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### Summer break a leg

About 150 students join U-46 production of 'Les Miserables'

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



Students rehearse their production of "Les Miserables" at Larkin High School on Monday. This is the third summer that U46 has staged a show. (Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News )

The long summer break usually is a time for students to unwind, soak up a little sun and forget about school.

Not so for some **School District U46** students, who have spent the past six weeks planning and rehearsing their version of the Broadway musical "Les Miserables," which they'll present four times Thursday through Saturday.

Those who are part of the production say it hasn't taken away from their summer vacation but instead has enhanced it.

"You're doing something that you love," said Naomi Latta, a **Bartlett High School** senior performing for the first time in a summer production, which the district has done for the past three years.

Participating in the district's summer production requires some adjustment, Latta said. Rehearsals are held in the morning in some cases, and there's less planning time than for a regular school play, she said. But there's also less stress since there are no classes or homework to worry about, she said.

David Larsen, who plays the musical's protagonist, Jean Valjean, is balancing "Les Miserables" with his summer job. He said the rehearsal schedule can affect his work availability, but he made sure there would be no conflict this week for final rehearsals and the performances.

Larsen graduated from **South Elgin High School** in the spring, so it's the last activity he'll do with the district. He'll be headed to Western Illinois University in the fall.

"It's a release. ... All the stresses in the world seem to just disappear here," Larsen said.

Interest in the summer play program has grown since it started, director Mike Miserendino said. The first summer production involved only 30 students and was held

at the Steel Beam Theatre in St. Charles. During the summer, about 150 students are participating from all U46 high schools, and the play will be presented at Larkin High School in Elgin, he said.

“It’s a great experience. You can just focus on the production,” said Evan Neilson, another recent U46 graduate participating in the summer program for the first time. He graduated from Bartlett High School in May.

Producing a high school musical in the summer heat has its challenges, said Miserendino, a Bartlett High School teacher. Rehearsals have to work around student commitments like work, summer classes or vacations; they have yet to hold a rehearsal this summer with all students present, Miserendino said. The six weeks of production is significantly less than the typical three months needed for a fall or spring play.

“(The short production timeline) is a really good opportunity for the kids,” he said.

“Once they get to a professional setting, to Broadway, it usually takes four to six weeks.”

“Les Miserables” will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at noon Saturday at Larkin High School, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

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## Giving for Living drives scheduled for July 31

By Kristin Carreno

On Tuesday, July 31, a Giving is Living event will be held at the South Elgin Community United Methodist Church, 400 W. Spring St. It will include blood, school supply and food drives.

School and food supplies may be dropped off between 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and the blood drive will run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donors must bring a photo I.D., and according to Heartland Blood Centers website, they are advised to stay hydrated and eat well prior to donating blood.

"It's that time of year with preparations for South Elgin's National Night Out Against Crime event," said Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer Jim Creighton. "We have several events planned prior to the week of the National Night Out event and we are kicking that week off with our first Giving is Living blood drive, food drive and school supply drive."

The South Elgin Police Department is continuing their efforts to ensure no child or resident in the village goes hungry or does not have the necessary

supplies to be successful in school, according to Creighton.

According to Creighton, each blood donor will receive a free Chicago Bears T-shirt and a free breakfast sandwich at Chick-fil-A, sponsored by Heartland Blood Centers.

Representatives from Village Tavern and Grill will also be present from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to provide chicken fingers to anyone who donates blood, food or school supplies, according to Creighton.

"We are asking individuals or groups

to supply at least one backpack filled with school supplies in addition to food donations for the South Elgin Food Pantry," Creighton said. "Please help us take care of our children and make them successful as successful children lead to safe communities. Please consider coming out and supporting this amazing opportunity to help others."

For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or contact Creighton at 630-461-5694.

## Union speaks out about contract talks with U-46

By Seth Hancock

Members of School District U-46's educational assistants union (DUEA) addressed the Board of Education about current contract negotiations on Monday, June 18.

Sara Moeller, DUEA's president, was one of four to speak about the contract negotiations during public comments, and she said about 100 DUEA members were upstairs in the overflow room. The last DUEA contract expired in 2017.

"We've come here this evening to inform the community, parents and the board of how the district's proposals will affect DUEA," Moeller said, and she added: "We demand respect and value for what we do."

*"[U-46 is] literally nickel and diming us."*

—Sara Moeller, DUEA president

DUEA, which represents primarily paraeducators while also representing signing language interpreters (SLI) and home school liaisons, members appear to be the highest paid in the area with the largest pay increases based on *The Examiner's* independent review of union contracts from area school districts. Moeller said DUEA is asking for an 80 cents per hour increase to hourly pay, up from the 55 cents an hour increase in Fiscal Year 2016 and a 2.75 percent increase in FY 2017.

On July 2, a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was submitted asking for a wage comparison between U-46 educational assistants and those from area districts, but U-46 denied the request on July 10 claiming that "information does not exist in a matter that is subject to FOIA."

Mary Fergus, director of school and community relations, confirmed on June 28 that such a comparison does exist when *The Examiner* requested it in a June 25 email. She replied that the "wage comparison was provided to our Board of Education" along with a link that did not work, and after being informed that the link was not accessible she requested a FOIA request be submitted.

Under the current agreement, DUEA members receive a starting hourly wage between \$13.61 and \$23.03 depending on position, a master SLI representing the top wage.

In the review of area districts it showed similar employees at District

300 (Carpentersville) starting from \$9.56 to \$15.95 an hour, District 101 (Batavia) from \$11.50 to \$12, District 301 (Burlington) at \$11.81, District 304 (Geneva) from \$11.83 to \$13.26, District 302 (Kaneland) from \$10.52 to \$12.13 and District 303 (St. Charles) from \$12.51 to \$13.83. All pay increases were under 40 cents.

Asked how most DUEA employees are classified, full-time or part-time, Fergus said "most are six-hour employees, some seven."

The current agreement states elementary school employees work six hours a day, middle school six and a half hours and high school seven hours. Most "work only on regularly scheduled school days when students are in attendance" making their work year 173 days under the current instructional calendar.

Regarding benefits, new DUEA members under contract have access to health and dental as well as life insurance, among other benefits, if "regularly scheduled school days when students are in attendance." Existing DUEA members were grandfathered in having to "work at least 20 hours per week" to have access to the benefits.

Currently the "contribution for employees" with DUEA for their health insurance across all categories, single and family, "will be 10 [percent] of the rate."

Moeller said the median income of DUEA members is \$18,407 and the district is asking to cap salaries at \$22,080 under the current negotiations. She said the 80 cents an hour increase being asked for by the union is necessary because of "skyrocketing" health care costs.

"Even though we don't have a degree, we are doing much more than you guys think," said Norma Bandel, and Lynn Sotomayor calling herself a "surrogate mom or grandma to some of these children."

Moeller said DUEA members are below the poverty line and on taxpayer funded welfare programs and "40 percent are the primary income earners of their household, 31 are the sole income earners of their household, 92 percent are women, 40 percent are minority."

U-46 is, according to Moeller, "literally nickeling and diming us. We know that the district has money to meet our request without raising taxes."

The district plans to increase spending by \$16.7 million according to its current tentative budget.



### The way it used to be

Docent Dona Benkert and Garfield Farm executive director Jerome Johnson participated in dances with guests on Saturday, July 7, at its second Settlers' Eve Contra Dance. For story and more photos, see page 9.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

## Board approves payout for street program work

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, June 16, trustees voted unanimously in favor of approving a partial payment of \$173,479 to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., Huntly, Illinois, for work performed as part of the 2018 annual street maintenance program.

According to Director of Public Works Richard Gallas, the contractor

is seeking partial payment for work completed through June 27.

"The required partial waivers have been received, approved and filed in the public record," said Gallas.

Gallas added that the original contract was \$2,845,752 of which a balance of \$2,672,273 remains due.

"Work has been satisfactorily completed," Gallas added.





# Academy, proposals set for District U-46 votes

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 is proposing changes to its BEACON Academy curriculum at South Elgin High School which will be voted on by the Board of Education on Monday, July 23.

The BEACON proposal comes at a total projected cost of \$340,382 which will come from state and federal grant funds, and the board will also vote on five additional expenditure proposals costing \$873,746. The items were presented on June 18.

Kinasha Brown, career and technical education coordinator, said there are two changes encompassed in the South Elgin academy proposal including a name change to the Beacon Academy of Media and Digital Arts as well as an update to the curriculum.

"This curriculum has been revised to align with requirements and characteristics of a magnet school program that include it being an honors level program, the eligibility to obtain college credit through AP courses and articulated credit, AP Capstone certificate and diploma designation as well and the industry recognized Adobe Premier Pro certification credential prior to students graduating," Brown said.

Included in the cost is between \$200,000 and \$250,000 for equipment, \$50,000 for supplies and \$152,146 for technology. The proposal stated that the board already approved \$79,180 for equipment purchase as well as a technology purchase.

A memo from Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, stated that an instructional council has seen the proposal and it liked that the "updated curriculum and resources aligned to industry recognized standards," the "work towards magnet school status," the "inclusion of work-based learning opportunities," the "inclusion of the AP Capstone" and the "thoroughness of the research, documentation, presentation and representation of the committee." The council found no concerns with the proposal.

Brian Moran, South Elgin's principal, said that the curriculum change includes two modifications. Currently juniors and senior courses at the academy are honors level and this change would make all courses honors from freshman year on, and the plan includes adding two AP Capstone courses in seminar and research.

Christopher Boden, lead counselor, said the AP Capstone courses are "kind of their pinnacle program" which requires all teachers to receive professional development.

Moran said the BEACON Academy has been in place at South Elgin since 2009, and "since that point we have not had any major upgrades in curriculum technology or equipment."

Board member Melissa Owens said: "I kind of feel like we're approving a curriculum that we don't know too much about because we have the title of the curriculum but we don't really have anything about what the curriculum is actually intending."

Brown said she would send the program guide to Owens for review.

Regarding the AP Capstone courses, Owens said "it does take up another elective within an already tight schedule," but Boden said it could count towards the social studies requirement for graduation.

Board member Sue Kerr said about the AP Capstone courses that "they look wonderful," and board member Jeanette Ward said that the proposal overall "sounds great."

Included in the remaining expenditure proposals is one with Istation at a cost of \$305,460, to be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through Title I

funds, if approved. Istation is a "digital learning resource" for literacy intervention according to the proposal.

Kerr asked how Istation was tested to which Celia Banks, coordinator for elementary literacy and libraries, said last year the district had 47 teachers volunteer to test the program and offer feedback.

"Almost unanimously they all felt like the students were really engaged and enjoyed it because it's set in a game-like format so that students are practicing their literacy skills in that manner," said Banks who added that the program also offers good feedback to students who use it. She said some of the negatives given in the feedback was that there wasn't enough technology in the classrooms, which she said should be alleviated with current planned technology purchases, and that there were challenges with scheduling use of Istation.

Ward asked about Istation's accessibility on devices which Banks said it is an application but "it works on all devices" and "can be downloaded" on desktop computers.

A three-year license contract renewal with Jellyvision Lab, Inc. costing \$182,700 (education, operations and maintenance and transportation funds) will be voted on by the board. Jellyvision has been used by the district since 2013 and provides "personalized benefits decision support via a virtual benefits counselor, 'Alex'" to employees according to the proposal.

Kerr asked if employees can use the tool throughout the year and Beth Berg, coordinator of employee benefits, said "all of the employees, as part of their on-boarding, are encouraged to use the tool" and "we often point people to the tool throughout the year."

A proposal to be voted on with Ed Tech would cost \$170,000 (Title II grant funds) for professional development that would "support implementation of technology in the classroom" the proposal stated.

A proposal costing \$143,496 (operations and maintenance fund) with Team Reil Inc. would go towards a playground project at Wayne Elementary School. The Village of Wayne provided about \$100,000 for the project.

Kerr said that parent groups often in the past raised money for playground work and asked: "Is that over? Are we finally going to take those over?"

"Well, we kind of have an equity issues with our schools where some are better at raising, or can raise funds, some do not," said Jeff King, chief operating officer. "So we decided to embark this last spring on evaluating all of our playgrounds and making a determination should we start stepping in and doing replacements."

Ward said that there's a "special love" from her family for the Wayne Elementary School playground where her children have attended school. She asked about what equipment would be torn down and replaced and King said "some of it is coming down because it is not in great shape, some pieces of it," but he did not know specifically what would be replaced.

The board will also vote on a proposal with Workforce Software costing \$72,090 (education fund). The expenditure would go towards a software update for the districts payroll system.



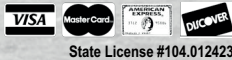
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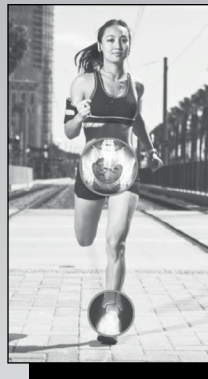
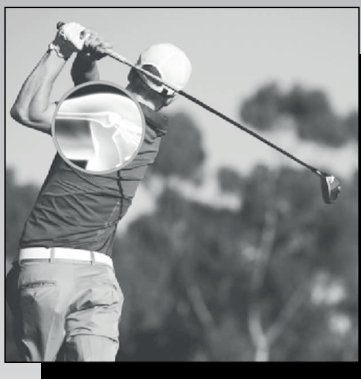
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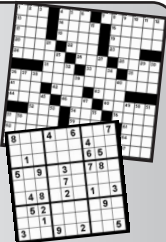
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# Resolutions up for vote at next U-46 meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will be voting on a resolution concerning the Fiscal Year 2019 budget as well as a resolution addressing temporary classrooms at its meeting on Monday, July 23. The items were presented on June 18.

A resolution authorizing the public display of the budget as well as setting a date for the public hearing will be voted upon. The budget, which will be under review at an Aug. 6 finance committee meeting, is expected to be presented to the board on Aug. 20 with a public hearing set for Sept. 10, the same night a request for final adoption will be made.

A tentative budget was presented that evening showing total revenue at \$546.6 million, up 7.4 percent (\$37.6 million higher), and total expenditures at \$534.6 million, up 3.2 percent (\$16.7 million). The increases come despite

enrollment declines being projected by the district of about 2 percent each year through the 2020-21 school year.

A public hearing on the FY 2019 Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System budget will also be held at the July 23 meeting. Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, said that budget is "a joint agreement" between U-46 and districts 300, 301 and 303.

"The budget has two revenue sources, the state career and technical education improvement grant and the federal Perkins career and technical education grant," Burnidge said.

That budget is balanced with \$1.8 million in expenditures and revenues. Burnidge said \$1.1 million of the revenue will come from the state and \$690,382 from the federal government.

The board will also vote on a resolution which declares the need for con-

tinued use of temporary classrooms.

The district plans for the use of 13 total mobile units (5 single, 8 double) which will house 21 total classrooms.

Century Oaks, Creekside, Harriet Gifford, Hillcrest, Lowrie and Washington elementary schools all in Elgin as well as Streamwood's Hanover Country Side Elementary School, Hoffman Estate's Lincoln Elementary School and South Elgin High School all will have temporary classrooms.

Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said "it'll be about the same amount we used the previous year." He added that a few temporary

classrooms may be demolished during the school year which will be determined in the fall.

Board member Jeanette Ward noted prior to the meeting about Hillcrest's temporary classrooms "that the fire extinguishers have not been inspected and that there are none. Are there plans to remedy this?"

The district responded: "The form was not completed correctly. We do have fire extinguishers in the mobile and they have been inspected."

Ward asked at the meeting "the form will be fixed before we vote on it I assume," and King said it would be.

## New facility opened to house DU-COMM communications



From left to right, ETSB Chairman Gary Grasso, DU-COMM Board President David Brummel and DuPage County Public Works Chairman Jim Healy cut the ribbon on the new DU-COMM facility. (Courtesy photo)

DuPage County, DuPage Public Safety Communications and the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) dedicated the new DU-COMM 9-1-1 Communications Center on Tuesday, July 10. DuPage's DU-COMM is now the largest consolidated public safety communications center in Illinois. The center occupies more than 30,000 square feet of new construction and renovated space at the former DuPage Juvenile Detention Center on the county campus in Wheaton.

DU-COMM is a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and intergovernmental agency that serves 44 police, fire and emergency services agencies in DuPage County. Through county-wide consolidation efforts, DU-COMM has increased its membership to 44 agencies, outgrowing its facility.

"Six years ago, when I proposed that local governments could be more accountable, transparent and efficient, I never could have imagined that our ACT Initiative would inspire this state-of-the-art, sophisticated and sustainable emergency communications center," said DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin. "I'm proud that DU-COMM found its home back here on our Wheaton government campus. Emergency service professionals can collaborate each day, under one roof and provide outstanding, cost-efficient services for our residents. All 44 partner agencies are to be congratulated for their dedication to the needs of our residents."

As part of an intergovernmental agreement among the organizations, the cost of the project is being split between DU-COMM, DuPage County, and the DuPage ETSB. DU-COMM will repay a portion of the funds as part of a 25-year lease agreement with the county.

"The dedication of the new DU-COMM facility demonstrates the highest level of cooperation amongst our 22 municipalities, 11 fire protection districts, the DuPage ETSB and DuPage County," said Warrenville Mayor David Brummel and chairman of the DU-COMM Board. "This new facility is a state-of-the-art 9-1-1 communications center that will serve our member agencies, employees and residents into the future and enable us to meet the new demands of next generation 9-1-1."

Over the last eight years, DuPage ETSB has consolidated its total number of PSAPs in DuPage County from 22 to three. ETSB Chairman Gary Grasso brought forward the idea of bringing DU-COMM back to the Wheaton campus. In 1975, DU-COMM began operations on the county campus before moving to Glendale Heights in 1995.

"We are pleased to complete the final stage of consolidation, which brings DU-COMM back home to the county campus in a partnership that has furthered under-utilized campus facilities to become a state-of-the-art 9-1-1 dispatch center," Grasso said.

Construction of the \$15.8 million center was finished in 18 months. It has a combination of renovated space and new construction, totaling nearly 34,000 square feet. It will house DU-COMM, DuPage ETSB and the DuPage Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The facility is resistant to high winds and hazardous weather and includes vital internal safety measures. It features updated dispatch equipment and has space for future expansion, providing a 25-year solution for the agency's needs. The public is invited to tour the new DU-COMM Center from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 14.



## Hawks 16U Blue capture crowns

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

The Bartlett Hawks 16U Blue won the 2018 ASA 16U Metro Championship Fastpitch Tournament that took place in Midlothian, on Friday July 6 and Sunday July 8 and the Winfield of Dreams Tournament held in Winfield, Friday July 13 through Sunday 15.

The Hawks went 4-1 in the ASA Metro tournament. On July 6, the Hawks lost their first game to the Park Ridge Pistols Blue 7-5, but won their second contest against All Aspects Elite 10-3. On Sunday, July 8 the Hawks played the Park Ridge Pistols again and this time prevailed 3-1. Their second game was against All Aspects Elite which the Hawks won 6-5 in their final at bat. In the champi-

onship game the Hawks the defeated the 16U Pride Elite and earned the tournament crown with a 9-8 victory.

At the Winfield of Dreams tournament the Hawks went 5-2. They edged the Lake Zurich Lightning 7-6 on July 13. Then on July 14 the Hawks lost 5-4 to the Winfield Wolverines and 7-0 to the Tidal Wave Crush. During bracket play on Sunday the Hawks won all four games topping the Intruders 16U 11-3, the Crush Tidal Wave 3-2, the Winfield Wolverines 2-0 in the semifinals and captured their third title and second consecutive tournament title of the season by beating the Mokena Blast 6-3 in the championship game.

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**Drop-in LEGOs/STEM Activities  
Wednesday, July 18, 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.

**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.

**Drop-in Crafts  
Friday, July 20, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

All ages. Join us for some fun craft activities. Children under age eight must be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Read to Rover  
Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.**

Reserve a unique “one-on-one” 15 minute appointment to read to a certified therapy dog. Space is limited. Registration is required in person at the Youth & Teen Services Department, or by phone at 837-3348.

**Create a Quote of Art:  
A Painting Workshop  
Saturday, July 21, 2 p.m.**

Come join us and “Create a Quote of Art.” Christine Thornton will teach how to incorporate a poetry quote into a decorative design, then add color with watercolor pencils. Quotes provided, or bring your own. Beginners welcome! Registration required.

**Babies & Tots  
Monday, July 23, 9:30 a.m.**

Newborns through 35 months of age with a caregiver. Includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music,

exercise, movement and baby and toddler interaction.

**Chess Club  
Monday, July 23, 4 p.m.**

Grades two to 12. Everyone is invited to play chess with us! Beginners are welcome, but should know how the pieces move.

**Creative Reading and Writing  
Tuesday, July 24, 10 a.m.**

Grades three to six. Students will participate in a small group with creative reading and writing activities including readers’ theater, short puppet shows and writing and illustrating stories and poems to share with each other.

**Monarch Magic  
Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m.**

Discover the magic of the monarch butterfly: Its lifecycle and unbelievable migration to Mexico. Learn what makes this butterfly so special. Presented by Master Gardener Jan Hanson from the University of Illinois Extension Services.

**Kevin Farris and The Infinite Possibilities  
Wednesday, July 25, 10 a.m.**

All ages family event. Through song and storytelling Kevin brings a highly interactive live show.

**Bikes, Gas Buggies and Burma Shave  
Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m.**

In this living history theatre presentation, Ransom Olds strides into the room in his duster coat and driving goggles to tell the story of the early days of auto history, racing, and the Burma Shave signs.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, call 837-2855 or visit [www.bartlettlibrary.org](http://www.bartlettlibrary.org).

# Special liquor license approved for restaurant

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved a Class J liquor license to Bannerman’s Sports Grill at its meeting on Tuesday, July 3.

The Class J license is a special event license which Bannerman’s requested for an anniversary event in August where it intends to sell alcohol outdoors in the Bartlett Commons Shopping Center. The event will be from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 and from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19.

Bannerman’s does have a liquor license for its establishment but needs the Class J license to sell alcohol outdoors at the event.

“The Village Board created the Class J liquor license for special events that

enables businesses or organizations that currently hold a Bartlett Liquor License for the sale and consumption of alcohol to hold an outdoor special event liquor license on a limited basis,” Sam Hughes, management analyst, wrote in a memo to the board.

The memo added: “The Class J license is issued by the Liquor Commissioner with the consent of the Village Board. Like our other special event liquor licenses, this license is issued per event and the number is not created by ordinance.”

The board also approved unanimously that evening the permit for the Independence Day parade held in Bartlett by the Lions Club later that same week on Sunday, July 8.

## Hawks soccer enjoying some success this summer

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Bartlett boys soccer team is seeing some success with some new systems and formations this summer.

Against West Chicago, the Hawks earned a 4-0 win in summer league play on Tuesday, July 10 at Bartlett. The Hawks scored twice in each half with a pair of penalty kick goals.

Now senior Kevin Nava scored both goals of the first half while seniors Omar Chavez and Carlos Alfaro found the net in the second half.

For the summer, Bartlett has worked on some new things as it prepares for the upcoming fall season. One area is offense which assistant coach Vince Revak said has seen some growth under a new formation for which he credited assistant coach Mark Mirsky.

“We’re trying a bit more offensive minded formations,” Revak said. “Last year we struggled with scoring

so that’s been a point of emphasis this summer. We want to get an idea of which guys can be scorers and put them in a position to see success.”

Revak added: “The benefit of summer is being able to try new things, and we implemented this new formation recently. The guys have been seeing some success with it and buying into it.”

Bartlett is coming off a 5-14-4 season last fall with a team that lost six seniors to graduation but also had nine juniors and nine sophomores.

“The good thing is a lot of guys have played with each other and naturally click,” Revak said. “And the new guys seem to be fitting in well with them.”

Revak added: “We had a lot of sophomores last year who are now a little older, a little wiser. The returning seniors are working hard. Those guys are really taking to heart the need to step up.”



Bartlett Park District's

Park Bench

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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).

**Autumn 2018 Brochure**  
The autumn 2018 brochure has been delivered to Bartlett Park District residents. You can also check it out online at <http://bartlettparks.org/programs/brochure.aspx>. Registration is open exclusively to Bartlett Park District residents until July 24. At 10 a.m., July 24 registration is open to everyone.

**Mid-Season BAC Pass**

Plenty of summer left to enjoy savings at Bartlett Aquatic Center with the Mid Season Pass (Pass valid July 16 to Sept. 3): Individual Pass \$55 Res, \$70 Reg. Each Additional Family Member \$40 Res, \$45 Reg. Senior (62 and over) \$40, Res \$50 Reg. Additional Senior \$25 Res, \$30 Reg.

**Holiday Shopping Blitz  
Friday, Dec. 7**

We are looking for crafts, artists, and home based businesses selling products. The Blitz is held in the Bartlett Community Center Gymnasium Friday, Dec. 7 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. The application is available on the home page of our website for download [bartlettparks.org](http://bartlettparks.org).

**Youth Fall Softball Registration  
Deadline: July 21 at 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. Home games will be

played at the Community Park Fields. New: Away games will be played at fields in Carol Stream, Streamwood, Roselle and Bloomingdale. 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, 2017 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 (Saturday, July 21) will be waitlisted and subject to the waitlist fee.

**Teen Splash Bash:  
Thursday, July 26, 8 to 10 p.m.**

Ever wonder what it would be like to spend an evening in a water park with just you and your friends? You can at the Bartlett Aquatic Center! Youth ages 10 to 14 are invited for a night swim with music, games and fun! Snacks will be available for purchase. Daily fees apply; free to BAC pass holders but registration requested. Pre-register at a discounted rate.

**National Waterpark Day:  
Saturday July 28, 2 to 8 p.m.**

Come out to celebrate National Waterpark Day with us at the Bartlett Aquatic Center. In honor of National Waterpark Day the concession stand will be serving \$1 Chicago-Style hot dogs from 2 to 8 p.m. Join in on all the fun that the Bartlett Aquatic Center has to offer.

**Alternate BAC Hours July 28**  
BAC opens at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 due to a swim meet.

## Debt

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lar, it’s more money,” Miceli went on, noting that the restructuring would leave the district’s operating funds where they are instead of having to be used to service the bonds. “The other opportunity this gives you is to take those otherwise allocated operating funds and use them for capital projects or other projects.”

Miceli said that, should the board approve the proposal, he would be able to work with staff to present an ordinance for the restructuring at the board’s next meeting, set for Tuesday, July 24.

“What would be the effect on our

bond rating?” Commissioner Nicholas Mostardo asked.

Miceli’s reply was that it shouldn’t effect the rating since the district is restructuring rather than issuing new bonds. He noted that the district would be able to refund the bonds in 10 years, restructure again or issue new bonds. The total service amount will remain under the district’s debt service extension base.

According to Standard & Poors, the current bond rating for the district is AA.

Commissioner Ted Lewis noted that the increased payments would have had to come out of operating funds. He likened the restructuring to extending a mortgage.

The board approved the proposal with a 5-0 vote, with Commissioner Stephen Eckelberry being absent.

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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.

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](http://www.brunospantry.com).