

## Press Clippings 7/3/2018

---North Cook News--- 7/3/18

### **Baumer promises massive tax reform**

BY CARRIE BRADON

Katy Dolan Baumer, the Republican candidate running for the 44th District House of Representatives against Rep. Fred Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates), is disappointed for Illinois residents who are struggling to stay on top of their mortgage payments.

"When I visit residents in my community, the despair is widespread," Baumer told *North Cook News*. "I hear it repeatedly that residents will be moving in the near future to a state that has more reasonable property taxes. They will move as soon as their youngest graduates, as soon as they reach retirement age, as soon as their partner retires, as soon as they finish the minor remodel projects that will make their home more salable."

The second largest school district in the state, **U-46** is in Baumer's district and residents are drowning under the financial burdens that the district imposes, often without offering better services. The situation is compounded by the fact that Illinois ranks fifth in the country when it comes to mortgages that are underwater.

"Residents are angry that their property taxes are being used for administrative purposes, shared with other districts (notably Chicago Public Schools), and that no matter how much the taxes are raised the quality of education does not increase. Nor do the services," Baumer said. "The people are not angry with the teachers but the system that is letting it fail."

The tax burden still remains unbearable even for families who have paid off their mortgages, which is why Baumer plans to massively reform Illinois taxes, she said.

"My task, once elected, is not only to address revamping the property tax system but to also address education funding to make sure it is fair and not overly burdensome on budgets already stretched tight by other circumstances," Baumer said. "In order to make a property attractive, other elements of the community must be attractive as well."

Crespo is doing the opposite of making life in the 44th district manageable, she said.

"My opponent has voted to authorize Graduate Research Assistant Unions, has voted against the School Funding Plan, voted to increase taxes ... and other votes

that are not helping the residents of our district, but in fact are putting the squeeze on an already tight pocketbook,” Baumer said.

Whether a family has been in the 44th district for years or is new to the area, all of them deserve a chance at a life well-lived, she said.

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### **Press Clippings 7/5/2018**

**NOTE:** There were no U-46 related news stories in the July 5, 2018 newspapers.

### **Press Clippings 7/6/2018**

**NOTE:** There were no U-46 related news stories in the July 6, 2018 newspapers.

### **Press Clippings 7/7/2018**

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#### **Bartlett teacher to be in court Tuesday over liquid nitrogen poured on student**

BY JUSTIN KMITCH

A longtime **Bartlett High School** chemistry teacher is scheduled to be in court Tuesday to face accusations he poured liquid nitrogen on a student's chest and groin during a science experiment this spring that left the student with burns to his groin and a finger.

Garry Brodersen, 63, of the 0-10 block of North Grove Street in Carpentersville, is free on \$1,500 bail. He is charged with reckless conduct.

According to DuPage County court records and a video that purports to show the experiment, the student was lying on his back in the classroom on May 15 when Brodersen poured a small amount of the smoking liquid nitrogen on the boy's chest.

After a few seconds, a much larger amount is poured on the boy's groin. The boy immediately jumped to feet in apparent pain.

**Elgin Area School District U-46** offices were closed Friday and spokeswoman Mary Fergus did not immediately return an email, but officials previously said Brodersen was placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation shortly after the case came to light.

"It was meant to be poured on his chest, like, a little bit, I'm guessing for smoke effect," classmate Casper Tikarz told WGN-TV in May.

A man answering the phone at a number listed for Brodersen's address on Friday said he had never heard of Brodersen.

A voicemail message left for the victim was not immediately returned Friday. Bartlett police, who investigated the allegations, also did not return calls Friday.

---Courier News--- 7/7/18

## **Library to host school registration assistance**

BY MICHELLE MULLINS

The Gail Borden Public Library will host online registration assistance for the 2018-19 school year for School District U46 students from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at the Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave.

Assistance is for parents with returning students, who are asked to bring the yellow registration form containing the username and password and proof of residency.

New district students need to set up an appointment with the district office by calling 847-888-5000, Ext. 5717 (or Ext. 5016 for Spanish).

## **Press Clippings 7/8/2018**

**NOTE:** There were no U-46 related news stories in the July 8, 2018 newspapers.

## Press Clippings 7/9/2018

---Daily Herald--- 7/9/18

### **Summer stock:**

School year may be over, but students take to the stage to perform a variety of Broadway shows

BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY



**Cast members from "Les Misérables" perform selections from their show at the Bartlett Global Arts Festival. Elgin Area School District U-46's all-district production takes to the Larkin High School stage later this month.**

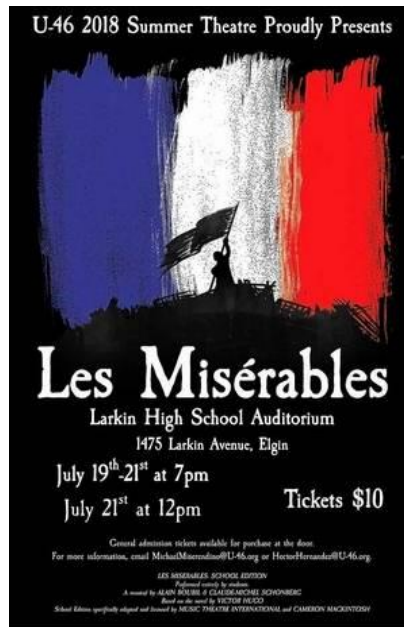
*Courtesy of Elgin Area School District U-46*

Editor's note: The Daily Herald's Top Teachers feature is taking a summer break. Look for more stories honoring great teachers in September.

Suburban students will bring Broadway characters to life as a few school districts are mounting summer musicals this month. These productions offer affordable entertainment and a taste of popular Broadway shows performed by homegrown talent.

Among the shows are [Elgin Area School District U-46's "Les Misérables,"](#) Northwest Suburban High School District 214's "Catch Me If You Can," and Kaneland Unit District 302's "Annie." Though "Les Misérables" and "Catch Me If You Can" are shortened versions of the Broadway shows, the high school editions will have no less spectacle or heart and remain true to the original concepts, organizers say.





**Students from five Elgin Area School District U-46 high schools will perform "Les Misérables" this month at Larkin High School. - Courtesy of Elgin Area School District U-46**

## 'Les Misérables'

Mike Miserendino, English and theater teacher at **Bartlett High School**, got the idea for an all-district performance of "Les Misérables" last winter when he took a group of Bartlett High students to see the musical during its Chicago tour. Students were mesmerized, he said.

"It was definitely a very ambitious title to select," Miserendino said. "The energy is through the roof ever since we announced the title. Word spread like wildfire throughout the other schools. We had a record-breaking amount of kids (about 80) come out to our auditions. It is a title that you rarely get to audition for, especially at that level."

"Les Misérables" -- a French historical novel by Victor Hugo published in 1862 -- follows the struggles of ex-convict Jean Valjean and his path to redemption. Set in France, the story begins in 1815 and ends with the Paris uprising of 1832. It incorporates themes of politics, moral philosophy, antimonarchism, justice, religion, and romantic and familial love. There have been numerous adaptations for the stage, television, and film.

**U-46's** first summer production was two years ago and involved roughly 30 students performing the musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." A year later, students performed "Almost, Maine" -- a play comprising a series of vignettes with themes of love and relationships.

"Les Misérables" involves 111 students comprising a 60-member cast, 18-member technical crew, 10 production crew members, and 23 musicians in the orchestra pit who have been rehearsing four days a week for seven weeks.

"One of the challenges with 'Les Mis' is that it's a story that the kids didn't necessarily relate to because they haven't been around a revolutionary war," Miserendino said. "But

a lot of the themes the characters are going through are familiar to the kids -- redemption, love lost and love found, youth finding their voice. It's not all about the singing. It's about making these characters seem like real people."

Performances are at 7 p.m. July 19, 20, and 21 and noon July 21 at Larkin High School, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin. Ticket price is \$10 at the door. The auditorium seats 710 patrons.



# U-46 approves expenses for IASB conference

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved travel expenses to the annual Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) conference by a 6-1 vote, Phil Costello voting no, at its meeting on Monday, June 18.

The conference will be in Chicago and it is scheduled to take place over three days in November while the approved cost imposed on U-46 taxpayers is "not to exceed \$4,500." The conference fee, without lodging and other travel costs, is \$485 per attendee and five board members signed up to attend as well as U-46 CEO Tony Sanders.

Costello and board member Jeanette Ward, who did vote in favor of the travel expenses, did not sign up to attend. Both voted against renewal of membership with the lobbyist organization, costing \$40,000, at the June 4 meeting.

"I am going to vote yes on this, even though I voted no for the IASB membership, because I don't want to prevent my fellow board members from

going to the conference," Ward said.

Although saying he finds a value in board members networking, Costello told *The Examiner* that in his experiences he has not seen that value come to fruition at the IASB conferences and he finds little value in the IASB in its current form.

"Our job is to the taxpayer, not to IASB," Costello said. "IASB provides no value to the board members as an organization. They only want to perpetuate larger school systems, and they use us as pawns to get there."

The IASB did reduce its membership fee this year for large school districts, U-46's membership being \$1,339 less than last year, while it has often opposed the lobbyist recommendations made by its smaller, rural school district members.

Prior to the membership vote on June 4, Costello asked how the district's "involvement and expenses invested in this organization directly benefit local school's performance and operating capacity?"

The district's response: "Administration cannot speak to how Board

members have benefitted from being members of IASB. However, administration has noted... the benefits that come from the policy services provided by IASB."

In support of membership in the IASB, board member Sue Kerr said U-46's board needs to be told what to do by the IASB because "board members are not trained. We can be anyone off the streets."

The district has claimed value in IASB's policy briefs regarding changes in state and federal education laws. State law has created a monopoly for the IASB organization as the only one able to run school board self-evaluations, at an additional cost to taxpayers, as well as requiring school board members to receive training that the organization offers, also at an additional cost.

The IASB has opposed local control including at the 2017 conference when four rural school districts asked the IASB to lobby for allowing districts to be able to have armed staff for protection of students. Those four districts explicitly stated they wanted to leave "the decision to each local district board to decide what is best for their schools and students," but the IASB as a whole opposed the measure as did U-46's administration and board majority.

Despite agreeing with the four rural districts' points, such as rural districts having a slower police response time and having less funds for armed security, the IASB admitted it opposed the measure for partisan reasons saying the "controversy of having guns inside the school" was its sole reason for opposition.

The IASB lobbied last year for the change in the education funding formula which required tax hikes by the state on both personal income and corporate rates as the taxpayers funded the organization to lobby against their interests.

Costello has been hesitant about the IASB from the start when he took his seat in 2015 but has given them a chance. In 2015, both Costello and Ward voted for membership in the group at the request of Donna Smith, the board's president, to give the IASB a chance, but they both did not see the value as they have opposed the membership since then.

In 2016, Costello volunteered to be

U-46's voting delegate at the conference saying at the time it would allow him to "objectively evaluate the merits of continued participation and direct and indirect costs of the relationship." After attending the conference, he said it was both "interesting and disturbing at the same time. While our district's administrative cabinet recommendations were approved by the board, they happened to mirror all of the IASB Recommendation positions. In my opinion, the whole process seemed rather sanitized."

Costello told *The Examiner* that the IASB could be a worthy organization but currently is not.

"I think IASB has every potential to be a great organization if they were to stick to the impact and effectiveness of school districts without regard to how they grow and how they use tax dollars," Costello said. "What they should be looking at is whether they are providing an efficient tax dollar and an education to the public student, and that should be their only obligation."

Costello added: "I think that they need to understand their role should not be about just making school districts get bigger and larger and using more and more tax dollars. That's just wrong."

Kerr and Smith as well as board members John Devereux, Veronica Noland and Melissa Owens all signed up to attend. Devereux was seated at the June 18 meeting.

Noland said in the past that she typically only attended one day at the conference and has not required any lodging, but she was considering attending for all three days this year but "at this point, I'm not going to have the district pay for my lodging."

"The expense is pretty high for the registration because its one fee no matter how many days you go, so I was looking at the possibility of possibly going more than one day," Noland said. "But I also wanted to know that if I could possibly reimburse the district for the lodging costs if I decided to do that. I didn't get any feedback yet for that."

Noland said that U-46 is waiting on hearing from the IASB on if she can reimburse the district for the lodging costs.



## Preserving a win

Tyler Jones came on in relief of Bielinski for Streamwood during the Sabres 12-2 victory over Woodstock, Monday, July 2. For story and more photos, see page 5.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

# Prevailing wage rates approved by board vote

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, June 21, trustees voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance to adopt prevailing wage rates as established by the Illinois Department of Labor.

According to Village Attorney Thomas Bastian, this ordinance provides the general prevailing rate of hourly wages for the year 2018 to be paid to laborers, mechanics and other workers executing projects within the village that are subject to the state statute.

"The Department of Labor establishes a prevailing wage that municipalities must pay for all public improvement projects," said Bastian. "It is a specific wage that laborers must be paid."

According to Village Manager Sharon Caddigan, it is required that the board vote on this annually. There have been no changes in the wage rates since September 2017.

"Illinois State statutes require us to pass this law every June even if the rates haven't changed, as is the case this year," Caddigan said.



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# Sabres baseball extends summer win streak to six

**By Seth Hancock**

The Streamwood baseball team had a big day at the plate to earn a six-inning, 10-run rule summer league win over East Aurora on Monday, June 25 in Aurora.

The Sabres scored four runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back thanks to the solid pitching of Connor Johnson and Dylan Caruso who combined in the one-hit shutout. Johnson allowed the one hit, walked two and struck out 11 in his five-inning start, and Caruso tossed a perfect sixth inning with a strikeout.

At the plate Colin Bielinski (2-for-4) doubled twice and both Jimmy Flynn (2-for-2) and Tyler Jones (2-for-4, two RBI) had multi-hit games. Max Alanis doubled in two runs.

Caruso, Johnson (RBI), Tyler Garza (RBI), AJ Reyna (RBI) and Scott Wolfard (RBI) all added a hit in Streamwood's 12-hit performance. Matt Cano added an RBI in the effort.

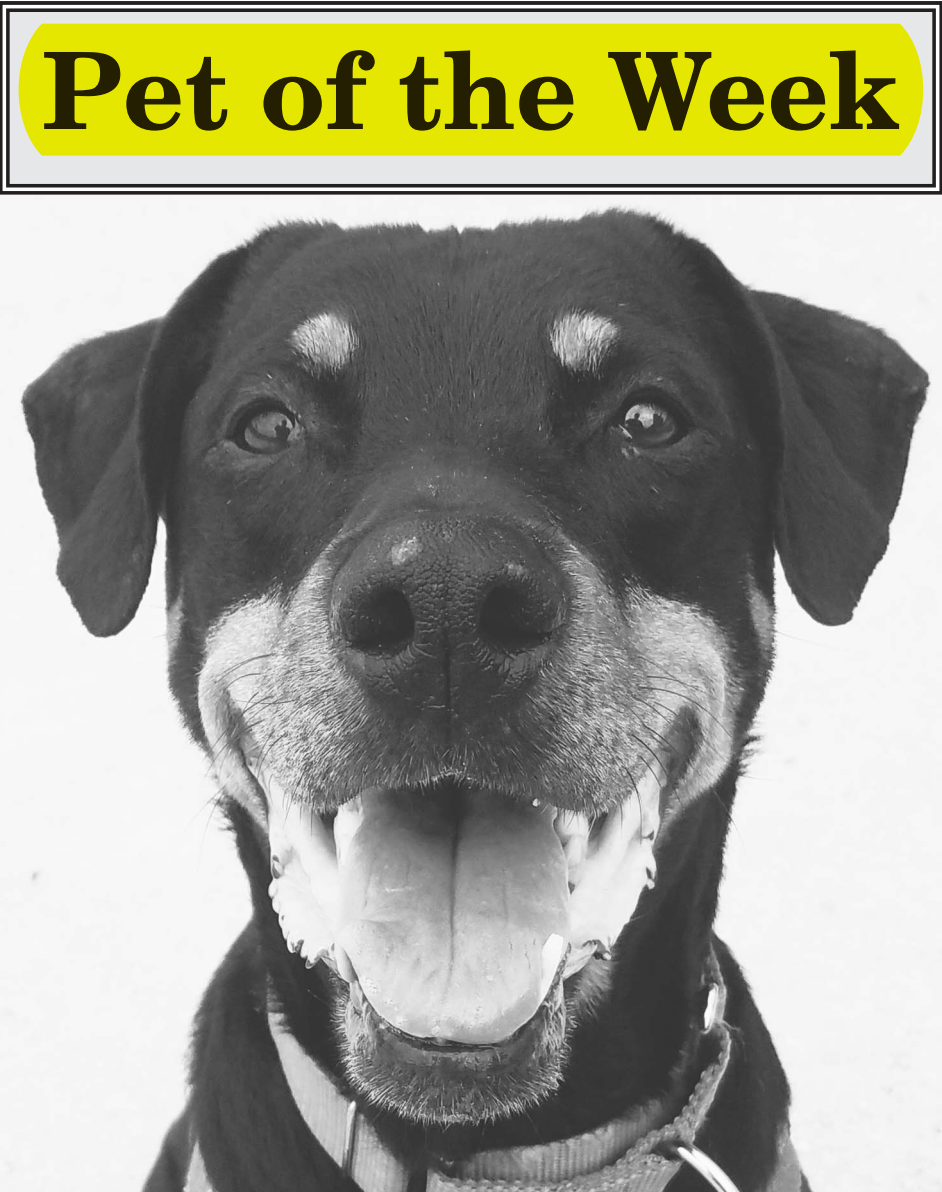
As the summer continues, Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota has seen steady growth as the Sabres have now won six straight games. Streamwood is now 8-2-1 this summer.

"You can definitely see a difference

from the first game this summer to now," Lasota said. "You can see the growth in them. Some of the guys coming up were a little intimidated at first, but their confidence is growing."

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# Sabres drub Woodstock, finish summer 9-2-1



Colin Bielinski made the start on the mound for the Sabres against Woodstock on Monday, July 2.  
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Sabres' Dylan Caruso turning away from a high, inside Woodstock pitch.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team got its bats going to defeat Woodstock 12-2 in a five-inning, 10-run rule summer league game on Monday, July 2 at Streamwood.

After falling behind 2-0 in the top of the first inning, the Sabres took advantage of some walks and wild pitches to tie the game in the bottom half of the frame.

From there, it was the Sabres bats that heated up producing a pair of four-run innings in the third and fourth before a runs in the fifth to end the game early. Max Alanis drove in a run off a fielder's choice and Tyler Jones hit an RBI single in that fifth inning to end the game.

Streamwood had a pair of run-scoring triples in the third inning, a two-run three bagger from Scott Wolfard and an RBI triple by Connor Johnson, and Colin Bielinski had an RBI single. During a four-run fourth for a 10-2 lead, Wolfard hit an RBI double and both Jones and Johnson an RBI single.

"We had a lot of good team at-bats by moving runners over, and they did a good job with situational hitting," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "That's something you want them to be doing during the spring, so it's nice to see them learn that here in the summer."

On the mound, Bielinski and Jones saw time.

After the two-run first inning, Bielinski shut the door from there ultimately finishing with seven

strikeouts in three innings. Jones struck out four in two innings, his only blemishes a pair of two-out walks in the fifth.

"That was Bielinski's first time on the mound for us this summer, and he threw the ball really well," Lasota said. "He had command on two or three pitches. He'll be a junior next spring, and his roll is likely to increase quite a bit."

Lasota added: "Tyler Jones went out there and threw strikes. He did walk two with two outs which you don't like to see, but he got the job done."

Streamwood, now 9-2-1 this summer, has earned a first round bye in the upcoming summer league playoffs.



Sabres' shortstop Max Alanis making a charging pickup of a Woodstock ground ball before throwing on to first base to retire the batter.



The Sabres' Scott Wolfard attempting to bunt a pitch up around his helmet that was called a strike on the attempt. However, all was well that ended well as the Woodstock catcher missed the pitch and the runners on first and second advanced as if they had been bunted over. Wolfard then tripled to right to drive in two runs.



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# Village ponders sale of alcohol by gas stations

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, July 2, South Elgin Economic Development Council Chairman Mark Falk spoke to board members about adopting an ordinance to sell beer and wine at gas stations.

According to Falk, the main reason for this ordinance would be to drive more revenue to the village. Since the Village of Bartlett supported their ordinance to allow the sale of beer and wine at gas stations, a possible tax loss could take place if this ordinance is not adopted.

"There have been other organizations within the village that would like to support this," said Falk. "I would just like to open up a discussion to have everybody say it's our time to think outside the box and it's really our time

to support the businesses that support the village."

According to Falk, he has "tracked neighbors to the north and south of us that do sell it and I just think if they do not come to us they'll just go somewhere else."

There are nine gas stations in South Elgin, according to Director of Community Development Marc McLaughlin.

"I always thought it was a good thing for summer months when people have their campers and boats and coolers," Trustee Greg Lieser said. "They can fill up their gas tanks in one stop then go out of town."

Trustee Mike Kolodziej said: "I don't believe people are going to liquor stores to drink in their car but I do believe there are going to be underage

individuals trying to go into gas stations to see if they can pick up liquor. That's what concerns me most."

According to Derke Price, village attorney, the state's liquor code determines what the village can do for first time offenders selling alcohol to minors, but after that it has have much more latitude.

"We've suspended people on important weekends like New Year's and Super Bowl weekend," Price said. "In my time we've only had two two-time or more offenders. And the only three-time offender we had, you suspended them for a week."

According to Chief of Police Jerry Krawczyk, this would not put a significant burden on the police department. They do regular compliance checks with establishments selling alcohol. Each gas station would have to apply to be eligible to sell.

According to Village Administrator Steven Super, the village can limit this ordinance to only beer and wine. They can also allow only six-packs of beer to be sold as opposed to single bottles or cans.

According to PB Fuels owner Rick Mistretta, one of the nine village gas stations, they added alcohol sales to their store in Harvard, Illinois. They also own and have been operating a store that sells alcohol for 12 years in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and never

had a violation or any problem.

"We don't want to lose this revenue string," Mistretta said. "Forget about the fine, the loss in revenue string to us would be substantial. We also don't want a competitor to get a leg up on us so we take that very seriously."

According to Mistretta, there are different measures they can take with technology. They have identification scanners today where customers must scan their I.D. before a sale is allowed.

"When we added liquor in Harvard, our store sales, not the overall sales and not the fuel, went up 40 percent by themselves the first month," Mistretta added. "Now we're looking at potentially losing this revenue, not only for ourselves but also for folks in the village. We just think we really don't want this going into Elgin where they have it or going down into St. Charles where they already have it. At least let us stay competitive."

Village President Steve Ward asked trustees how they felt about the issue.

Lieser and Kolodziej indicated both being open to it as did Trustee Jennifer Barconi and Trustee Scott Richmond.

"I was an absolute 'no' but after listening to more and having more stipulations it swayed me off of a dead no," Guess said.

"We'll start putting something on the board and get this ball rolling," Ward said.

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### Growth in education

The Spring Street garden plots across the street from Willard Elementary School have provided teachers at the school with an educational opportunity. The school has also adopted the park area as well. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



# Pet of the Week



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# U-46 approves expenses for IASB conference

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved travel expenses to the annual Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) conference by a 6-1 vote, Phil Costello voting no, at its meeting on Monday, June 18.

The conference will be in Chicago and it is scheduled to take place over three days in November while the approved cost imposed on U-46 taxpayers is “not to exceed \$4,500.” The conference fee, without lodging and other travel costs, is \$485 per attendee and five board members signed up to attend as well as U-46 CEO Tony Sanders.

Costello and board member Jeanette Ward, who did vote in favor of the travel expenses, did not sign up to attend. Both voted against renewal of membership with the lobbyist organization, costing \$40,000, at the June 4 meeting.

“I am going to vote yes on this, even though I voted no for the IASB membership, because I don’t want to prevent my fellow board members from going to the conference,” Ward said.

Although saying he finds a value in board members networking, Costello told *The Examiner* that in his experiences he has not seen that value come to fruition at the IASB conferences and he finds little value in the IASB in its current form.

“Our job is to the taxpayer, not to IASB,” Costello said. “IASB provides no value to the board members as an organization. They only want to perpetuate larger school systems, and they use us as pawns to get there.”

The IASB did reduce its membership fee this year for large school districts, U-46’s membership being \$1,339 less than last year, while it has often opposed the lobbyist recommendations made by its smaller, rural school district members.

Prior to the membership vote on June 4, Costello asked how the district’s “involvement and expenses invested in this organization directly benefit local school’s performance and operating capacity?”

The district’s response: “Administration cannot speak to how Board members have benefitted from being members of IASB. However, administration has noted... the benefits that come from the policy services provided by IASB.”

In support of membership in the IASB, board member Sue Kerr said U-46’s board needs to be told what to do by the IASB because “board members are not trained. We can be anyone off the streets.”

The district has claimed value in IASB’s policy briefs regarding changes in state and federal education laws. State law has created a monopoly for the IASB organization as the only one able to run school board self-evaluations, at an additional cost to taxpayers, as well as requiring school board members to receive training that the organization offers, also at an additional cost.

The IASB has opposed local control including at the 2017 conference when

four rural school districts asked the IASB to lobby for allowing districts to be able to have armed staff for protection of students. Those four districts explicitly stated they wanted to leave “the decision to each local district board to decide what is best for their schools and students,” but the IASB as a whole opposed the measure as did U-46’s administration and board majority.

Despite agreeing with the four rural districts’ points, such as rural districts having a slower police response time and having less funds for armed security, the IASB admitted it opposed the measure for partisan reasons saying the “controversy of having guns inside the school” was its sole reason for opposition.

The IASB lobbied last year for the change in the education funding formula which required tax hikes by the state on both personal income and corporate rates as the taxpayers funded the organization to lobby against their interests.

Costello has been hesitant about the IASB from the start when he took his seat in 2015 but has given them a chance. In 2015, both Costello and Ward voted for membership in the group at the request of Donna Smith, the board’s president, to give the IASB a chance, but they both did not see the value as they have opposed the membership since then.

In 2016, Costello volunteered to be U-46’s voting delegate at the conference saying at the time it would allow him to “objectively evaluate the merits of continued participation and direct and indirect costs of the relationship.” After attending the conference, he said it was both “interesting and disturbing at the same time. While our district’s administrative cabinet recommendations were approved by the board, they happened to mirror all of the IASB Recommendation positions. In my opinion, the whole process seemed rather sanitized.”

Costello told *The Examiner* that the IASB could be a worthy organization but currently is not.

“I think IASB has every potential to be a great organization if they were to stick to the impact and effectiveness of school districts without regard to how they grow and how they use tax dollars,” Costello said. “What they should be looking at is whether they are providing an efficient tax dollar and an education to the public student, and that should be their only obligation.”

Costello added: “I think that they need to understand their role should not be about just making school districts get bigger and larger and using more and more tax dollars. That’s just wrong.”

Kerr and Smith as well as board members John Devereux, Veronica Noland and Melissa Owens all signed up to attend. Devereux was seated at the June 18 meeting.

Noland said in the past that she typically only attended one day at the con-

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# This week in... South Elgin

**Wednesday, July 4**

• 10 a.m. Fourth of July Parade.

**Saturday, July 7**

• 7 p.m. Settler’s Eve Dance at Garfield Farm Museum.



# A View from the Cheap Seats



**A Long Time Ago**  
**By Rich Trzupek**  
It was a long time ago, two-hundred-forty-two years to be exact, but the galaxy was not far away. It was rather close to home. In fact, it is home.

It happened in an isolated corner of the Milky Way, on a rather unimpressive planet orbiting an inconsequential star. As the concept of civil discourse continues to fade away, and history is rewritten at an ever-accelerating pace, let's take another look at that fateful day: July 4, 1776.

The Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to discuss the rebellion against England. The rebellion was a response to British tyranny, although it was surely one of the most benevolent forms of "tyranny" that any people have been subject to.

It was a gathering of white men, most of whom were at least well-to-do and all of whom owned property. Some owned slaves. All would be described, to a greater or lesser extent, as both racist and sexist if judged by today's standards.

That is, of course, the problem with applying modern standards to the past. Heroes quickly turn into villains, their virtues and accomplishments fading into a murky history that seems to embarrass more Americans with each passing year.

It's not fair, of course. It's also rather ego-centric. Consider, as just one example, slavery. Yes, many of the founders owned slaves. Yes, slavery was legal. Yes, many slaves were badly treated. All true.

But, when those white men got together in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776, the fledgling United States was not alone in allowing what was known as "the Peculiar Institution" to exist. Slavery existed all around the world. Some nations, like Britain, Mexico, Greece and Chile would abolish slavery before the United States. Others, like France (in its colonies), China and some Middle Eastern nations would not do so till long after the United States did.

Thomas Jefferson, a slave-owner, put pen to paper and famously wrote: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal..." To the modern ear, Jefferson's bold statement smacks of hypocrisy. How could a man holding other men and women in involuntary servitude, say that everyone is created equal?

And he not only said that all men are created equal, he declared that proposition to be "self-evident." That is,

from a philosophical point of view, a powerful descriptor. A self-evident truth requires no proof. It is a fact. It is inherent to nature and creation. It is law that, as Jefferson put it, is "endowed by their Creator."

So was Jefferson and that small band of rich white men who signed the Declaration of Independence hypocrites or heroes? The answer is the same in this case as it is in every case involving fallible human-beings: They were both.

They were both because they were human and all human beings (with one Notable Exception, if you happen to be a believer) are sinners. We remember great people and great accomplishments and, if we're honest with ourselves, we remember them without rancor, no matter how flawed the people who accomplished them might be. They're human. We remember Dr. King for his courage, his leadership, his commitment to non-violence and his remarkable way with words. We do not, nor should not, diminish his legacy because he was a philanderer in his personal life. Heroes get to have feet of clay.

And so it was with the founding fathers of this great nation. It takes no great skill to pick apart their personal legacies and find flaws, some that are artifacts of the times in which they lived and others that are timeless personal failings. That's not what matters. What matters is what they set in motion on July 4, 1776.

It was a first step on a journey that continues to this day. It has been a long journey, and often a frustrating and difficult one, but it has been a journey guided by the love of liberty and personal freedom that motivated those old white men to dare found a new nation based on the idea that all men are created equal.

But, you may retort, all men are not treated equally in America. And I would have to admit that is true, while pointing out that is true in every other nation on the face of the earth.

What makes America special, and what makes this day so special, is the value we place on that goal. Some believe we've lost our way. I say not. We may disagree on how to get there, but the bold goals of equality, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness remain the lights that guide us on our journey that those remarkable men in Philadelphia set this nation upon, two-hundred-forty-two years ago.

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## 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.

### 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

### In response

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letters from the DUEA members concerning the June 18 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 laugh-

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# Village garden plots providing true growth opportunity for village residents

By Brittney Nadler

From May 1 through Nov. 1, the Parks & Recreation Community Garden Plots, located at 373 Spring Street, are available for rent.

The 10-by-14-foot plots are available on a first-come first-served basis in a small section of land that may go unnoticed if you drive by too quickly. But on the inside, through an old wooden gate that has to be slightly lifted in order to be unlocked, awaits an oasis-like enclosure, alive with butterflies and other insects and a multitude of vegetables, including tomatoes (technically a fruit), peppers, onions and even corn.

Garden staff will till the plots in preparation for the planting season. At the time of registration, gardeners are given a key to access water and mushroom compost, a plot assignment and plot rules.

"Obviously we promote it among, you know, residents of South Elgin. We try to market to people who... might be in a condo where you can't have a garden, but anybody is wel-



**The ground level plots at Spring Street are distinctly numbered so renters may find their piece of earth which may be especially handy before any vegetables start to appear.**

come," said former Parks & Recreation Director Jim Reuter.

As with other Parks & Recreation programs, payment plans are available for those who cannot afford the fee all at once.

There are virtually no restrictions on what can or can't be grown, but plot spaces must be renewed every year. Beginning in the winter brochure, reminders are sent out, especially to residents who have previously rented space.

While the garden is protected by a surrounding fence, that is as far as safety measures go.

"Anybody can just wander through, and through our experience there, those garden plots have been there, oh I don't know, ten years, and for whatever reason I can't explain, people respect them and nobody vandalizes. Nobody does anything stupid there," former Parks & Recreation Supervisor Shane Hamilton said.

Willard Elementary School is located directly across the street from the plots, and some teachers have taken advantage of such a unique educational opportunity.

Sixth-grade teacher Julie O'Connor used the plots to teach her students about agriculture.

"One year I did take my kids out the door and across the street for a mini field trip. We were studying ancient civilizations and I told them they were going to see an example of one of the great advances of mankind - agriculture," O'Connor said. "The funny thing was that some of the kids had only come in the back door and had no idea the community garden was even there. Some of them had never heard of the concept and were amazed that anyone could rent a plot."

Incorporating the garden into education was an unexpected, though highly beneficial, outcome.

"I think that's exactly the point. I think a lot of kids have a disconnection to eating that food and where it comes from, and that's pretty neat of those teachers to grab that and use it as a life lesson, so I'm all behind it. I think it's wonderful," Hamilton said.

Plans to expand the plot program led to the opened Raymond Plots, located on Raymond Street next to the water tower and across the street from the west side of South Elgin High School.

What sets the Raymond Street Plots apart from the Spring Street Plots is that the plots are raised, handicap accessible beds. On site water and mushroom compost are included, as well as asphalt handicap parking, on site storage and an asphalt path leading to each bed.

According to Parks & Recreation Director Kim Wascher the cost to rent plots has remained unchanged and is just \$35 per year.

Though a limited number of plots are available and there are no immediate plans for opening another location, there are still some plots available this year, according to Wascher.

"At present we have no plans to expand either our Raymond Street or Spring Street locations," Wascher said.

To rent a plot at either location, call Village Hall at 847-742-5780 or Parks & Recreation at 847-622-0003.



**The Raymond Gardens across from South Elgin High School which provides its own parking that includes a handicapped space.**

## South Elgin girl works to raise funds for water

By Kristin Carreno

The book "The Water Princess" by Susan Verde is about a young girl's dream to bring clean drinking water to her African village. The book has inspired 8-year-old Hannah Jordan of South Elgin to want to raise money to help.

Hannah Jordan and her mother Kristen learned about World Vision through their friends Mike and Melissa Forsberg. According to Kristen Jordan, the Forsberg family, also from South Elgin, has been helping to raise money for World Vision for several years by running marathons. The Forsbergs explained to Hannah Jordan the importance of clean water and how much difference a little help from someone can make such an impact on others.

"World Vision comes along side with people who don't have access to clean water and helps build access to clean water," said Kristen Jordan. "They train the community on how to maintain the equipment and good hygiene. Our friends have been involved with them for a while. As soon as Hannah started talking about helping with clean water she sat down with Mike and Melissa and learned how World Vision helps others. Mike and Melissa are very involved as their son works for World Vision."

According to its website, "World Vision has worked for 30 years to provide safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene education so illnesses decrease, health improves and the burden on women and children is lessened. Safe drinking water, improved sanitation, good hygiene and good water resource management helps reduce child mortality, malaria, improves public health and reduces poverty."

According to Kristen Jordan, her daughter decided to help raise money for World Vision by organizing a lemonade stand after an evening whiffle ball game on Saturday, June 28 in a field near Spring Street and Kingsport Court.

"Our neighborhood love is to go down to the field and play whiffle ball," Kristen Jordan said.

Hannah Jordan and her father, Eric, helped set a date, made flyers and passed them out in the neighborhood. Although Hannah "can be pretty shy, she walked around the neighborhood and invited a bunch of neighbors," Kristen Jordan added.

"I can't be prouder of my daughter," Eric Jordan said. "She was so excited to be able to help others."

According to Kristen Jordan, approximately 75 people showed up and her daughter raised \$175 from her lemonade stand. All proceeds are being donated to World Vision.

"I am so excited we were able to help people," Hannah Jordan said. "It was so much fun."

"We had so many neighbors come down to support her and were able to meet so many neighbors we didn't even know," Kristen Jordan said. It was overwhelming. Her dad and I are so proud of her. Not only was she willing to do the hard work like cutting the grass to earn money, she put in a lot of time planning this fun event with one goal in her mind: To help others!"



**The front border and entrance to the Spring Street garden plots is protected by a neat picket fence.**  
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



**Hannah Jordan staffing her stand.** (Courtesy photo)



# North baseball sweeps Vikings away in twin bill

By Seth Hancock

The North baseball team earned a doubleheader sweep over Geneva in summer league play with a 5-0 win in a seven-inning Game 1 and a 3-2 victory in a five-inning Game 2 on Wednesday, June 27 at Geneva.

Michael Gattuso singled to start the opener and scored on Egon Hein's (two stolen bases) RBI double, and Hein later scored on an error for a 2-0 lead as the North Stars took the lead for good. Graham Padgitt (single) and Gattuso each drove in a run as North scored three over the final two frames.

Patrick Bellock went 2-for-4 with a double and Kyler Brown singled in Game 1.

Andrew Jimenez, John Murray (single) and Dylan Pegg all drove in a run in the fourth inning of Game 2 to take a 3-0 lead. Jake Paulson and Lucca Sorrentino (two stolen bases) each had a hit.

North's defense was solid with just one error over 12 innings, and North Stars coach Todd Genke saw eight pitchers see time on the mound.

Genke said what he's looking for

from guys this summer is versatility, speed, strength and chemistry, and he said he's looking to see the returners become leaders.

"Just trying to get those kids to push the other kids and be leaders and role models is certainly something that they're capable of doing," Genke said. "It's just that now that they're in that position they have to be willing to do it. Not everybody is a leader, so you got to kind of find those guys that can do it and move on. We're excited and we're looking forward to seeing those guys take those next steps."

John Hamer (four innings, two hits, one walk, three strikeouts), Lucas Heflen (two innings, two hits, four strikeouts) and Ethan Laria (one inning, one strikeout) combined for the shutout in Game 1.

Mike Spotts (three strikeouts, one walk), Jeremy Lambel (one strikeout), Johnny Lambert (one hit, one walk, two strikeouts), Ethan Ring (one hit) and Paulson (two runs, three hits, one walk, one strikeout) each tossed an inning in Game 2.

North is now 5-2 this summer.

## New head coach to direct South Elgin football team

By Seth Hancock

South Elgin High School has named Dragan Teonic as the Storm's new head football coach.

Teonic comes to the Storm after four years at the helm with the fellow School District U-46 football team at Larkin. He becomes the third coach in the Storm program's history as he replaces Pat Pistorio who left South Elgin for the coaching spot at Niles North.

"Dragan Teonic is the right guy at the right time," said Jason Ward, South Elgin's athletics director. "He's turned around two programs in Hersey High School and Larkin High School."

At Larkin, Teonic's squad went from a 1-17 team over his first two seasons to an 8-10 team the last two years. Teonic was the head coach at Hersey the previous four seasons turning a one-win team into a playoff qualifier over his time there.

Teonic was an assistant football coach at both Riverside-Brookfield and York high schools and was the head coach at Harper College for two seasons which included a National Junior College Athletics Association title in 2008.

"With the athletes we have at SEHS and our early success as a young school, coach Teonic could have immediate success," Ward said. "His energy, passion and relationship building with

young athletes are off the charts. We are glad to have him with the Storm, and we cannot wait until Week 1 when we line up against West Chicago. The kids are excited as well as the coaching staff, and we can't wait to put it all together."

Pistorio, who replaced the program's first coach Dale Schabert after his retirement, produced a 29-19 record at South Elgin over five seasons including a pair of playoff appearances and two Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division titles over the past three seasons.

"Pat is going to be dearly missed not only as a friend of mine but also a colleague," Ward said. "The things he has done for this program have been tremendous, and he has set us up for continued success to make longer playoff roles."

The UEC will be newly aligned in the 2018-19 year with 10 teams and the elimination of the two divisions.

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So save your pink slips for something else.

## The Examiner Asked Boys and girls at the Parks & Recreation Department's summer camp:

If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?"



Mia Hutson: "I'd be a giraffe, so I could eat things off the top of trees."



Alexa Skrzyniarz: "A bird, so I could fly and see everything from really high in the air."



Nolyn Sloma: "I think, a horse, because they're soft and I've ridden a horse before."



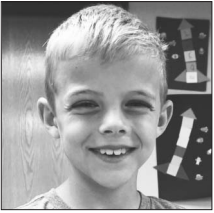
Cameron Goldstein: "A monkey because they climb trees and act silly."



Cassidy McIntyre: "I think unicorns are nice to look at, so I would like to be a unicorn. And also they're magical."



Angelina Smith: "I'd be a cheetah, because they run fast and I run a lot."



Max Boehne: "I'd be a monkey, because I'm crazy like they are."



Jadon Cargel: "A killer whale so I can eat all the other fish and other sea animals."



Kayden Trichey: "Either a dolphin, because they're a spirit animal; a cheetah, because they're fast; or a penguin because they're fluffy and nice."



Sofia Goldstein: "I would want to be a dolphin. They can jump out of the water and talk to people."



Charley Schellerer: "A hummingbird because they're so small and their wings go so fast, like 70 times in one second."



Olivia Crawley: "I'd like to be a snow leopard because they live in cold places and I love being cold."

(By Juli Schatz)

## IASB

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ference and has not required any lodging, but she was considering attending for all three days this year but "at this point, I'm not going to have the district pay for my lodging."

"The expense is pretty high for the registration because its one fee no matter how many days you go, so I was looking at the possibility of possibly going more than one day," Noland said. "But I also wanted to know that if I could possibly reimburse the district for the lodging costs if I decided to do that. I didn't get any feedback yet for that."

Noland said that U-46 is waiting on hearing from the IASB on if she can reimburse the district for the lodging costs.



# Three Storm players earn all-UEC honors

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team garnered three all-conference selections after its 15-9-1 season, 11-4 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division.

Included on the list for the Storm are two college-bound seniors in Nate Gomez, who plans to play Division-II baseball and football at Northwood University, and Ryan Dominick, who will play D-III baseball at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Also receiving all-conference honors was junior Patrick Keaty.

Because of arm problems, Gomez was unable to

take the mound until the final week of the regular season and finished with 6.1 innings after a 6-0 season last year with two saves and a 0.66 ERA. However, Gomez was able to provide valuable contributions on the field and at the plate where he went 27-for-56 (.482 batting average) and finished with 16 RBI, 14 runs, five stolen bases, three doubles, one home run and one triple.

"He worked really hard to rehab to get out on the field to help us this season," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. "He had a really strong year at the plate."

Dominick was a utility player for the Storm and had a big year offensively batting .406 (28-for-69). He had 24 runs, 12 RBI, six stolen bases and five doubles.

"He's a very versatile player," Kating said. "I could put him basically anywhere. He worked really hard and had a great season."

Keaty, the Storm's shortstop, batted .360 (27-for-75) as his squad's leadoff hitter most of the year. He finished with 29 runs, 14 RBI, 14 stolen bases, five doubles, two home runs and one triple.

"He plays stellar defense," Kating said. "He's one of the top shortstops in the area, and he also had a productive year at the plate."

Also graduating from the Storm are Nicholas Poblocki (Wisconsin Lutheran), Tyler Sloan (Elmhurst College), Jack Watkins (Triton College), Matt Sweitzer, Brady Tolva, Patrick Herion Jr., Nathan Smith, Zachery Saunders, Andrew Gambino and Kyle Crosby.



Patrick Keaty laying out in making a diving stop of a St. Charles North ground ball during 2018 season action. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Though not able to compete on the mound most of the season, Chris Gomez contributed offensively and defensively, here shown extending to make contact against St. Charles East during regional payoff competition.



After retiring the Rams' Jared Rech at second base, Ryan Dominick throwing on to first base in an effort to complete a double play against Glenbard East this past season.

# Hawks baseball garners two all-UEC selections

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team garnered two all-conference selections after the Hawks 11-18 season, 10-11 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

Senior outfielder Joey Allen and junior catcher Matthew Angelone earned the honors after posting .409 and .407 batting averages respectively this year.

Bartlett coach Devin Rosen said of Allen had "very good speed and a very good athlete," and he said Angelone has a "very good work ethic, developed into a very good leader on the field and his skills are getting better and better."

The Hawks will lose 10 seniors including Jacob Chowanec, Andrew Fehr, Ben Fisher, Aaron Hattendorf,

Jonah Medina, Nico Natali, Nick Pavell, Joseph Tomazin and Tyler Yang.

Despite some ups and downs this spring, Rosen said the season was an overall positive for the program.

"Overall our team performance was good on terms of getting the most out of our guys and utilizing their skills from beginning to the end of our season," Rosen said.

Rosen added: "We saw growth through all our players throughout the season and what that does it helps us grow our program and helps out each individual as well. Unfortunately we were disappointed with our record and the way the season ended but definitely more good than bad came from the season."



Joey Allen in his final stride at first base in an effort to reach safely on an in-field hit as the Rams' Jack Crackle took a throw from across the infield.



Matt Angelone following through on a single to drive in a run for the Hawks against Glenbard East this past season. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# Bartlett soccer has four receive all-UEC honors



Alyssa Modugno shielding Geneva midfielder Kaitlyn Cannon, left, from the ball during an April contest this season.



Teagen Noesen cutting off a corner kick in front of the Storm's Abigail Roy as the rival schools battled this past season.  
*(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team had another solid year, and the Hawks did it with a new coach, Victor Marquez. The Hawks repeated as Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division co-champions, along with Glenbard East, posting a 3-0-2 mark in league play. Bartlett was 11-7-3 overall, and last year's conference title was the first in program history. "They had a good year and they repeated as conference champs within a new system," Marquez said. "I think the girls had a very good season. I'm

very proud of them." Leading the way for the Hawks was their backline which finished with nine shutouts and allowed 1.2 goals per game. Helping out that effort were four all-conference players in senior defenders Miranda Hedeon and Alyssa Modugno, senior midfielder Jenna Dombrowski and junior goalkeeper Teagan Noesen. Dombrowski finished the year with 22 tackles and 38 air battles won, Hedeon had 27 tackles and 25 air battles won and Modugno had 12 tackles and 18 air battles won. For their ca-

reers: Dombrowski (323 air battles won, 190 tackles), Hedeon (211 air battles won, 158 tackles) and Modugno (126 air battles won, 67 tackles). Noesen saved 76 of 91 (83.5 percent) shots on goal against her this year and has 280 saves on 334 (83.8 percent) shots on goal in her career. Along with the three senior all-conference recipients, the Hawks will also lose seniors Abigail Hawes (defender), Makenna Hughes (forward), Natalie McGinnis (forward) and Jessica Mirsky (midfielder). "Their end here is the beginning of

something new, and we wish them the best going forward," Marquez said. "I think it's very difficult to replace them." Bartlett does have 11 juniors and three underclassmen expected to return next year. "I think there were a lot of role models on this team," Hedeon said. "It's sad to go, but the younger girls will be successful." "We started off the season with some new faces and we had some injuries along the way, but we had girls step up really well to help us have a successful season," Dombrowski said.



In an early season match against Hoffman Estates, Jenna Dombrowski focused on an elevated ball that she would eventually control.



