

## Press Clippings 11/15/2017

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### South Elgin teen earns Eagle Scouts

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER MILAKOVIC NELSON



Alex Karwowski, who earned 41 Merit Badges including the 100-mile hiking award, will receive an Eagle Scout rank at the Court of Honor ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Alex Karwowski of Boy Scout Troop 13 in St. Charles will celebrate receiving the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Little Home Church By the Wayside in Wayne.

Alex's Eagle project was to build and install 15 bat boxes. These boxes serve as artificial roosts for bats and were installed at three different locations in the Village of Wayne. Bat boxes encourage bat populations which help reduce mosquito populations. This creates a more sustainable and natural environment.

During his Scouting career, Alex has earned 41 Merit Badges, as well as the God and Church award, Scuba BSA award, Polar Bear award, Philmont Scout Ranch Duty to God award, Philmont Scout Ranch Wilderness Pledge Achievement, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood, and 100-mile hiking award.

Alex participates in the Broadcast, Education, and Communication Networks program through **Elgin Area School District U-46** schools. He is a member of the **South Elgin Marching Storm** where he plays tuba. Alex is also active in the theater department at **South Elgin High School**.

To learn more about Boy Scout Troop 13, visit [www.troop13stc.org](http://www.troop13stc.org).

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## **U-46 to host Dual Language Parent Academy**

**SUBMITTED BY ELGIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46**

The U-46 English Language Learners (ELL) Department will host the second annual Dual Language Academy for parents of preschoolers to eighth-grade students on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive.

In partnership with the Gail Borden Public Library, the event aims to inform and empower the district's dual language community to better prepare students for bilingualism and biliteracy.

The event will begin with keynote speaker Kim Potowski, an author and professor of Hispanic linguistics at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dual language parents will have the opportunity to choose from a dozen sessions, including a day in a dual language classroom, how to support Eureka Math at home, understanding assessments and various ways to aid students academically and linguistically.

Research shows that Spanish is the most spoken non-English language in the United States. In 2015, the non-profit organization Instituto Cervantes reported there are more Spanish speakers in America (41 million native speakers plus 11.6 million bilingual residents) than the country of Spain.

U-46 offers dual language classes in 33 schools, and more than 10,000 students are on their way to becoming bilingual and biliterate through the prekindergarten to eight-grade dual language program.

The district plans to expand dual language programming at the high school level for the 2018-19 school year.

Breakout sessions will be offered in both English and Spanish. Food and entertainment will be provided, no registration required.

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## **U-46 data: 88 percent of teachers, administrators kept from 2015-16**

**BY RAFAEL GUERRERO**

More than 88 percent of School District U46's teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals were retained from last year to this year, according to district data.

That 88 percent retention rate is about one percent lower than in 2015-16, continuing the trend in past years of a one to two percent fluctuation.

"Districtwide, the annual retention rate is constant over four years, with approximately 88 percent to 91 percent," Donald Evans, human resources director, recently told school board members.

Among teachers, the retention rate was higher, at 92.6 percent, and administrators were close behind at more than 92 percent. The retention rate among administrators fluctuated more, with the rate being closer to 98 percent in 2013-14.

The downward trend, Evans said, is a result of turnover among non-union jobs such as lunch room supervisors and interventionists.

Evans also presented findings that retention is strongly correlated to performance among teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators. According to the data, 72 percent of administrators exceeded expectations, while another 26 percent were proficient. Among the 187 administrators evaluated last school year, only three were rated as needing improvement.

While the percentage of teachers meeting or exceeding expectations was also around 98 percent, the gap between exceptional and proficient educators was narrower. Under 59 percent of teachers exceeded expectations, while under 40 percent were rated as proficient. Out of the 2,200-plus teachers, 28 were rated as needing improvement.

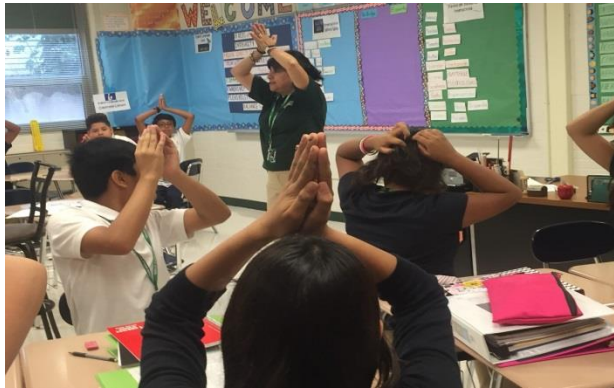
Members of the District U46 Educational Assistant Association, such as paraeducators, met or exceeded expectations at a lower rate than the other two groups, or 88 percent, the data showed.

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## **Parents to take seat in dual-language classroom**

District U46 event to offer details on growing program

**BY RAFAEL GUERRERO**



A teacher engages her dual-language seventh-grade social studies class in its lesson at Larsen Middle School in Elgin. (Mike Danahey/Courier-News )

For a second year, School District U46 will host a dual-language academy for parents and guardians of students in the English/Spanish program.

The four-hour weekend event will give parents information on the district's dual-language programs, which have grown this year and will expand again next fall. The academy is a partnership between the district's English Language Learners department and the Gail Borden Public Library, according to a U46 news release.

Kim Potowski, author and linguistics professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will give a keynote address at the morning event. The dual-language academy runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Elgin High School. Food and entertainment will be provided, and no registration is required.

According to the district, participants will choose from a dozen breakout sessions, such as a day in a dual-language classroom, understanding the district's math curriculum, assessments, and assisting students academically and linguistically.

In an interview Monday, English Language Learners initiatives coordinator Patricia Makishima said input from last year's inaugural academy led to additional sessions. New breakouts include a dual-language parent panel, how it ties in to U46 gifted programs, specialized student services, immigration and deferred action matters.

The district's dual-language program began in preschool classrooms in 29 schools during the 2011-12 school year. The Spanish/English program expanded by one grade level each of the following school years.

Dual-language then expanded into the middle schools last school year and is now offered at five of the seven middle schools. Beginning next school year, the services will expand into some of the high schools. Makishima said she and her team will present their plan for high school dual-language at Monday's school board meeting.

According to the district, more than 10,000 U46 students are on their way to becoming bilingual and biliterate in the elementary and middle schools.



In its news release, U46 officials said research shows the importance of Spanish in education, as it is the most spoken non-English language in the United States. In 2015, the nonprofit organization Instituto Cervantes reported there are more Spanish speakers in the U.S. than there are in the country of Spain.



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## U-46 Board takes stance on IASB resolutions

By Seth Hancock

The School District U-46 administration agreed with the recommendations of the Illinois Association of School Boards' (IASB) resolution committee recommendations as did the majority of the Board of Education as it was discussed on Monday, Nov. 6.

The IASB's annual conference will be held this weekend in Chicago where member school districts will be voting on resolutions to guide the lobbying efforts at the state level from the organization. Board member Veronica Noland will be the U-46 delegate to cast votes on behalf of the board.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the district administration did "not come up with any recommendation that is contrary to the position" of the IASB, but board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward did dissent on one proposal.

A resolution proposed by four rural school districts sought to have the IASB lobby for districts to have the ability to allow staff to be armed for student safety and protection. The IASB resolution committee opposed that resolution.

The resolution sought to give districts "the option of developing Student Safety and Protection Plans which may include administrators, faculty, and/or other staff who have successfully completed a training course approved by the school board and who have passed the multiple background checks and qualifications for and have a current Illinois concealed carry license or a carry license issued under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act to be an active and armed part of the Student Safety and Protection Plan, upon being granted board approval."

The districts supporting the measure said the resolution "does not compel" but rather "leaves the decision to each local district board to decide what is best for their schools and students."

The rationale was twofold including that many schools, especially those in

rural areas, have a longer law enforcement response time "up to thirty or more minutes" to "arrive on scene in the case of a life-threatening event" as well as many schools not having the resources to afford armed security: "There are many schools that do not have the financial resources to employ full time security on school property to insure the safety and protection of their students and school personnel."

The neighboring states of Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri all allow staff to be armed and at least 30 states in the nation either allow or are pursuing the allowance.

U-46 does have a contract with area police departments providing armed security in the form of School Resource Officers (SRO) at its secondary schools.

Costello and Ward supported local control.

"I think that's a good idea to give teachers that ability, especially for school district's where an SRO is not present or that the SRO is far away," Ward said. "I think that when lawful citizens have the ability to defend themselves it prevents people from getting hurt, particularly vulnerable people like students in this case."

Costello said: "I would vote for supporting this resolution. Especially given the circumstances this past weekend, we need to understand how we're going to protect our classrooms."

Costello was referencing the church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas on Sunday, Nov. 5 that left 26 dead. It took a law-abiding private citizen, former National Rifle Association instructor Stephen Willeford, to eventually stop the gunman which possibly saved many more lives. Willeford said after his heroic actions that "I think my God and my Lord protected me and gave me the skills to do what needed to be done" and that he couldn't have stopped the gunman without his AR-15 rifle.

Noland along with board members Traci Ellis, Sue Kerr and Melissa Owens all said they simply "don't

support" the resolution without offering any rationale for their position. The IASB resolution committee, as well as the U-46 administration through its concurrence with the committee, only offered that it did not trust local school boards and that guns are controversial.

"The struggle for consensus was borne out of the controversy of having guns inside the school," the committee's opposition stated.

Another resolution discussed at the board meeting was one submitted by Sangamon Valley CUSD 9 seeking a 1 percent sales tax "across all counties in Illinois." The IASB resolution committee along with U-46 administration opposed the resolution.

The district's position was not one against the added taxation but rather

the difficulty in implementing the tax as Sanders said "the challenge for us... you're going to add an additional percent to those" counties that already have that sales tax, and within U-46 Cook County is currently exempt from such a sales tax.

However, the resolution itself appears to be seeking to have the state force that tax upon all counties regardless of current exemptions to it as it states the IASB "shall support legislation that will institute the County School Facility Occupation Tax across all counties in Illinois."

Costello wholeheartedly disagreed with the resolution calling it "short-sighted" and "ill-advised" while referencing the large number of residents that have been fleeing the state, and Ward agreed with his assessment.

## Tax measures, budget keynote meeting agenda

By Joe Hyland

At its Thursday, Nov. 16 meeting, the Village Board will take up a number of measures related to taxes. These will include the proposal of ordinances authorizing the village's annual tax levy as well as the supplemental tax levies for the various special service areas in the village.

There will be hearings on the annual levy as well as the village's annual budget prior to the meeting. The budget hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and the tax levy hearing for 6:40 p.m. prior to the scheduled board meeting at 7 p.m. Residents are invited to attend the meeting should they wish to provide any testimony. The proposed budget can be reviewed at Village Hall.

The total proposed tax levy is just un-

der \$11.4 million. This is the same as the levy for the previous year. The proposed budget is listed at \$60.5 million.

The supplemental levies for the 28 special service areas will total just under \$141,000.

The ordinance for the special service area levies will be presented for its first reading only, so no action will be taken at Thursday's meeting. This is also the case for the ordinances authorizing the annual budget and property tax levy. The ordinances will then be presented for their second reading and passage at the board's first meeting in December. The levy must be submitted to county authorities by the end of December in order to be included on next year's property tax bills.



### Proudly he served

Retired Marine Corps veteran Bob Arquette proudly proclaimed the branch of the armed forces in which he served at the annual Veterans Day observance ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



# Police Reports

## STREAMWOOD

**Wednesday, Oct. 25**  
★ At 2:54 a.m., Samuel J. LaSpisa, 50, Crystal Lake, was arrested and charged with residential burglary for an incident that occurred between Oct. 12 and 13 in the 0-100 block of David Drive. In the incident, the alleged offender took two guitars manufactured by Fender and Paul Reed Smith from the home. The items were later presented for sale at Guitar Center, Algonquin. The subject faces an undetermined court date.  
**Sunday, Nov. 5**  
★ At 10:49 a.m., Anthony Onofre, 24, Elgin, was arrested and charged with retail theft for an incident that occurred at Target, 1001 S. Sutton Road. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

## BARTLETT

**Sunday, Oct. 29**  
★ At 1:56 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Wildberry Lane reported that an unknown offender damaged his mailbox. Police checked the area for neighbors with security cameras, but with negative results. Estimated loss \$50.  
**Monday, Oct. 30**  
★ At 1:11 p.m., a complainant in the area of West Devon Avenue and Ontarioville Avenue reported that a driver attempted to run him off the road. Police made contact with the other driver who advised she was not trying to run anyone off the road, but simply passed the complainant on the road. She was warned regarding the driving infraction. No complaints to be signed.  
★ At 5:38 p.m., a complainant in the

2700 block of Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, reported that an unknown offender used his account number to withdraw money from an ATM.  
★ At 6:30 p.m., Miguel A. Gonzalez, 18, Hanover Park, was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces a Nov. 15 court date.  
★ At 8:17 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of North Oak Avenue reported two subjects banging on the door of Eastview Middle School after hours. The subjects were both drinking alcohol and one urinated on the ground. The complainant asked them both to leave. Police checked the area with negative results.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 31**  
★ At 12:03 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Richmond Lane reported receiving a suspicious email asking for personal information to unlock her Apple account. The complainant stated that she gave the information that was requested. She later reported the incident to Apple who advised her that they did not request any information.  
★ At 12:44 a.m., an 18-year-old Bartlett juvenile was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. He faces a Dec. 20 court date.  
★ At 1:22 p.m., two 15-year-old Hanover park juveniles were cited for truancy. They face a Nov. 15 court date.  
★ At 1:51 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of East Lake Street reported that a regular customer comes into the business to get his hair cut. Each visit he asks how much money is in the register and how much supplies cost. Police advised the complainant to contact police if any further information is obtained.

★ At 4:29 p.m., Menlaidy D. Dahnweih, 43, Warrenville, was cited for improper use of registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper turn. The subject faces an undetermined court date.  
★ At 5:11 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of West Stearns Road reported observing two unknown subjects driving a white box truck around the parking lot back and forth in front of the Verizon Wireless store. The complainant advised that the subjects entered the store and bought a charger, but shortly reentered to return it.  
★ At 8:01 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Deere Park reported that he loaned his vehicle to a friend and when asked to return it, the subject stated, "You can have it if you can find it." Police contacted the subject who advised that the complainant loaned him his vehicle because he owes him \$500. He stated that the vehicle would be returned that day.  
**Wednesday, Nov. 1**  
★ At 12:08 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Litchfield Drive for a neighbor dispute over vehicles parked in front of the complainant's home Peace was restored.  
★ At 8:06 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of West Schick Road reported that his son was scratched by a subject for grabbing a note out of her hand. Police spoke with the subject who stated she accidentally scratched the complainant's son, and apologized.  
**Thursday, Nov. 2**  
★ At 10:49 a.m., Sagrario Martinez, 45, Elgin, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license, operation of an unauthorized motor vehicle and speeding. She was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.  
★ At 11:37 a.m., Jose F. Dominguez-Menez, 19, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and expired registration. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.  
★ At 3:42 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of West North Avenue reported that she received a text message from an unknown number in re-

gards to returning her medication. Police called the number with negative results.  
★ At 11:17 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Northgate Drive for a reported burglary of a motor vehicle. Change estimated at \$17 and an iPhone were taken from the unlocked vehicle.  
**Friday, Nov. 3**  
★ At 3:46 a.m., Thomas P. Corbin III, 22, Streamwood, was cited for damage to property. He faces a Dec. 20 hearing date.  
★ At 7:19 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of West Schick Road reported that a contracted worker on school grounds was prohibited from being on the premises. The subject was not aware that he could not be on school grounds and left without incident. A trespass warning was issued.  
★ At 10:45 a.m., a 16-year-old Hanover Park juvenile was cited for truancy. He faces a Dec. 20 court date.  
★ At 3:53 p.m., Anthony M. Sparks, 19, Streamwood, was cited for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He faces a Dec. 20 court date.  
**Saturday, Nov. 4**  
★ At 12 a.m., three 17-year-old juveniles were cited for possession of cannabis. They face a Dec. 20 court date.  
★ At 12:05 a.m., police in the area of Illinois Route 59 and Auburn Lane responded to a report of a female subject walking on Route 59. Police transported the subject back to her residence.

## CAROL STREAM

**Saturday, Oct. 28**  
★ At 6:03 p.m., Bawi Lian Hu, 31, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with aggravated DUI and no valid driver's license. The subject was transported to DuPage County Jail.  
**Monday, Oct. 30**  
★ At 11:11 p.m., Jennifer L. Ashton, 22 Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance, following too closely, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

# Sabres girls hoops looks to succeed on experience

By Seth Hancock  
The Streamwood girls basketball team is looking for its experience to lead to a successful 2017-18 season.  
The Sabres finished last year 16-14 overall, 5-7 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division, and won their first regional title since 2013. Streamwood coach George Rosner said the goal is to continue winning.  
"We always want to win," Rosner said. "We don't settle for just playing well. Our culture is based on winning as many games as possible, especially in conference and in the postseason."  
Although losing a four-year starter and career double-double player in 6-foot-3 center Jenejha Williams, the Sabres return the rest of its starting five along with depth from the bench.  
Rosner said "we will start four seniors for the most part" in Andrea Bracy (forward), Monica Brown (guard), Becky Roncone (guard) and Maddi Exline (guard/forward) as well as sophomore point guard Mandy Mein.  
Exline, going into her fourth season as a starter, scored 8.7 points and

added 3.1 assists per game last year and Mein, in her freshman year, had 9.4 points and 4.6 assists per game as the pair joined Williams as all-conference selections last season. Bracy, Brown and Roncone have all been starters since their sophomore year.  
"The keys are our experienced players playing at their highest level," Rosner said. "We are bringing back a lot of game experience. We are returning five of our top six players from last year's 16-win team and regional championship team. Yes, the one missing happens to be a 6-foot-3, all-state player (Williams), but the other five are all talented players."  
Rosner added: "We have added some talented juniors to the roster, so depth is also a key for us."  
Defense will be an area of focus for the Sabres as Rosner said: "We will run and pressure the ball as much as possible. If we play well on the d-end, we should see good results on the other end."  
Streamwood opens the season at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament starting on Wednesday, Nov. 15.



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# U-46 Board to vote on new course proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will be voting on three proposals to bring new programs and courses to the district for the 2018-19 school year on Monday, Nov. 20. The proposals were presented on Nov. 6.

One of the courses being proposed is a geometry bridge course designed for high school freshmen who scored in the 30th percentile or below on the MAP tests.

Although geometry is a sophomore year math course, this class is designed to help ease students into Algebra 1-2 who are identified as struggling with algebra skills according to the proposal. Embedded in the course are pre-algebra skills such as fraction operations, proportional relationships, slope and solving linear equations.

“Too few of our students are ready for Algebra 1-2 when they’re entering high school. About 15 to 20 percent of students fail one of the semesters of algebra,” said Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction.

There were no estimated costs or planned resources in the presentation as Amy Ingente, math coordinator, said the staff is currently looking at new resources for all geometry courses. In response to a question from board member Melissa Owens, Shrode said the district is looking for supplemental resources for the bridge course as the regular geometry textbook will likely be the main textbook for the course.

Board member Traci Ellis asked “if I’m in danger of failing algebra I’m trying to understand why I’m not taking an algebra course” to which Ingente said “we’re going to give them those skills” to prepare students for success in Algebra 1-2 come the sophomore year.

Shrode said data shows that students who score better in geometry tend to do worse in algebra, and vice versa, and students “learn differently” with some being more visual learners in the case of geometry. She said using the visual elements to teach some of the algebra skills can “make it clear to them.”

In response to questions from Owens and board member Veronica Noland, Ingente said the “geometry content doesn’t change” and nothing will be lost taking the bridge course as opposed to the sophomore year geometry course.

Board member Sue Kerr said she feels like the bridge course may be too late for some students and she wanted to “encourage the district to look at how we can improve the scores” earlier so

this course would eventually not be needed.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked if this course may be offered to middle school students in the gifted program who may struggle with algebra skills. Ingente said “not at this point” but there’s a call to committee for the gifted program and that could be suggested.

Another proposal was for two advanced placement (AP) courses within computer sciences including AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A. The total cost for resources is estimated at \$584,875, which includes a notebook computer for each student, with an ongoing cost of \$15,393.

For the AP Computer Science Principles the focus is on “creativity” and the “importance of communicating solutions appropriately and in ways that are relevant to current societal needs,” and for AP Computer Science A is to teach the Java programming language.

One of the current AP computer science courses teaches with the C++ programming language which Ingente said was no longer used by the College Board.

Ward asked if the course will include teaching application programming which Ingente said the AP Computer Science Principles “course would do apps.”

In response to questions from Kerr and Noland, Ingente said there is no prerequisite to take either course and “it is an elective.”

Ellis asked about offerings for students who are not in AP courses currently which Ingente said “we have an introductory” computer science course and Shrode said these courses “would open up more opportunity for students to participate in AP” as there is no prerequisite to take them.

“There are lots of reasons kids don’t go into AP classes,” said Ellis who asked: “Why are our programming classes that are going to teach the latest and greatest only AP?”

Shrode said “while these are two AP classes, there are other computer applications classes in our high schools.”

The final curriculum proposal is for an AP Physics 1 course, two sections at all five high schools, which has a total estimated cost of \$266,090 for resources and \$1,575 for professional development. Currently the district only offers AP Physics C which is only offered at Bartlett (two sections, 61 students) and South Elgin (three sections, 70 students) high schools.

## Letters to the Editor

Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.

All letters are printed as received. Grammatical and spelling errors are the responsibility of the author.

### U-46 embarrassment

Dear Editor,

I am a black man. I’ve been a black man for 56 years. Never in those 56 years have I been more embarrassed by a person claiming to speak for me than I have by U-46 Trustee Ellis.

I don’t care what color a person is, as long as they have a pure heart and say and do things that will help raise up the lives of the people in my community.

Don’t get me wrong. I like seeing people of color in leadership positions, and I like for my kids and grandkids to see it too. But if Traci Ellis is the best we can do, I can live without it.

Walt Carvelle  
Streamwood

### Time to resign

Dear Editor:

I read in another newspaper that U-46 School Board Member Traci O’Neal Ellis spoke at a public forum last week,

and thanked school administrators for acknowledging “that we are gravely missing the mark when it comes to meeting the needs of black male students.”

I’m no lawyer, but I think I can figure why she isn’t practicing law with her license. She and her toady team of school bureaucrats just admitted to racial discrimination. I think they are all full of it, but I’m sure some opportunistic trial lawyer, a liberal Illinois judge, and 12 jurors will be happy to use those words against all of us in order to win a multi-million dollar civil rights settlement.

And guess what Mrs. Ellis, everyone’s property taxes will take the hit—white people, red people, green people, and yes, even black people.

You are the opposite of a “trustee.” Resign. It’s time to clean house.

Kirsten O’Neil  
South Elgin

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# CHALLENGE 2017

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# Three Sabres garner postseason honors



Aldo Lazaro working to negotiate past St. Charles North's Joshua Amaro in front of the North Stars net in a September battle. In addition to earning all-conference honors this season, Lazaro was also named All-Midwest. He is also a two time All-State award winner.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team had a deep post-season run to the sectional finals and going 14-6-2 overall, and the Sabres were right in the thick of the Upstate Eight Conference River Division race eventually finishing second with a 3-1-2 mark.

Helping lead the way this season were seniors Daniel Dominguez (goalkeeper) and Aldo Lazaro (forward) as well as junior Bryan Mora (midfielder) who all earned all-conference honors.

Lazaro had a huge year leading the Sabres offense with 21 goals and 15 assists.

"He was the main part of our offense who was double teamed many games but still found ways to score big goals when needed and find his teammates on precise passing," said

Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. "Aldo was also named All-Midwest which is one step under All-American. He was also a two time All-State award winner."

Dominguez was in the net for nine shutouts this season and had a 0.82 goals against average which Polovin said "is amazing with the schedule we play each season."

"Daniel was also named All-Sectional for the second year in a row and just missed out on an All-State award, which only five are given out to all of the goalies in the state," Polovin said. "If Daniel isn't our goalie this season, we don't have half the success we had. Daniel is a presence in the goal with a 6-foot-4,

200-pound frame and with cat like reflexes separates him from most of the other goalies anywhere."

Mora finished the season with 10 assists and one goal.

"Bryan definitely became a very good box to box center midfielder this season," Polovin said. "His distribution skills from a year ago to this season were night and day, and he always was able to find his way out of a jam with a great foot skill move and find a streaking forward or another midfield player. He has really matured and will be one of the top midfield players going into next season."

Streamwood will also lose seniors Tony Hodzic, Chris Pelico, Gregorio Esteves, Oscar Chavez, Kristian Niemiec, Carlos Gonzalez, Rafa Gil, Alex Herrera and Christian Lopez.



Bryan Mora splitting the defense of the Maroons' Cristopher Colin, left, and Alexander Kunicki during a late season match with Elgin. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Daniel Dominguez stretching out to prevent a deflected Marmion shot from finding its way into the net during a 2016 match.

## Pet of the Week



### This feline is a Pip

Sweet, adorable, and so much fun to pet, Pip is looking for a family that can give him all the love that he needs. After found living outdoors, Pip was brought to the shelter so he could have a shot at a great life. Hopefully, he can find his home soon. Pip is 6 months old, spayed, up-to-date on vaccines and ready for a family! Please visit [www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol](http://www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol) for more details or call 407-2800. (Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

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# South Elgin High showcases ‘Leading Ladies’



Alex Rodriguez tried his best to follow along as Kiersten Larsen explained the situation.  
*(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)*

From Thursday, Nov. 9 through Saturday, Nov. 11, South Elgin High School presented Ken Ludwig’s “Leading Ladies.” The play was directed by Jessica Smith and set in the Amish country of York, Pennsylvania. The play was set in 1958 and the two main characters were out-of-work actors, Leo Clark and Jack Gable. After hearing about the ailing multi-millionaire, Florence Snider, played by Cadie Rzeppa, who was looking for her long lost relatives, Clark and Gable dressed up as women and pose as her family. David Larsen and Alex Rodriquez played the dual roles of Clark and “Maxine” and Gable and “Stephanie.”



Max Moring portrayed Doc Myers, whose character starred in their production of ‘King Lear.’



Duncan, portrayed by Jason Almocera, spent the entire play looking for the truth behind the ‘Leading Ladies.’



Candi Rzeppa played Florence Snider, the matriarch who was searching for her long lost family.



The cast of South Elgin High School’s production of ‘Leading Ladies.’



Rebekah Tobin and David Larsen joined the rest of the cast as they danced the tango.



David Larsen played the dual roles of Leo Clark and Maxine along side Alex Rodriguez who played the dual role of Jack Gable and Stephanie.



# Committee discusses request for liquor license

By Kristin Carreno

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, Nov. 6, members discussed increasing the maximum num-

ber of Class A liquor licenses in response to an application made by Nicholas Garris for his establishment, J&N South Liquors, located at 812 N.



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### Special Events

#### An Almost Winter Day,

Nov. 18, 2 to 5 p.m. at SEBA Park

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#### Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, Nov. 18, 5 p.m.

At Footprints in Time Plaza

#### Tot Tot Open Gym

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

#### Youth Let's Build It Robotics-Gears and Gizmos!

Design and build your own robots! Your child will explore the field of robotics, through a series of exciting and dynamic lessons. No previous experience is necessary. This class will be held at Eastside Recreation Center, Elgin on Wednesdays, through Dec. 13 at 6 to 7 p.m.

#### Youth Dodgeball Open Gym – Program Start Delayed

Youth dodgeball open gym is on a first come first serve basis for eight to 12 year olds. Dodgeballs are provided by SEPR. This program was due to begin on Tuesday, Nov. 14 but is now delayed until Tuesday, Nov. 28. The cost is \$2 each week. This program will run

weekly through Dec. 19 and then resume after holiday break.

#### Youth Basketball Open Gym – Program Start Delayed

Youth basketball open gym is on a first-come, first-serve basis for 10 to 14 year olds. Participants can shoot hoops by themselves or come together and play some pick-up games. Basketballs are provided by SEPR. This program was due to begin on Wednesday, Nov. 15 but is now delayed until Wednesday, Nov. 29. The cost is \$2 each week. This program will run weekly through Dec. 20 and then resume after holiday break.

#### Fitness

##### Zumba Kids (7 to 11 years old)

This is a great opportunity for boys and girls to be active and jam out to music. This class will be held at the Municipal Annex on Thursdays 5 to 6 p.m.

##### Zumba Kids Jr (4 to 6 years old)

Classes feature kid-friendly routines. We break down the steps, add games, activities, and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. This class will be held at the Municipal Annex on Tuesdays at 5 to 6 p.m.

##### Cardio- Kickboxing

Cardio-kickboxing is a fun, full body workout that will get you kicking and punching pads with motivational music. This class will be held on Wednesdays at the Municipal Annex from 7:05 to 8:05 p.m.

*For more information on these and other programs offered by South Elgin Parks and Recreation, please call 847-622-0003 or visit our website at [www.southelgin.com](http://www.southelgin.com)—Parks & Recreation—Programs—Seasonal Brochure.*

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According to Village Administrator Steve Super, the first step in the approval process is to determine whether board members will grant an additional license in the Class A category.

A Class A liquor license allows for the retail sale of packaged alcohol on Mondays through Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. The license does not permit consumption of alcohol on the premises, according to Super.

Committee members discussed their concerns about minors purchasing alcohol. Village President Steven Ward noted that he has noticed many minors hanging out in that area daily.

"We do checks periodically regarding minors," said Trustee Michael Kolodziej.

According to Chief of Police Jerry Krawczyk, an underage person will go into liquor establishments while being monitored by an officer to see if they sell to the underage person.

"We conduct two to three liquor compliance checks per year," Krawczyk said.

Garris responded by stating he had no problem with anyone checking for possible underage alcohol sales. He also claimed he has been in the business for the past 22 years and never sold alcohol to a minor. He did admit one of his previous employees had done so in the past and was terminated from his job immediately as a result.

"We have a zero tolerance policy regarding minors," Garris said.

Committee members agreed to move forward with this issue by putting it on an upcoming agenda at a future board meeting.

## Young Storm girls hoops optimistic about success

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team will have to overcome several key losses to graduation from last year's record-breaking season, but Storm coach Dan Mandernack is optimistic this year's squad will see more success.

Last year the Storm won their conference title with a 9-1 mark in the Upstate Eight Valley Division, and they earned the most wins in program history with a 21-8 record.

Mandernack said his team lost about 95 percent of its scoring to graduation.

"We will be young and inexperienced," Mandernack said. "Our goal before the season is to jell as a team and improve daily with our player development program we have for each player."

Although young, Mandernack said "there are a lot of hungry kids fighting for playing time" and the seniors are striving for more success as "their chance is now."

Some of the key returners are senior Lexi Roberts (shooting guard), juniors Casey Brennan (point guard) and

Miah Galvin (forward) and sophomore Megan McClure (shooting guard). The Storm's top newcomer is sophomore guard Madison Waichunas.

Mandernack said the conference will be competitive this season as he pointed to the talent at Bartlett, Glenbard East and West Aurora. He said South Elgin's goal is to "be a team no one wants to play."

"We want to out hustle our opponents with great defense and a great love of the game," Mandernack said. "Expectations are always high at SEHS. The players are putting in outstanding effort early on in practice."

The keys to success according to Mandernack are "getting the team prepared for a difficult schedule, especially at the Thanksgiving tourney" as well as "playing fast, playing together and executing our pressure defense."

The Storm open the 2017-18 season at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament with their opener against Hononegah at Huntley on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

## Storm football garners 11 all-conference selections

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team earned its second Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division title within three years and earned the program's fourth play-off appearance as the Storm went 8-2 overall, 5-0 in the UEC Valley Division.

With their success, the Storm earned 11 all-conference selections including the offensive players of the year, senior quarterback Nate Gomez, and defensive players of the year, senior linebacker Colt Doherty.

Gomez led a Storm offense that scored 34 points per game as he not only threw for over 1,000 yards but also ran for over 1,000 yards and finished with 32 touchdowns, 18 runs and 14 passes.

On the ground, Gomez averaged 6.5 yards per carry and 123.7 yards per game finishing with 1,237 total yards on 189 total carries. He completed 61.6 percent of his passes (85-for-138) for 1,017 yards.

"Whenever he touches the ball, Nate is a threat," said South Elgin coach Pat Pistorio. "Definitely he's a dual threat. He's just a true competitor who comes up with some big plays."

Doherty led the top defense in the

UEC Valley Division which allowed just 14.5 points per game. Pistorio said his work ethic made him strong.

"In the spring, Colt would lift weights with the team," Pistorio said. "He'd come in before school to get a lift, then a lift during gym class and then go to lacrosse practice after school."

Helping protect Gomez on offense were offensive linemen senior Dalton Doherty and junior Noah Hercl who were all-conference, and his leading targets were senior receivers Michael DeVito, Kyle Pollert and Jaron Wells who were also all-conference selections.

Senior defensive back Joey Cipriani, senior linebackers Matthew Lopez and Kyle Viverito and senior defensive lineman Sami Aldabbagh were the Storm's defensive all-conference selections.

The Storm lose 27 seniors.

"Just really proud of our seniors," Pistorio said. "They were around for that last (UEC Valley Division title) so it's a memorable moment for them. Really, extremely proud of them and all the hard work they've put into this. Great way to go out."



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Drop in at the Rakow Branch to create corn husk dolls, flowers and more to decorate the Thanksgiving table. The **Corn Husk Crafts for Thanksgiving** program will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. No registration is needed to participate.

The **Gail Borden Library Pediatric Therapeutic Playgroup** offers opportunities for preschoolers who receive or may benefit from therapeutic play to focus on "developmental" play while families meet and find support. Siblings are welcome. The program is presented by a licensed speech and language pathologist from Elgin Pediatric Therapy, Inc. and is held on Tuesdays from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Main Library. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any branch.

Learn about **"Do it Yourself" Retirement Planning** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Main Library. Financial planner Keith Rauschenberger will discuss the financial risks in retirement and walk through a multi-step process for planning your own

retirement including topics on Social Security, planning for healthcare, portfolio withdrawal strategies and expense management. Register at [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), by calling 847-429-4597 or in person at any branch.

The South Elgin Branch will host a **Gingerbread House Workshop** on Sunday, Dec. 3 in the Hoffer Meeting Room. Two sessions will be offered: from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. or from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants will create a gingerbread house from milk cartons, graham crackers and sweet treats. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any branch.

The Middle School Zone at the Main Library will host an **Iron Chef Gingerbread Challenge** on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the South Story Room. Middle school students in grades six to eight will construct a "gingerbread" house out of graham crackers and candy. Supplies will be provided. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any branch.

The Rakow Branch will host a **Card Making with Cricut® and Cuttlebug®** program on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants ages 17 and older will learn how the Cricut® and Cuttlebug® are used in card making and then make their own cards. To register, go to [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), call 847-429-4597 or register in person at any branch.



# Swanson, Vedrine earn all-UEC volleyball honors

**By Seth Hancock**  
The South Elgin volleyball team had a banner season, and Storm seniors Casie Swanson and Libby Vedrine played a big role in the team's success. The Storm set a program record for wins with a 26-8 record, 4-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division, and they won their first three invites in program history. The efforts of Swanson and Vedrine in that success earned them all-conference honors. Swanson, a setter, finished the season with 338 assists and added 98 digs and 46 aces. "Casie is one of the most consistent players I have ever coached," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "She has been a four year varsity starter, and since her freshman year she has played consistently. Casie has a tough

serve and is able to place in on any spot on the court." Vedrine, a hitter, had 198 kills with a .435 hitting percentage as well as 69 blocks, and this is the second straight season earning all-conference honors. "She is one of the top middles in the conference and the area," Plach said. "Teams had a hard time stopping Elizabeth in the middle, and she was a big reason South Elgin volleyball won 26 matches this year which is the best in program history. Elizabeth could make a big block when the team needed it and was a powerful but smart hitter. She could see the court and know where to get the kill." South Elgin will also lose seniors Yvalis Cortes-Rojas, Katie Flanagan, Brittany Kummerer, Sarah Murray and Amelia O'Neal.

# North Stars volleyball ends season fourth in state

**By Seth Hancock**  
Although dropping both games at state, the North volleyball team comes home happy with the experience of making the program's first trip to Redbird Arena in Normal. In the semifinals, the North Stars held a brief lead in Game 1 but couldn't keep up with Minooka in a 25-20, 25-12 loss on Friday, Nov. 10. Junior Gianna Crescenzo (seven kills, six digs, three blocks) opened Game 1 with an ace and an error followed for a 2-0 North lead, but Minooka took the lead for good with a 5-0 run and built a 20-12 lead. Crescenzo had a pair of kills and an ace to lead a rally pulling to 23-20 before Minooka produced the final two points. In Game 2, Minook built a 10-3 lead and North pulled no closer than four. "They are an extremely talented team, very big," said North coach Lindsey Hawkins. "I thought we passed extremely well but we couldn't get around their block. We tried as hard as we could to get them out of system, and I thought when we did we played really well. At the end of the day, they are just really talented and well-rounded." Junior Katie Lanz (nine assists, five kills, five digs) and seniors C.J. Johnson (five digs, four kills, ace), Amanda Parker (five assists, four digs) and Abby Graham (five digs) contributed for the North Stars.

In the third place game, North rallied after a rough start but eventually fell 25-19, 9-25, 25-23 to Crystal Lake Central on Saturday, Nov. 11. Both teams controlled their respective set-wins in the first two games, but Game 3 was tight till the end with 13 ties and 10 lead changes. A kill by Graham (12 digs, seven kills, six assists) gave North a 23-22 lead before Crystal Lake South finished with a 3-0 run. Despite the loss, it was a memorable experience for the North Stars, especially their 11 seniors. "I know obviously this wasn't how we wanted to end because we wanted to win one of our last games, but it was awesome," said Parker who had nine kills, seven digs, six assists, two blocks and an ace. "I wouldn't want to go out my senior season any other way." North never trailed in Game 2 while Parker had four kills and Lanz (nine digs, eight kills, six assists, ace) two while Crescenzo (11 digs, four kills, three blocks, two aces) added a kill and ace during a 13-0 run that gave them a 21-6 lead. The North Stars never led in Game 1 and trailed by as much as six. Johnson (nine assists, nine digs, five blocks), senior Lauren Caprini (10 digs) and senior Kelly Jakaitis (four blocks) contributed. North ends the season 37-5 overall.

# Forest Preserve District to host three winter story time dates

Story Time programs are for children (infants through age 5) and their caregivers. Winter dates are on Fridays (Dec. 8, Jan. 19, 2018 and Feb. 16, 2018) from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The programs are at Creek Bend Nature Center, located within LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, at 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles. Staff from the St. Charles Public Library will read books, perform finger plays, sing songs and more! After the program, all are invited to stay and enjoy the interactive exhibits inside Creek Bend Nature Center. Story Time at the Nature Center programs are free, however, advance registration is required. Call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com to

register. For more information, or to view the full roster of Forest Preserve District nature programs, visit: [www.kaneforest.com](http://www.kaneforest.com) or find us on social media @forestpreserve. **Hunters asked to aid sampling deer for CWD** Deer hunters statewide are encouraged to allow samples to be taken for chronic wasting disease (CWD) sampling from adult deer they harvest. Check the IDNR website at the below link for locations that are serving as CWD sampling stations, taking samples from entire deer or deer heads through the end of the season (Jan. 14, 2018): <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/programs/CWD/Documents/CWDSamplingLocations.pdf>.

# The Examiner Asked students at Fox Meadow Elementary School on Friday, Nov. 10

If you could arrive at school any other way, other than a car or by walking, what would it be?



Amethyst Elliott: "I come to school in a jet."



Anabell Carrenn: "I'd use an airplane [because] I've never been on one."



Zoey Savino: "I think a helicopter since I've never been on one."



Damarion Jones: "A space shuttle would be awesome."



Eden Theodorou: "I would take a private jet because they have free food."



Molly Stahl: "I'd come to school in a Star Wars TIE fighter."



Elinor Eickmeier: "I would come to school on a flying dragon."



Amber Sytsma: "I would come to school riding on a blue pegasus."



Bella Pagan: "I'd come to school on a horse."



Lauren Polovin: "I would fly in on a puppy eagle."



Jules Nelson: "I'd ride Santa's sleigh because it's winter."



Kayla Vongphakdy: "I would ride to school on a rainbow-colored unicorn."

(By Andrea Kohl)

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# Willard School event pays tribute to veterans

The Willard School Leadership Team (WLT) presented a program honoring veterans on Friday, Nov. 10 at the school. Students invited parents and grandparents to participate in the event by talking about their service experiences, and members of the WLT researched and gave presentations about each branch of the military.



The Willard Leadership Team, whose members planned, produced and presented the Veterans Day program.



Olivia Vena asked Marine veteran Mike Douglas why Marines have to jump out of planes. He replied he didn't know but was glad he didn't have to.



Marine Veteran John Jackson spoke to students about his time in the service.



Children greeted the visiting veterans, from left, Mike Douglas, James Wojciechowski, Dan Markel, Peggy Denton, Richard Frey, Brandon Godenschwanger, Joe Kath and Rob Anderson.



Liam Connelly, left, held a poster while Chris Alhabshi and Paul Nelson talked about the Air Force. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)

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# A View from the Cheap Seats



Rich is out of town this week.  
**Armed Law-Abiding Citizens not the Enemy in Texas**  
**By Harold Pease, Ph. D**

By now everyone knows about the citizen heroes that brought down the heinous Texas gunman that massacred 26 worshipers and wounded another 20 while they attended church Sunday morning resulting in the largest mass murder in Texas history. What has not been emphasized is that those numbers would have been much higher had the same thing happened in California, New York and several other states as these states view their armed citizens as the enemy. In fact those intervening to stop more mass killing by gunman Devin P. Kelley would have been breaking the law and arrested. The “Texas Massacre” should put an end to the argument that law-abiding citizens should be disarmed.

For those who did not get this side of the story, a review of the facts should be helpful. Devin Kelley went to this out-of-the-way church to kill his mother-in-law and others with her, leaving his engine running with the car door open for a quick escape. Dressed in black body armor and armed with a semi-automatic AR-556 rifle, he first ran around the church killing two then paused briefly before entering the chapel spraying the parishioners with bullets shooting another 44. Victims ranged from ages 18 months to 77 years.

Neighbor, Stephen Willeford 55, heard the gunshots and rushed forth with his AR-15 to confront the murderous gunman (ironically similar weapons used for both evil and good). Shots were exchanged between Willeford and Kelley with the latter receiving leg and torso wounds resulting in his ceasing the carnage and dropping his rifle while fleeing to his automobile.

A third man, Johnnie Lagendorff, stopped at the intersection near the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, noticed the exchanged gunfire, and when confronted by Willeford to help, provided the pursuing truck. An 11-mile chase ensued reaching speeds of 95 miles-per-hour before shooter Kelley lost control of his vehicle and ran off the road. During the chase they communicated with dispatchers. The two caught up with Kelley but not before he self-inflicted a shot to the head. He apparently did not die immediately and was held at gunpoint until police arrived seven minutes later.

My point, shooter Kelley had three gunshot wounds, none from police. Their justification for involvement, as expressed by truck driver Langendorff, “It was the right thing to do” and, “Why wouldn’t you want to take him down?” But “the right thing to do” in California or New York would have been illegal and these men arrested on a number of counts. “He just hurt so many people, and he just affected so many people’s lives” wouldn’t pass muster in many states.

Gun confiscators want more restrictions on gun ownership but there were

already laws that would have barred Kelley from purchasing his firearms had they been enforced. Kelley had been court martialled for spousal and child abuse, the latter conviction for fracturing the skull of his infant stepson, netting him a year behind bars. The Air Force had failed to record the conviction so federal records did not have this information. The truth is laws only restrict the law abiding and more laws do not increase the tendency of the lawless to be more law obedient.

Texas Senator Ted Cruz had it right when he said, “The reason that the depraved gunman finally gave up and got in a car and fled, and didn’t murder more, is precisely because one individual demonstrated bravery and courage.” When the people do not feel safe there will be concealed weapons despite gun prohibiting signs—even in church. In Texas a church is likely the only place where a mass shooting could occur because elsewhere the moment a gunman pulls his weapon ten others, also with weapons, stand ready to pull theirs.

In Texas, law enforcement share the responsibility of public safety with their citizens and citizens are expected to back up law enforcement when necessary. They recognize that no matter what the crime, unless law enforcement is already on the scene, which is very rare, there exists a few minutes when the criminal is able to have his way no matter what the law says. In states that treat their citizens as first responders in the absence of law enforcement, no criminal can be certain that he has any time to exercise his own will without immediate consequence. The enforcer may be in the vest of the person next to him not just on a policeman five miles away.

In states like California and New York who refuse to share these responsibilities, even criminalizing those who would assist them, criminals have no immediate deterrence and are warned by sirens from a distance when the police are nearing enabling them time to escape. Citizens fear their own government and are far more reluctant to assist law enforcement. Far fewer would carry a weapon or threaten to use it, and virtually no one would shoot the criminal or follow him 11 miles. Thus these men are praised in Texas and arrested in California or New York. The natural consequence is that per capita there is more crime in gun restricted states than in less restricted states and a neighbor less willing to grab his gun and rush to save others from further slaughter in the church next door.

Dr. Dr. Harold W. PeaseHarold Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He has taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years at Taft College. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit [www.LibertyUnderFire.org](http://www.LibertyUnderFire.org).

## Letters to the Editor

Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.

All letters are printed as received. Grammatical and spelling errors are the responsibility of the author.

**Shame on you**

Dear Editor:  
My 9-year-old daughter came home from school today and told me that her black classmate, who she thought was her friend, called her a “racist” because she asked to have a turn on the playground slide. She didn’t understand what that meant, but she sensed that it wasn’t nice, and came home upset. Frankly, I wasn’t interested in explaining it to her, because

it defies my own comprehension.  
What I am interested in is where such nonsense comes from. And I don’t think it helps having a school board trustee and other leaders who blame racism for everything that doesn’t go their way.  
Kids divided against other kids is what we will reap when we sow the seeds of racial discord. Those divisions will grow

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# American Legion hosts Veterans Day salute

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 held a ceremony to honor all military veterans, and to pay tribute to all service members who have given their lives for their country. The ceremony began with Post Commander Richard Howell welcoming visitors. This was followed by the Post Chaplain Louis Neari Jr. delivering an opening prayer. The color guard then marched into position and presented the flag and colors. Howell then addressed the audience about the Veterans Memorial, POWs and service members who had lost their lives in combat.

The ceremony also included members of the color guard demonstrating the proper procedures to unfold and fold the flag. After the unfolding, the flag they demonstrated the 13 steps to properly fold the American Flag.



Color guard in position at the Veterans Day Ceremony. (Examiner photos by Ray Dunn)



American Legion Post 1212 Commander Richard Howell, left, welcoming ceremony guests while standing next to Chaplain Louis Neari Jr.



A bundled-up crowd of visitors at the Veterans Day ceremony.

## Hawks seek to be very competitive in 2017-18

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team is excited about its potential in the 2017-18 season, and the Hawks welcome a new head coach in Brad Hunt. Hunt replaces Dave Mello, who took a coaching position at Fenton, but is no stranger to the Hawks program. Hunt has been Mello's assistant coach the past two seasons as well as an assistant with Denise Sarna, the program's first coach, the previous seven seasons. This season that Hawks return a lot of talent but also have a strong group of newcomers. Bartlett went 12-17 overall, 6-4 in the Upstate Eight Con-

ference Valley Division, last year. "Our team is going to be very exciting to watch," Hunt said. "We have a great mix of senior leadership and some fresh new faces. We are going to be fast and aggressive. I think we will shoot the ball well and challenge teams with our speed." The top returner for Bartlett is senior Kayla Hare who recorded the 13th highest number of steals in state history in a season last year with 193 which went along with 15.4 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. She's committed to the University of St. Louis-Missouri. Other returners include seniors

Danielle Kleeman (6.6 points, 6.2 rebounds), Miranda Hedeem (1.3 points), Jennifer Carbery and Meghan Colley along with junior Teagan Noesen (3.3 points) and sophomore Shelly Banks (2.7 points, 2.2 rebounds). Some newcomers to watch include senior Amber Pagan, junior Savannah Standefer and freshmen Alexis Sinclair and Justina Hernandez. "We play a very difficult schedule, but I look to improve on last year's record," Hunt said. "I feel we will be a very competitive team within and out of our conference. We want to challenge the other conference teams for

the championship. We also want to go as deep in the postseason as possible." In the UEC Valley Division, Hunt said defending champs South Elgin as well as West Aurora "will be tough on any given night" and West Chicago "will throw their head into the mix." "The Valley will be up in the air and fun to watch it play out," Hunt said. "We want to play hard every night and believe our success will ultimately come from great effort." Bartlett opens the season at the Naperville Central/Benet Academy Thanksgiving Tournament starting on Friday, Nov. 17.



During a scrimmage, Savannah Standefer taking a jump shot over the defense of Meghan Colley.



Kayla Hare driving along the baseline past Miranda Hedeem during the Hawks scrimmage on Friday, Nov. 10.



Danielle Kleeman securing a loose ball in front of Jennifer Carberry. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)





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The following programs and services are provided by Bartlett Park District, some require advance registration. For more information, call 540-4800 or visit [www.bartlettparks.org](http://www.bartlettparks.org).

America Recycles Day  
Wednesday Nov. 15

Reduce, reuse, repurpose and recycle! Celebrate with the Bartlett Park District on Wednesday, Nov. 15 and make a pledge to support the environment and protect the world around us. Make a difference by bringing a reusable water bottle to the gym and fitness classes instead of purchasing individual water bottles. If you do have a recyclable bottle, paper, or aluminum can, make sure to use the recycling receptacles throughout the Community Center, Community Park and Bartlett Aquatic Center. Other ways the Bartlett Park District is making a difference: The Bartlett Community Center, Administration Building, Nature Center, Apple Orchard Clubhouse, and Bartlett Aquatic Center all utilize automatic shut off lights. BPD facilities are cleaned with eco-friendly cleaning products and recycled paper products. Learn about recycling from <https://americarecyclesday.org/> and spread the word!

Holiday Hours

The Bartlett Park District will have modified hours in several facilities for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. LIFECENTER and Splash Central will be open 5:30 to 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving and back to regular hours on Friday, Nov. 24. BCC Registration Desk, Bartlett Nature Center, Thomas C. White Administration Building and the Parks Department will be closed Nov. 23 and 24. Villa Olivia will be

open regular hours during both days.

New Gift Cards Coming to BPD

By Friday, Dec. 1 there will be credit card-style gift cards available for purchase at the Bartlett Community Center. These cards may be purchased in any denomination and are good for all Bartlett Park District services, memberships, passes and classes. Think about the time you can save with giving a gift that the user can select to use in so many ways.

Winter 2018 Brochure  
Delivery and Registration

The Winter Brochure is out for delivery. Brochures are also available at the Bartlett Community Center, Villa Olivia, the Nature Center, Bartlett Library and Village of Bartlett. Residents may register at any time. Registration is processed as received. Nonresident registration begins at 10 a.m. on Nov. 29. Classes below their minimum 10 days prior to the start date are in jeopardy of cancellation. Please register early to ensure your class/program runs.

Riley's Run Permits

Don't let your pup get plump this winter! Permits to play at the dog park, located within Riley's Run Park at 650 Lambert Lane in the Castle Creek Subdivision, are available year-round. It is the Bartlett Park District's only dog park with a fenced in enclosure where dogs with permits may run off-leash under the supervision of their owner. To participate in the dog park off-leash portion of the park you must have a current permit for each dog. There are specific vaccinations required prior to obtaining a permit for the dog park. Permit information can be found at <http://bartlettparks.org/parks/rileys-run-dog-park.aspx>.



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Letters

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and hurt us as a community.

My husband just got job transferred, and we're moving before Christmas. So, we won't bother raising a fuss at school, and at this point I doubt it would matter anyway, based on what our superintendent's position is.

I feel sorry for the children of the friends we'll leave behind—friends of every creed and color. They are being betrayed by the very people who should be their champions.

Shame on you Ms. Ellis, Mr. Sanders, and U-46.

Carrie Gee

Time to resign

Fire Dist. to again partner  
in Toys for Tots program

Bartlett Fire District and Auto Truck Group team up to help support Toys for Tots

The Bartlett Fire District and Auto Truck Group have announced they will again be teaming up to participate in the Marine Corps Christmas Toys for Tots collection program. Auto Truck Group and Bartlett Fire District have partnered together in this holiday program since 2010.

Over the past ten years, the Marine Corp. has distributed an average of 15,000,000 toys annually and brought the joy of Christmas to an average of 6,100,000 children each year. While the Marine Corp. coordinates and manages the program, the success depends on the support of the local community, business leaders and the generosity of the people that donate.

For anyone wanting to bring hope to

Dear Editor:

I read in another newspaper that U-46 School Board Member Traci O'Neal Ellis spoke at a public forum last week, and thanked school administrators for acknowledging "that we are gravely missing the mark when it comes to meeting the needs of black male students."

I'm no lawyer, but I think I can figure why she isn't practicing law with her license. She and her toady team of school bureaucrats just admitted to racial discrimination. I think they are all full of it, but I'm sure some opportunistic trial lawyer, a liberal Illinois judge, and 12 jurors will be happy to use those words against all of us in order to win a multi-million dollar civil rights settlement.

And guess what Mrs. Ellis, everyone's property taxes will take the hit—white people, red people, green people, and yes, even black people.

You are the opposite of a "trustee." Resign. It's time to clean house.  
Kirsten O'Neil

U-46 initiative stole an idea

Dear Editor,  
I got an idea. With all the perverts crawling out of the woodwork in Hollywood and Congress why don't we allow men access to female bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers?  
Wait, we already did that. Apparently we need to protect starlets and congressional employees but not our children.  
Cathy White

Time for hard decisions

Dear Editor,  
It is time for the village to make hard decisions and real change regarding expenses. In an effort to reduce village expenditures, the Village Board requested the staff review the cost of the village health insurance. At the most recent Committee of the Whole meeting, the staff provided its findings and they suggested there was very little opportunity for reduction. The staff suggested it could do very little because of the legal or time limitations, limited choice of providers or because it would make the village less appealing to current and potential employees.

Deer permits  
still available  
via DNR

A limited number of Illinois firearm and muzzleloader deer permits are available over-the-counter (OTC) from Direct license and permit vendors (DNR) through Sunday, Dec. 3, or until quotas are exhausted. Find a vendor near you at the link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>.

While this entire discussion sounds trivial, consider the numbers: The village has budgeted a little over \$3,000,000 for health, life and dental insurance for 162 full time employees. The village pays between 85 and 90 percent of an employee's premium or approximately \$18,852.13 per employee on average. The staff advocated a cost increase of 15.8 percent. At the very same time, the State of Illinois has cut funding to the village, so the village is considering various cuts and the imposition of a sales tax to fill in a gap caused by the state's continued mismanagement.

I echo the thoughts of trustees Gabrenya and Reinke that it is hard to believe substantial savings cannot be obtained by changing plans or the benefit package. I am puzzled by the fact that there is apparently no time to address this important and costly issue.

As a business owner for almost 20 years, I understand employee relations. I am not advocating that health insurance be eliminated. As an employer, the village must be fair to employees, abide by its union contracts and be competitive in the marketplace. However, we cannot continue with business as usual. I strongly encourage the Board and Village President to enact real change and savings.

Michael Baggot

U-46 embarrassment

Dear Editor,  
I am a black man. I've been a black man for 56 years. Never in those 56 years have I been more embarrassed by a person claiming to speak for me than I have by U-46 Trustee Ellis.  
I don't care what color a person is, as long as they have a pure heart and say and do things that will help raise up the lives of the people in my community.  
Don't get me wrong. I like seeing people of color in leadership positions, and I like for my kids and grandkids to see it too. But if Traci Ellis is the best we can do, I can live without it.

Walt Carvelle



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# Police Reports

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22, Streamwood, was cited for damage to property. He faces a Dec. 20 hearing date.

★ At 7:19 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of West Schick Road reported that a contracted worker on school grounds was prohibited from being on the premises. The subject was not aware that he could not be on school grounds and left without incident. A trespass warning was issued.

★ At 10:45 a.m., a 16-year-old Hanover Park juvenile was cited for truancy. He faces a Dec. 20 court date.

★ At 3:53 p.m., Anthony M. Sparks, 19, Streamwood, was cited for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He faces a Dec. 20 court date.

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

★ At 12 a.m., three 17-year-old juveniles were cited for possession of cannabis. They face a Dec. 20 court date.

★ At 12:05 a.m., police in the area of Illinois Route 59 and Auburn Lane responded to a report of a female subject walking on Route 59. Police transported the subject back to her residence.

## CAROL STREAM

**Saturday, Oct. 28**

★ At 6:03 p.m., Bawi Lian Hu, 31, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with aggravated DUI and no valid driver's license. The subject was transported to DuPage County Jail.

**Monday, Oct. 30**

★ At 11:11 p.m., Jennifer L. Ashton, 22, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance, following too closely, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Tuesday, Oct. 31**

★ At 10 a.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Gunderson Drive reported that an unknown offender went through his parked vehicle and removed money. The complainant was unsure if the vehicle was locked at the time of the incident.

**Thursday, Nov. 2**

★ At 2:27 a.m., Sarah A. Andruska, 25, West Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, speeding, improper lane use and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 1:35 p.m., Luis A. Mejicanos-Cardona, 30, Des Plaines, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

**Friday, Nov. 3**

★ At 11:24 p.m., a complainant in the

area of Amber and President streets reported that he was sitting in his vehicle when he was approached by an unknown male subject with a handgun who demanded his cell phone and wallet. The subject reportedly ran to a waiting vehicle and left prior to the arrival of police.

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

★ At 1:46 a.m., Carlos E. Baez, 29, Lake in the Hills, was arrested and charged with DUI and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 11:06 p.m., Brent M. Wegrzyn, 27, Elmhurst, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery to a police officer and resisting a police officer. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

★ At 10:54 a.m., Ashley M. Brown, 27, Crete, was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a weapon. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 7:43 p.m., Bryan J. Pearson, 39, Jackson, Tennessee, was arrested on warrant and charged with harassment by phone and harassment by electronic communications device. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

**Monday, Nov. 6**

★ At 8 p.m., Clark C. Weaver, 25, Bartlett, was arrested on warrant and charged with possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding and no insurance. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7**

★ At 10:47 p.m., Daniel Barrera, 25, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, failure to notify Secretary of State of change of address, use of an electronic communications device while driving and operation of a vehicle in violation of restriction. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8**

★ At 8:30 a.m. a complainant in the 200 block of Lies Road reported receiving threatening messages from a known offender. Documentation only.

★ At 3:38 p.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Bluff Street reported that an unknown offender advised him to purchase gift cards in order to resolve an issue with his tablet. Once the gift card information was provided, the subject ceased all contact and did not resolve the issue with the tablet.

**Thursday, Nov. 9**

★ At 12:33 a.m., Domy nyque Jackson, 26, Hoffman Estates, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and speeding. She was released on bond and faces an undeter-

mined court date.

★ At 8:08 p.m., Ramiro Arroyo, 23, Carpentersville, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

## SOUTH ELGIN

**Wednesday, Nov. 1**

★ At 5:29 a.m., police responded to the Randall Road Animal Hospital, 207 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 6:13 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Hobart for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

★ At 6:32 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Independence for a report of a safety or health hazard.

★ At 9:38 a.m., police responded to the Community United Methodist Church, 400 W. Spring, for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 11:41 a.m., police responded to the State Street Bridge for a report of theft.

★ At 3:25 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of West Spring and Strathmore for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 6:44 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Mill for a 911 investigation.

★ At 9:35 p.m., police responded to AT&T, 312 Randall Road for a report of an activated alarm.

**Thursday, Nov. 2**

★ At 2:45 a.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Chipstone for a request to remove an unwanted subject.

★ At 12:25 pm., police responded to

Kohl's, 350 Randall Road, for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 12:37 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Lowell for a miscellaneous investigation.

★ At 12:52 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Park for a fraud complaint.

★ At 2:17 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Concord for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 3:09 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a report of of two-vehicle collision. John R. Pollard, age and address withheld, was issued a citation.

★ At 3:28 p.m., police responded to Walgreens, 1201 W. Spring, for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 5:08 p.m., police responded to First Priority Restoration, 301 Woodbury, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 5:49 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Thornwood for a report of a two-vehicle collision. Robert S. Mastio, age and address withheld, was issued a citation.

★ At 8:03 p.m., police responded to Bari Food Products, 710 Scheider Drive, for a 911 investigation.

★ At 9:10 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Harvest for a report of telephone harassment.

★ At 9:43 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of West Thornwood for a report of a domestic in progress.

**Friday, Nov. 3**

★ At 12:17 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Mill for a report of a drug law violation.

# Bartlett football lands five on all-conference team

By Seth Hancock

The young Bartlett football team finished its 2017 campaign 2-7 overall, 2-3 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division, and the Hawks garnered five all-conference selections.

Seniors Cameron Montbriand, Mark Repiscak and Brandon Sinclair along with juniors Austin Gates and Jason Schuberth all received the recognition.

Bartlett coach Eric Ilich called Gates an "impact player" as he played both sides of the ball as well as special teams. As a receiver, Gates set the program record for receptions (65) as he finished with 784 receiving yards and nine touchdown catches, and he added a rushing TD.

"Great competitor and a threat anytime he is on the field," Ilich said.

Sinclair, a tight end and half-back, finished with 35 receptions for 413

yards and two touchdowns.

"Versatile player who moved from tight end to half-back several times throughout the season," Ilich said. "Good lead blocker and a reliable pass catcher."

Montbriand (defensive end), Repiscak (free safety/punter) and Schuberth (linebackers) led the Hawks defense which allowed 32.7 points per game.

"Consistent, reliable performer at defensive end," Ilich said of Montbriand, a two-year starter. "Played smart and always did his job."

"Reliable player at the back end of the defense, quiet leader and a great teammate," Ilich said of Repiscak, and of Schuberth: "Got better every game. Tough, smart and dependable player. He will be a force at linebacker next year."

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# Swanson, Vedrine earn SEHS volleyball honors

**By Seth Hancock**  
The South Elgin volleyball team had a banner season, and Storm seniors Casie Swanson and Libby Vedrine played a big role in the team's success. The Storm set a program record for wins with a 26-8 record, 4-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division, and they won their first three invites in program history. The efforts of Swanson and Vedrine in that success earned them all-conference honors. Swanson, a setter, finished the season with 338 assists and added 98 digs and 46 aces. "Casie is one of the most consistent players I have ever coached," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "She has been a four year varsity starter, and since her freshman year she has played consistently. Casie has a tough

serve and is able to place in on any spot on the court." Vedrine, a hitter, had 198 kills with a .435 hitting percentage as well as 69 blocks, and this is the second straight season earning all-conference honors. "She is one of the top middles in the conference and the area," Plach said. "Teams had a hard time stopping Elizabeth in the middle, and she was a big reason South Elgin volleyball won 26 matches this year which is the best in program history. Elizabeth could make a big block when the team needed it and was a powerful but smart hitter. She could see the court and know where to get the kill." South Elgin will also lose seniors Yvalis Cortes-Rojas, Katie Flanagan, Brittany Kummerer, Sarah Murray and Amelia O'Neal.

# Bartlett volleyball garners multiple all-UEC honors

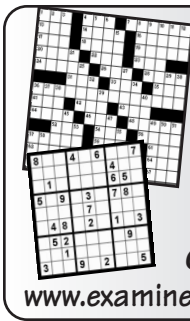
**By Seth Hancock**  
The Bartlett volleyball team had some solid senior leadership as well as some young talent during its 13-21 season, 1-4 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division. Earning all-conference honors were junior Emily Baggot and sophomore Isabella Diaz, and senior Shayna Chacko and junior Samantha Martino were honorable mentions. Baggot led the Hawks with 65 kills and 20 aces during the regular season, excluding tournaments. "She is a very strong all-around player, and we are excited what she will continue to bring to the program next year," said first-year Bartlett coach Katie Spychala. Right behind Baggot for kills was Diaz who had 49, but "her strength is her consistency throughout the season" Spychala said.

Chacko had 118 digs and 15 aces, and Martino had 147 digs and 14 aces. "Shayna always played with an amazing attitude and heart every single game and will be greatly missed next year in the program," Spychala said of Chacko. Of Martino, Spychala said: "Sam has great instincts when it comes to playing in the back row and was great at covering our hitters and keeping the play alive." Bartlett will also lose seniors Jennifer Carbery, Meghan Colley, Alexia Hetzel and Brianna Keszycki.

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**Sunday, Nov. 5**  
★ At 9:31 p.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Powis roads, a vehicle driven by Sonia Sanchez, 22, address withheld, was stopped for doing 44 miles per hour in a 25 miles-per-hour zone. Sanchez was found to have a suspended license and was arrested. She was transported to the police department for processing. She was issued her citations and later released on an I-bond with an unspecified court date.  
**Tuesday, Nov. 7**  
★ At 6:42 a.m., police responded to the 31W block of Army Trail for a report of a sick raccoon. The raccoon appeared to be hale and left under its own power.



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Main house, 'Old Brick,' at Corron Farm. (Courtesy photos)

# Corron Farm request sent to National Park Service

On Friday, Oct. 27, the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council unanimously approved the National Register nomination for the historic Corron Farm in Campton Township. The final step in the process to place Corron Farm on the National Register will be submittal to the National Park Service for approval. The Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council decided to send the National Register nomination on to the National Park Service who has a 60-day review period. Erica Ruggiero of McGuire Igleski & Associates in Evanston, prepared the extensive research and paperwork required for the nomination. Corron Farm is currently on the Kane County Register of Historic Places, having been settled by Robert Corron in 1835 and purchased from the Corron family by Campton Township in 2002. The main house, lovingly called the "Old Brick", was built by Robert Corron between 1850 and 1854 from bricks kilned from clay on the property. The home contains 40 windows and 40 doors with thresholds and window lintels quarried in Batavia. "Corron Farm reflects the individual needs and desires of Robert Corron and four generation of Corrons who operated the farmstead to 2002. Broad trends in agriculture for over 165

years can be seen in the historic agricultural structures at Corron Farm," said Ruggiero. "The history and development of Corron Farm captures the early exploration and settlement of the Midwest and the evolution of agriculture in Kane County and Northeastern Illinois. The farmstead retains a high degree of architectural integrity and historical significance making it eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places." - In addition, Corron Farm Preservation Society and Campton Township announce that the historic 1875 dairy barn roof has finally been replaced after a stabilization of the structure was completed by Trillium Dell Timberworks of Knoxville, Illinois. Funds raised by the society, matched by the township, plus an additional sum awarded by a Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund grant, were used to pay for the project. Additional funds need to be raised by the society to fulfill its promise to the township to contribute 50 percent of the cost of the roof. For more information please see <https://www.facebook.com/CorronFarm1835>, [www.CorronFarm.org](http://www.CorronFarm.org), Meat Raffle: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1966094100271131/>.



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New roof on historic dairy barn at Corron Farm.