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New tobacco ordinances to apply in village

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees approved of a pair of tobacco-related ordinances at its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The votes were 3-0 with trustees Michael Camerer, Vince Carbonaro and Kristina Gabrenya absent.

Included was an ordinance amendment prohibiting the sale and possession of tobacco and alternative tobacco or nicotine products by residents under 21 to align with new state law.

"The proposed amended ordinance would prohibit the possession of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or alternative nicotine products by any person under 21 years of age since the underage possession component was eliminated from the new state law," wrote Geoffrey Pretkelis, deputy chief of police, in a memo.

The amendment includes a prohibition of sales of such products to those

under 21 as well as the possession and use of such products on school property in the village. Violators can face a fine between \$50 and \$750.

Trustee Aaron Reinke asked if the village could ban the sale of vaping products under the ordinance to which Bryan Mraz, village attorney, said they were "investigating."

Also approved was a new chapter to the municipal code regarding smoke and vape-free regulations.

"This would allow the Police Department to issue a local ordinance citation to any person who smokes or vapes in an area where smoking or vaping is prohibited," Pretkelis wrote. "It would also allow the Police Department to issue a local ordinance citation to any person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls an enclosed public place, a place of employment, or designated open air

dining area where smoking or vaping is prohibited."

It prohibits smoking and vaping in the workplace and in village owned buildings with a minimum distance requirement from entrances and exits of 15 feet. It does not yet include banning smoking a vaping in village owned parks and open spaces frequented by children as requested by the board, but that is likely to come.

According to Pretkelis: "Staff is con-

tinuing to research banning smoking and vaping in Village owned parks and open areas and it will be brought to the Village Board in a separate ordinance."

Users who violate the ordinance can face a fine of \$100 to \$250. Business owners who violate the ordinance will face a fine of at least \$250 for the first violation in a year, \$500 for the second and \$2,500 for all violations thereafter.

Workers recognized by two U-46 designations

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 recognized members of the food and nutrition as well as transportation staff at its October meetings.

The week of Oct. 14 was designated as National School Lunch Week, a week designated by the U.S. Congress in 1962 to celebrate the federal takeover of what traditionally has been a parental responsibility through the National School Lunch Program which provides free and reduced-price meals to students funded by the nation's taxpayers.

A press release from U-46 stated that about 18,700 students receive a school lunch daily in the district. It stated nine elementary schools currently have salad bars with an additional 10 opening in January, and secondary schools have specialty services for customized meals.

The district also recently opened a garden which provides some of the vegetables for the salad bars according to Elena Hildreth, director of the food and nutrition services.

At the Oct. 7 board meeting, Hildreth said: "We've actually hosted a couple field trips to the garden and have a couple more coming, so it's very cool.... It's been really well received."

President Donald Trump issued a proclamation on this year's school lunch week.

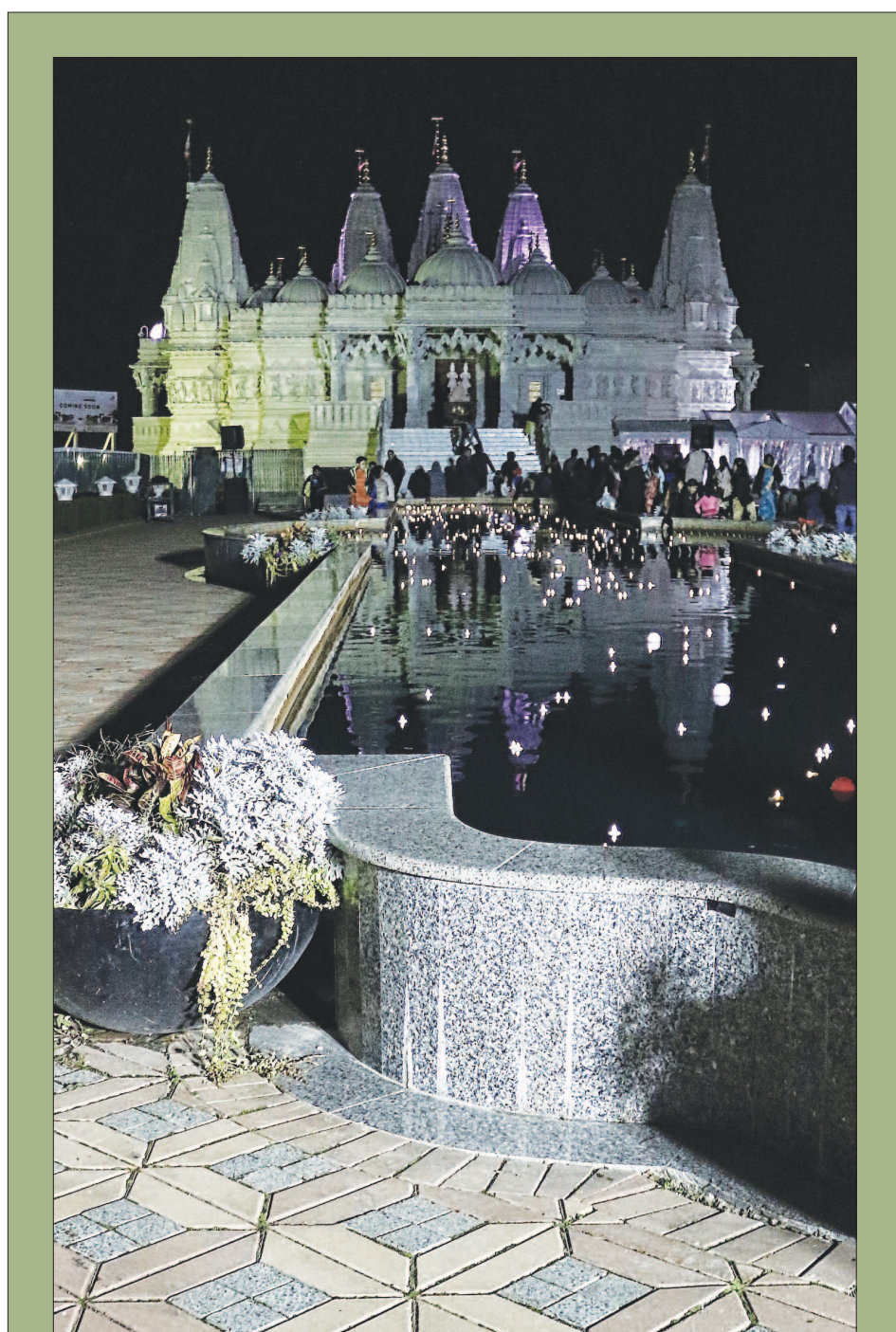
"Since its creation, the number of stu-

dents served by the program has quadrupled, and school cafeterias now serve nearly 5 billion lunches annually," Trump wrote. "This successful Federal, State, and local partnership would not be possible without the assistance of thousands of food service professionals, school administrators, community members, and parents. As a nation, we are grateful for those who go above and beyond to ensure all children are able to focus on their education and development instead of worrying about their next lunch."

The transportation department was recognized at the Oct. 21 meeting for National School Bus Safety Week which was the week of Oct. 21 as designated by the National Association for Pupil Transportation.

"We appreciate the board recognizing us each year," said Jeffrey Prowell, director of transportation. "This year, I want to make sure to mention not only the drivers and assistants but the mechanics and dispatchers, the routers and office staff that make the operation run every day."

According to a district press release, U-46 transports about 27,000 students on 350 district-owned buses which make 5,100 stops daily and drives 4.5 million miles annually. The release also encouraged the public to drive cautiously when near or around school buses and school bus stops.



Reflective celebration

A reflective pond leading up to the mandir held floating lights during the Diwali celebration held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27 at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. For story and more photos see page 9.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Village Board approves latest BEDA incentive request

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees approved of a \$25,000 economic incentive to the Still Bar and Grill on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The vote was 3-0 with trustees Michael Camerer, Vince Carbonaro and Kristina Gabrenya absent.

The incentive comes from the Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA), a program created in the 2018-2019 budget offering tax dollars

to new or existing businesses as an economic incentive. This year's \$250,000 BEDA program is now down to \$150,000 after this approval.

The Still, located in the Main Street Plaza, has been owned for five years by Brett Gaylord and Jim Leo according to a memo from Tony Fradin, economic development coordinator.

The owners originally submitted their BEDA application with nine work

items totaling \$52,535 and have since added, according to Fradin, \$20,000 in work "for mill work, tables, chairs and additional equipment. Also, staff has indicated that they must make other code-related improvements before the expansion is approved."

Fradin added: "It should be noted that the applicants included a description of approximately \$300,000 worth of expenditures made while renovat-

ing the space to its current state five years ago."

The plan is to expand the restaurant into an adjacent space also owned by Gaylord and Leo as well as to modernize the façade so it aligns with other area buildings.

"They would like to provide an area for occasional live entertainment and large events than they can currently handle," Fradin wrote.

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U-46 again opposes use of local gun control

By Seth Hancock

Should local school districts have the freedom to determine how to protect students, or should those school districts with a fear of inanimate objects be able to continue dictating to others how to protect students?

The upcoming Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) annual convention later in November will again consider allowing local control with regards to arming staff as a defense of students.

The IASB's resolution committee had consistently opposed such resolutions from rural school districts until last year when it was made clear this was an issue regarding local control. Ultimately, last year, that resolution was voted down, including School District U-46's representative voting no, by a 203-179 margin.

Mercer County SD 404 in rural Illinois submitted a resolution this year stating several rural school districts do not have the resources for school resource officers, which U-46 has, and can see police response times over 20 minutes while stating other districts have even worse response times.

"Our communities and districts differ greatly," SD 404 states. "Some communities are perfectly comfortable with having their teachers and school staff trained and armed so they can protect people in their buildings. Other communities are adamantly opposed to the idea. That is okay. The districts in our state should be allowed to determine what is best for them, rather than leaving the determination to those in Springfield who do not know or understand communities outside their own."

In U-46, there have been two public comments made, one in support and one opposed.

At the Oct. 21 meeting, Elgin resident L. Dean Hufsey noted the signs on U-46 buildings proclaiming them "gun-free zones."

"There is no evidence that such signage has ever been or is or ever will be effective," Hufsey said. "The problem with this sign or any other sign or device announcing a gun-free zone is that it sends two conflicting messages at the same time. One message to law-abiding citizens is a reminder that firearms are not permitted in schools.

The other message to the bad guys who would invade a school or other gun-free zone is 'come on in and fire away, we're just sitting ducks.'"

Hufsey said instead there should be signs that "boldly state this building and its occupants are protected by trained, armed personnel."

"There is no such thing as gun violence. There's only violence expressed by persons," Hufsey said noting he has hunting rifles and "none of those firearms have ever acted independently on their own in a violent way. Firearms do not engage in violence. It's the persons."

Patricia Harkin, a Gail Borden Library trustee, opposed the resolution at the Oct. 7 meeting.

Harkin admitted that "we do know that time is crucial" citing an FBI study stating mass shootings last about three minutes, but school psychologists believe armed staff "can increase fear" among students and media reports claim "trained personnel can be part of the problem."

"Hard data about hypothetical situations is hard to get," said Harkin who added there needs to be a "valid" study before supporting such a measure.

Some data is presently available.

John Lott, president of the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC), told

The Examiner last year that 20 states currently allow armed teachers, several for over two decades.

"With the exception of one accidental discharge by a teacher in Utah in 2014 after school hours... there have been no shootings of any type in any of all these schools that allowed teachers to carry guns," Lott added.

A recent study released by the CPRC further showed that schools allowing armed staff are far and away much safer than those that do not.

Between 2000 and 2018, there has not been one injury or death at schools allowing armed staff with that 2014 Utah incident the only discharge of a firearm, which again was after school hours and resulted in no injuries. In contrast, there have been 215 firearm deaths during regular school hours at schools not allowing armed staff with a high of 39 in 2018.

Furthermore, a PoliceOne survey has shown 81 percent of police officers supporting arming teachers and data from the CPRC showed that 97.8 percent of mass shootings since 1950 have occurred in designated "gun free zones," which all Illinois government schools are designated as.

With no discussion at the Oct. 21 meeting, the U-46 board and administration again voiced its opposition to local control.

District U-46 discusses various IASB resolutions

By Seth Hancock

Members of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), including School District U-46, will be sending representatives to the annual conference in Chicago from Nov. 22 through Nov. 24.

Beyond the mostly hotly discussed topics in recent years regarding school safety issues, the IASB delegates will vote on several resolutions to determine what the lobbyist arm of the government schools will support.

The U-46 board discussed the resolutions at its Oct. 21 meeting and agreed with both the district administration and IASB resolutions committee's recommendations on nearly all of the resolutions, but a resolution regarding minority owned businesses led to a lengthy discussion.

The resolution submitted by a district in Champaign seeks to amend state statute to allow school districts to give preferential treatment to "businesses owned by minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veterans, in selecting companies to service contracts."

No evidence of discrimination was provided by the submitting district, the IASB committee or U-46 administration but the stated rationale was that it would address "past, specific discrimination in contracting."

Board members ultimately agreed with the resolution despite some concerns addressed, primarily by Melissa Owens.

Legislation in Springfield (Senate Bill 223) by Sen. Christina Castro, an Elgin democrat, addresses the issue which the IASB committee stated "could cause local school boards to lose flexibility in some human resource practices," but it ultimately supports the goal of such legislation.

Miguel Rodriguez, U-46's chief legal officer, said: "We consider it a good

resolution."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said there should be further conversations on specific legislation to "make sure that it comes forward in a way that we can support as a school district." Sue Kerr, the board's president, said there's a conflicting problem with current state law which requires districts to choose the lowest bidder that meets specification.

Owens said she understood the intent and called it "laudable," but said it could come with a price.

"I am concerned though that this has a cost behind it in that if we're not solely looking at the lowest responsible bidder, that if we add an additional qualification into the bidding process that that is going to wind up on the whole costing the district more money," Owens said.

After some silence, Owens asked the question: "Because what would be the reason for us not accepting bids from a minority-owned business to begin with?"

Rodriguez said "it could very well be that it is cost prohibitive," but the goal is "to address social responsibility."

"The way we read the resolution did not say we would deny the lowest bidder," said Sanders, but it's "giving additional points for businesses that are minority owned. There is no harm in that."

Owens responded: "There's no harm as long as we're not putting undue pressure on the district to spend more money on bids.... We're very well conscious of the fact that given the property tax burden that our taxpayers have in this district, which is higher than most districts, I don't want to put additional burdens on our taxpayers because of something like this. I don't know that that's fair."

Board member Veronica Noland fully supported the plan saying that diversi-

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Delivering an important message

D.A.R.E. officer Ed Polaski addressing students prior to lunch during the D.A.R.E. bowling party on Friday, Oct. 25. For story and more photos see page 12.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Streamwood volleyball bows to Saints at regional

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team's season came to an end in the Rockford Guilford Regional semifinals as the No. 13 Sabres fell 25-8, 25-11 to No. 3 St. Charles East on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Despite the loss, first-year Sabres coach Shelly Mueller was pleased with her team's effort against the regional's top seed.

"St. Charles East is a very good team, they had a lot of offensive weapons and were a very aggressive serving team," Mueller said. "We struggled to serve-serve the first game and really didn't have much of an offense. I was really happy to see our team respond and make adjustments in the second game. We definitely didn't stop fighting and kept working through the whole game which was great to see."

Senior Kaylee Angle and junior Vivian Sumoski both had two kills, senior Mariely Sotelo had a kill, senior Mary Rackow had four assists and junior Hannah Jenig had six digs for Streamwood.

Streamwood ends the season 9-21-1 overall and will lose seniors Alexa Sil-

va, Leandra Gottschalk, Idalyd Ocampo, Victoria Segura, Jenna Manzano and Peyton Hedger.

"I am really proud of what this team was able to accomplish over the course of the season," Mueller said. "With it being my first year, there was an adjustment period for the girls but I think they really responded well and wanted to work hard. I feel like they really set the tone for continuing to improve the program and raising those expectations."

Mueller added: "I am excited to see how the juniors come in next year and lead as seniors. We are graduating eight seniors which is a lot, but fortunately we are returning three starters in my junior class. This group of seniors worked hard and really was the heart of this team through the ups and downs. Our juniors learned a lot through the seniors' leadership throughout the season, and I am excited to see what they will do next year. We have several sophomores I am looking forward to having next year as juniors as they continued to improve over the course of their season."

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ty is a higher priority than choosing the most qualified and most cost-effective contractors.

"I want to caution us to not forget that we have made a commitment to diversity in our workforce so that our students interact and our teachers interact with folks that they see themselves in our workforce, and that should apply to our vendors as well," Noland said.

"This isn't our money," Owens said and added: "We have to be very judicious on how we spend that money. The reason why there's that lowest responsible bidder restraint on school districts is specifically because of that."

Board member Eva Porter said the district needs to "focus on those minority businesses making sure that they are considered."

There is no evidence that minority owned businesses have not been considered or denied the ability to bid.

Former board member Phil Costello raised the issue in previous years of looking at ways to encourage using local businesses.

Owens said that could be among many parameters that should be discussed further.

"We also have an interest in this district of awarding contracts to locally owned businesses because this is a community, and it's the community's money that is being paid," Owens said.

Kerr said she also was "not comfortable with it either" before seeing specific legislation but supported the goal.

A resolution was submitted to urge lobbying efforts by the IASB towards supporting host school districts being a part of the renewal process for charter schools that were authorized by the Illinois State Charter School Commission (ISCSC). It would apply only to those districts that denied charters that were then authorized by the ISCSC.

The U-46 administration and board approved of the resolution as did the IASB committee.

"This board would have a say so... that the renewal process the charter would get reauthorized," Rodriguez said. "Which is like a good idea."

That would give U-46 the ability to deny the renewal of the Elgin Math and Science Academy (EMSA), a district charter authorized by the ISCSC in 2017, despite U-46 using unfair negotiation tactics according to most ISCSC board members.

The IASB committee, U-46 administration and board all agreed with resolutions concerning at-risk students and charter schools, background checks for substitute teachers, traffic zones, seating of new board members and board member terms. All disagreed with resolutions concerning the swearing in of board members and board member compensation.

There was unanimous support for amendments to five existing positions as well as one reaffirmation of an IASB position.



A dedicated duo

Brooklyn (13-year-old, spayed female) and Bentley (8-year-old, neutered male) are a lovable duo that can't wait to find a family with whom they can spend their time. Their last owner had to relocate suddenly and was unable to bring them along, so, they're now seeking their next new big adventure! Brooklyn is a sweet girl who enjoys affection. Bentley is a master of high fives and is absolutely devoted to Brooklyn. These two greatly enjoy each other's company and believe that three is a crowd (no other dogs please). An adoption promotion allows this delightful duo to be adopted for just \$21! For more information please call 407-2800 or email animalservices@dupageco.org.

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D.A.R.E. students celebrate at annual party

D.A.R.E. Students from five Streamwood elementary schools – Glenbrook, Oakhill, Ridge, St. John’s and Sunnydale – gathered at Streamwood Bowl for the D.A.R.E. bowling party on Friday, Oct. 25. Some 240 boys and girls bowled, tested their skills in the arcade, met with and had their picture taken with the D.A.R.E. mascot Daren. Students were also able to meet Village President Billie Roth and Village Manager Sharon Caddigan.



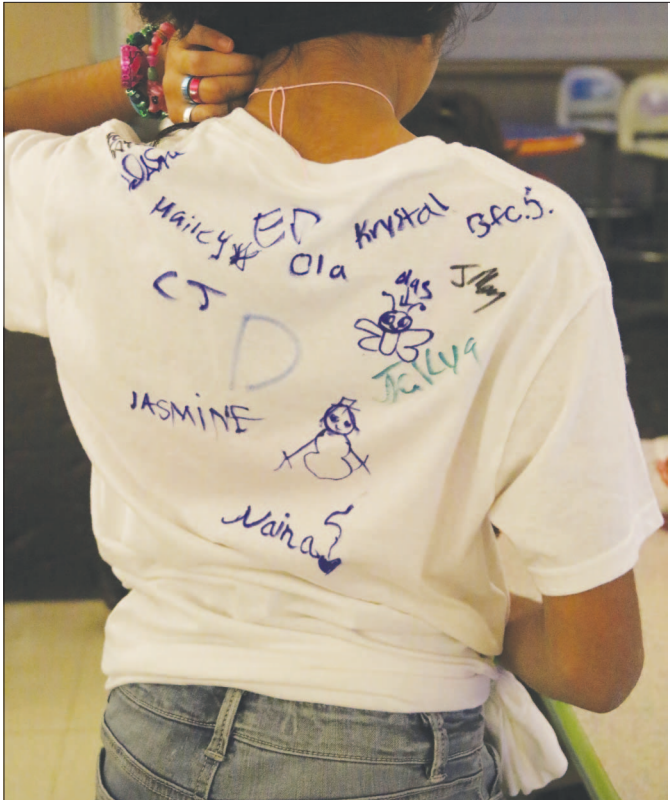
Students from **Hilltop Elementary School** waited in line to meet Daren, the D.A.R.E. mascot, who dropped in the bowling party.



Students with Daren, the D.A.R.E. mascot.



Students enjoyed bowling with dimmed lighting across the lanes. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



One tradition of the D.A.R.E. bowling party is to get a T-shirt signed by fellow students.



Students from **Ridge Circle Elementary School** lined up for lunch.



Students also played a variety of games in the arcade.

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U46 tackles equity plan

Goal to foster welcoming environment, shrink achievement gap, more

By: Rafael Guerrero

A five-year equity plan presented to the District U46 School Board on Monday is a blueprint officials say could help shrink the achievement gap between students, attract a more diverse workforce and promote the student cultures.

The plan was credited in part to the work of late Assistant Superintendent Ron Raglin, who used such phrases “radically inclusive” to describe what they were trying to achieve, U46 strategic initiatives coordinator Brian Lindholm said.

“What we discussed as a team was that the best way to honor him is to continue the important work he started,” Lindholm said of Raglin, who died in August.

“It must be noted the work is ongoing,” Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Suzanne Johnson told the board. “We continue to draft, revise and create work plans to meet our obstacles as a school system. It is important to view this work as informative in nature.”

The equity plan has four objectives: to shrink the achievement gap between students, retain and recruit a diverse workforce, promote a welcoming and safe school environment, and allocate funds to best ensure equitable access, officials said.

To shrink the achievement gap, one goal is a 20% increase African American, Latino, low-income and other marginalized groups enrolling in AP classes, career and technical education programs, and gifted programs over five years.

“We will increase communications with families about the opportunities in these programs,” Prairieview Elementary School Principal Paul Flatley said.

Officials also are working on a long-term plan to improve the recruitment and retention staff members to improve diversity so all departments are more reflective of the U46 population, Elgin High School teacher Naushina Rahman said.

Affirmative hiring practices, wider advertising of in-district teacher mentor programs and other practices could help, Rahman said.

The 2019 Illinois Report Card shows that more than 75% of district students are not white but 72% of district teachers are.

“We really need to recruit people that are diverse, people that will have forward thinking when it comes to our kids,” board member Eva Porter said. “Our kids need to see more diversity in this district and people that look like them.”

Kiesha Williams, a social worker with the district’s social emotional response team, said educators want to empower, welcome and recognize students, families and staff from all backgrounds, she said.

A transition program to help new families and staff to better acclimate to their schools and communities could help, and is one of several ways being discussed to create more welcoming and safer school environments, Williams said.

Williams recalled an African American employee event she attended when she started with U46 years ago. The event made her feel comfortable and welcome at the district, and she believes similar events could have the same effect on families and teachers.

“The hope is that PTOs, student leaders and seasoned staff will be activated in supporting new students, families and staff during their transitions,” she said.

Bartlett volleyball season ends at regional semifinal

By Seth Hancock
The Bartlett volleyball team fought to the end of the Downers Grove North Regional semifinals, but the No. 11 Hawks fell short in a 25-18, 27-25 loss to No. 6 Glenbard West on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

After dropping the first game, Bartlett built a late lead but then had to fight off several match points before Glenbard West finished the match.

The Hawks led 22-19 before Glenbard West used a 5-0 run to take a 24-22 lead. Thanks to a pair of kills from sophomore Maddie Hankins (five kills), Bartlett staved off the end and down 25-24 a Glenbard West error tied it again before it tallied the final two points.

"You never like to put yourself in a 1-0 hole, but they understand that vol-

leyball is a best two out of three sport," said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. "They always come roaring back in the second set which we did there."

Senior Bella Diaz added four kills and senior Dakota Johnson had 15 assists.

Bartlett ends the season 20-14 overall and despite the loss Schwantz was happy with his team's effort and fight which has been there all season.

"It's kind of been our M.O. all season," Schwantz said. "When we did lose a first set and were pinned in a corner, they came back fighting and we won some pretty emotional matches that way."

The Hawks will also lose seniors Riyana Chacko, Amanda Collier, Taylor Leo, Jessica Morrissey and Mili Shah.

Fermilab to present Dec. 14 holiday-themed concert

According to Fermilab, it will be hosting a Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. in Fermilab's Ramsey Auditorium.

Hop aboard a musical time machine and experience the movies like never seen before! The Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra, hailed as "the premier American ragtime ensemble", will bring tears of laughter to the audience's eyes as they laugh out loud to holiday-themed silent films of yesterday: Buster Keaton in "The Frozen North" (1922), Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy in "Big Business" (1929) and

the first-ever film adaptations of "A Christmas Carol" and "The Night Before Christmas," all accompanied live with their original historic orchestral scores.

Between the films, Director Andrew Greene and Peacherine play the rollicking rhythms of the early 20th century, featuring favorites by Scott Joplin, Irving Berlin and the creators of America's first popular music: Ragtime! Featuring an audience sing along of holiday classics and a trombone parody of the famous "Hallelujah Chorus!"



Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra will perform on Saturday, Dec. 14, in Fermilab's Ramsey Auditorium. (Courtesy photo)

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

Looking for a Job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join their career networking email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see their job board; check out the materials that cover topics such as re-

sume writing and interviewing help; stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

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Storm advances by beating Oswego East



Storm quarterback Ben Karpowicz, left, looking for an open receiver as Vincent Tringali, right, blocked the Wolves' Jacob Baird from getting to Karpowicz..
(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



South Elgin's Calin Gurau celebrating his touchdown with Samuel Robles in the second quarter of the regional game against Oswego East.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team advanced to the second round of the playoffs after the No. 8 Storm defeated No. 25 Oswego East 35-8 on Saturday, Nov. 2 at South Elgin.

Oswego East did score first, but it was the Storm's defense that set the tone.

On the first possession of the game by the visitors, Oswego East drove to within a yard of the end zone to be stopped short and turning the ball over on downs. Oswego East, which finished with a 368-337 advantage in total yards, drove to the red zone six times in the game to be stopped by South Elgin all but once.

"I thought our defensive play was outstanding, the entire game," said South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic. "I think we came up with four or five big stops in the red zone."

After the turnover on downs, South Elgin quarterback Ben Karpowicz was sacked in the end zone for a safety and a 2-0 Storm deficit. He responded after that with a big day going 6-for-8 with 99 yards, Corve King (three receptions, 49 yards) the leading receiver, and Karpowicz led the Storm with 121 rushing yards on 15 carries.

Trailing 8-7 in the second quarter, Karpowicz threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Calin Gurau to take the lead for good. King added a five-yard TD

run for a 21-8 lead at halftime.

"He bounced back really well," Teonic said after the safety. "He threw a great throw to Calin on that post. It was a tough scenario in his first playoff game, but overall, pretty good. He's a very tough kid."

Karpowicz also threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Gurau in the fourth quarter while the Storm got a seven-yard TD run from Marquis Gillespie II and a 44-yard TD run by Davion Cherwin in the game. Kicker Andrew Bucaro was 5-for-5 on extra point attempts.

The Storm are now 9-1 overall and will travel in the second round to face No. 24 Brother Rice (6-4).

South Elgin unable to quell Hononegah offense



Alyssa Worden keeping a volley alive for the Storm as she dealt with a Hononegah shot.



Allison Cuniffe of South Elgin watching the flight of her drop shot against the Lady Indians.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The No. 5 South Elgin volleyball team was unable to keep up with No. 4 Hononegah as the Storm's season ended with a 25-13, 25-13 loss in the Larkin Regional finals on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Freshman Alyssa Worden (five kills, ace) put the Storm up 1-0 to start the night, but that would be their only advantage of the match as Hononegah followed with a 12-0 run for a 12-1 lead. South Elgin trailed by at least seven in the set.

Hononegah scored the first three points of Game 2 to take the lead for good. South Elgin trailed just 14-10 when Hononegah scored 11 of the last 14 points for the victory, and the Storm finished the match with 14 hitting errors but only 12 kills as a team.

"They're obviously good," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "They're running plays that we haven't seen all

year. They're a high caliber team and having one girl on my team that has been in, call it a high-pressure situation, clearly showed tonight."

Senior Angie Negron (three kills, eight digs), senior Isabella Tusa (three kills), senior Allison Cuniffe (11 assists), sophomore Emma Hunter (seven digs, ace) and sophomore Maggie McGough (eight digs, ace) contributed.

Despite the loss, Plach was pleased with her team's effort on the night and on the season with a largely inexperienced squad with Negron, a four-year varsity starter, the only returning varsity player.

The Storm captured their first Upstate Eight Conference title in program history and for the fourth straight year set a new mark for the most wins in a single season as they end 28-8 overall.

"Year to year, anything can happen,"

Plach said. "The girls, they played the hardest volleyball I can remember in my career. They were a team that never gave up."

South Elgin picked up that 28th win in the regional semifinals when it defeated No. 12 Harlem 25-12, 25-15 on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

"It means a lot to us, especially since we were really the underdogs this year," said Negron, who had eight kills and seven digs, of setting the new program mark for wins. "We're excited and super hyped to set records for our team."

Worden (10 kills, 11 digs, two aces), sophomore Loreal Wilson (four kills), junior Brooke Elders (two blocks), Cuniffe (25 assists), McGough (15 digs, two aces) and Tusa (ace) contributed in the victory as the Storm controlled both sets from start to finish.

South Elgin will also lose seniors Alexis Sembdner and Maria Sierra.



Angie Negron attempting a kill shot against Hononegah.

Hawks end season with 28-8 loss to Crusaders



Bartlett's Brenden Gran attempting to bring down Brother Rice quarterback Jack Lausch in the open field.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Nicholas Bucaro making an interception of a Brother Rice pass on his own goal line to end the first half.



Hawks running back Tyler Rivelli attempting to get to the outside and turn the corner against the Crusaders.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team's season ended in the first round of the playoffs at the hands of last year's Class 8A state runners-up as the No. 9 Hawks fell 28-8 against No. 24 Brother Rice on Friday, Nov. 1 at Bartlett.

Brother Rice came out to build a 12-0 lead by halftime and led 28-0 before senior Tyler Rivelli (10 carries, 68 yards), who reached 1,000 career rushing yards, broke up the shutout with a 24-yard run. Junior Nicholas Bucaro

ran in the two-point conversion for the 28-8 final score.

For the game, the Hawks struggled to get its offense going finishing with 146 total yards compared to 306 from Brother Rice. On the ground, Brother Rice held a 284-66 advantage for rushing yards.

"They beat us up front," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "They beat us on the line. Conditions were bad for both of us, but they won the battle up front."

Junior quarterback Michael Priami (12-for-20) threw for 80 yards with senior Mathew Young (four receptions, 36 yards) his top target. Bucaro and senior Jakub Maniak both had interceptions for the Hawks defense.

Bartlett ends the season 8-2 overall and were co-champions in the Upstate Eight Conference. Rivelli said the team's headed in the right direction as he was a part of a 2-7 sophomore team while on varsity the squad went from 7-2 last year to 8-1 this year in the reg-

ular season.

"We're growing here at Bartlett," Rivelli said. "That's the most important part. I just hope I impacted all these guys here, all these juniors and sophomores. I just hope that we made a difference."

Erlenbaugh said: "This was an unbelievable year, just to see the strides and the growth from the guys, how they came together. They're brothers. They've built lifelong relationships. They'd do anything for each other."



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