

## Press Clippings 9/19/2018

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### **Coleman Elementary will reopen Wednesday after mold removal**

By Doug T. Graham



**Coleman Elementary School in Elgin, which closed Thursday due to mold, will reopen Wednesday.** *Rick West | Staff Photographer*

The mold that closed Coleman Elementary School in Elgin has been dealt with and the building will reopen for classes Wednesday, school officials said Tuesday.

The Elgin Area School District U-46 School has been closed since last Thursday; the day after the presence of mold was confirmed.

The mold was primarily found in the older portion of the building, which was built in 1954, but the entire school was treated. Air quality tests taken after the remediation show that the mold levels are low, normal and typical for an indoor environment, according to a news release issued by Elgin Area School District U-46 Tuesday.

"We went above and beyond industry guidelines to ensure the well-being of our staff and students," said CEO Tony Sanders. "We will always err on the side of caution in the face of a risk to staff and students."

Extra dehumidifiers have been placed inside the school to maintain good air quality.

"We support the steps the district took to clean the school and ensure a good learning environment," Brian Stark, the principal of Coleman Elementary, said. "We're excited to get back to our normal routine Wednesday."

Chicago-based Weaver Consultants Group oversaw the remediation and air quality testing at the Elgin school.

For more information, visit the Coleman website at [www.u-46.org/coleman](http://www.u-46.org/coleman).

## **---The Courier-News --- 9/19/18**

*Coleman elementary*

### **With mold test passed, school OK to reopen**

*Classes are scheduled to resume Wednesday*

By Rafael Guerrero Courier-News

Coleman Elementary School in Elgin will reopen for class Wednesday after being closed for nearly a week for mold remediation work.

Tests conducted Tuesday showed the mold levels are low, normal for an indoor environment and less than in an outdoor setting, School District U46 officials said in a statement posted on the school's website.

Extra dehumidifiers have been placed inside the school to provide good air quality, officials said.

"We went above and beyond industry guidelines to ensure the well being of our staff and students," U46 CEO Tony Sanders said in a written statement. "We will always err on the side of caution in the face of a risk to staff and students."

Coleman Principal Brian Stark discovered mold in the school last week, which was confirmed and led to the cancellation of classes Thursday through Tuesday. Initially, officials believed the process of removing and testing for mold and air quality could be done quickly but took longer than expected, officials said.

District staff inspect schools for mold on a "periodic basis" and whenever a concern arises, such as after Stark made this discovery last week, the district's website post said.

According to the district, if mold is observed and confirmed, U46's plant operations department immediately starts a remediation plan following guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency. U46 uses a third party to inspect and test. In this case, testing was done by Chicago-based Weaver Consultants Group and included measuring air samples and lab testing for the detected mold.

Mold was primarily found in the common areas, such as hallways in the older portion of the building, and some classrooms, but the entire school was treated and tested as a precaution, the website said.

Coleman Elementary, 1220 Dundee Ave., has more than 670 students. It opened in 1954, and additions were added in 1966, 1998 and 2016. The school underwent cleaning and air quality testing in early August.

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**Video: [Elgin elementary school reopening Wednesday after mold problems](#)**



# The Examiner of BARTLETT

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## Lake Michigan water to bring lower rate hikes

By Seth Hancock

Water rates in the village are set to increase again in 2019 in preparation of a transition to Lake Michigan water.

The rate hikes have been planned but the rates will ultimately be lower than what was originally projected when the decision was made to change from Elgin to Lake Michigan water according to Todd Dowden, finance director, as a discussion was had at the Board of Trustees' committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The village expects to have the transition to Lake Michigan water completed by May 2019.

The rates will rise from \$9.70 per 1,000 gallons to \$11.76, a 21 percent hike, on May 1, 2019. The rates were at \$6.36 in 2012 and were untouched until a 20 percent increase to \$7.64 in 2017 and the 27 percent hike in 2018, and the total increase from 2012 to the 2019 rate is 85 percent.

Dowden said that the village did a water source study and in 2017 entered into an agreement to shift to Lake Michigan water. Rates were expected to be between \$13.20 to \$13.80

"When it was signed, the general idea was that rates were going to double," Dowden said.

The hike that took place this year was projected to add \$2.1 million in revenue, and the 2019 hike is projected to take in the same. The reason for the rate increase coming forward now is for a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

Dowden wrote in a memo that a "condition to receiving IEPA loan funds is that the rate to fund the loan

repayment must be approved before the first disbursement of the loan to the Village. The IEPA loan of \$7.8 million was approved for the construction of the receiving station and storage tanks to be located at the Bittersweet public works facility."

Construction is expected to start this month.

Compared to 15 other communities, the Bartlett water rates would rank at fifth with an average monthly bill of \$70.56 based on 6,000 gallons of consumption. Elk Grove Village was the lowest at \$36 and Elgin topped the list at \$89.38.

Trustee Raymond Deyne asked where the rates would be had the village remained with Elgin's water which Dowden said the \$11.76 rate is 6 cents over the low end of the projected range, which was \$11.70 to \$12.30.

"If we had stayed exclusively with Fox River water and run the problem with the potential algae bloom and all that, and now we have Lake Michigan water and its only costing us 6 cents more... I think that's admirable," Deyne said.

Trustee Adam Hopkins said residents may "have been paying possibly more money" based on Elgin's rates topping the list, and Village President Kevin Wallace said Elgin would not have allowed Bartlett residents to pay lower rates than their residents.

Wallace added: "I would just emphasize the fact that this is underneath what we had estimated the total to come out to be, and this is with infrastructure and everything else... and some of the other hiccups."

Although this is "a bit of a shock to

our village right now... this is a bit of catch-up in those years that we decided not to biannually increase the water rate," Wallace said.

Trustee Aaron Reinke said: "I think one of the things that gets lost too is that no matter what choice we made, the cost was going to go up."

Reinke said it ultimately comes down to "what would be the best decision for the residents for the next 30 years."

Hopkins added that all residents will have softened water which is "a huge benefit that everyone will see right off the bat. I think it's definitely worth the cost."

Dowden wrote in his memo: "Residents that currently use water softeners should realize a savings from the water not needing the treatment requirements of well water with the target date of May 2019."

## Park Dist. Board given results of annual audit

By Joe Hyland

At its Tuesday, Sept 11 meeting, the Park District Board of Commissioners heard a summary of the district's annual financial report. The report was given by Matt Beran of the firm Lauterbach and Amen.

"This is the first year of using the firm Lauterbach and Amen," said Commissioner Nick Mostardo in introducing Beran.

"The first year is always the hardest year when doing the audit," Beran said, while commending the district's staff for their cooperation in the process. "It was a great year working together."

Beran reviewed the process which included a review of the district's financial controls in addition to its finances. The last step was to test the numbers and then go back and produce the actual report.

"And, voila, we have this big fat document here," Beran said holding up a copy of the report.

Beran noted that the district had received an award from the Government Finance Officers Association last year, and would likely receive another one.

"We see no reason why the Park District shouldn't receive this award again this year," Beran said, telling commissioners that the district would

once again receive an unmodified opinion.

Beran reported that the district's total net position is \$33 million, an increase of \$1.2 million.

Within that, Beran said that the district's general fund stood at \$2.3 million and the recreation fund stood at \$1.4 million. However, the Villa Olivia fund had a negative \$2.2 million balance. Beran said that both the recreation and Villa Olivia fund balances improved by around \$170,000. Superintendent of Financial Services Kevin Romejko was asked about this, and responded via email.

"It is important to note in Fiscal Year 2017-18 the Villa Olivia Fund finished \$12,077 ahead of Fiscal Year 2016-17 and \$149,563 ahead of Fiscal Year 2015-16," Romejko said. "In Fiscal Year 2017-18 Villa Olivia expenditures were 8.8 percent or \$214,936 under the budgeted amount."

Beran reported that the overall fund balances increased.

"You had a total increase this year of about \$800,000 across all funds," Beran said, noting that the district had been able to transfer \$328,000 to its capital fund.

Beran said that, in general, revenues were over budget and expenses were under across the board.



### TD pass reception

Parker Frey with a pass reception in the open field to put South Elgin on the board against Streamwood during the Storm's Friday night, Sept. 14 victory over the Sabres. For story and more photos see page 20.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

## Traffic Advisory: BHS homecoming parade

Bartlett High School's homecoming parade is on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m. A large number of students, vehicles and floats will be participating in this year's annual school event.

The designated staging areas are on East Oak Glenn Drive and Tenyson Road. The parade will travel southbound on South Bartlett Road from East Oak Glenn Drive

and finish near the intersection of South Bartlett Road and Stearns Road.

Please be aware side streets along the parade route will be closed and traffic will be diverted during the duration of the parade. Motorists should also be watchful for parade participants and spectators walking to and from the event.





# Trustees vote supports new video gaming entity

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees gave the go-ahead to May's Lounge, a video gaming establishment, via a split vote at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The vote on a special use permit to obtain a liquor license necessary for May's Lounge to receive a gaming license from the state was approved 4-2, Trustees Michael Camerer and Raymond Deyne voting no. Trustee Aaron Reinke abstained and Village President Kevin Wallace provided the fourth yes vote.

The creation of a Class B liquor license for May's Lounge was approved unanimously.

Jim Plonczynski, community development director, described May's Lounge during the process as "more of an upscale... café looking project" that will be open only to 21 and older with five gaming stations, the maximum allowed under state law. It will open in the Bartlett Town Center across the street from Village Hall.

Angela Atamian, a May's Lounge representative, said: "We do have a full menu. A lot of our items do end up being complimentary. Our goal is to really feel like that upscale VIP gaming lounge.... We want it to feel like you're walking into a room in Vegas and you're getting a real personalized experience."

May's Lounge plans to be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Since May, when the request first came in front of the board, Camerer has expressed opposition to video gaming in general.

"I believe that the residents of our village are looking for more family oriented businesses and not more gaming establishments," Camerer told *The Examiner* after the vote. "Unless the state legislature changes, our village is basically forced to allow video gaming with every liquor license granted, so the question is when is enough."

Camerer also noted that the village's findings of fact, which potential businesses have to fill out, states a "proposed business will not under the circumstances of the particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or be injurious to property value or improvement in the vicinity."

"I cannot in good conscious agree with that statement as it pertains to video gaming, as I believe that the stand alone video gaming establishments do cause reason for concern when addressing the statement above," Camerer said.

Deyne said he's had concerns with video gaming as a member of the plan commission and that such establishments would flood the village, which

he feels has come to fruition today. He said he didn't have problems with restaurants offering video gaming but was concerned with those establishments that were solely for video gaming.

"The difference here, I believe, is that the single purpose standalone video gaming parlors are only to promote video gaming, and any services offered are there only to draw players," Deyne said.

Deyne said May's Lounge will be the fourth standalone video gaming establishment in the village, and he added: "Over the past few years the occupancy rate in our village has considerably improved, and I believe the May's unit could have served our community with a better use. I've always looked for ways that our village could grow with retail and commercial uses, and I commend our village staff efforts they really do an excellent job, but I choose to not support any more standalone video gaming parlors with a single purpose."

Reinke abstained on the vote to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest as he, an attorney, has a client who works with May's Lounge in another community. May's Lounge does have several other locations in the area and more coming.

"In talking with my client and the village attorney (Bryan Mraz), we all felt it was appropriate for me to abstain to avoid any appearance of impropriety," Reinke said. "My firm and I don't represent May's, but my potential participation and vote might be viewed as improper so I abstained. It is better to abstain rather than call the proceedings and the great Village of Bartlett into question."

Reinke added that he does see both sides of the debate.

"I don't think it's proper to prejudge a zoning case, but I will say I recognize concerns raised by some on the board and in the community that we have too many video gaming establishments in town," Reinke said. "Banning them is not a legal option at this point. I also recognize that empty storefronts don't serve the community in any way. I think we need to evaluate each case as it comes and make the best decision for the community taking all those concerns into full account."

Those who supported the proposal have offered some reservations with video gaming but did not want to be unfair to May's Lounge as previous establishments have already been in place.

In May, Trustee Adam Hopkins said he understood the objections but "prior boards have approved video gaming in this town, and I don't like to pick winners and losers. It is legal in this town and that's the way I look at it."

## Hawks football dominates on defense in 28-2 victory

By Seth Hancock

A solid defensive performance and a strong run game led the Bartlett football team to victory in a 28-2 win over Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Sept. 14 at Elgin.

Nick Deckard and Tyler Rivelli were a one-two punch on the ground combining for 274 rushing yards, each finding the end zone twice. Kicker Paige Bednarke went 4-for-4 on extra point attempts.

On defense, the Hawks were smothering in helping Bartlett outgain Elgin 292-116 in total yards.

"I was proud of them," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "They were flying around, going after the football."

Defensively, the Hawks kept Elgin scoreless with the hosts only points coming on a fourth quarter safety. Elgin's best drive ended three yards shy of a touchdown in the fourth quarter, and Bartlett's defense had an interception in the game from Brian Segura.

"When you see 11 helmets at the ball at the end of the whistle, that's always a good thing," Erlenbaugh said of the

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*(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)*

# Village Board approves series of proposal items

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved of a series of items at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Included was a \$40,000 expenditure item with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) to provide design services for a lift station rehabilitation project at Apple Orchard. The project was budgeted at \$40,000 and is a part of the village's 2018-2022 capital budget. "We have previously worked with CMT and have found them to be both professional and responsive," Bob Allen, village engineer, wrote in a memo. "Their project experience with Lift Stations is more than satisfactory." The board also approved a rear yard variation to home owners "requesting a 3'-6" variation from the required 30'

rear yard to construct a two-story addition" which would "architecturally match the existing home" off of Snow Drift Circle according to a memo from Jim Plonczynski, community development director. A Class A liquor license request for Bartlett Tap, off of Railroad Avenue, was also approved. The Class A license allows for the "sale of beer, wine and alcoholic liquor for consumption on their premises" from the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Sundays through Thursdays according to Sam Hughes, management analyst. The board also approved a bill list totaling \$1.1 million, the water fund (\$536,729) and general fund (\$421,165) making up the largest portions.

# Bartlett High requests pave homecoming path

By Seth Hancock

Bartlett High School is gearing up for its homecoming festivities. The Village Board of Trustees approved a request made by the Bartlett student council for a parade permit and an amplification request. In a letter to Kevin Wallace, village president, from Kristen Gac, a Bartlett High School teacher, the student council is also requesting "barricades and police officers to assist with traffic control. The parade will follow an abbreviated version of the traditional Fourth of July parade route."

"We expect the parade to last less than one hour," Gac added. The parade is planned for this weekend on Sunday, Sept. 23 starting at 1 p.m. and it will start at Oak Glenn Lane traveling to South Bartlett Road and ending at Stearns Road. The school will also be hosting an annual Hawk Fest Carnival in its parking lot on Monday, Sept. 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. which the amplification request was for. "We are requesting an amplification

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# Six proposals slated for District U-46 board vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on \$1.1 million in expenditure items over six proposals at its upcoming Monday, Sept. 24 meeting. The items were presented on Monday, Sept. 10.

The largest item is \$417,638 for the purchase of technology for Title I schools which would be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through Title I funds if approved. The purchase would include 698 student chromebooks, 184 student laptops and 15 touch display boards from Dell Marketing LP (\$329,748) and 22 smart boards from Pace (\$87,890).

Board member Melissa Owens asked if this was for replacement of old equipment or for new equipment to which Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, said "mainly replacement."

"Given the sheer volume of some of our older devices in our Title I buildings, this is to make up kind of that gap between what was removed and what they think is necessary," Shrode said.

With Tierney, the district is asking to spend \$225,576 through grant funds for 30 zSpace systems and its software for virtual reality labs at Elgin and Larkin high schools. Additionally, there would be a \$82,500 annual licensing fee which the district plans to use grant funds for.

The systems would provide for augmented reality and virtual reality learning for automotive, healthcare science and welding programs.

Some of the features, according to the proposal, would allow automotive students to "access a fleet of vehicles... to practice technical skills," or providing healthcare science students a better "understanding of the human body system and functions and performance of clinical skills" with the ability for "full human body dissection, gross anatomy labs, and access to a library of medical scans."

Asked by Owens about potential expansion of the systems to further schools, the district said: "After one year of full implementation, we will access the feasibility of expanding to other high schools."

Kinasha Brown, director of career pathways, said at the meeting that Elgin and Larkin were chosen because of their "multiple programs in one school." Elgin houses all three programs while Larkin has both automotive and healthcare science.

Regarding the healthcare science, board member Jeanette Ward said it would allow students to practice on a

virtual patient and board member Sue Kerr said it allows students to learn about the parts of the heart and bones in the body. Brown said it wouldn't be used for "clinically based competency" but focusing more on "gross anatomy."

Another proposal costing \$224,450, from the district safety budget, is with South Elgin's Hargrave Builders Inc. for the third phase of a district-wide lockdown hardware project.

"The work included with this bid will provide for the installation of specific locking hardware in existing doors and select doors and frames at Bartlett High School and South Elgin High School," the proposal states.

U-46 is asking for a \$103,500 contract renewal through federal grant funds with Career Staff Unlimited for a school psychologist to supplement district staff with the "most immediate need" at Bartlett's Centennial and Elgin's Highland elementary schools according to the proposal which also states: "Current staff does not have the availability to support more students effectively or attend additional IEP (Individualized Education Program) meetings."

Board member Phil Costello asked before the meeting "how many students are projected to benefit" from the proposal and the district stated: "The number of students is dependent upon the caseload numbers. At this time, it is projected to be in three buildings and have four working days."

A proposal with Dale Carnegie Training costing \$58,800 (education fund) would go towards professional development for administrators and would "include 25 hours of training per person for 30 people," the proposal states.

The proposal states it will help "build greater self-confidence and meaning in work, strengthen people skills to build team trust and collaboration, enhance communication skills and inspire action, develop leadership skills to motivate and problem solve and to reduce stress and improve their attitude toward change."

Kerr asked about the feedback given by administrators after last year with Dale Carnegie to which Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said "the feedback was very positive" and staff was "really starving for more of that."

The district is also asking for a contract renewal with Heartland Business Systems costing \$29,844 (education fund) for purchasing and financial department reports software, Microsoft Dynamics GP2016.

## Woman charged with murder after running over boyfriend

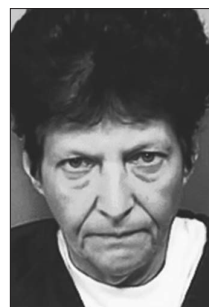
A River Grove woman has been charged with first-degree murder after her boyfriend was found dead Thursday night, Sept. 6, in the parking lot of Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles.

According to the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, Kathleen Vulpitta, 56, of River Grove is charged with running over her boyfriend, 61-year-old Earl K. Hagen of Plainfield.

Vulpitta's bail was set at \$2 million. Her next court date is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 1.

Reports indicated that Vulpitta and Hagen had been staying at the resort. Prosecutors say Vulpitta used Hagen's vehicle to drive over him.

St. Charles police conducted the death investigation along with the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force and through cooperation with the DuPage State's Attorney's Office.



Kathleen Vulpitta

According to the St. Charles Police Department, police and fire units were dispatched at around 9:20 p.m. on Sept. 6 to the Pheasant Run parking lot for the report of an unconscious, unresponsive person. Upon arrival, police found an adult male later identified as Hagen in the parking lot.

"Hagen was found to be deceased with some apparent injuries to his upper body, indicating that Hagen may have been struck by a vehicle," said St. Charles Police Department Deputy Chief Erik Mahan said via a press release.

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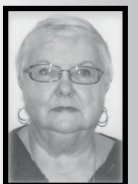
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# U-46 budget reveals funding, expense hikes

By Seth Hancock

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U-46 expects a 1.9 percent decline in enrollment this year from 38,875 to 38,135, a trend it continues to expect for the foreseeable future.

Using budget projections and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) data, if the districts forecasts are realized there will have been a 13.1 percent drop in enrollment from 2012 to the 2021-22 school year while costs are expected to rise by 36.3 percent over the same period as U-46 plans to annually increase costs and revenue despite enrollment declines.

Additionally on the districts reliance on state funds, Ward said: "At the state level, the Illinois budget was presented to voters as balanced but a different, more truthful story was presented to bond investors. There is a 'structural imbalance,' which means deficit, in this year's Illinois budget of at least \$1.2 billion. There is \$129 billion in unfunded pension liability. This imbalance at the state level cannot continue forever. Eventually there will be stark consequences."

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) issued a report to potential bond buyers admitting to at least a \$1.2 billion deficit.

The GOMB report also states: "The State provides no assurances as to how, when or in what form this structural deficit might be addressed."

Illinois's current debt is \$148.9 billion according to usdebtclock.org, up from \$148.8 billion when *The Examiner* last reported on this proposed budget a few weeks ago.

L. Dean Hufsey, of Elgin, addressed what he called "skyrocketing per student spending" in U-46 while academic results have been flat or declining as he spoke during public comment at the Sept. 10 board meeting. He reiterated a Thomas Sowell policy paper he previously raised which stated "failure attracts more money than success" in the government school system.

Hufsey noted the ISBE's data shows that 72 percent of U-46 students are deemed minority and 61 percent deemed low income.

"These numbers are used as talking points by the district to ask for more state funding, however the data shows that more money has not equated to better results in U-46," Hufsey said. "In fact, the numbers have worsened."

The ISBE's data shows that per student spending has increased \$2,434 since 2012, but over the years of data available the number of freshmen considered on track for graduation has dropped from 96 percent in 2014 to 81 percent in 2017. Additionally, the number of students to meet or exceed standards on the PARCC test has dropped from 33 percent in 2015 to 28 percent in 2017, and those considered at target or advanced on the Dynamic Learning Maps test have declined from 24 percent in 2015 to 11 percent in 2017.

"These numbers are intolerable, and every effort should be made by this board to ensure that these trends do not continue," Hufsey said.

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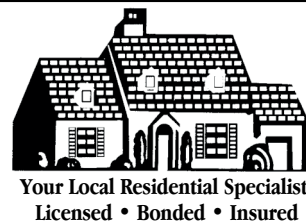
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# South Elgin blanked by Elgin and Geneva

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team saw a winless streak reach eight games after a 2-0 nonconference loss to Geneva on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Geneva.

Geneva tallied a goal in each half while the Storm fell to 1-7-1 overall.

The loss came after falling 8-0 to Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at South Elgin. The Storm fell to 0-4 in the UEC with the loss.

“They were the best team we’ve played so far this season, no doubt,” said South Elgin coach Simon

Brinklow.

The first half, the Storm were able to keep close as Elgin scored twice before adding six unanswered goals in the second half. Down 2-0, South Elgin did attempt to rally late in the opening half creating a few strong chances led by Anthony Sisler and Elijah Patrick.

Elgin did score once in the first half off a corner kick, which the Storm has struggled with this season, but Brinklow said his team’s first half defense was solid.

“I thought defensively we were organized in the first half,” Brinklow said. “They were outstanding.

They didn’t give them one clear cut chance through the first half.”

Elias Hernandez, Daniel Quintana and Miguel Salas all had scoring opportunities in the second half.

Despite the loss, Brinklow said playing a solid Elgin squad was a good learning experience for his young team and he brought up a sophomore player to gain some varsity experience.

“It’s important to get those guys this experience,” Brinklow said. “These guys need to understand the speed of the varsity level, and Elgin is a good example.”



Johnny Nitti of South Elgin attempting a diving tackle as the Vikings' Joshua Eiss broke away on a Geneva scoring surge.



South Elgin's Jacob Zupan, left, working to control the ball near the Geneva goal and the Vikings' Jack Cannon. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

# Hawks JV soccer edge Saxons, sustain success



Bartlett's David Ayala following through on a shot that eventually lead to the Hawks first goal against the Saxons. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer program has been seeing a lot of success at the lower levels which should bode well for the future.

With a 2-1 victory over Schaumburg, the Hawks JV team improved to 5-2-2 overall on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Bartlett. Edgar Leon and Cesar Palomares both found the net for a 2-0 halftime lead.

“We dominated the entire game and created many chances,” said Bartlett JV coach Santiago Martin.

The JV squad has outscored its opponents 15-8,

both of its losses being in close 2-1 matches. Bartlett’s freshman squad is also seeing success with a perfect 10-0 mark on the season while outscoring opponents 61-4.

“They’re competitive each and every game and they’ve often been the stronger side in their matches,” varsity assistant coach Vince Revak- said of the JV squad. “They have had to deal with a number of injuries, so these results show that they have quality players throughout the roster. There are definitely players who are beginning to show us that they are



Schaumburg's Joe Marzillo on defense, elevated above Bartlett's Edgar Leon in an effort to head a ball away from the Hawks.

ready for the varsity level.”

Revak added on the freshman team: “Clearly, we’re very excited about the level and consistency of play by these young Hawks. Since the team is playing so well offensively and defensively, we’ll have a number of players to watch as they continue to develop. We are hoping that they can continue to impress, and it is definitely motivating the rest of the program to match their accomplishments so far.”



# Hawks click to beat Wildcats in straight sets



Dakota Johnson setting for the Hawks as West Chicago's Sarah Turek, left, and Sarah Gramit react from the other side of the net.



Madison Hankins extending into a crowd in an effort to set up a teammate during a volley against the Wildcats.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team showed some poise in earning a 25-21, 25-17 win over West Chicago to improve to 3-0 in the Upstate Eight Conference on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Bartlett.

In Game 2, the Hawks trailed 11-10 when they went on a 5-0 run, Bella Diaz (four kills) providing a pair of kills, to take the lead for good which was part of a 12-3 run for a comfortable 22-14 lead. Samantha

Martino's (eight digs) fourth ace of the night eventually gave Bartlett the win.

That came after Bartlett had to rally after trailing most of Game 1, but the Hawks played with confidence down the stretch despite playing from behind. Down 20-17, Anna Monson (five kills) had a three kills and Morgan Myers (eight digs, four kills) a pair of aces during a 7-0 run for a 24-20 lead, and later a Dakota Johnson (seven assists) ended the set.

"I've got so many leaders on this team," said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. "There's so much experience out there, and playing with

that confidence is extremely important."

Bartlett's setters, led by freshman Madison Hankins (13 assists), did a solid job distributing the ball to keep West Chicago off balance as five players tallied at least four kills. Emily Baggot and Ava Anagnostopoulos each had four kills.

Along with solid passing, Schwantz was also happy with the defensive effort from his squad.

"At times, it feels like we have 12 girls on the court because nothing drops," Schwantz said. "That's how good our defense can be. And our setters, the passing has been fantastic."

Schwantz added: "They're clicking right now and having fun."

Bartlett is now 10-3 overall.



Samantha Martino delivering a serve for the Hawks during her team's first set win over West Chicago. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Bartlett outside hitter Morgan Myers diving to the floor to dig a West Chicago kill shot attempt.



# Campton Township to host Prairie Fest event



Tractor-pulled wagon tours of the savanna, wetlands and prairie.



Native American artifacts display.

(Courtesy photos)

Campton Township will host its annual Prairie Fest event on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Corron Farm, 7N761 Corron Road, Campton Hills. There will be a ceremony at noon dedicating the plaque for Corron Farm being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The event will feature tours of the 1850s brick Corron home. Letters and other documents dating back to the Civil War will be on display.

The popular tractor-pulled wagon tours of the savanna, wetlands and prairie will run during the event (weather and ground conditions permitting). Square dancing demonstrations will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. The Elgin Public Museum, Elgin History

Museum, Fox Valley Wildlife Center, Kane County Mounted Patrol and Wasco Nursery will have displays. There will also be a Native American artifacts display.

Members of the 1st Brigade Illinois Volunteers will be on hand to fire their cannon on the hour. There will be a children's corner with face painting, seasonal crafts and goats to feed.

Local honey and cheese will be for sale as well as photos by a local photography club and handmade jewelry. Hot dogs, BBQ pork, and rotisserie chicken sandwiches will be available for purchase. Admission and parking are free!

For questions or more information contact Laurel Garza 630-740-2996 the\_garzas@comcast.net.



Historic Corron farmhouse.

## Hawks soccer defeated by Hilltoppers, top Saxons

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team was unable to overcome nonconference foe Glenbard West as the Hawks fell 3-1 on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Glenbard West.

In a relatively even first half, the Hawks would fall behind 1-0 as the host scored shortly before the break. Led by attacks from Hernan Garcia, Rudy Reyes and Kamil Jarzabek the Hawks did create several attempts for an equalizer before Glenbard West made it 2-0 midway through the sec-

ond half.

Jarzabek finally got Bartlett on the board with 9:24 left in the game, but four minutes later Glenbard West would seal the win with its third goal.

"Historically this season, when we get that second goal scored on us it seems to change them," said Bartlett assistant coach Vince Revak. "Sometimes it's positive because it wakes us up and sometimes it's demoralizing. We did wake up a bit tonight to score

a goal, but it wasn't enough."

Bartlett was without senior starting defender Matt Tobin which shifted Kevin Nava in the backline and Revak said he did a good job with the transition, and Revak was also happy with the play of his midfielders, taking special note of Raj Parikh, as well as Brandon Palid up front.

Glenbard West entered the game with just one loss on the season and has allowed under a goal per game on average.

and playing with confidence," Revak said. "If we can do that, we can compete and starting winning more games."

## South Elgin volleyball records 2-1 week of play

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team opened a three-match week with a pair of quick wins.

The Storm started with a 25-9, 25-9 Upstate Eight Conference victory over Larkin on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Larkin.

Hayley Fisher (six kills, six digs, ace), Rylee Pompa (five kills), Emily Wellman (13 digs, two aces), McKayla Geraghty (nine digs, two aces), Anna Skrzypchak (nine assists), Kendall Richardson (five assists, five digs, ace), Kylee Hunter (three kills) and Sierra Lewand (three kills) led the effort.

Against Dundee-Crown, the Storm followed up with a 25-14, 25-13 non-conference win which included 11 teams aces on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at South Elgin.

"We're happy to just come out and get a win," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "We got the job done. We're coming off a similar match against Larkin where we came out and did

our job."

Fisher (10 kills, two aces), Wellman (13 digs, three aces), Richardson (nine assists, two aces), Skrzypchak (eight assists, ace), Geraghty (four kills, ace), Pompa (three kills, two aces) and Hunter (two blocks) led the Storm's effort.

South Elgin was tripped up by St. Charles East at the end of the week as the Storm dropped a nonconference match 25-12, 25-20 on Friday, Sept. 14 at East.

Fisher (five kills), Skrzypchak (seven assists, seven digs), Geraghty (seven digs, three kills), Wellman (five digs, two aces), Pompa (two blocks) and Richardson (two blocks) led South Elgin.

The Storm are now 8-5 overall, 3-0 in the UEC.

"We have to play our best volleyball," Plach said. "Each girl has to do their job. We're focused on the conference, and there are some tough matches coming up."

## Archery deer hunting permits now available

Resident combination and antlerless-only archery deer permits will be available over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors beginning Aug. 7. Find a vendor link here: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>.

defense.

The Hawks would take a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when Rivelli scored on a seven-yard touchdown run, and Rivelli would later give the Hawks a 28-0 lead on a three-yard run in the fourth. Rivelli ran for 112 yards on 10 carries.

Deckard, who ran for 162 yards on 34 carries, scored twice on one-yard runs in the second quarter as Bartlett took a 21-0 lead into halftime.

Bartlett is now 3-1 overall and in the UEC.

## Homecoming

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permit for DJ music that will be played during the Hawk Fest," Gac wrote.

In a memo to the village board from Sam Hughes, management analyst, he wrote: "The appropriate certificate of insurance from School District U-46 has been reviewed and accepted by the Village Attorney (Bryan Mraz)."

Bartlett's football team will be playing its homecoming game against West Chicago on Friday, Sept. 28 with the varsity starting at 7:30 p.m. at its new activity complex on campus.

## Football

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# Storm blank opponent for fourth straight week



Supported by a number of key blocks, South Elgin’s Patrick Noworol running back an interception for a Storm touchdown to extend his team’s lead to 21-0 over Streamwood. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Storm’s Parker Frey hauling in a long pass on second down after getting behind the Sabres’ Jakob Strong for a big gain against Streamwood.



Storm quarterback Jakob Johnson vaulting over the goal line on a keeper to score against Streamwood as the Sabres’ Adrian Rico was unable to prevent the tally.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin defense was at it again as the Storm took on Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference football action on Friday, Sept. 14 at Streamwood.

Four weeks into the season, and the Storm have yet to allow a point against them as they earned a 55-0 win as their defense keyed a late first half rally to help South Elgin run away. In the end, the Storm outgained Streamwood 332-6 in total yards and their defense forced three turnovers.

“I love the intensity our defense is

playing with right now,” said South Elgin coach Dragon Teonic. “We are just flying to the ball and these guys just keep working hard every week to keep getting better.”

The Storm led just 6-0 with under four minutes left in the first half when they scored three times, thanks in part to two turnovers, for a 27-0 lead at the break. Parker Frey (three receptions, 54 yards) caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Jakob Johnson (11-for-14, 158 yards) for the 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

After a nine-yard touchdown run by Johnson late in the second quarter, Patrick Noworol returned an interception 32 yards for a TD and a fumble setup the Storm’s final score of the first half, a four-yard pass from Johnson to Calin Gurau (three receptions, 38 yards).

“We’re a quick team, we’re fast and our whole team gets to the ball,” Noworol said. “That’s the reason we stop everybody.”

Noworol added: “We see the shutout on the scoreboard, and that’s our goal next week. Our goal right now is shutouts all nine weeks.”

Travis Tranchitella (six carries, 61 yards) added a 31-yard touchdown run and Johnson a one-yard TD run in the third quarter. Shiking Marshall and Davion Cherwin both had 10-yard TD runs in the fourth.

South Elgin is now 4-0 overall and in the UEC. The Storm have averaged 48.3 points per game this season, but they will face their first big test of the year against fellow undefeated UEC rival Glenbard East.

Teonic said number aside, there’s plenty of growth needed such as limiting penalties. He said five touchdowns have been called back this season due to flags.

“We can’t just think because we are 4-0 that we’re a great team because we aren’t,” Teonic said. “We’ve got things to clean up, but that’s a good thing because it gives us a goal to get better each week.”



Wide receiver Calin Gurau coming up just short on his extension to catch a would-be touchdown pass in a corner of the end zone against the Sabres.



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## Board meeting focuses on road plan options

By Kristin Carreno

A special meeting of the Village Board to discuss a five-year road program was held on Monday, Sept. 10. Village Administrator Steve Super presented four options for improving streets.

The scenarios Super presented were based on results of a summary created by Infrastructure Maintenance Services, LLC (IMS) who did a street analysis. Super said they have 98 lane miles of village streets and more than 32 percent were installed between 1955 and 2002. Roads typically last about 20 years before they are considered to be in poor to very poor condition.

According to Super, all roads in the village were graded by IMS on a scale of very good, good, fair, poor and very poor. The village also receives an average road score based on all its roads. South Elgin received a grade of 70 which is on the "low end of good." The average road score in other similar communities is 76.

"The reason we look at the condition of the roads is the cost of fixing it," said Super. "If we're looking at roads that are very poor that cost triples or quadruples. So when you're talking about a road program not only do we want our residents to not have bad roads to live on we don't want to have the roads going bad or money spent on them doesn't go as far. We spend twice as much money to repair poor roads versus fair roads. The reasoning for trying to get your average road score up is so when we do road repairs we're doing a lot of repairs for less money."

According to Super, it costs a minimum of \$3 million per year to do a successful road program. He then presented details on four scenarios for discussion.

The first scenario would be to spend \$3 million the first two years and an additional \$1.5 million for the final three years for a total of \$10.5 million. It would increase the percentage of roads in the fair to very good categories. At present, 2.8 percent of the roads are considered very poor and they carry high costs to fix. Therefore, the percentage of roads categorized as poor and very poor would also increase, Super said.

The second option offered by Super would be to spend \$3 million each year for all five years, totalling \$5 million. The percentage of roads considered poor and very poor would remain approximately the same. The percentage in the fair to very good categories would increase.

Scenario three would consist of spending a total of \$19 million, via \$3 million for one year and \$4 million per

year for the remaining four years. Super stated this option would bring "dramatic differences." The percentage of poor roads would decrease and the percentage of roads in the very poor category would practically be eliminated while fair, good and very good roads would all increase.

The final option described included a road program which would include spending \$3 million the first two years, \$10 million the third year and \$1.5 million the final two years, totalling out at \$19 million. According to Super, the percentage of very poor roads would disappear. The percentages of roads in the poor to very good categories would increase. Super added that the village would need to borrow money to pursue this option.

Trustee Mike Kolodziej said he felt option three was the best.

"I think it's aggressive," Kolodziej said. "It's tangible and residents can see where their general tax dollars are being spent."

During the discussion many trustees favored scenario three. Nobody opted for option four because it involved borrowing money or option one because it would increase the percentage of poor and very poor roads and bring down the grade average.

Trustee Greg Lieser said, "What frustrates me is in 10 years we're back to square one."

"If we improve the average road so we can get to them before they get into poor condition our money will go a lot further," Super explained. "Then future boards should be able to do more roads."

As far as raising the funds to be able to pursue a five-year road plan, Ward said: "I think we should explore increasing the sales tax. If we increase the sales tax from 7.5 to 7.75 (percent) we'll be tied with Algonquin at 7.5 to 7.75 percent."

Kolodziej added that people should be reminded that improved streets appreciate the value of their homes.

"I want good roads," Lieser said. "I'd like to look at a projection. We can't do it without the tax increase. At least with the sales tax the people vote on it."

Super stated this was an exercise to see how much can be done with the road programs and where to take it from here.

"The reason I'm bringing this up now is whether we do this in six or nine months the roads aren't going to get better," Super said. "The village's tradition is we only spend money we know we have."

"I'd like to see an analysis as far as the sales tax and how it plays out and based on that have another meeting to

discuss it," Trustee Scott Richmond said.

"I think everybody's on board," Ward said.

Ward asked Super to put an analysis together with the sales tax increase.

"The sooner the better and we can put this on the ballot," Ward said.



### TD pass reception

Parker Frey with a pass reception in the open field to put South Elgin on the board against Streamwood during the Storm's Friday night, Sept. 14 victory over the Sabres. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

## Fee changes ratified via ordinance amendment

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, Sept. 17, trustees voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance to amend the village code relating to imposing collection fees or debts due the village. This amendment allows the village to also collect a portion of the fees associated with a collection agency.

According to Deputy Chief Randy Endean, the village code currently authorizes unpaid ordinance violations and parking tickets to be filed with the Illi-

nois Office of Comptroller's (IOC) against individuals who owe the village through its Local Debt Recovery Program. A claim is filed and the amount owed is deducted from any tax return or state checks issued to the debtor.

"The village has a collection service for fees incurred from ordinance violations and other fees assessed that have gone to collections," said Endean. "Those fees that have been unpaid can be collected by the state for us directly from income tax."

The IOC may charge fees to the person who has been sent to collections for non-payment of fine, according to Endean. The ordinance authorizes imposing additional fees to recover the village's full portion of the unpaid ordinance violations and parking tickets.

"This is for fees associated with the collection service or fees from the hearing judges and so forth," Endean said. "This ordinance is to amend it up to 35 percent of the fees for those services incurred."



# Pet of the Week



## This Lily requires a new address

Lily is a 3-month-old gray and white domestic shorthair cat found as a stray with her sister Lavender. Lily is the shyer of the two, still not sure whether she should hiss or run. She enjoys a good petting, but will run and hide afterwards. Lily will need a patient owner that is willing to take the time to bring her out of her shell by playing with her with toys.

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Using budget projections and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) data, if the districts forecasts are realized there will have been a 13.1 percent drop in enrollment from 2012 to the 2021-22 school year while costs are expected to rise by 36.3 percent over the same period as U-46 plans to annually increase costs and revenue despite enrollment declines.

Additionally on the districts reliance on state funds, Ward said: "At the state level, the Illinois budget was presented to voters as balanced but a different, more truthful story was presented to bond investors. There is a 'structural imbalance,' which means

deficit, in this year's Illinois budget of at least \$1.2 billion. There is \$129 billion in unfunded pension liability. This imbalance at the state level cannot continue forever. Eventually there will be stark consequences."

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) issued a report to potential bond buyers admitting to at least a \$1.2 billion deficit. The GOMB report also states: "The State provides no assurances as to how, when or in what form this structural deficit might be addressed."

Illinois's current debt is \$148.9 billion according to [usdebtclock.org](http://usdebtclock.org), up from \$148.8 billion when *The Examiner* last reported on this proposed budget a few weeks ago.

L. Dean Hufsey, of Elgin, addressed what he called "skyrocketing per student spending" in U-46 while academic results have been flat or declining as he spoke during public comment at the Sept. 10 board meeting. He reiterated a Thomas Sowell policy paper he previously raised which stated "failure attracts more money than success" in the government school system.

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# This week in... South Elgin

## Wednesday, Sept. 19

- 6:30 p.m. South Elgin soccer at Larkin High School.\*
- 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at Village Hall.

## Thursday, Sept. 20

- 6 p.m. St. Charles North volleyball at St. Francis High School.\*
- 7 p.m. St. Charles North soccer at East High School.\*

## Friday, Sept. 21

- 7:30 p.m. St. Charles North football vs. Lake Park High School.\*

## Saturday, Sept. 22

- 9 a.m. South Elgin volleyball at Prospect High School.\*
- 12:30 p.m. St. Charles North soccer vs. Burlington Central High School.\*
- 1:30 p.m. South Elgin football vs. Glenbard East High School.\*

## Monday, Sept. 24

- 6 p.m. St. Charles North volleyball at Libertyville High School.\*
- 7 p.m. Recreation Board meeting at Village Hall.

## Tuesday, Sept. 25

- 5:30 p.m. South Elgin volleyball vs. Elgin High School.\*
- 6 p.m. St. Charles North volleyball vs. East High School.\*
- 6:15 p.m. South Elgin soccer at East Aurora High School.\*
- 6:30 p.m. St. Charles North soccer at Glenbard North High School.\*

\* All games are home games unless otherwise noted.



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# Police Reports

## STREAMWOOD Thursday, Aug. 23

★ At 9:09 p.m., Hairo E. Mendiola, 29, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and possession of open alcohol in vehicle. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
★ At 8:33 p.m., Jonathan J. Sanchez, 18, Streamwood; Adrian Espinoza, 23, Streamwood, and Alec Joseph Alexandria, 20, Streamwood, were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing. The subjects were released on bond and face an undetermined court date.

**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
★ At 7:40 p.m., Juan Soto, 41, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for a loud party. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.  
★ At 10:50 p.m., Michelle Gajewski, 21, Elgin, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

**Monday, Sept. 10**  
★ At 9:57 p.m., Rhonda R. Sullivan, 58, Elmhurst, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.  
★ At 11:36 p.m., Leonardo Hernandez, 35, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. In the same incident, Mark E. Gross, 33, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both subjects were released on bond and face an undetermined court date.

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

★ At 5:12 p.m., Lidia Barriga Avina, 37, Streamwood, was arrested on warrant and charged with I.D. theft. He was transported to bond call.

## BARTLETT

**Friday, Sept. 7**  
★ At 8:01 a.m., Diego G. Gonzalez-Morales, 28, Elgin, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license, unlawful display of registration and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces an Oct. 4 court date.

★ At 9:57 a.m., a 13-year-old juvenile was cited for truancy. He was released on signature and faces an Oct. 17 court date.

★ At 11:45 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Red Oak Drive reported that an unknown subject used her personal information to open lines of credit. Reportedly, \$9,000 was charged to a credit card and her information was used to cosign for a loan at CarMax.

★ At 3 p.m., a complainant in the 1400 block of Newcastle Lane reported that an unknown subject made two unauthorized charges totaling \$167 using his credit card.

★ At 6:45 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of South Sheridan Drive reported that an unknown offender received \$500 from an ATM in Chicago using her debit card information.

★ At 7:57 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Brookside Drive reported receiving a package marked Return to Sender with his name and address in the return address section of the label. Inside, he found a cashier's check for \$1,998 with instructions on how to cash it. He said he was the victim of a similar scam in the past.

★ At 8:13 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Hillcrest Lane reported that an unknown offender made two unauthorized withdrawals from her debit card account. Estimated loss \$507.

**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
★ At 3:46 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Voyager Drive reported being disturbed by a loud beeping from a semitruck backing up. It was determined that the noise was coming from a factory in Hanover Park or Streamwood.

★ At 5:09 a.m., an agent for Traffic Patrol and Protection reported an elderly man who seemed confused walking into the company in the 200 block of Miles Parkway. The employee allowed the man to sit in his truck until the officer arrived and provided the man with a ride back to his home.

★ At 9:24 a.m., a complainant in the 1200 block of Palamino Court reported that an unknown offender slashed all four tires on her vehicle. Estimated loss \$600.

★ At 9:32 a.m., a complainant in the 1100 block of Princeton Drive reported receiving numerous letters from companies advising of suspicious activity on a credit card or denials on recent credit applications. He determined that an unknown subject used his personal information to attempt to open various accounts. Estimated loss

\$18,000.  
★ At 6:16 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of David Court reported four subjects knocked on her door and asked for an unknown female. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle or its occupants.

**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
★ At 10:03 a.m., a complainant in the 1600 block of Columbia Circle reported that an unknown offender banged on her door at 9:30 p.m.

★ At 8:46 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Superior Circle reported that five unknown subjects banged on her door at approximately 8 p.m. The subjects could not be located.

**Monday, Sept. 10**  
★ At 8:50 a.m., a 15-year-old juvenile and a 16-year-old juvenile were cited for disorderly conduct. They face an Oct. 17 hearing date.

★ At 12:50 p.m., Eduardo Cruz-Tellez, 26, Chicago, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to signal. He was released on an I-bond and faces an Oct. 22 court date.

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
★ At 6:46 a.m., Karen B. Gonzalez Pineda, 20, Crystal Lake, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license and failure to yield at intersection. She was released on an I-bond and faces an Oct. 2 court date.

## Woman's Club donates to the D.A.R.E. program

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6, two members of the Streamwood Woman's Club, Jeri Thill and Pat Diehn, presented a \$500 check to the Streamwood Police Department for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. D.A.R.E. Officer Tom Sparks was at the meeting to accept the donation.

The Streamwood Woman's Club is a non-profit club consisting of a group of local women who support several organizations in Streamwood and the surrounding area through educational, charitable and civic endeavors, according to Village President Billie Roth.

The D.A.R.E. program helps raise

awareness about the consequences of drugs and alcohol and other dangerous behaviors, according to Sparks. Police officers work directly with children involved in the program, mostly via classes with fifth-grade students in village elementary schools.

"This is going to a great cause," said Sparks. "We appreciate it."

"We're happy to give it to you," Thill said.

The Streamwood Woman's Club has been very involved for many years in the village with their projects, according to Roth.

"They've been very generous to the village with their village donations," Roth said. "Thank you very much. We appreciate it."

## Sabres soccer ends event with win over Fenwick

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team put on the pressure but couldn't overcome an early goal as the Sabres, seeded eighth in their bracket, fell 1-0 to top-seeded Morton in the PepsiCo Showdown on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Morton.

The game's only goal came early, in the first 10 minutes of play, but Streamwood pushed back with multiple chances at an equalizer.

"We made one mistake," said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. "We left a guy open at the top of the six-yard box and he made a quick little turn and hits it off the inside of the post, goes across the goal and it was in. One mistake."

The Sabres defense limited Morton's chances the rest of the game, Streamwood keeper Hector Alfaro making three saves, and their offense was on the attack.

Early in the second half, Alex Chavez had his team's best scoring chance with a shot needing an athletic stop by Morton's keeper. Along with Chavez,

the Sabres attack was led by Jesus Limon and Bryan Mora which helped produce five solid shots on goal in the final 20 minutes of play.

"We did everything we could except put the ball in the back of the net," Polovin said. "We don't ever want to sit back, ever, and we didn't. We wanted to attack, attack, attack."

"We put in the work and tried to score in multiple ways," Chavez said. "It was just one of those days."

In the consolation rounds, Streamwood went on to drop a 4-0 game to Lyons Township on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Lyons. The host led 2-0 at the break and added two more in the second half, and Alfaro finished with six saves.

The Sabres ended the PepsiCo Showdown with a 2-0 win over Fenwick on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Inwood Soccer Complex in Joliet.

Chavez and Edwin Peralta found the net with assists from Mora and Ethan Satsatin. Alfaro did not need to record a save in the shutout.

Streamwood is now 7-3 overall.

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# Streamwood volleyball ends week in positive style

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team opened a busy week with a 25-8, 25-20 nonconference loss to Fenton on Monday, Sept. 10 at Fenton.

After struggling through the Game 1 loss, the Sabres made things interesting in Game 2 but were unable to force a third set.

"They have so much drive and determination," said Streamwood coach Sheryl Hettinger. "My team can compete, and they showed that in Game 2. They just have to bring it all together."

Corinne Angle (12 digs), Mary Rackow (three assists) and Ava Sumoski (two blocks) led the effort.

"We have the skills, we really do," Hettinger said. "We just have to learn to adjust in the game. We fought but made a couple mistakes."

That was the start of a seven-game week for the Sabres who went on to drop a 25-12, 25-19 Upstate Eight Conference match to Glenbard South on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Streamwood.

Sumoski (six kills, two blocks), Rackow (10 digs, six assists) and Kaylee Angle (two kills) led the Sabres.

In nonconference play, the Sabres fell 25-12, 25-22 against Hampshire on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Streamwood. Rackow (eight assists), Vivian Sumoski (three kills) and Ava Sumoski (two blocks) led the effort.

"We need a team, a unit," Hettinger said. "Individually there's a lot of talent, but we need them to come together and build a system and build some confidence."

Streamwood bounced back to end the week with an undefeated performance, 2-0-2, at the Little Village Invite in Chicago on Saturday, Sept. 15. The Sabres tied both Westinghouse and Lincoln Park and earned wins against Kenwood and Rich East.

Kaylee Angle (12 kills), Mariely Sotelo (11 kills), Leslie Garcia (nine kills), Rackow (36 assists) and Corinne Angle (29 digs) led Streamwood.

The Sabres are now 4-18-2 overall, 0-2 in the UEC.

# U-46 budget

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## Connections

Poplar Creek Public Library

**Fall Building Projects**  
Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.  
Meeting Room 2

Are you thinking of a project this fall on your home or business? Some may require a permit. Join John Peterson from the Streamwood Community Development Department. Whether it's new or an improvement, the inspectors check for compliance with all required codes ensuring that all the work on your fall projects are completed correctly.

**Honeybees and Pollination**  
Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.  
Meeting Room 1

Come and learn all about honeybees and pollination from beekeepers Charles and Karen Lorence. Some of their award-winning honey and beeswax products will be available for purchase after the presentation. Sponsored by the Tri-Village Garden Club and Poplar Creek Library. Registration preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome! Call 483-4910 to register.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Mercedes McGowen Board Room located on the second floor of the library. The public is welcome to attend. For more information call 483-4910.

**Mock SAT Test**  
Saturday, Sept. 22 from 12 to 3:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room 2/3

Teens, prepare for the SAT by taking a practice test in an environment similar to what it will be on testing day. We will set up a time for you to go over your results the following week with a representative from Sylvan Learning. Space is limited. For ninth grade and

up. Registration is required. Register online or call 483-4928.

**Children's Movie at the Branch**  
Thursday, Sept. 20 at 10:45 a.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

Stop by the Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library in Hanover Park and enjoy a children's movie and popcorn. No registration necessary-just drop in!

**Kids Drop-in Craft at the Branch Library**  
Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Drop by the Branch Library in Hanover Park to make a fun take home craft. Ages three and up. No registration necessary-just stop by!

**There's an App for That: Travel**  
Monday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.  
Studio 1405

Are you planning a trip soon - maybe out of the country or just across state lines? Make the most out of your limited vacation time with some great apps for your smartphone and tablet to help plan, navigate, and enjoy your trip.

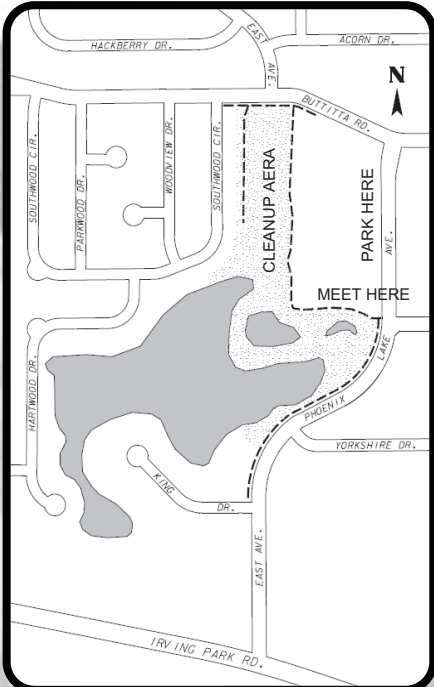
**Intro to Mac for Seniors**  
Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 1:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room 3

Learn the basics of using a Mac computer. This class will demonstrate how Mac iOS works compared with Windows. Topics include using the dock, searching files, Mac-only applications, and more. To register call 483-4910.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park Ave., in Streamwood or Sonya Crawshaw Branch, 4300 Audrey Lane in Hanover Park, visit [www.poplarcreeklibrary.org](http://www.poplarcreeklibrary.org). Questions? Call 837-6800.

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# Sabres held to six yards in loss to South Elgin

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood football team ran into the gauntlet that is South Elgin's defense in an Upstate Eight Conference contest on Friday, Sept. 14 at Millennium Field. Facing a team that has yet to allow a point while scoring 48.3 points per game, the Sabres dropped a 55-0 game. Streamwood was outgained 332-6 in total yards. However, Streamwood's defense kept the Sabres close until the final four minutes of the first half. South Elgin led just 6-0 when it scored three times

for a 27-0 halftime lead which was keyed by two of the Sabres three turnovers in the game. "We were playing with a good team, and then mistakes happen," said Streamwood coach Don Guindon. "They put us away there at the end of the half." Guindon added: "They're tough up front. They have a lot of speed. They're really disciplined on that side of the football. We played a really tough team." The Sabres offense was in the red with negative yardage in the first half. They eventually tallied their

only first down of the game in the fourth quarter. Tremeyon Sanders had 14 rushing yards, Stephen Deike 11 and Neo Hill nine to lead the Sabres offense. Guindon was also happy with the play of offensive and defensive lineman Elijah Beach, who has committed to North Dakota State University. "Our kids are playing, and they're giving us everything they've got," Guindon said. "We just ran into a really good team tonight." Streamwood is now 0-4 overall and in the UEC.



The Sabres' Carlos Del Real trying to stop South Elgin quarterback Jakob Johnson on a keeper. While Del Real did eventually bring Johnson to the ground it was after Johnson broke the plane of the goal line for a Storm touchdown that extended their lead.



Streamwood running back Sirrion Dixon attempting to get to the outside and around the end against South Elgin. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

## Local teachers serve in effort to raise funds for their school



Hilltop Principal Dr. Kyle Vonschnase and Assistant Principal Tiffany Robinson forming a pie-selling team. (Courtesy photo)

Hilltop Elementary School students in the village were served by teachers during fundraising efforts to support local education and school activities. Hilltop teachers volunteered behind the counter on Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Streamwood McDonald's where they served students and their families. This event is a community-based fundraiser that invites Hilltop Elementary School students, staff and families to actively support their local school. Karina Rosa, English Language Learners teacher and Dr. Kyle Vonschnase, principal at Hilltop Elementary School, each tended to the pie box during the event. Alongside Assistant Principal, Tiffany Robinson, and teachers Kelli Krautmann and Fatima Cisneros, who, as a team, sold over 240 apple pies. All pie sales go directly to the Hilltop PTO. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the McTeacher's Night sales were donated to the Hilltop PTO, which plans to use the money to help pay for activities that further enrich students education. "Each year I look forward to partici-

pating in McTeacher's Night with the Hilltop staff and seeing our students excitement when they are greeted by their teachers," said Vonschnase. "At this event, we get to bring our school community together, share in each others company and reconnect with our students and families. It is an honor to be part of this loving and supportive community. In addition, I am grateful that Hilltop Elementary School has the supportive partnerships with our Hilltop PTO and the Bear Family Streamwood McDonald's." Marc Bear, owner operator of the Streamwood McDonald's, indicated they were delighted to participate in the worthy cause for education and the community and are proud to serve the families of the Hilltop community through the McTeacher's Night event. Bear donated a case of apple pies to the school to be sold at the event. Inspired by the success of McTeacher's Night, the Bear Family has set their sights on partnering with other schools in the area.

## Wild horses available for sale on Sept. 21 and Sept. 22

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro event providing wild horses and possibly a few yearling and burros, Friday, Sept. 21 and Saturday, Sept. 22, at the BLM Holding Facility, 6814 Highland Road, Mequon, Wisconsin. Yearling and burros may not always be available at the event. The animals will be available for selection on Friday, from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. The event will potentially include sale-eligible animals. Purchasers receive immediate ownership of the animal on the day of the event. Purchasers should provide adequate feed, care, and an enclosed area such as a corral, barn, stall and other appropriate facilities. The facility may also

be a pasture that is suitable for maintaining animals. The BLM is committed to the safety and health of the nation's wild horses and burros, and requires animals be transported in a stock-type, step up trailer. Wild horses are known for their sure-footedness, strength, intelligence and endurance. With kindness and patience, these animals can be trained for many uses. All animals available have been examined by a veterinarian, vaccinated, de-wormed, and blood-tested. Applicants may submit applications at the site until the close of the event on Saturday. For more information about selecting one of America's Living Legends, call 1-866-4MUSTANGS (1-866-468-7826) or visit [www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov).



Kristen Fontaine, wild horse and burro specialist and experienced animal trainer with the Bureau of Land Management - Eastern States, Northeastern States District in Milwaukee, getting close and personal to conduct gentling and training techniques with a wild mustang at a wild horse and burro event. (Courtesy photo)