overall and in the UEC this season with a Week 5 victory over East Aurora which snapped a 14-game losing streak.

The Sabres will lose seniors Elijah Beach, Ronnie Harper, Zion Council, Neo Hill, Cameron Rogers, Austin Rose, Leonardo Marin, Alex Tannhauser, Carlos Del Real, Anthony Garrison, Adrian Rico, Dylan Galvez, Emigdio Mayo and Ryan Stirn.

"The kids really fight," Guindon said. "They're a great group of young men."

Guindon added: "We have a lot of young guys, and the seniors knew we'd have some bumps this season. The seniors had to kind of roll with it, and they've done a lot to make those younger guys better."



Streamwood's Sirrion Dixon giving ground to avoid Bartlett's Gianetto Rumoro. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



The Sabres' Richard Santiago gained a few more yards by running out of reach of the Hawks' Alec Palella.

Hawks topple Sabres in tune-up for playoffs

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team will head into the playoffs on a four-game winning streak as it concluded Upstate Eight Conference play with a 46-6 win over Streamwood on Friday, Oct. 19 at Millennium Field.

The Hawks, now 7-2 overall and in the UEC, earned a 15-seed in the first round of the playoffs and will face No. 18 Glenbard West (7-2). It's the first postseason appearance for Bartlett since 2015.

In its final tune-up, Bartlett out-gained Streamwood 360-90 in total yards with quarterback Jonah O'Brien (12-for-20, 251 yards) who threw five touchdown passes.

"Our receivers did a great job of getting open and making plays," O'Brien said. "They were able to create a lot of space, and all I had to do was get the ball to them."

The Hawks built a 12-0 lead after one quarter, 32-6 by halftime and finished the scoring in the third. Nick Deckard, who ran for 73 yards and added 34 receiving yards on three catches, book-ended the scoring with the game's first and last touchdowns on runs of nine and five yards.

O'Brien threw two touchdown passes to Nick Mansk on five- and 46-yard receptions and the Hawks had TD catches from Alec Palella (four yards), Hayden Angell (14 yards) and Austin Gates (70 yards).

First-year Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh said his team's hard work has helped carry them back to the postseason.

"Every week the kids have worked hard to get better, and every week we all get more on the same page," Erlenbaugh said. "I feel real good heading into the playoffs. We are excited for it."



Bartlett's Nick Deckard barreled past Streamwood's Adrian Rico during the second quarter.
(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



Bartlett's Alec Palella finding open field on a carry.



Streamwood's Elijah Beach chasing Bartlett's Mathew Young on a drive in the second quarter.



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Rams edge South Elgin in UEC title match

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team's attempt at capturing the program's first conference title in the Upstate Eight came down to the wire, but the Storm came up short in a 29-27, 29-27 loss to Glenbard East on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at South Elgin.



Kendall Richardson setting for a South Elgin kill shot against the Rams.

The Storm finished 8-1 in the UEC while Glenbard East at 9-0 captured the title with the win.

Both sets saw South Elgin have a chance to win as the Storm had game-point once in Game 1 and three times



Angelina Negron extending in reaction to a forceful Glenbard East shot in an effort to sustain a volley for the Storm against the Rams.

in Game 2. The Storm led much of the opening set and by as much as four, and they held game-point at 26-25 and it was tied 27-27 after a Hayley Fisher (13 kills, 11 digs, ace) kill before the visitors tallied the final two points.

Game 2 saw the Storm grab a 4-2 lead before a 7-0 run by Glenbard East gave them a deficit, 9-4, for most of the set. A 6-0 run later, including a pair of kills by Kendall Richardson (12 assists, seven digs, three kills, two blocks, ace) and a McKayla Geraghty (five digs, two aces), did put the Storm back ahead at 23-21.

South Elgin then held game-point at 24-23, 25-24 and 27-26 before Glenbard East rattled off three straight points to end the match.

"They really worked hard to the very end," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "We made a couple mistakes at

some inopportune times, but it was a great match."

Plach added: "I'm proud of the way they played. They played really hard. We aren't conference champs this year, but they played their best which is all I ask for."

Angie Negron had eight kills and five blocks, Anna Skrzypchak 11 assists and five digs, Emily Wellman nine digs and two aces and Rylee Pompa three kills for the Storm.

South Elgin, now 26-9 overall, will host regional play and is seeded fourth in the Huntley Sectional. Plach said her team needs to be mentally prepared for the postseason, and she said this tight match was a good tune-up.

"We're hosting regionals next week, so this isn't our last home match," Plach said. "This was a great learning experience for next week."



The Storm's Emily Wellman receiving a Glenbard East serve as she began the process to set up a South Elgin return. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Hawks soccer season ends with regional loss to host

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team saw its season ended in the Wheaton Academy Regional semifinals as the No. 18 Hawks fell 3-1 to No. 2 Wheaton Academy on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The Hawks came out strong with some solid chances, including a break-away chance by Hernan Garcia, but a penalty setup Wheaton Academy to build a 2-0 lead by halftime, including a penalty kick goal, which Bartlett was unable to overcome.

"We had a very strong start against Wheaton Academy, but it seemed like the penalty call derailed us," said Bartlett assistant coach Vince Revak. "We went from a confident, attacking-minded team to a panicked, disconnected group."

Revak added: "This game was sadly a microcosm of our entire season, conceding goals due to small mistakes and then running out of creativity in the offensive third of the field. I am happy with our effort, but I wish we could have found a consistent balance this game that really seemed to improve over the final half of the season."

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Seniors Kevin Nava and Rudy Reyes had solid opportunities in the game.

The Hawks end the season 7-11-5 overall and will lose nine seniors. Revak was pleased with the growth the team saw over the season after a slow start to the year, and Bartlett entered the semifinal going undefeated in eight of its previous 10 games.

"These boys came to play this year," Revak said. "We definitely improved from last year, and although we didn't end up with the finish we would have preferred, these players should feel proud of their season."

Revak added: "It is never easy to say goodbye to our seniors, and this group will be sorely missed.... We are proud of our seniors, and it has been a privilege to watch and help them grow as players and as individuals."

Both Nava and Reyes spent four years on varsity and contributed in 2015's state appearance team. Bartlett also loses seniors Matt Tobin, Austin Cichon, Omar Chavez, Brandon Palid, Tyler Serpico, Andres Noguera and Carlos Alfaro.

South Elgin football beaten by West Aurora 48-10

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team was unable to keep up with West Aurora as the Storm ended the regular season with a 48-10 loss in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Oct. 19 in Aurora.

The two teams will turn around and face each other again as they were paired for the first round of the playoffs, West Aurora (8-1, 8-1 UEC) seeded seventh and South Elgin (6-3, 6-3) the 26th seed.

For West Aurora, it finished the regular season scoring 45 points per game and allowing 6.4 points on average. Against the Storm, West Aurora outgained the visitors 458-200 in total yards.

"They have as much talent as anyone in the state," said South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic. "We simply could not stop them."

The game was 7-3 in favor of West Aurora after the first quarter, Andrew Bucaro kicking a 31-yard field goal for

the Storm, but the host ran away with a 21-0 second for a 28-3 halftime lead. The score was 48-3 in the fourth when Storm backup quarterback Jakob Johnson (2-for-4, 26 yards) threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Shiking Marshall (six receptions, 91 yards).

Starting quarterback Azxavier Salinas was 10-for-24 with 146 passing yards, and Travis Tranchitella led the Storm with 22 rushing yards.

South Elgin enters the postseason limping a bit with two straight losses and going 2-3 over its final five games after outscoring opponents 193-0 over a 4-0 start.

"We've got a young group of kids that's going to have to regroup and get it going," Teonic said. "It's year one. We'll get there."

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Bartlett volleyball ends regular season going 3-3

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team wrapped up its Upstate Eight Conference schedule with a 25-22, 25-17 win over Elgin on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Elgin.

The win helped the Hawks finish fourth in the UEC with a 6-3 mark, but that was in doubt early on as Elgin jumped out to a 9-1 lead in Game 1 thanks in part to Bartlett errors. The Hawks finished with 13 hitting errors.

Bartlett rebounded from the slow start and won in two sets behind Ava

Anagnostopoulos who finished with 10 kills on 15 attempts.

“The girls showed how resilient they are and just kept chipping away until we finally got the win,” said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. “Lots of errors early on possibly because of nerves, but they were able to settle in and just play mistake-free volleyball.”

The Hawks finished the regular season at the Lake Park Invite, where they went 2-3 on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Schwantz said he brought some younger girls up in the final tourna-

ment tune-up before heading into the South Elgin Regional, and now the goal is getting his squad focused on the task ahead.

“We need to start thinking of the fact we have seven girls leaving this program at the end of this season, so they need to play every point as if it is their last,” Schwantz said.

Bartlett’s seniors include Anagnostopoulos, Samantha Martino, Emily Baggot, Morgan Myers, Lily Plebanski, Alexa Mogan and Anna Monson.

The Lake Park tournament saw some tight battles to help Bartlett prepare including a couple three-set matches, a 19-25, 25-18, 15-11 win over Prospect and a 17-25, 25-18, 15-10 loss to Fremd.

The sixth-seeded Bartlett, now 19-12 overall, will open the postseason against No. 11 Larkin. A third win this season against Larkin would pit the Hawks against No. 4 South Elgin, who beat them twice, but Schwantz said the focus is on Larkin.

“We’ve already beaten Larkin twice this season, but we won’t let that change how we prepare for the match,” Schwantz said. “Their girls are also playing to stay alive and have a semifinal matchup with South Elgin as well, so they will be just as determined as we are. We aren’t talking about South Elgin yet because once you look past an opponent, that’s when you get bit. Gotta take it one point at a time.”

Wayne Board weighing option for intersection

By Joe Hyland

At the Tuesday, Oct. 16 meeting of the Wayne Village Board, Village Engineer Dan Lynch opened a discussion about possible options to improve safety at the intersection of Powis and Army Trail roads.

“That stems out of previous discussions,” said Lynch, noting that the subject had come up at the Oct. 2 board meeting as well. “As everybody knows, the intersection is a two-way stop with stop signs for north and southbound traffic.”

Lynch also noted that there is a warning for the stop signs in both directions. The stop signs have solar powered flashers.

Lynch said that there have been 18 accidents at the intersection since the beginning of 2017, with 10 of them occurring last year. He said that all have been caused by drivers on Powis except in one case where a driver attempted to turn from Army Trail Road in front of another car. He said that none of the accidents have been speed related, with the possible exception of one hit and run.

Lynch then went into some possibilities for improvements. He said that one possibility would be to lower the speed limit on Powis within village limits.

“So that’s something that could be considered,” Lynch said.

Lynch said that another possibility would be putting in a four-way stop sign at the intersection. Village Attorney Steve Anderson reminded trustees that doing so would require a traffic study according to state law.

Lynch also suggested that some tree trimming might be in order.

“The sight lines are not the best as you’re on Powis Road,” Lynch said, noting that this would require permission from property owners.

Village President Eileen Phipps suggested looking further into lowering the speed limit and doing some trimming.

“I mean I think that’s pretty much what we can do,” Phipps said.

Both Phipps and Police Chief John Naydenoff suggested that a traffic study would be useful in any case. Lynch said he would look into the costs.

South Elgin soccer season ends with regional loss

By Seth Hancock

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have requested of Groot, and Groot has approved, of garbage pickup three times a week or (more) as is needed. No deliveries or garbage pickup would occur prior to 9 a.m. or later than 9 p.m.”

Hours of operation were also reduced according to Grill with closing at 11 p.m. (from 1 a.m.) on Mondays through Wednesdays, midnight (from 1 a.m.) on Thursdays, 1 a.m. (from 2 a.m.) on Fridays and Saturdays and 8 p.m. (from 10 p.m.) on Sundays. A designated smoking area will also be set up.

The dumpsters were a large sticking point for Hopkins and Reinke, and Hopkins called it “an enforcement nightmare.” Grill said Gambit’s will be paying Groot for additional pickups and the village will have to enforce issues if they receive calls, and an attorney for Gambit’s said their contracts with Groot could be provided to the village and board.

Deyne said that when the shopping center was built, the area around Route 59 had been expected to be for office and professional uses but restaurants have since popped up all around that area in other centers. He said he understood why the original restriction was put in place at that time, but it didn’t “currently fit.”

“I am on board with the idea of having a new business in town, a new food source, owners that actually were born

and grew up in Bartlett,” said Carbonaro who added that there should be discussions on how to improve the parking and driveway at the shopping center due to possible safety concerns.

Wallace said he was “very honored to be sitting on this board” for the time it put into deliberating on this proposal.

“I know that there’s a lot of contention around this request, and I know for a fact that there’s been hours and hours of the board’s deliberation,” Wallace said. “So whatever the decision is, it’s not made lightly. There’s absolutely people on this board that have lost sleep over this particular petitioner.”

Although stating he understood some of the objections raised and disagreeing with the petitioner spending money on the project prior to approval, Wallace said Bartlett has had a bad reputation for not being business friendly.

Camerer said after the meeting that he does want Bartlett to be business friendly but “that doesn’t mean we want just any sort of business to come into Bartlett.”

An opponent to video gaming, Camerer had advised the petitioner to make it a family friendly establishment back in June and suggested they do without video gaming for the first year but they preferred to stick with 21 and older with video gaming. He said he believes Bartlett residents do not want more video gaming.

“I don’t think that all of our board listened to what people want in this community,” said Camerer. He added: “I think we’ve got to make an effort to send a message that enough’s enough.”

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who is committed to doing the right thing, then Seth Lewis is your guy. Seth and I have volunteered in our community for over 10 years together. I have witnessed firsthand how his diplomacy,

backed by an undeterred tenacity to get things done has improved the lives of our children. I do not see that changing when he is in Springfield as our senator.

If you were ever a part of the Bartlett Little League, Bartlett Raiders, or attended an event at the new Bartlett HS Activity Complex – Seth Lewis should have your vote!

George Kantzavelos

Reports

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Wednesday, Oct. 17

★ At 9:53 a.m., police responded to the 33W block of 355 for a report of horses on the loose. The officer located the animals and returned them to their home pasture.

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

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North volleyball splits last two regular season games

By Seth Hancock

The North volleyball team finished the inaugural season of the DuKane Conference as the champs although ending with its first loss in the league in a 26-24, 11-25, 25-21 match against Wheaton Warrenville South on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at North.

After a back-and-forth first set featuring 11 ties, North controlled the second set building a 16-3 lead behind a nine-point service run by Katie Lanz (10 kills, seven assists, six digs, four aces). In Game 3, the North Stars rallied from a 16-9 deficit to pull within one, 21-20, but couldn’t pull ahead.

Despite the loss, North was happy to be the first DKC champions finishing 6-1 in the conference. Olivia Walters (17 assists, ace), Gigi Crescenzo (14 digs, six kills, ace), Maddie Gorniak (nine digs), Kyla Lannert (seven kills), Grace Lilly (seven kills) and Ashley Bruns (six digs, ace) contributed.

South Elgin football beaten by West Aurora 48-10

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team was unable to keep up with West Aurora as the Storm ended the regular season with a 48-10 loss in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Oct. 19 in Aurora.

The two teams will turn around and face each other again as they were paired for the first round of the playoffs, West Aurora (8-1, 8-1 UEC) seeded seventh and South Elgin (6-3, 6-3) the 26th seed.

For West Aurora, it finished the regular season scoring 45 points per game and allowing 6.4 points on average. Against the Storm, West Aurora outgained the visitors 458-200 in total yards.

“They have as much talent as anyone in the state,” said South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic. “We simply could not stop them.”

The game was 7-3 in favor of West Aurora after the first quarter, Andrew Bucaro kicking a 31-yard field goal for the Storm, but the host ran away with a 21-0 second for a 28-3 halftime lead. The score was 48-3 in the fourth when Storm backup quarterback Jakob Johnson (2-for-4, 26 yards) threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Shiking Marshall (six receptions, 91 yards).

Starting quarterback Azxavier Salinas was 10-for-24 with 146 passing yards, and Travis Tranchitella led the Storm with 22 rushing yards.

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“That title’s really exciting,” Crescenzo said. “It’s one of our main goals for the season. We knew it was going to be a tough conference coming into it.”

The loss was the second straight for North after a 15-game winning streak, but the North Stars rebounded in their regular season finale with a 25-18, 25-20 nonconference win over Waubonsie Valley on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at Waubonsie Valley.

Walters (13 assists), Lanz (nine kills, nine digs, seven assists, ace), Lannert (eight kills), Gorniak (seven digs), Crescenzo (five kills, five digs, ace), Bruns (two aces), Olivia Osborne (two aces) and Lilly (ace) led the effort.

North is 29-6 heading into the postseason where it will host regional play. The North Stars are the top-seed in the Huntley Sectional.

“I think we know what we’re capable of,” Crescenzo said. “We just got to keep starting hard from the beginning and play how we know we can play.”

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Archery deer hunting permits available OTC

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The Examiner Asked

On Monday, Oct. 22, students at Clinton Elementary School:

Why do we celebrate Halloween?



Owen Tuftedal: “It’s so I can get candy.”



Skyler Berry: “Because it’s a time to be spooky.”



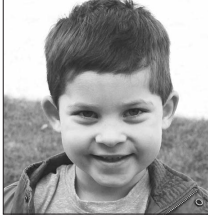
Lexi Merry: “So people can have Halloween parties.”



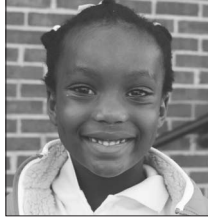
Olivia Ascola: “Halloween is for celebrating with your family.”



Paige Amel: “It gives a time to be with our friends.”



Liam Renz: “It’s a time to be scary.”



Miriam Omanoba: “It’s so you can wear a costume and it’s OK.”



Maycee Best: “So you can eat lots of candy.”



Alex Schulz: “So we can have another holiday.”



Devyn Grant: “So we can wear costumes of whatever we want.”



Jennifer Amel: “Because it’s my daughter’s birthday!”



Katherine Johnson: “It’s all about pretending, wearing costumes to pretend to be someone else.”

(By Juli Schatz)