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U-46 Board approves variety of expenditures

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved \$1.9 million in expenditure proposals at its meeting on Monday, June 18. The items were all approved by 6-1 votes, with newly seated board member John Devereux abstaining. (The 6-1 tally is an incorrect tabulation by U-46. The correct vote total would be 6-0 with one abstention. An abstention is not recorded as either a yes or no vote, but as an abstention.)

The highest costing proposal was with Dell Marketing LP to purchase 2,712 desktop computers with a price tag of \$1.2 million, which will come from the education fund.

The desktops will "replace aging and obsolete equipment" according to the proposal which also stated: "Current models are extremely slow; they do not have the necessary Random Access Memory (RAM) to perform efficiently. Equipment is also

out of warranty."

The board approved a two-year contract with Northern Illinois University costing \$224,000, paid for by the nation's taxpayers through federal grant funds, to allow current U-46 teachers to take classes in order to obtain a Learning Behavior Specialist I endorsement.

The proposal states that the district "experienced challenges in filling special education positions. This cohort will support efforts to grow our own special education teachers by providing the opportunity for teachers to acquire the necessary endorsement."

Teachers who take part in it would have to commit to staying with U-46 for five years or pay the tuition back administrators said when the proposal was presented earlier in June.

A one-year contract renewal with CDW-G costing \$127,796 (education fund) for Microsoft Office Suite li-

censing was approved as was a one-year contract renewal with Sentinel costing \$119,697 (education fund) for a technical support agreement "to its telecommunications network Cisco licenses and hardware," the proposal states.

The Sentinel "agreement enables the District to receive support from Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week year round," according to the proposal. "It also includes license updates, hardware replacement with a next business day delivery, remote diagnosis/repairs and loaner equipment. The agreement ensures the network is maintained and repaired in a timely and comprehensive manner."

A proposal with Southpaw costing \$74,247 (federal grant funds) was approved. It will go towards seven sensory rooms for special education students to "create relaxing and calming yet stimulating environments that work to develop users' sensory needs," according to the proposal.

With Brecht's Database Solutions, the board approved a \$55,433 expenditure (federal grant funds). The proposal states: "The funding is to be used to adopt a new primary data management system that will support IEPs (Individualized Education Programs), 504 plans, service log management and Medicaid billing and claims. The department needs to consolidate all specialized student services systems into one location. The system selected must be cost effective, user friendly and time efficient as compared to the current system(s)."

A contract renewal costing \$38,200 (education fund) with Heartland Business Systems was approved for AirWatch software which would allow the district to manage and track student usage of tablets, or iPads.

"This mobile device management solution allows Information Services staff to install and maintain district-approved applications on iPads, plus create and manage individual user

profiles," the proposal states. "The management of user profiles is critical when working in an environment where the students share devices."

With Frontline Education, the board approved a contract renewal costing \$31,717 (education fund) for software pertaining to U-46's human resources information system. A contract renewal costing \$25,000 (education fund) was also approved with the American Reading Company for Schoolpace, a "platform for reading teachers to collect formative student reading evidence and data on a daily basis," according to the proposal.

Also receiving 6-0 votes, Devereux abstaining, were four resolutions including authorizing the district to take part in federal and state programs, approving of hazardous transportation area designations (street crossings that are deemed dangerous for students to cross), allowing a transfer of interest earnings to the transportation fund and allowing Jeff King, chief operating officer, to pay down some of the district's debt.

The board voted 7-0 to approve \$6.3 million in itemized bills.

Devereux was seated to a vacant spot on the board that evening and explained why he abstained on several votes.

"While I've done my best to do my homework and get caught up to speed, I don't think it's appropriate if I wasn't present during the presentations and deliberations in the past to cast the vote on some of those items," Devereux said.

Along with the itemized bills, Devereux did vote on three contested items voting for the prevailing wage resolution (approved 5-2, Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no), updates to the student code of conduct (approved 5-2, Costello and Ward voting no) and travel expenses for board members and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders to the Illinois Association of School Boards conference in Chicago (approved 6-1, Costello voting no).

Board approves donation of unclaimed bicycles

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, July 5, trustees voted unanimously in favor of a motion authorizing the donation of unclaimed bicycles to an Illinois charitable organization.

According to Chief of Police Daryl Syre, over the past few years the police department has come to possess a number of bicycles that were lost, abandoned or stolen. All the bicycles have been in the possession of the police department for at least six months and remain unclaimed.

"Once a bicycle is within our possession we do everything within our power to attempt to locate the owner," said Syre.

According to Syre, state law provides if no one has made claim to the bicycles after a six-month holding period, they may be sold at an auction

or donated to a charitable organization that is registered in the state. If the bicycle is less than \$100 in value the Illinois Law Enforcement Property Disposition Act authorizes donating them to a registered Illinois charitable organization upon approval of the village board.

"The police department has reached out to the Hanover Township and other nearby organizations to see if they have any interest in the bikes we obtained throughout the years and they do not have a need for that," Syre said.

According to Syre, the organization selected, Working Bikes of Chicago, provides bicycles to disadvantaged children. The village has donated to this organization in the past.

"They pick up the bicycles at no cost to the village," Syre said. "We currently possess about 50 bicycles."



Red, white and blue on display

A quiet block in the village displaying the Stars and Stripes in honor of the nation's birthday on July 4. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



A View from the Cheap Seats



Swamp Things

By Rich Trzupek

One of the more interesting reactions to the election of Donald Trump, from a personal point of view, was the number of friends and colleagues who expressed condolences based on the assumption that the Donald's shocking upset would have a negative effect on my personal livelihood. Trump promised to cut-back and reform the USEPA, ergo – if he was true to his word – many concluded that a job like mine, one that largely involves helping industry deal with environmental regulations and requirements, would be in less and less demand.

I respectfully disagreed with that assessment, for a couple of reasons: 1) Whatever the USEPA does or does not do, their actions have little practical effect on a consulting business like mine, and 2) Any slight decrease in USEPA activity would have little to no impact on state/local agencies that are responsible for the vast majority of environmental approvals and enforcement.

From my perspective, a Trump administration might lead to some minor relaxation in over-zealous environmental regulations and policy, but I could not envision Trump making a massive course change.

If, however, it turned out that Trump's economic policies kicked the economy into high gear, then it would follow that people who do what I do would benefit. A booming economy means more industrial development. More industrial development requires more environmental permitting and environmental compliance services. So, from my perspective, a Trump presidency should mean happy days in my profession.

That is precisely how things have worked out. We're working on an unprecedented number of new projects, both "greenfield" development (completely new projects) and expansion of existing plants.

This growth has occurred largely because of Trump's economic policies. Sorry libs, but that's reality. Sensible changes to USEPA rules and policies have played a role as well and for that, I, for one, salute departing EPA Director Scott Pruitt.

I do not know and largely do not care whether Pruitt abused the power of his office to his personal benefit. In D.C. I pretty much start with the assumption that everybody is working the system to their own personal advantage, although one is presently

surprised once in a while.

What matters to me is not the person, but their policies, and in this arena Pruitt performed brilliantly. The measure of his performance is how much the big, rich and powerful environmental NGOs like the Sierra Club and NRDC hated the man and how large a target Pruitt consequently had on his back. The amazing thing to me is not that Pruitt didn't make it through Trump's first term, it's that he made it this far.

As I pointed out in my epic masterpiece *Regulators Gone Wild* back in 2011, my problem with the EPA is not that it protects the environment. That's a good thing. My problem with the EPA is all of the bureaucratic nonsense that has nothing to do with protecting the environment and only serves to retard economic growth and reduce job creation.

The Trump administration gets that and Pruitt made a number of common-sense decisions that will do nothing to endanger the environment – despite the Sierra Club's wailing and gnashing of teeth – but are doing much to keep the economy rolling. I'll give you two examples.

Dumping Obama's so-called "Clean Power Plan." It was an idiotic initiative for two reasons: 1) Most of the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions it called for were going to happen anyway thanks to state-level programs and continuing retirements in the nation's coal fleet, and 2) Any reductions we make (and we've been making reductions since 2008) don't mean diddly when one factors in China and India.

Getting rid of EPAs "once in/always in" policy. This policy, which pre-dated Obama, de-incentives pollution reduction. If your emissions were sufficiently large to force you to comply with the requirements of an especially draconian rule, that was it. All of those requirements would apply ad infinitum, even if you reduced emissions to the point that a less draconian rule would have applied, if you were building a plant from scratch.

In making these, and many other fine decisions, Pruitt served his country well. Any EPA director Trump appoints is going to suffer the wrath of Big Green and their mainstream media allies. There's no getting around it. A tip of the hat to Pruitt for putting up with as much as he did for as long as he did, and for injecting some common sense into the EPA while he served.

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Positives extracted from Sabres girls hoops summer

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team lost a lot from last season's 8-20 team, 5-7 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division, but the Sabres feel positive for the upcoming season after a successful summer.

The Sabres ended their time at the Dundee-Crown summer league with a 33-24 loss to South Elgin, which went undefeated in the league, but that came after easy wins over Jacobs and Larkin earlier in the day as they ended with a winning record on Wednesday, June 20.

Beyond Dundee-Crown, Streamwood had a solid 2-2 performance at the Maine West shootout earlier in the summer. The Sabres were seeded 13th at the shootout and beat two higher seeded squads while their two losses were by a combined five points, also against higher seeds.

A one-point overtime loss to No. 3 Lake Zurich at Maine West along with their efforts at Dundee-Crown and in summer camps has Streamwood coach George Rosner encouraged.

"I think the summer has gone pretty good," Rosner said. "The fact that we're replacing four starters and have performed as well as we have is a good sign. It takes some time to adjust, but they've done well with learning their roles."

Those four starters that graduated include Maddi Exline, Andrea Bracy, Monica Brown and Rebecca Roncone.

The lone returning starter is now ju-

nior Mandy Mien who has impressed of her two underclassmen seasons on the varsity squad.

"She's now our leader, and she's taking it well," Rosner said. "She's the on-the-floor leader as our point guard, and she's improved her overall game as well."

Senior Riya Patel also returns and Rosner said she's upped her game too.

Rosner said he's seen a lot of positives from the upcoming class of players as well, and the summer is a good experience builder for them.

"It's a good mix," Rosner said. "A lot of girls have stepped their games up tremendously."

Rosner added: "They're getting a taste for the speed of the varsity game. That's ultimately what summer is for."

Streamwood will compete in a newly aligned UEC with 10 teams and no more divisions. The new conference alignment includes the addition of Glenbard South which finished third at state for Class 3A this year.

For Rosner, he's got a good idea of what his players can do after watching them play this summer, and he's excited about the potential.

"Seeing some of those younger girls out there playing with energy has been fun," Rosner said. "We're not a big team by any means, so we've got to be able to play big."

Rosner added: "We've got a good group of three-point shooters. There's really four, even five, who can hit the outside shots."

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.

In response

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letters from the DUEA members concerning the June 18th U-46 board meeting. My son is correct about the DUEA members response to Mr. Hofsey.

We were in the overflow room and it was very apparent that they were laughing at Mr. Hofsey. If they would have been in support of his comments, they would have responded like they did for all the other speakers with stomping their feet and hooting and howling. I observed a very unprofessional group of people in the overflow room.

The one letter by the DUEA member in the main meeting room has no way of knowing about the laughter in the overflow room.

Daniel Hancock

DUEA members doth protest too much

Dear Editor,

It would appear that the DUEA union members that voiced their objections via letters to the editor (June 27 edition of The Examiner) to the conclusion of Seth Hancock's U-46 story may be protesting too much. To paraphrase a famed Shakespeare quote from Hamlet: "The" DUEA ladies "doth protest too much, methinks."

The apparent loud reaction summarized by this collection of letters from select DUEA members in attendance at the U-46 board meeting seemed in contrast to the also loud, and often, unprofessional displays of many of that same membership at the meeting. Frankly, the often very loud outbursts and stomping of feet along with occasional laughter and other utterances left me feeling that many there representing the DUEA were more likely to be taken for representatives of disrespect displaying an absence of professionalism and decorum.

All too often, rather than listening to an opposing or differing point of view

with courtesy and respect, some find it easier to make noise and be disruptive. I feel that better defines what occurs frequently at U-46 board meetings.

Daryl Reynolds

The U.S. Supreme Court landmark decision in Janus v. AFSCME, confirming that forced union fees are unconstitutional.

Dear Editor,

Workers' rights were restored today because of two people: Mark Janus and Bruce Rauner.

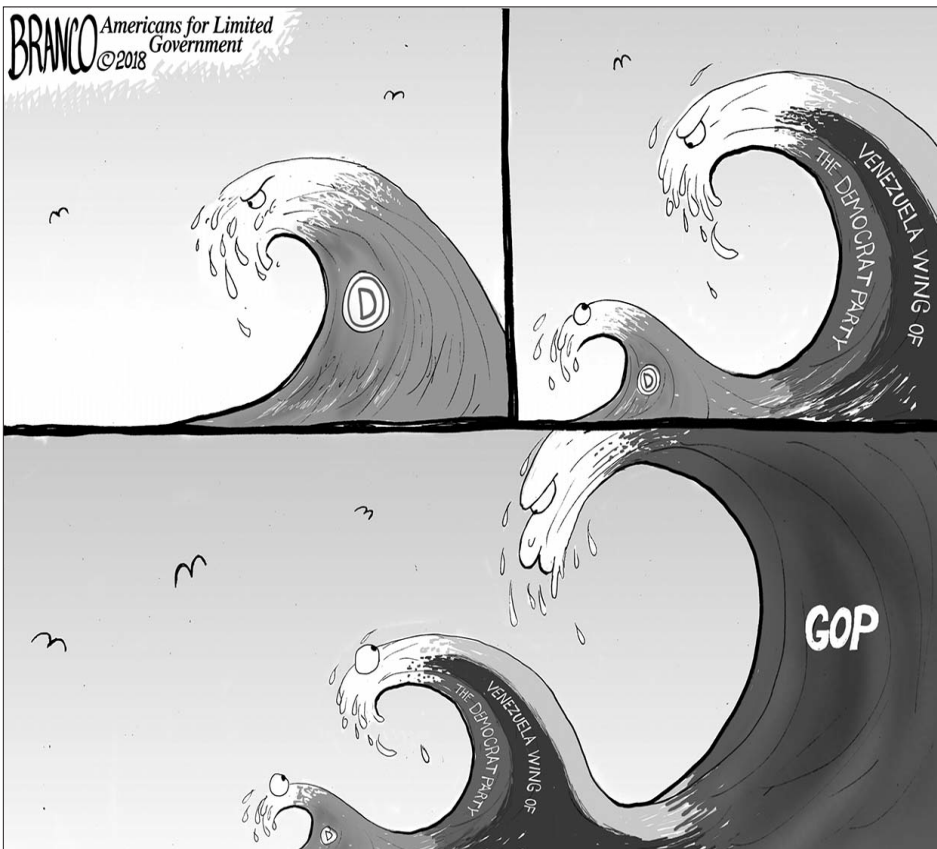
First, I'd like to thank Gov. Bruce Rauner for having the vision, the leadership and the courage to initiate this case in 2015. He took tremendous risk and criticism for advancing the simple idea that workers should be free to define their relationship with a government union.

Most importantly, I want to thank Mark Janus. Without a plaintiff, you have no case. We are very proud that Mark Janus chose our litigation team at the Liberty Justice Center to represent him. We thank Mark for his courage and for his commitment to worker freedom. Mark has earned the admiration of millions of people all over the country who simply wanted their free speech rights protected."

John Tillman
Illinois Policy Institute CEO

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"Are there any other entities that do that?" Costello asked.

"I'm sure there are other entities I don't know," Burnidge said. "The majority of school districts invest with PMA and through that Illinois liquid asset fund."

After the discussion, Costello told *The Examiner* that he believes the funds could be earning more but it is apparent the district is not attempting to find out. He said neither the board nor the district has "had a logical discussion about that" and "what the economic opportunities are for the monies we invest."

Costello said if the district were to find better options, the extra earnings could go a long way.

"I know that we have well over \$250 million in the bank and we're earning less than 1 percent on that money, and I understand that over time that the yields on our short-term and staggered investments can grow," Costello said. "But we have to be conscientious about how we invest that, how we understand that we have working capital needs and we can address that with short-term funds that are still earning 1 percent or more and yet, as a whole, we've invested all of our money and are earning less than 1 percent."

Costello said the district is not seeking to create competition as it remains with the same three depositories with the sole apparent reason that the "majority of school districts invest" with them. He said there are questions that should be asked when considering depositories, but the district is not asking them.

"What are the opportunities, what are the alternatives and what's the risk? All of those come in to play," Costello said. "It's not just about how much money we make on the next dollar, it's how we do it and how we can earn more and risk less. That's what this district should be looking for. I don't care who we invest in. I don't care where we invest. As long as it meets statutory compliance issues, we should be looking at options and not just staying with the status quo."

Costello added: "Everything is about competition. It's what creates excellence, from my way of thinking, whether it's internal or external. We should be looking at anyone out there that can provide a competitive advantage with whatever tax dollar, whether we're spending it or we're keeping it and we're earning the maximum yield."

Break-in event to feature music, tours at Old Joliet Prison

The Great Joliet Prison Break-In fundraiser will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 5 to 11 p.m. Ticket holders will be able to step onto the historic prison yard and listen to the music of The Blooze Brothers, M&R Rush, Petty Cash and Hot Mess while enjoying the tastes of various options from food trucks and beer vendors. The event is the grand opening and first major event of the Old Joliet Prison, which closed in 2002. The prison is featured in many movie and television projects, including "The Blues Brothers" and "Prison Break."

"We anticipate this event will be a celebration of the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who have selflessly supported the museum's efforts to stabilize, secure and showcase this historic site to visitors

from around the world," said Joliet Area Historical Museum Executive Director Greg Peerbolte, "The Great Prison Break-In will not only be an incredibly memorable experience, but will help to raise funds for the important work to preserve the Old Joliet Prison."

The city, Joliet Area History Museum and many other community partners are undertaking an effort to open the prison for public tours and access. According to Economic Development Director Steve Jones, "the funds raised from this event and other partnerships will allow the city to stabilize the site and preserve this historic facility."

Tickets can be purchased online at jolietprison.org for \$40 per person (ticket and processing fees are in-

cluded in the price). Patrons can purchase their tickets for \$35 per person (ticket and processing fees are including in the price) in person at the Joliet Area Historical Museum 204 N Ottawa St., Joliet) or the Joliet Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry Main Office (63 N. Chicago St., Joliet) during regular business hours.

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity which operates a 10,000 square foot modern museum facility in downtown Joliet at the historic intersection of Old Route 66 & Lincoln Highway. The Museum also facilitates tours, programs and educational interpretation at the Old Joliet Prison historic site. Find out more about the museum at jolietmuseum.org.

Group taking a tour of the Old Joliet Prison yard.

Blooze Brothers, one of the bands to be featured at the upcoming break-in event. (Courtesy photos)

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being reviewed
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Holiday parade
draws large crowd
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Village takes status quo stance on gaming

By Seth Hancock

Although there's a split in sentiments from the Board of Trustees, the village will stay the course with regards to video gaming for the time being.

The board held a discussion on video gaming at a June 5 committee of the whole meeting which was spurred on by a proposal heard in May from a possible new establishment, May's Lounge, that would cater to a video

gaming clientele.

Trustee Michael Camerer raised concerns citing moral objections, trustee Kristina Gabrenya echoing some of his concerns, and the board asked staff to present some data concerning the current video gaming machines in Bartlett.

In a memo from Scott Skrycki, assistant village administrator, he wrote that there are 53 machines in the vil-

lage currently at 12 different establishments. Since video gaming first came to Bartlett in 2012, the village has made \$669,780 in revenue from it with \$17,282 coming in during the last recorded month this April.

"The total average monthly revenue for the Village is \$12,177.81," Skrycki wrote. "March 2018 was the highest revenue month for the Village (\$18,771.75). 2017 has been the highest revenue year so far for Video Gaming with a total of \$181,592.14. The average revenue made per month in 2017 was \$15,132.68."

Bryan Mraz, village attorney, said the board shared some concerns with video gaming and wanted to look at how the village could restrict video gaming. He said ultimately the board has little authority in restricting other than banning it outright across the village but said at the May meeting that there were some minor regulations that possibly could be enacted.

Video gaming licenses are issued by the state while the village issues liquor licenses, which an establishment must obtain to receive the state license.

"Trustee Camerer has been consistent since Day 1 just about video gaming and opposed to it from a moral standpoint," Mraz said, but he noted that wasn't "necessarily the consensus of the board."

Mraz said this board inherited video gaming from a previous board which didn't want Bartlett businesses to be at a "competitive disadvantage" with neighboring villages that allow video gaming.

Paula Schumacher, village administrator, said that "some of the concerns that we've had about police calls or crime or complaints from the neighbors haven't happened" since video gaming started seven years ago.

Although there is video gaming in the village, Schumacher said it is "not turning into that mini gambling Mecca of the Midwest" as Bartlett is in the middle compared to surrounding villages for the amount of machines being operated.

Kevin Wallace, village president, asked for a straw poll from the board on whether or not to seek changes in its video gaming practices which ultimately came with a 3-3 split vote, Wallace breaking the tie in favor of not changing the practice. Camerer, Vince Carbonaro and Raymond Deyne all

supported changing but Gabrenya, Adam Hopkins and Aaron Reinke did not support changing.

Hopkins said the only change he would consider is if "its eliminating all of them" as he previously stated he wants each business to be treated the same.

At the May meeting, Hopkins said that "prior boards have approved video gaming in this town, and I don't like to pick winners and losers. It is legal in this town and that's the way I look at it."

Reinke said that it's important to periodically evaluate the data on video gaming, but he said he would like to not have the same general discussions on video gaming going forward. If there are discussions in the future, he said he would want a specific proposal instead of the general discussion.

"We invest a lot of attorney time in this and have the same exact discussion time and time again," Reinke said.

Gabrenya disagreed with Reinke saying it's "something that our residents are concerned about." Although previously expressing some concerns with video gaming, Gabrenya said the data looks good for the village which is something "residents need to hear."

"If the village is developing revenue from that, then so are those business owners," Gabrenya added.

Wallace said he agreed with the sentiments of both Gabrenya and Reinke. He called it a "really difficult topic," and he said most people are probably surprised with how popular video gaming has become since the state law was changed to allow it.

Going forward, Wallace said he wants to focus on video gaming establishments not being a "little tiny shack" but rather "something that's nice."

Carbonaro said he's not necessarily opposed to video gaming but asked: "Do we want to have 1,000 of them in town?"

"That's the only part that I wanted to change, is maybe put some kind of restrictions as to how many of these establishments we want to have in town," Carbonaro said. "I think we have the right to do that, do we not?"

Mraz said: "Not exactly. That's one of the issues. We can't just have a limit on them."

Gabrenya suggested that "at some point they'll be self limiting" due to general market forces and the laws of supply and demand.



It's turtle time

Dan Mitchell and Robin Nagle released the turtles at the top of the slide to start the The Turbo Turtle Race at the Bartlett Aquatic Center. For story and more photos see page 20.

(Examiner photo by Elizabeth Reynertson)

Board reviews financials near fiscal year end

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees was updated on Bartlett's finances at its meeting on Tuesday, June 19.

Todd Dowden, finance director, delivered the treasurer's report as of April 2018 which is the final month of the fiscal year.

"These are unadjusted figures for April," Dowden said. "So it's basically on a cash basis and we'll be going through our audit process in July, and then the final audit report will be presented later in November for the year end."

Total revenues to the village were at \$52.5 million and total expenditures \$63.2 million. The revenue side represents 69.4 percent of a budgeted \$75.6 million whereas at the same time last year they were at 144.9 percent of the previous budget, and expenditures were at 71.4 percent of a budgeted \$88.5 mil-

lion while last year they were at 99.5 percent at the same time.

The largest category, the general fund, showed \$22.2 million in revenues (101.6 percent of \$21.9 million budgeted) and \$21.4 million in expenditures (94.7 percent of \$22.6 million budgeted).

Major revenue categories showed the village has received \$11 million in property taxes (101.2 percent of \$10.8 million budgeted), \$7.8 million in water charges (99.5 percent of \$7.8 million), \$4.4 million in income taxes (104.8 percent of \$4.2 million), \$3.8 million in sewer charges (100.8 percent of \$3.8 million), \$2.4 million in sales taxes (101.2 percent of \$2.4 million) and \$1.1 million in motor fuel tax or MFT (99.1 percent of \$1.1 million). The remaining six categories have brought in between \$153,470 in the electric utility tax and \$844,127 in the telecom-

munications tax.

The golf fund came in with a deficit of \$66,747 (\$2.1 million in revenues, \$2.2 million in expenditures) while the village budgeted a net income of \$46,695 for the year.

Dowden also gave an update on the MFT revenues for the month of March and sales tax revenues for the month of February.

On the sales tax piece, Dowden said: "We did receive \$180,000 which is up about \$12,000 from the previous time, so sales tax continues to do well."

The village brought in \$80,062 in revenue from the MFT.

"That also is up \$4,500 from the previous year, same month," Dowden said. "We should come in just maybe \$5,000 or so under budget in motor fuel tax, but it's been consistent over the years."

Pet of the Week



This could be someone’s Lucky Charm

Lucky Charm along with his brother Fruit Loop are a little famous, having appeared on ABC Chicago on July 3. Along with his dashing good looks, could certainly bring a new family some luck of the Irish. He is cute, cuddly and loves to play. What more could anyone ask? For more information please call 407-2800 or email AnimalServices@dupageco.org.
(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

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to find out. He said neither the board nor the district has “had a logical discussion about that” and “what the economic opportunities are for the monies we invest.”

Costello said if the district were to find better options, the extra earnings could go a long way.

“I know that we have well over \$250 million in the bank and we’re earning less than 1 percent on that money, and I understand that over time that the yields on our short-term and staggered investments can grow,” Costello said. “But we have to be conscientious about how we invest that, how we understand that we have working capital needs and we can address that with short-term funds that are still earning 1 percent or more and yet, as a whole, we’ve invested all of our money and are earning less than 1 percent.”

Costello said the district is not seeking to create competition as it remains with the same three depositories with the sole apparent reason that the “majority of school districts invest” with them. He said there are questions that should be asked when considering depositories, but the district is not asking them.

“What are the opportunities, what are the alternatives and what’s the risk? All of those come in to play,” Costello said. “It’s not just about how much money we make on the next dollar, it’s how we do it and how we can earn more and risk less. That’s what this district should be looking for. I don’t care who we invest in. I don’t care where we invest. As long as

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U-46 Board approves variety of expenditures

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved \$1.9 million in expenditure proposals at its meeting on Monday, June 18. The items were all approved by 6-1 votes, with newly seated board member John Devereux abstaining. (The 6-1 tally is an incorrect tabulation by U-46. The correct vote total would be 6-0 with one abstention. An abstention is not recorded as either a yes or no vote, but as an abstention.)

The highest costing proposal was with Dell Marketing LP to purchase 2,712 desktop computers with a price tag of \$1.2 million, which will come from the education fund.

The desktops will “replace aging and obsolete equipment” according to the proposal which also stated: “Current models are extremely slow; they do not have the necessary Random Access Memory (RAM) to perform efficiently. Equipment is also out of warranty.”

The board approved a two-year contract with Northern Illinois University costing \$224,000, paid for by the nation’s taxpayers through federal grant funds, to allow current U-46 teachers to take classes in order to obtain a Learning Behavior Specialist I endorsement.

The proposal states that the district “experienced challenges in filling special education positions. This cohort will support efforts to grow our own special education teachers by providing the opportunity for teachers to acquire the necessary endorsement.”

Teachers who take part in it would have to commit to staying with U-46 for five years or pay the tuition back administrators said when the proposal was presented earlier in June.

A one-year contract renewal with CDW-G costing \$127,796 (education fund) for Microsoft Office Suite licensing was approve as was a one-year contract renewal with Sentinel costing \$119,697 (education fund) for a technical support agreement “to its telecommunications network Cisco licenses and hardware,” the proposal states.

The Sentinel “agreement enables the District to receive support from Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week year round,” according to the proposal. “It also includes license updates, hardware replacement with a next business day delivery, remote diagnosis/repairs and loaner equipment. The agreement ensures the network is maintained and repaired in a timely and comprehensive manner.”

A proposal with Southpaw costing \$74,247 (federal grant funds) was approved. It will go towards seven sensory rooms for special education students to “create relaxing and calming yet stimulating environments that work to develop users’ sensory needs,” according to the proposal.

With Brecht’s Database Solutions, the

board approved a \$55,433 expenditure (federal grant funds). The proposal states: “The funding is to be used to adopt a new primary data management system that will support IEPs (Individualized Education Programs), 504 plans, service log management and Medicaid billing and claims. The department needs to consolidate all specialized student services systems into one location. The system selected must be cost effective, user friendly and time efficient as compared to the current system(s).”

A contract renewal costing \$38,200 (education fund) with Heartland Business Systems was approved for Air-Watch software which would allow the district to manage and track student usage of tablets, or iPads.

“This mobile device management solution allows Information Services staff to install and maintain district-approved applications on iPads, plus create and manage individual user profiles,” the proposal states. “The management of user profiles is critical when working in an environment where the students share devices.”

With Frontline Education, the board approved a contract renewal costing \$31,717 (education fund) for software pertaining to U-46’s human resources information system. A contract renewal costing \$25,000 (education fund) was also approved with the American Reading Company for Schoolpace, a “platform for reading teachers to collect formative student reading evidence and data on a daily basis,” according to the proposal.

Also receiving 6-0 votes, Devereux abstaining, were four resolutions including authorizing the district to take part in federal and state programs, approving of hazardous transportation area designations (street crossings that are deemed dangerous for students to cross), allowing a transfer of interest earnings to the transportation fund and allowing Jeff King, chief operating officer, to pay down some of the district’s debt.

The board voted 7-0 to approve \$6.3 million in itemized bills.

Devereux was seated to a vacant spot on the board that evening and explained why he abstained on several votes.

“While I’ve done my best to do my homework and get caught up to speed, I don’t think it’s appropriate if I wasn’t present during the presentations and deliberations in the past to cast the vote on some of those items,” Devereux said.

Along with the itemized bills, Devereux did vote on three contested items voting for the prevailing wage resolution (approved 5-2, Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no), updates to the student code of conduct (approved 5-2, Costello and Ward voting no) and travel expenses for board members and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders to the Illinois Association of School Boards conference in Chicago (approved 6-1, Costello voting no).

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it meets statutory compliance issues, we should be looking at options and not just staying with the status quo.”

Costello added: “Everything is about competition. It’s what creates excellence, from my way of thinking, whether it’s internal or external. We should be looking at anyone out there that can provide a competitive advantage with whatever tax dollar, whether we’re spending it or we’re keeping it and we’re earning the maximum yield.”

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Annual tradition parades through town



VFW Post 11018 color guard: Gary R McKowen, Arky Mastrangelo, Jim Collins, Richard Ross, Petro Pewlul, Glen Schlechter and Dale Dwyer started off the parade.

The Bartlett Lions Club 4th of July parade stepped off from Oak Avenue on Sunday, July 8. The Bartlett VFW Post 11018 color guard started the parade, with representatives from the fire and police departments following.

There were approximately 80 entries in the parade this year, including Gov. Bruce Rauner. Other entries included part district sports teams, the Bartlett

Public Library, Hannover Township emergency service vehicles, martial arts groups, various Medina Shriners clubs, local and state politicians, and the Midwest 501st Garrison.

The Bartlett Lions Club parade occurs every year on a Sunday during the village's of 4th of July Festival. This year's version lasted approximately an hour and a half.



Stacy Schrader drove a John Deere 1950 A tractor.



Luke Diehl, Ryan Diehl and Nolan Smith went for parade candy tossed near their spot.



Medina Shriners Mini Car Club circled around officers Eric Roger and Chris Solesky.

(Examiner photos by Elizabeth Reynertson)



The **Bartlett High School and Eastview Middle School** bands performed together.

(Examiner photos by Elizabeth Reynertson)



The Bartlett Park District's float promoted the upcoming 'Go Polynesian Flick and Float Moana' scheduled for Friday, July 20.



Tyler Weeks handed out freeze pops to Benjamin Klan and Elizabeth Klan while he walked with the Bartlett Silver Hawks baseball team.



Gov. Bruce Rauner posed for photos with kids along the parade route

Police Reports

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released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 5:44 p.m., Daniel J. Paska, 43, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with endangering the life of a child and assault. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Saturday, June 30

★ At 10:44 p.m., Ismael H. Gonzalez-Diaz, 29, Naperville, was arrested and charged with obstructing identification, driving while license suspended, no insurance, improper lane usage, and an outstanding warrant for probation violation. He was released on bond on the local charges and transported to DuPage County Jail on the warrant.

Sunday, July 1

★ At 8:01 p.m., Ivette D. Santiago, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with improper turn at intersection. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Monday, July 2

★ At 10:45 p.m., Jakobe J. McCormick, 18, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with no insurance, possession of cannabis and improper lighting. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, July 3

★ At 2:01 p.m., John R. Veltri, 35, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, June 27

★ At 12:26 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Chasewood for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 2:34 a.m., police responded to ABF Freight Systems, 825 Commerce Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 9:06 a.m., police responded to the 800 block of Reserve for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.

★ At 10:17 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fieldcrest for a report

of an activated alarm.

★ At 11:02 a.m., police responded to Family Health and Fitness, 455 Briar-gate Drive, for a 911 investigation.

★ At 4:05 p.m., police responded to SEBA Park, 151 S. Water, for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 4:14 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Mark and Earl for a report of a safety or health hazard.

★ At 5:58 p.m., police responded to First Priority Restoration, 301 Woodbury, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 6:09 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Arthur for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 6:32 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Cambridge for a fire-works complaint.

★ At 7:39 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Ione for a report of a domestic in progress.

Thursday, June 28

★ At 3:48 a.m., police responded to First Priority Restoration, 301 Woodbury, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 4:11 a.m., police responded to Armin Industries, 1500 N. LaFox, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 4:18 a.m., police responded to First Priority Restoration, 301 Woodbury, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 12:13 p.m., police responded to Kohls, 350 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 2:40 p.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Chipstone for a trespassing complaint.

★ At 5:17 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Manchester for a report of a domestic.

★ At 6:04 p.m., police responded to Our Place, 889 N. LaFox, for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 6:07 p.m., police responded to the Culver's Restaurant, 280 Randall Road, for a report of a fight.

★ At 8:06 p.m., police responded to the River Crossing, 10 N. Gilbert, for a report of a drug law violation.

Friday, June 29

★ At 10:36 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Fieldcrest for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 11:37 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of West Camden for a fraud complaint.

★ At 12:08 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Manchester for a keep the peace request.

★ At 3:49 p.m., police responded to Thornton Oil, 900 N. LaFox, for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 4:10 p.m., police responded to Harris Bank, 473 Redington Drive, for a 911 investigation

★ At 7:41 p.m., police responded to

Mobil Oil, 30 S. McLean Blvd., for a report of a safety or health hazard.

★ At 11:09 p.m., police responded to York Spring, 1550 N. LaFox, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 11:23 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Dean for a 911 investigation.

Saturday, June 30

★ At 5:59 a.m., police responded to the Beef Villa, 1225 W. Spring, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 9:47 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Mark for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 11:15 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Kossuth for a harassment complaint.

★ At 4 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Manchester for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 5:25 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Windsor for a 911 investigation.

★ At 9:12 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of West Spring and Renee for a fireworks complaint.

★ At 9:45 p.m., police responded to PK Taxi Services, 87 S. McLean Blvd., for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 9:49 p.m., police responded to the 1300 block of River for a fireworks complaint.

★ At 9:53 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Wyndham and Raymond for a fireworks complaint.

★ At 9:54 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of East Thornwood for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 11 p.m., police responded to Verizon Wireless, 596 Randall Road, for a report of a suspicious noise.

Sunday, July 1

★ At 12:54 a.m., police responded to

Liberty School fundraisers held in support of student, family



Erica Szyszko's class and all Liberty Elementary School students that raised over \$100 for the Loeding family. (Courtesy photo)

Briana Loeding is a second grade student at Liberty Elementary School who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in October 2017. This brave girl has been fighting cancer since then with chemotherapy treatments. Unfortunately, due to cancer, Loeding had to have her leg amputated this past January. The families and staff of Liberty have pulled together to run three fundraisers for her family.

In October, 2017 the students and staff participated in "Boo Grams" where \$1,875 was raised. In February, the students had a penny war where as additional \$4,277 was raised. Lastly, in April

a fundraiser called the "Brave Briana Challenge" was conducted where the students asked family and friends to donate money for the Loeding family. The students then earned Emoji key chains for raising money. They then were able to go through an ultimate obstacle course during their PE class. Students that raised the most amount of money were even able to run the obstacle course against Liberty Assistant Principal Stephanie Sylvester. This fundraiser earned \$11,600 for the family.

Over this school year, about \$17,800 has been obtained for the Loeding family.

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Genealogy Drop-In
Wednesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Monthly drop-in for amateur genealogists to get together and share searching tips and techniques.

Book Discussion, Lunch and Movie
Wednesday, July 11, 11 a.m.

Grades four to six. Holes by Louis Sachar. Explore Camp Green Lake this summer. Pack a sack lunch and the library will provide Kissin' Kate Barlow's spiced peaches. Register in person to pick up a free copy of this book. Registration required.

Drop-in LEGOs/STEM Activities
Wednesday, July 11, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

All ages. Join us for some LEGO or STEM activities to stretch your brain and have fun. Children under age eight must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Sensory Friendly Hours
Wednesday, July 11, 5 to 7 p.m.

All Ages. Please join us for Sensory Friendly Hours in the Youth Services Department. The Art Room and Storytime Room will be reserved for any child who may benefit from a quieter, less crowded space to read and complete projects. Feel free to bring your favorite pillow, blanket or toy to use in the Storytime Room. We will provide paint and colored shaving cream for art projects. Children who may benefit from Sensory Friendly Hours include children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and/or Sensory Processing Disorders.

Fravinia Summer Concert
Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m.

Enjoy fun-filled summer nights on the Bartlett Library lawn with Fravinia concerts, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Bartlett Park District. This is a band you don't

want to miss! Attend this concert to celebrate the spirit of Jimmy Buffett and his Beachcomber style! He says it best in his songs, "Growing Older but Not Up," "It's Five O'clock Somewhere" and "We Are the People Our Parents Warned Us About." So put on your grass skirts or pirate hats and join in the fun.

Learning Libby and Hoopla
Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m.

Get reading library Ebooks and Eaudiobooks on your smart phone or tablet with Libby and Hoopla. Learn how to create an account, browse books and download them on your device. Please bring your own devices with you. Registration required.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint
Monday, July 16, 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of creating knock-em-dead presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint. Attendees will be introduced to the basic layout, use, and design of a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Knowledge of mouse and keyboard required. Registration required.

An Evening with Tempero Brasileiro
Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Tempero Brasileiro is a Brazilian music flute and guitar duo performing choro, samba and other popular Brazilian musics. "Tempero Brasileiro" means "Brazilian seasoning/ flavor" and reflects the duo's diverse background of classical music and jazz which they add to their long background in Brazilian genres. They "season" their selections with a sprinkle of classical and a pinch of jazz for a tasty offering!

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, call 837-2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.

Pilates fitness program featured at Bartlett Library



Patrons at the Commit to be Fit program posed near the yoga mats and the fitness equipment that Fitness Instructor Kasia Andrzejuk brought for them to use. (Courtesy photo)

On Thursday, June 21, the Bartlett Library hosted a Commit to be Fit: Pilates program put on by fitness instructor Kasia Andrzejuk.

The two basic forms of Pilates are mat based and equipment based. Andrzejuk explained that she would be leading them through a short mat-based class after her presentation.

"Your body is your temple. You need to take care of it," said Andrzejuk.

Andrzejuk went on to explain that Pilates has many health benefits, such as improving posture and flexibility, increasing relaxation, reducing stress and fatigue and much more.

An example that she gave to the audience for a fitness guidance plan in-

cluded starting the day out by stretching, doing jumping jacks in the morning, going for a steady-paced walk, add Pilates into the day and make sure to write down a weekly workout schedule into a calendar.

Andrzejuk gave away three prizes before leading the audience through a 15-minutes Pilates class. The first was a yoga towel, and then a yoga mat-towel and the last was a purple running shirt.

This program was sponsored by the Bartlett Public Library District Foundation.

For more information and a complete listing of scheduled programs, call 837-2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.

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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.

Thank You!
 Thank you to everyone who supported the Bartlett Parks Foundation Inclusive Playground project by purchasing Fourth of July Turtle Race tickets. A listing of the winners can be found on the home page of our website bartlettpark.org. Also, thank you to everyone who attend the 4th of July festival and helped keep our community looking clean. The Fourth of July Committee distributed garbage bags to attendees on the evening of the fireworks to help manage the clean-up. We appreciate everyone that aided in making this an easier pick up process and safer for everyone around.

Broadway Brought to Bartlett Music Camp July 23 to 27

Campers will learn about the process of putting together a Broadway musical. Participants will work together in small and large groups to prepare songs and dances to perform on an actual stage. This camp promises to be a great experience for anyone who loves to sing, dance and act, even if the only stage they have experienced is in their own living room. For ages seven to 16 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 23 to 27 at Bartlett Community Center for a fee of \$156 resident and \$166 regular. Register by July 19 to receive the camp T-shirt.

Fravinia Concert: Peach's Beach Party
Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

The Bartlett Park District and Bartlett Public Library District are partnering to provide you with an amazing free

Fravinia concert series this summer on the library lawn. Peach's Beach Party plays music from Jimmy Buffet, Beach Boys, Bob Marley, Kenny Chesney and more.

Website Redesign RFP Due
Monday, July 16, 10 a.m. CST

The RFP is available for download on the home page of our website bartlettparks.org

Youth Fall Softball Registration
Deadline: July 21 at 12 noon.

Come join our girls' softball league and meet new friends, improve motor skills, and have fun playing one of the most popular sports around. The season will consist of an eight to 10 game schedule. Each player will receive a professional jersey, matching socks, and a visor. The age levels will coincide with ASA age regulations. A player's age on Dec. 31, will be the playing age for the 2018 season. Girls that participated in the summer league will be placed on those same teams for the fall season unless otherwise requested. Any new players will be placed on an existing team. Participants registering after the registration deadline (July 21) will be waitlisted and subject to the waitlist fee.

Go Polynesian Flick and Float
Moana at BAC: Friday, July 20, 8 p.m.

Break out your best swimwear of the islands to compete in the limbo and hula dance off during the "Moana" Flick and Float at the Bartlett Aquatic Center. We will be serving fruit punch and welcoming you at the door Aloha style. No tropical apparel? How about dressing up as a character from the movie? We will be playing awesome games where the winners get prizes. Games and activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; Movie begins at dark.

Hawks 16U Blue capture fastpitch tournament crown



Front row, left to right: Niki Campo, Kendall Madura, Abby Tomillo, Anna Tomillo and Ariana Wolfard. Second row, left to right: Gianna Campo, Angie Slager, Lillian Cano, Kathy Garcia and Danessa De Anda. Third row, left to right: coach Tony Tomillo, coach Scott Wolfard and manager Joe H. De Anda. Not pictured: Emily Baggot and coach Ken Madura. (Courtesy photo)

The Bartlett Hawks 16U Blue won the 2018 Gem City Challenge fastpitch tournament that took place in Baraboo, Wisconsin, from Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24. The Hawks were the only team competing from outside of Wisconsin and went a perfect 4-0 in the tournament.

On Friday, June 22 the Hawks topped the Wisconsin Twisters 8-2 and the

Midwest Elite 9-1. On the following day, the Hawks prevailed over the Baraboo Thunder by a score of 11-4. The three wins on the first two days of the tourney earned the Hawks a place in the championship game.

On Sunday, June 24 in the title game, the Hawks again squared off against the Baraboo Thunder and earned the tournament crown with an 8-2 victory.

Library plays host to events featuring motors, music

On Friday, June 8, over 300 patrons enjoyed an afternoon of music, cars, food and fun at the Bartlett Library during its annual Car Show and Concert.

Festivities kicked off at 5 p.m. with a car show, where attendees were able to mingle with car owners and see their cruisers. People voted for their favorite car in these three categories: Best Paint, People's Choice and Makes You Want to Go Fast.

The winner of the Best Paint trophy went to Steve Turso with the 1951 Mercury Sled/Monterey; the winner of the People's Choice trophy was Mario Marrero with a 1950 Chevy 4-Door Deluxe; and the winner of the Makes You Want to Go Fast trophy was Marco Koslovich with a 1972 Dodge Challenger.

Throughout the festivities, the Friends of the Bartlett Library sold tickets for a 50/50 raffle (which raised \$165), as well as tickets for its summer-long raffle. Tickets are still being sold at the library for the summer-long raffle, and may be purchased any time (\$1 for one ticket or \$5 for six tickets) to be entered to win a cooler and/or a 50-inch TV. Winners are

drawn at summer Fravinia concerts (June 8, July 11, Aug. 8), but do not need to be present to win.

The car show was followed by a concert put on by The StingRays, who got the crowd dancing and singing along to songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s. There was even a conga line going near the end of the event.

The Fravinia Concerts are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Bartlett Library and the Bartlett Park District. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to this summer concert series to enjoy an evening of music and entertainment.

The next Fravinia concert takes place on Wednesday, July 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the library lawn. Attend the Peach's Beach Party concert to celebrate the spirit of Jimmy Buffett and his beachcomber style! He says it best in his songs, "Growing Older but Not Up," "It's Five O'clock Somewhere" and "We Are the People Our Parents Warned Us About." So put on your grass skirts or pirate hats and join in the fun.

For more information and a complete listing of scheduled programs, call 837-2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.



Car show held at the library.

(Courtesy photo)



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third all-time in scoring (1,510 points). But Bartlett returns two all-conference players in now senior Teagan Noesen and sophomore Lexie Sinclair. "Overall, I'm really pleased with my group of girls," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "You can't replace a kid like Kayla, but the nice thing is we have Lexie and Teagan back, both all-conference players, and the whole team has been stepping up this summer." Bartlett ended the Geneva summer league by pulling off a tight 56-53 win over Yorkville after an easy victory over Sycamore on Thursday, July 21. Earlier in the week, the Hawks had a double-digit lead over Geneva at half-time and wound up losing by one on Tuesday, July 19. As the team's point guard, Hunt said Sinclair has been stepping up her role this summer.

"Lexi is becoming the floor general which is really exciting to see as a sophomore," Hunt said. Other losses from this past winter are Miranda Hedeon, Danielle Kleeman, Meghan Colley, Jennifer Carbery and Amber Pagan. However, the Hawks return several players who have picked up a lot of varsity minutes including senior Savannah Standefer, junior Shelly Banks and sophomore Justina Hernandez. The UEC will be newly aligned this season, 10 teams and no more divisions, and it may get a little tougher with the addition of Glenbard South which finished third at state for Class 3A this year. But Hunt is excited about his team's chances. "We have a nice nucleus coming

back," Hunt said. "I think we can contend for a conference title this year and possible regional and sectional runs. We'll be young and have some growing pains, but this group is picking up things pretty quickly." Hare's younger sister, incoming freshman Mackenzie Hare, and sophomore Danielle Hedeon have impressed as possible two new players to the varsity squad. With summer camps and league games over, Hunt said there's plenty of work for his players to do on their own. "They've got to get in the gym and shoot," Hunt said. "We do have them coming in for weight lifting, and they've just got to go out and improve on their skills."

Tidbits

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Arts in Bartlett is asking the community to help create a unique fiber project. It will be a temporary installation in downtown Bartlett during the Bartlett Heritage Days Festival, Sept. 8 and Sept. 9. Please knit, crochet, sew or weave 4"x12" colorful pieces, symbolic of heritage or family, that will be sewn together in long chains. Donations should be delivered to Arts in Bartlett, 215 S. Main St. by Aug. 25. Volunteers are needed to sew donated pieces together between Aug. 27 and Sept. 6. After the installation is removed, donated pieces will be repurposed into objects that will be for sale in Arts in Bartlett's gallery. Proceeds benefit programming and special projects. For more information, contact Linda Kay, resident artist, linda@lindakaysart.com, text or call 847-323-3615.

Bartlett High School is looking for crafters to participate in its annual craft show on Saturday, Oct. 27. Contact Yvonne at bhsartcraftshow2016@gmail.com or 213-0183 for an application or if you have questions.

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

Bartlett VFW Post 11018 has its monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Clare Oaks just off West Bartlett Road and east of Illinois Route 59. Men and women who have served in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters may be eligible for membership. A DD-214 is required, plus citizenship and honorable service. Your fellow comrades welcome you!

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 meets the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested in learning more, please email BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com.

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Bartlett Log Cabin located

at North Avenue and Oak Street at 7 p.m. We are looking for veterans who are interested in serving their community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

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

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

Looking for a job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join our career networking email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see our job board; check out the materials in our Quiet Room, which cover topics such as resume writing and interviewing help; look at our Career Networking blog; stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

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

You can feed a family pet for less than \$10 a month. Brunos Pro Bone O Pet Pantry is a 501 (c)(3) charity pet food pantry that distributes free food to help elderly, disabled, or low-income pet owners who are struggling to keep food in the bowls of their beloved companions. Even \$10 a month for food may be too much to spend for someone whos trying to keep their furry family members at home-where they belong. Please help by donating food or funds to Brunos Pet Pantry: they believe no one should have to give up a dog or cat because of money. They need your help! Please call 926-3610, or www.brunospantry.com.

Bartlett Woman's Club installs new officers for 2018-19

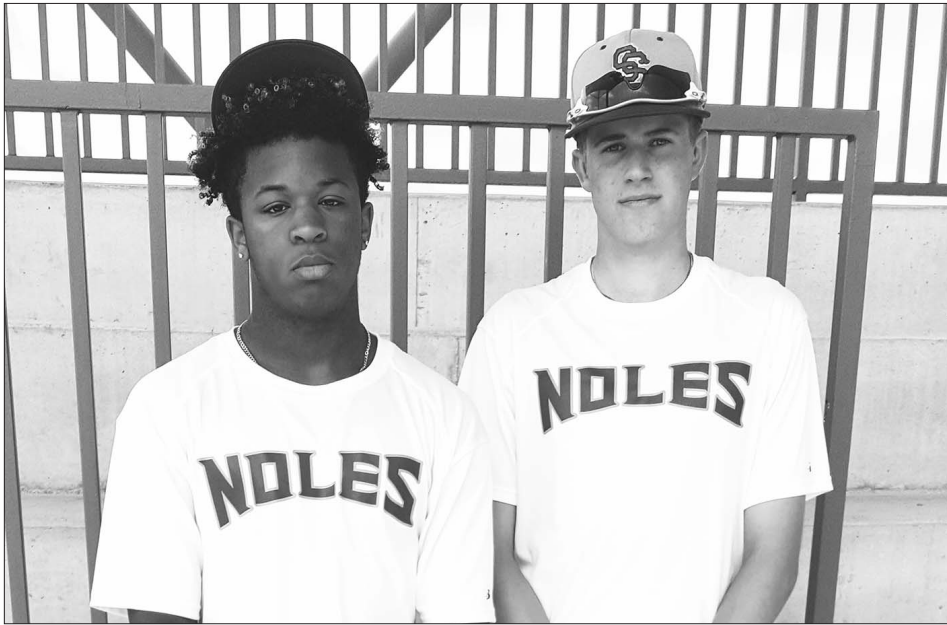


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Area players selected to compete in Latin American Baseball Classic



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Davion Cherwin of Bartlett and Jake Middleton of Elgin have been selected from one of the tryout events held across the country to play on Team USA in the Latin American Baseball Classic (LABC). The LABC has teams representing nations not only from Latin America and the United States

but also from the Caribbean. The event will be held, Aug. 1 through Aug. 8 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Cherwin is a sophomore at South Elgin High School and Middleton attends St. Edward High School in Elgin as a junior.

Pet of the Week



Looking to be someone’s Pumpkin

Pumpkin is a 13-year-old domestic shorthair cat. He’s older, but he’s very focused and aware of his surroundings. Owner surrendered, he’s very loving and cuddly. He enjoys being petted and will, in turn, will provide as much love as he can. Pumpkin enjoys sitting in someone’s lap for as long as they can stand it. He minds his own business around other cats, but is willing to play if it’s initiated. All Kane County Animal Control adoptable cats and dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, up-to-date on all vaccines including rabies. They are tested for feline leukemia/FIV and heartworm. The adoption fee for dogs is \$200 and \$100 for cats. Adoption of two dogs is \$300 and it is \$150 to adopt two cats. For more information regarding Kane County Animal Control’s adoptable animals and an adoption application, please go to www.kanecountypets.org.
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Options

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asset fund.” After the discussion, Costello told *The Examiner* that he believes the funds could be earning more but it is apparent the district is not attempting to find out. He said neither the board nor the district has “had a logical discussion about that” and “what the economic opportunities are for the monies we invest.” Costello said if the district were to find better options, the extra earnings could go a long way. “I know that we have well over \$250 million in the bank and we’re earning less than 1 percent on that money, and I understand that over time that the yields on our short-term and staggered investments can grow,” Costello said. “But we have to be conscientious about how we invest that, how we understand that we have working capital needs and we can address that with short-term funds that are still earning 1 percent or more and yet, as a whole, we’ve invested all of our money and are earning less than 1 percent.”

Costello said the district is not seeking to create competition as it remains with the same three depositories with the sole apparent reason that the “majority of school districts invest” with them. He said there are questions that should be asked when considering depositories, but the district is not asking them. “What are the opportunities, what are the alternatives and what’s the risk? All of those come in to play,” Costello said. “It’s not just about how much money we make on the next dollar, it’s how we do it and how we can earn more and risk less. That’s what this district should be looking for. I don’t care who we invest in. I don’t care where we invest. As long as it meets statutory compliance issues, we should be looking at options and not just staying with the status quo.” Costello added: “Everything is about competition. It’s what creates excellence, from my way of thinking, whether it’s internal or external. We should be looking at anyone out there that can provide a competitive advantage with whatever tax dollar, whether we’re spending it or we’re keeping it and we’re earning the maximum yield.”

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This week in... South Elgin

Wednesday, July 11

- 6:30 p.m. Special Events Committee meeting at Village Hall.

Monday, July 16

- 7 p.m. Village Board meeting at Village Hall.

Annual tradition parades through village

The village hosted its annual Independence Day parade on Wednesday, July 4, featuring floats and vehicles from local organizations, businesses and government, and the **South Elgin High School** marching band. Thousands turned out to view the hour-

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Taylor Verling, left, and Brianne Wascher carried the parade banner



Bill Defulvio drove the tractor pulling the float representing the parade's grand marshal, Operation Warrior Wishes.



Milana and Gia Bellfiori scrambled to grab candy thrown from the floats and cars.



Village Clerk Margot Gray getting more candy ready.



The motorcycle unit of the Medinah Shriners put on a riding show.
(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



The **South Elgin High School** marching band played patriotic songs.

Police Reports

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BARTLETT

Saturday, June 30

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Sunday, July 1

★ At 3:08 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Spaulding Road reported that she received a phone call informing her that she had not made payments towards her Home Depot credit card. The complainant advised that she no longer had the credit card in her possession. Estimated loss \$2,400.

Monday, July 2

★ At 11:23 a.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Twelfth Avenue reported paying a deposit for a catering order that was never delivered to their event. The complainant advised she tried to contact the caterer regarding the order with negative results. Police attempted to contact the subject, also with negative results.

Tuesday, July 3

★ At 1:58 a.m., Vincent M. Lullo, 18, Hanover Park, was cited for negligent driving. He faces an Aug. 22 court date.

★ At 10:38 a.m., a complainant in the 400 block of Smoketree Lane reported that her garage code box was left open and she does not use it, her hose has been disconnected and another hose was stolen. She advised she is uneasy because she believes someone is walking around outside her home. Police checked the yard with negative results.

★ At 2:01 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of North Marion Avenue reported that he was mowing his daughter's lawn and saw lights on inside the residence and things knocked off the wall. He checked inside with negative results.

★ At 2:14 p.m., Alejandro Duran, 28, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 3:16 p.m., Jose J. Rueda, 21, Hanover Park, was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces an Aug. 3 court date.

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★ At 4:36 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Sparrow Lane reported that her neighbor left his dog outside and wanted someone to speak to the neighbor. The neighbor advised that he did not know the dog was outside. He brought the dog into the home.

Wednesday, July 4

★ At 1:24 a.m., a complainant in the

500 block of Foster Avenue reported seeing an unknown subject on the side of her home with a flashlight. Police searched the area with negative results and advised the complainant to call police if anything suspicious occurred.

★ At 3:31 a.m., Matthew M. Moschini, 26, Elgin, was arrested and charged with DUI, driving while license suspended and illegal transport of alcohol. He was released on an I-bond and faces an Aug. 1 court date.

★ At 2:20 p.m., police responded to Illinois Route 59 and Stearns Road for an accident with injuries.

Thursday, July 5

★ At 2:43 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Blue Heron Circle reported a neighbor setting off multiple fireworks. Police attempted to make contact with the neighbor with negative results. Police drove past the residence multiple times throughout the night but did not see any fireworks.

★ At 3:18 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Auburn Lane reported that he sold a television to a subject who now keeps texting him. He advised he did not want police to contact the subject and blocked his phone number as well.

★ At 3:35 a.m., Joseph R. Gonzalez, 39, Bartlett, was cited for fireworks. He faces an Aug. 15 hearing date.

★ At 4:20 a.m., Stephen J. Clemens, 41, Bartlett, was cited for fireworks. He faces an Aug. 15 hearing date.

★ At 5:50 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Harbor Terrace reported that she sold her vehicle with the license plates still attached three years ago. She has now received a ticket in the mail from that vehicle and advised that she would dispute the ticket but needed to report the license plates stolen.

Friday, July 6

★ At 12:39 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of South Bartlett Road reported that his bike was stolen while locked to the bike rack at the Bartlett Aquatic Center.

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Friday, June 22

★ At 5:50 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Honey Hill for a reckless driving complaint. The officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

Saturday, June 23

★ At 2:01 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Powis and Army Trail for a report of a crash. Fernando Valerio-Mungula, 19, address unspecified, was found to have no valid driver's license. He was arrested and transported to the police station for processing. He was issued an additional citation for failure to yield and later released on an I-bond.

Monday, June 25

★ At 1:28 a.m., police responded to the 6N block of Oakwood for a loud noise complaint. The officer was able to resolve the situation with the assistance of Kane County Sheriff's Office personnel.

★ At 3:34 p.m., police responded to the 33W block of White Thorn for a 911 investigation. Officers determined there was no problem.

Seats

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Getting rid of EPAs "once in/always in" policy. This policy, which pre-dated Obama, de-incentives pollution reduction. If your emissions were sufficiently large to force you to comply with the requirements of an especially draconian rule, that was it. All of those requirements would apply ad infinitum, even if you reduced emissions to

the point that a less draconian rule would have applied, if you were building a plant from scratch.

In making these, and many other fine decisions, Pruitt served his country well. Any EPA director Trump appoints is going to suffer the wrath of Big Green and their mainstream media allies. There's no getting around it. A tip of the hat to Pruitt for putting up with as much as he did for as long as he did, and for injecting some common sense into the EPA while he served.

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For Teens

Are you interested in creating super delicious and decorative cupcakes? We have just the event for you! Join us on Thursday, July 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for **Teen Pastry Book Camp: Superhero Cupcakes**. You'll learn the secrets of tasty buttercream and colorful fondant from a professional cake decorator to create and decorate your very own superhero cupcakes!

Whether you haven't touched needles before or knitting is a big part of your everyday, all levels of experience are invited to knit at **Teen Knits** on Wednesday, July 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. We'll take care of needs, yard, ideas and basic instruction, or bring your own supplies and current projects.

For Kids

Stories at the Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve (37W700 Dean St.) is Friday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. Presented by the St. Charles Public Library in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. Register through the Library or drop in as space permits.

The **MarioKart Wii Tournament** for students entering grades four to nine is Monday, July 16 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Show off your MarioKart moves on the big screen while you compete to win a Target gift card. Register to save your spot.

Life-Size Board Game: Sorry! For

students entering grades one to nine is Tuesday, July 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Drop-in to play Sorry! on a giant game board.

Movie Night, for students entering grades five to nine, is Friday, July 20 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Watch a recent release on the big screen while enjoying popcorn compliments of Classic Cinema, pizza and lemonade. Space limited; registration deadline is July 19 at 9 p.m.

Multi-Age Story Time is Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30, 10:30 or 11:30 a.m. until Aug. 8. Join us to hear stories and get your wiggles out with action songs. Open attendance; no card is required.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time is Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. from now until Aug. 7. Hear stories and sing songs in both Spanish and English. Register or drop in as space permits.

Book Buddies Reading Sessions pair young readers with middle school students to read aloud to each other and play literacy-focused games. Sessions are for students entering grades one to three on select dates in July from 2 to 3 p.m. Register or drop in as space permits.

Sensory-Friendly Story Time is Thursdays at 10:30 now through July 19. Register or drop in to this story time for children with autism, sensory processing or other developmental needs.