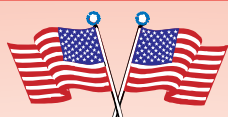


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Debated U-46 tax levy approved by split vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 voted 5-2 for a proposed 3 percent hike in the 2018 property tax levy at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 5.

The votes were on the determination of the levy as well as a resolution regarding the levy, Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no on both. John Devereux, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland, Melissa Owens and Donna Smith all voted for the proposed tax hike.

The 2018 proposal totals \$279.8 mil-

lion, an \$8.2 million increase from the 2017 actual levy of \$271.6 million. That is a defensive levy as U-46 expects a \$6.8 million increase, or 2.5 percent, for a \$278.4 million total.

Additionally, a \$42.2 million levy for debt service and public building commission leases brings the 2018 total proposal to \$322 million, a 2.2 percent increase from 2017's total extension of \$315 million.

"To determine the amount of the 2018 tax levy, we need to estimate our 2018

equalized assessed valuation (EAV) which includes the amount of new construction and the change in the equalized assessed valuations for properties in the district," said Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations. "The levy amount is then increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is 2.1 percent."

The proposal states a \$5.1 million increase in the 2018 EAV, but the district expects a \$4.9 million increase in EAV.

In November, the district plans on an abatement of about \$9.6 million which officials say effectively keep property tax bills flat.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: "We're trying our best to maintain a flat levy so that taxpayers feel some relief from U-46."

Ward replied: "And as I explained on previous occasions, that preserves the ability to keep the increases into the future. It preserves increases for the future. That's the reason for the levy and abate."

Burnidge stated Ward's assessment of that process was "correct" previously.

Ward opposed the Fiscal Year 2019 budget expressing concerns with the district adding 54 new positions and increasing spending by \$40.2 million despite continued enrollment declines and Costello, who voted against the budget, also was concerned and he reiterated.

"I think that it's just a matter of just systemically we're spending more and we have a lower census," Costello said. "We have a lot of taxpayers that are leaving the district and I just get concerned. So I don't know if we've considered the options here."

The budget projects spending to continue to rise with enrollment still declining for the foreseeable future. By the 2021-22 school year, enrollment could drop 13.1 percent and spending could increase 36.3 percent since 2012 using state data.

Owens said the levy needs to be increased to protect the district because theoretically the enrollment could increase, and the district may have to purchase more land in South Elgin to build new schools despite district officials stating in recent years some schools may need to be closed down because of underutilization.

"What we're really doing is we're preserving and protecting ourselves against future inflation, and there can be serious consequences if we don't do that," said Owens and added:

"We're going to seriously have to consider our options as far as do we have the building capacity to be able to serve the new students that might come into the district."

Owens said she recognized enrollment was declining but said some schools saw an increase and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning wants to "increase urban density."

"We're just saddling future boards... with not having the funds they need to keep up with changes based on future demographics," Owens said.

Ward said that it's "well documented" that population is not only declining in U-46 but also across the state.

U.S. Census Bureau data showed that Illinois dropped from the fifth to the sixth most populated state after 2017. The decline in population could continue according to a 2018 poll by the University of Illinois-Springfield and NPR Illinois showing 53 percent of residents are considering moving from the state, 63 percent of ages 18 to 34, with the top "primary reason" being high taxes.

"We are set to lose two legislative seats (in the U.S. House of Representatives) in the 2020 census because the population of Illinois is dropping so dramatically, and that's not projected to get fixed," Ward said.

"Are we losing two seats here?" Owens asked. Ward responded: "Two seats in the state of Illinois."

Owens said "we're only concerned with here," which Ward replied: "The population is dropping. Overall, it's dropping. You can't argue with that."

"I'm not arguing with that, but I'm only concerned about the population here and what our taxes support here," Owens said.

Ward said: "The population here is dropping. Our enrollment is dropping. Our numbers show that."

"Sure, but it's not dropping across the entire district," Owens said. "Enrollment is increasing in some of our schools, and we're going to have to address that. We're also going to have to address the fact that we have schools that were built in the 1890s."

The back-and-forth continued for a few more minutes, Ward eventually saying "well, we'll redraw boundary lines" if needed but Owens saying capital projects need addressing now on current buildings.

The vote came on the same night the

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Special offering

Food offerings lay in front of each marti presentation during the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Diwali celebration. For story and more photos see page 20.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Wayne Board settles on 'option' for intersection

By Joe Hyland

At the last several Wayne Village Board meetings, the question of what to do to reduce the number of accidents at the intersection of Powis and Army Trail roads has been a hot topic. At the Tuesday, Nov. 6 iteration, the subject appears to have been settled.

A number of different options were discussed prior to the meeting. These included lowering the speed limit on Powis, installing rumble strips or speed bumps on Powis or making the intersection a four-way stop.

Village Engineer Dan Lynch explored the feasibility of the various options and reported to the board that the best choice would be to lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on Powis from Percheron to north

of the Prairie Path crossing.

"That would essentially make the speed limit on Powis the same as the speed limit on the streets in the area," said Lynch.

Lynch said that an ordinance changing the speed limit would need to be drafted and presented at the next meeting. He also suggested that some house-keeping related to the language in the current ordinance would be in order such as changing the name of the railroad from the EJ&E to the CN.

Trustee Rob Reed wanted to know if Lynch had found any type of commonality among the accidents that have occurred at the intersection.

"There's no clear consistency for the reason for the accidents," Lynch answered.

Lynch suggested that the main reason was probably motorists misjudging how much time they needed to cross the intersection.

"So how likely is it that lowering it is going to improve the situation?" Reed asked.

"It might cut the number down a little bit," Lynch said.

Trustee Pete Connolly suggested that keeping things consistent with downtown area would be advantageous.

"What's the board's preference?" Village President Eileen Phipps asked.

The consensus was that an ordinance should be drafted and presented for a formal discussion and vote at the Tuesday, Nov. 20 meeting.

Three pending proposals discussed by committee

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees heard three proposals from its building and zoning committee at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

One proposal, for Express Carwash, was first heard by the board at an October meeting. The proposal was submitted by Dan and Shawn Andre as they seek special use permits to build a carwash at 1255 West Lake Street which is on the south side of the street according to a memo from Roberta Grill, acting community development director.

The carwash would be built on a 2.88 acre piece of land and includes “a tunnel wash with accompanying vacuums,” according to Grill. A 5,500-square-foot building would be built, the tallest portion being 33 feet, 5 inches but with an average height of 19 feet 6 inches which meets current village regulations.

A few changes have been made since the October meeting including placement of a curb cut, which needs approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation, as well as how it will buffer itself from residential neighbors to the south.

Grill said “petitioner has actually shifted their curb cut a little further to the east” to allow for better navigation as the carwash exits onto Lake Street. She said residents were also concerned with the planned wood fence for a buffer which the petitioners have changed to a landscaping option which she said “staff is fine with.”

Trustee Aaron Reinke asked about where the location of the curb cut will now be and Alan Jacob, attorney for the petitioners, said “about 80 feet to the east from the intersection, and it’s wider as well so it allows stacking not just for exit but upon entry as well to get cars off the road if that’s necessary.”

Reinke said traffic backup could cause dangerous situations on Lake Street to which the petitioners said they would have on-site management for traffic flow. They also estimated about 40 automobiles to use the carwash an hour in response to a question by Trustee Adam Hopkins.

The petitioners also said they met with neighbors and are confident with their buffer plan, to which Hopkins responded: “I personally appreciate you guys reaching out to the residents that live over there.”

The proposal will move on for a board vote.

The other two proposals, for a Southwind Business Park subdivision and another for Bucky’s Gas Station, were moved on for further commission review.

The Southwind Business Park subdivision proposal submitted by petitioner Dean Kelley is to create a five-lot

commercial/industrial subdivision at the southeast corner of Illinois Route 25 and West Bartlett Road. Surrounding the site is vacant land to the north and west, single-family homes to the east and recreational land to the south.

It is a 20.54 acre site with lots ranging from 3.14 to 6.65 acres according to Grill. One lot is proposed for a private school, Parkland Preparatory Academy, and another for a Circle K gas station but Grill wrote in a memo: “An official application has been submitted by Circle K, but at the request of the petitioner, it has been put on hold.”

The Bucky’s Gas Station proposal, submitted by Richard McMahon, is requesting an annexation, rezoning, preliminary site plan review, consolidation of two lots into one, four special use permits and six variations. Hopkins and Reinke did recuse themselves from the discussion for possible conflicts of interest.

The site is located across from Norwood Lane and on the west side of Illinois Route 59 and is 2.18 acres. Surrounding it is commercial land to the south and east and single-family homes to the north and west.

The special use permits would allow the petitioner to build an automobile service station and a carwash, the ability for outdoor sales and storage as well as the sale of packaged liquor.

Asked to clarify the automobile service station permit by Trustee Michael Camerer, Grill said it would be “just a gas station” which would include 20 pumps. She said there would also be a convenience store and a 2,296 square foot carwash.

A request for traffic lights at the location was also made while the village has negotiated that the petitioner would pay 75 percent of the cost for, which was estimated as a total cost of \$620,545.

Trustee Raymond Deyne said he was in favor of the traffic light but “not satisfied with that” split.

“If we had to do something with this, I’d like to see something more like 90-10 or have them pick up 100 percent of it,” Deyne said. “Why should the village have to pay for this? We’d love to have them come into the village, but by the same token I just really have a problem with this.”

Grill said she would bring that concern to the petitioners.

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya said “it seems like a lot of variations,” but Grill said: “We have granted this before.”

Bryan Mraz, village attorney, said the proposal will need five votes in support meaning with the two recusals the remaining four trustees and Village President Kevin Wallace will need to attend when it comes up for a final vote.

Jeff King, chief operations officer, said “preferably you’d like to have a school somewhere around the 85 percent utilization range,” and the district’s numbers showed the vast majority, 87 percent, of schools are below that standard.

The numbers showed that 47 percent of schools are 66 to 81 percent utilized, 35 percent are 50 to 65 percent utilized and 5 percent are under 50 percent utilized while 13 percent are 82 to 97 percent utilized.

Ward noted those numbers, but King excused the fact that 87 percent, by the district’s own calculation standards, were below that 85 percent range because art, music and special education classrooms weren’t taken into account. Owens claimed dual language and English language learner classrooms could affect those numbers as well.

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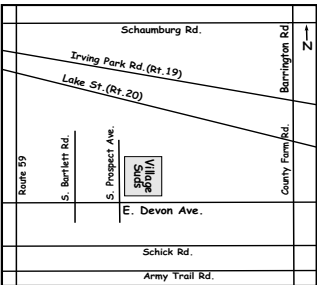
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administration presented the 2018 enrollment numbers which showed a drop of 633 students to 38,572 from 39,205. From 40,487 students in 2014, enrollment dropped 350 students in 2015, 426 in 2016 and 506 in 2017.

U-46 saw enrollment increase in early childhood and private placement programs but a drop of 626 students in elementary schools (no building increasing by more than 40 but six losing over 40) and 147 students in middle schools (one school with more than 40 students, four losing over 40). High school enrollment increased by one student, no school with an increase or decrease of over 40 students.

U-46 Board reviews two curriculum proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School

District U-46 heard two curriculum proposals, in transition math and high

school physical education (PE), for implementation in the 2019-20 school year.

The proposals were presented on Monday, Nov. 5, and the board will vote on them at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Nov. 19.

The transition math proposal includes three new courses (college algebra, quantitative literacy and statistics, technical math) for seniors not considered college or career ready in math at the end of their junior year.

Officials said they are working with Elgin Community College (ECC) and all other feeder school districts into ECC to develop the courses. No estimated price or planned resources were included in the presentation.

Josh Carpenter, assistant superintendent, said the goals of the courses are to "provide students a mathematical foundation for college and careers, reduce math remediation rates and bridge the gap of the fourth year of math for students who often opt out of math their senior year."

Students who complete the courses successfully, receiving a C or better grade, are "guaranteed placement into a credit bearing math course at any Illinois community college," according to Carpenter. Amy Ingente, math coordinator, said some four-year universities, like Eastern Illinois University, will also accept it.

"It isn't new content," Ingente said. "So the experience of the course is going to be new for the students" and will include "bigger problems that are more project-based, problem-based learning instead of just skill acquisition and going through equations."

Ingente said that around 65 percent of U-46 students historically had to take remedial math courses at ECC. The data given in the proposal dated back to 2006 which showed a high of 68.4 percent in 2017 and a low of 60.3 percent in 2015.

The proposal includes ongoing professional development (PD), including for guidance counselors, starting in the summer of 2019. The same PD is planned for the PE proposal.

Board member Sue Kerr asked if other community colleges are developing similar courses for their feeder districts to which Ingente said: "All of the community colleges are working with their feeder high schools to develop these courses."

Prior to the meeting, Kerr asked about current seniors and how many would not meet two of the seven criteria used for determining if a student is ready for college math and the district responded: "About 60 [percent] of students are eligible for a transition math course using these criteria."

The district said current senior math offerings (i.e. pre-calculus, calculus, statistics) "will probably have fewer sections" with the addition of the transition math courses in response to Kerr, and regarding guidance counselors receiving PD: "This regular PD is a newer occurrence and Instructional Council was reinforcing the need for counselors to be well trained in understanding new course offerings."

Board member Melissa Owens said she thought this was a "great step," and she asked before the meeting how many of U-46 students needing remedial math courses in college did not take math as a senior and if other school districts have implemented similar courses.

The district responded "we do not have data" but their "belief is that the large majority of students who did not take the fourth year, would qualify for remedial mathematics." It also called this a "new approach" and "we are presently working with all other area districts to design these

courses."

In response to a question from board member Jeanette Ward regarding resources, U-46 stated: "The resources have not yet been identified. The four high school districts are currently working together to create assessments for the three courses so that we all have a common understanding of the intention and outcomes for each course. Once those assessments are completed, we will consider the selection of resources to best meet our desired outcomes."

The PE proposal would provide eight new courses for freshmen to select including two courses in each: functional fitness, strength and performance, walking for wellness and team sports officiating and coaching.

The total projected cost is \$191,502 (\$58.81 per student estimated) broken down between technology (\$156,305), software and apps (\$12,574), PD (\$10,404), teacher resources (\$8,280) and equipment (\$3,940).

PE teacher Carl Metzke said "we've been offering the same courses for a long time" and "the teachers who came together to do this were really a group of people who wanted to come together to think outside the box."

One of the beliefs in the proposal was "moving away from the emphasis on team games," and board member Phil Costello asked why that was a belief?

Tracey Jakaitis, student wellness coordinator, said: "I would say the number of our students who participate in team sports is decreasing, and it's not necessarily a lifelong fitness and wellness activity. And so we need to move our curriculum to what our students need and I'm sure our PE teachers can tell you the majority of students in physical education do not desire to play volleyball, basketball, badminton and soccer."

Jakaitis added: "I know, it's hard to believe because I love that, but they do not fit. That's just not what kids are wanting to do today."

Costello said he "agreed" that team sports weren't "necessarily a lifelong fitness and wellness activity."

Owens asked about the courses only being offered to freshmen to which Jakaitis said "that was our original proposal" but they will now open it up for others because of interest.

Regarding team sports, Kerr said she "hated field hockey" and "hated gym" when she was in high school, and Jakaitis said current students "aren't excited about it" either and the hope is this creates more interest.

Board member Veronica Noland said she liked the proposal and this will provide "low cost, lifelong activities that these students can do and team sports can be extremely expensive, [for] some of them."



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Special Events

Ho, Ho, Ho...Santa will be sending letters from the North Pole. All mail must arrive at Village Hall no later than Wednesday, Dec. 12. Letters should be dropped off at Santa's mailbox inside of Village Hall beginning Monday, Nov. 19. Santa's letter will be personalized, so make sure that you include what toy you would like, whom you will spend your holiday with and all of the good things you have done this year. Don't forget your address – just so Santa doesn't have to search too hard! You can also write your letter at An Almost Winter Day on Saturday, Nov. 17.

KFN Klub Friday Night Ugly Sweater Holiday Party
Friday, Dec. 14, 7 to 9 p.m.
Fox Meadow School

Fifth and sixth graders wear your ugliest sweater for this themed evening. We will have a DJ playing holiday music. Pre-registration required. Registration deadline is Dec. 7. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents if you register by the deadline. The price increases \$2 after that.

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Fitness

Free Fitness Trials week of Dec. 3

Come in for a free fitness trial for all fitness classes except Zumba Kids. Classes will be held at the regular class time. Here is a class listing: Monday, Zumba Toning at 6:30 p.m. and PiYo at 7:45 p.m.; Tuesday, Zumba at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, LIFT at 9:15 a.m. and Core Kickboxing at 6:15 p.m.; Thursday, Zumba at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Core Kickboxing at 9:15 a.m.; Saturday, Zumba at 9 a.m. All classes are held at the Municipal Annex, 1 W. State St.

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Knit For a Cause

Get involved this holiday season! Students in grades seven to 12 are encouraged to drop by the South Elgin Branch to Knit For a Cause between 4 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Participants will learn to knit warm, cozy hats for the local PADS shelter. No registration is required to attend; just drop by!

School District U-46 STEM Expo Kickoff

Engage with cutting-edge technology and experiment with next-generation science during the School District U-46 STEM Expo Kickoff. All ages can check out live chemistry and physics demonstrations and get inspired by all things "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at this annual event happening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Main Library on Wednesday, Nov. 14 and at the Rakow Branch on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Family Reading Night

Families can drop in and spend quality time reading together during Family Reading Night, a statewide annual event Thursday, Nov. 15. Gail Borden Library will host Family Reading Night at two locations: From 6 to 6:45 p.m. at the South Elgin Branch and

from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Main Library.

Music in the Stacks:
Grateful Gathering

Hear Music in the Stacks: Grateful Gathering at the Rakow Branch from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19. John Duggleby, singer and songwriter, will perform songs of happiness and gratitude for the Thanksgiving season. No registration required – just pack up the family and enjoy the music together!

Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime
Preschoolers will enjoy a Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime at Panera, 369 Randall Road, South Elgin, between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20. A Library team member will share stories with the little ones, followed by a milk and cookie snack—compliments of Panera—and a craft. To register, visit www.gailborden.info/register.

Thanksgiving Hat Party

Decorate silly or traditional hats at our Thanksgiving Hat Party at the South Elgin Branch from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Craft supplies, such as drumsticks, feathers and beads, will be provided by the library. Simply register your child for this creative party at www.gailborden.info/register.

STEAM- Monochromatic Self Portraits

Explore the wonders of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) in a fun, hands-on way! Kids in grades one to five looking to explore Monochromatic Self Portraits at the South Elgin Branch from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 are encouraged to register at www.gailborden.info/register.

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Dist. U-46 Board ratifies variety of proposals

By Seth Hancock

At its meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, the Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved board member Sue Kerr serving as a trustee on the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (ISDLAFP) board. In October, Kerr said she had been asked last year to serve on the eight-person board, which meets four times annually. She added that she needed a resolution by the U-46 board approved in order to serve. U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said he and Donna Smith, the board’s president, chose Kerr for the spot on their own, without a board discussion, because she “typically has time to do maybe more daytime meetings.” Sanders said he was asked by the Illinois Association

tion of School Boards for a candidate. The ISDLAFP has about 600 member school districts according to Kerr, and it was created “to help school districts invest sort of together.” Board member Jeanette Ward said that Kerr “agreed that she would update us concerning this periodically and also would let us know if she ever had to vote on anything.” Ward asked prior to the meeting if Kerr would do that, and Kerr responded that she “would be happy to provide updates and seek input from the board” and added that a “couple of things they do for school districts is provide general financial information (potential interest rate increases, market outlook, etc.).... They also hold quarterly seminars for superintend-

ents and school business officials on school finance related issues.” Also approved unanimously was a natural gas procurement proposal to secure prices for a 48-month contract with either the district’s current provider since 2014 CenterPoint Energy or Constellation New Energy/Exelon. No official prices were set at the time of the vote but it will likely cost about \$3 million over the four years and will be paid for out of the operations and maintenance fund. The current contract with Center-

Point expires in March 2019, but U-46 sought this approval now to secure lower prices. The provider that offers the lowest price will be chosen. Currently, U-46 is “paying \$0.335 per therm” according to the proposal for an annual cost of \$871,670, but the “current, conservative rates are around \$0.29 per therm” for an annual cost of \$754,580. That would equate to \$117,000 less per year or a 13.4 percent decrease in costs. The board also voted 7-0 to approve \$12.8 million in itemized bills.

Storm girls hoops looking to hustle its way to success

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team hopes to make an impact in the newly aligned Upstate Eight Conference as the Storm prepares for the 2018-19 campaign. Last year, the Storm went 13-15 overall, 5-5 in the UEC Valley Division. The UEC now has 10 teams and no divisions with the new alignment including the addition of Glenbard South which finished third in the Class 3A at state last year. “Conference, we want to compete for another championship like we did two years ago,” said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. “There are some tough games, but we have the talent to make a run.” The Storm returns some solid talent led by junior guard Megan McClure who was all-conference last year after averaging 13 points, six rebounds and four assists per game. Some other key returners are senior guard Casey Bren-

nan (all-conference honorable mention) and senior forward Miah Galvin. Over the summer, South Elgin went 21-0 with contributions from a pair of freshmen guards, Caroline Croft and Ella Winterhalder. “Right now, it’s just about preparing to win, practice to win, expect to win and win every day in practice,” Mandernack said. “We want to out-hustle everyone, every game. We want to win the hustle chart, which is our goal right now in practice.” Mandernack said the key to success will be senior leadership and his freshmen learning to play at the varsity speed. He said his team should be strong defensively with athleticism and speed, and they should be able to shoot well behind the arc led by McClure and Winterhalder. The Storm opens the season at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament starting with Dundee-Crown on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

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Illinois dropped from the fifth to the sixth most populated state after 2017. The decline in population could continue according to a 2018 poll by the University of Illinois-Springfield and NPR Illinois showing 53 percent of residents are considering moving from the state, 63 percent of ages 18 to 34, with the top “primary reason” being high taxes. “We are set to lose two legislative seats (in the U.S. House of Representatives) in the 2020 census because the population of Illinois is dropping so dramatically, and that’s not projected to get fixed,” Ward said. “Are we losing two seats here?” Owens asked. Ward responded: “Two seats in the state of Illinois.” Owens said “we’re only concerned with here,” which Ward replied: “The population is dropping. Overall, it’s dropping. You can’t argue with that.” “I’m not arguing with that, but I’m only concerned about the population here and what our taxes support here,” Owens said. Ward said: “The population here is dropping. Our enrollment is dropping. Our numbers show that.” “Sure, but it’s not dropping across the entire district,” Owens said. “Enrollment is increasing in some of our schools, and we’re going to have to address that. We’re also going to have to address the fact that we have schools that were built in the 1890s.” The back-and-forth continued for a few more minutes, Ward eventually

saying “well, we’ll redraw boundary lines” if needed but Owens saying capital projects need addressing now on current buildings. The vote came on the same night the administration presented the 2018 enrollment numbers which showed a drop of 633 students to 38,572 from 39,205. From 40,487 students in 2014, enrollment dropped 350 students in 2015, 426 in 2016 and 506 in 2017. U-46 saw enrollment increase in early childhood and private placement programs but a drop of 626 students in elementary schools (no building increasing by more than 40 but six losing over 40) and 147 students in middle schools (one school with more than 40 students, four losing over 40). High school enrollment increased by one student, no school with an increase or decrease of over 40 students. Jeff King, chief operations officer, said “preferably you’d like to have a school somewhere around the 85 percent utilization range,” and the district’s numbers showed the vast majority, 87 percent, of schools are below that standard. The numbers showed that 47 percent of schools are 66 to 81 percent utilized, 35 percent are 50 to 65 percent utilized and 5 percent are under 50 percent utilized while 13 percent are 82 to 97 percent utilized. Ward noted those numbers, but King excused the fact that 87 percent, by the district’s own calculation standards, were below that 85 percent range because art, music and special education classrooms weren’t taken into account. Owens claimed dual language and English language learner classrooms could affect those numbers as well.

North football rolls on with 21-10 win over Tigers

The North football team kept its post-season train chugging advancing to the program’s first semifinal appearance. In both team’s regular season finale, No. 14 Wheaton Warrenville South used a second half rally to defeat the No. 22 North Stars 13-11. In the quarterfinal rematch, North had the finishing touches in a 21-10 victory on Saturday, Nov. 10 in Wheaton. Holding just a 14-10 lead, North put on the finishing touches in the fourth quarter when quarterback Kyler Brown (9-for-17, 131 yards) found Tyler Nubin (five receptions, 96 yards) for a 32-yard touchdown pass, their second TD of the game, with about nine minutes left. With about five minutes left, Egon Hein had an interception deep in North’s territory to end the host’s attempted rally. Wheaton Warrenville South led 7-0 early in the first quarter but late in the frame Brown threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Nubin to tie the game.

North took the lead for good in the second when Nick DeMarco (31 carries, 138 yards) ran 33 yards to the end zone for a 14-7 lead. “We’ve been talking about getting in that elite category in the state all year, and we did that,” Nubin said. “We made the history books.” John Williams had an interception deep in North’s own territory late in the first half helping to preserve a 14-7 halftime lead. Luke Barresi was 3-for-3 on extra point kicks. Nubin finished with 77 rushing yards on 11 carries, and Alec Kritta had four receptions for 35 yards. The North Stars finished with a 338-150 advantage in total yards. “The goal of our program is to give kids experiences that they’ll never forget,” said North coach Rob Pomazak. “I certainly think that these young men have earned it.” North is now 9-3 overall and will host No. 7 Mt. Carmel (11-1) in the semifinals.

Tidbits

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handicapped accessible. People who have difficulty or the inability to use stairs can use the elevator at the facility. For help in using the elevator, call 847-931-0563. For further information, visit cumcsouthelgin.com, email cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net, or call 847-931-0563. Hosanna! Lutheran Church Community Care Center Food Pantry has been serving area families in need for several years. Stocked by generous donations from parishioners, scout troops, businesses and others; the Pantry is open on the first and third Monday of the month from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. and the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo ID is required in order to receive two prepackaged bags of food once a month. For more information please contact the church office at 630-584-6434, email to Welcome@HosannaChurch.com or visit the website at www.HosannaChurch.com and follow Hosanna! On Instagram and Facebook (search HosannaChurchLCMC). Hosanna! Is located at 36W925 Red Gate Road (entrance just east of Randall Road) in St. Charles. The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of church, which is open for drop-offs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9

a.m. to noon or Monday through Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fox Valley Wildlife Center in Elburn, a wildlife hospital serving the needs of orphaned, injured, and sick wildlife from Kane county and surrounding areas, receives almost 2,500 animals per year! Donations of supplies are always appreciated. A current wish list of needed items can be found on the center’s website at fvwc.org. Items can be dropped off at the center, located at 45W061 Illinois Route 38, Elburn, approximately one mile west of Illinois Route 47 inside the Elburn Forest Preserve. The center is currently operating on winter hours of 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. every day. You can reach the Fox Valley Wildlife Center at 630-365-3800 or contact@fvwc.org. Seated exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, on Wednesdays for fun and great exercise! From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Free and open to all in the community. Anderson Animal Shelter is happy to offer the opportunity for children and teens to engage in service learning off-site. This convenient option gives students the ability to create and execute their own service project all while truly making a difference in the lives of animals. Some service project ideas include creating your own fundraising project, collecting items from the shelter’s wish list, making cat or dog toys, shredding newspapers and making blankets. For more information call 847-697-2880 or visit www.andersonanimalshelter.org. Line dancing at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at noon. Open to all and free. No registration required.

Hawks seeking another successful campaign



Justina Hernandez posting up on Marina Vasquez prior to executing a short jump shot.



Danielle Hedeon eyeing the basket as she moves in for a layup attempt as Teagan Noesen pursued the effort.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team hopes for another strong year as the Hawks prepare for the 2018-19 season. The Hawks finished 19-11 overall last year and won the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division crown with a 10-0 mark. This year, the UEC has been realigned with now 10 total teams and no divisions. “We want to contend for another conference championship and make a run in the postseason,” said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. Bartlett will have some big shoes to fill with the loss of Kayla Hare to graduation last year. Hare set the program’s record in steals (410) and three-pointers (205) and finishing third all-time in scoring (1,510 points). Still, the Hawks have plenty of talent returning including a pair of all-conference recipients in senior forward Teagan Noesen (six points per game) and sophomore guard Lexie Sinclair (12 points per game). Some other key returners include guards senior Sa-

vannah Standefer, junior Shelly Banks and sophomore Justina Hernandez. After competing in summer league play, Hunt said: “Overall, I’m really pleased with my group of girls. You can’t replace a kid like Kayla, but the nice thing is we have Lexie and Teagan back, both all-conference players, and the whole team has been stepping up this summer.” Hare’s sister, freshman guard Mackenzie Hare, joins the team and is expected to contribute, and another underclassmen is expected to be a valuable newcomer in sophomore guard Dani Hedeon. To be successful this year, Hunt said the key is “to hold our composure and rebound. We are small, so we need to focus on team defense and rebounding.” Hunt said his team’s strengths will be “shooting and overall quickness.” Bartlett opens the season at the Benet Academy/Naperville Central Tip-Off Tournament starting with Homewood-Flossmoor on Friday, Nov. 16 at Naperville Central.



After picking up a loose ball created by a press near center court, Alexis Sinclair drove toward the hoop during the Hawks season-opening scrimmage on Friday, Nov. 9.



Savannah Standefer bringing the ball across the top of the key as Mackenzie Hare defends on the play..

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Failure to yield results in rollover collision



Accident at the intersection of Illinois Route 59 and Army Trail Road.
(Examiner photo)

By Joe Hyland
A two-vehicle accident occurred on Monday, Nov. 12 at approximately 1 p.m. at the intersection of Illinois Route 59 and Army Trail Road. Units from both the Bartlett Fire Department and the Bartlett Police Department responded.
“There were two vehicles involved: A 2003 Infiniti JX35 and a 2006 Chevrolet

Express,” said Deputy Police Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis via email. “The Infiniti vehicle was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 59 at the intersection of Army Trail Road when the female driver failed to yield turning left in front of the Chevrolet Express traveling northbound on Illinois Route 59.”
Pretkelis said that the impact of the crash had been severe enough to cause

the Infiniti to flip over onto its roof.
As the report on the incident is not yet complete, Pretkelis was not yet able to release the names of those involved or whether citations were issued.
Bartlett Fire Department units also responded.
“I was at that scene as well,” Chief Mike Falese said, noting that he had arrived moments after the police.
Falese reported that no one was seri-

ously injured.
“The two male patients in the van were not transported,” Falese said. “The 78-year-old female in the vehicle that was upside down was transported with non life threatening injuries.”
The female subject was transported to St. Alexius in Hoffman Estates.
“There was extrication involved in getting the lady out of the car,” Falese added.

Hawks represented on all-UEC volleyball team

By Seth Hancock
The Bartlett volleyball team completed its best season in some time this year finishing 19-14 overall, 6-3 in the Upstate Eight Conference.
Leading the way were three all-conference selections in seniors Ava Anagnostopoulos and Samantha Martino as well as freshman Madison Hankins.
Anagnostopoulos had 75 kills overall and 32 in the UEC (.312 kill efficiency in conference), 55 digs overall, eight total blocks and four in conference and a 2.03 serve-receive average overall and 2.14 in the UEC.
“Ava is a player who during her junior year made the commitment to nothing but volleyball, and her stats in conference play definitely show it.... Just knowing that I could move her from right-side to outside without skipping a beat was very reassuring. Ava’s back-row play was also solid as well. Having her and [Martino] back there at the same time meant our setters were almost always going to get a pass they could work with,” said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz.
Martino finished with 222 digs (61 in the UEC), 44 assists (19 UEC) and 26 aces (seven UEC). She had a 2.07 serve-receive average, 1.97 in the UEC.
“Sam was our most consistent player in the back-row this season,”

Schwantz said. “I always tell our passers that anything over a 2.0 serve receive is solid, and she went out and accomplished her goal of going over 2.0 in conference play. Sam always seemed to be near the ball on defense as well.... Her ability to always shake off the previous point helped to calm not only herself down, but her teammates as well. Her leadership and guidance will certainly be missed next season.”
Hankins finished the season with 219 assists, 130 kills (.190 kill efficiency), 130 digs, 24 aces and 10 blocks. In the UEC she had 71 assists, 40 kills (.210 kill efficiency), 40 digs and nine aces.
“Everything from her setting to her hitting and defense was always something to witness,” Schwantz said. “I even heard from opposing coaches how their girls were just in awe of her play. The fact she was the only freshman to make it to the all-conference team means we have something to build around for the future. Maddie’s ceiling is extremely high, and I’m very excited to see the player she will become for us moving forward.”
Bartlett also had three all-conference honorable mentions in senior Emily Baggot and juniors Isabella Diaz and Dakota Johnson.
The Hawks will also lose seniors Alexa Mogan, Anna Monson, Morgan Myers and Lily Plebanski.

Discussions continue on future of Wayne parcel

By Joe Hyland
The issue of what to do with the land that was formerly occupied by the now-departed tennis courts has become something of a bone of contention over the last couple of Wayne Village Board meetings.
Trustee Kate O’Rourke conducted an on-line survey of village residents regarding what they wanted to do with the land. She reported that 254 people had responded, and that the majority wanted some kind of development for active use such as a gazebo or park.
Several trustees pointed out that the land has drainage issues and frequently has standing water, which would limit its type of use.
“I think the water issue is something that should be really considered,” said Village President Eileen Phipps.
“It’s problematic through the whole area,” Trustee Rob Reed added.
Trustee Ann Tigges seemed to suggest that the issue shouldn’t be rushed.
“I don’t understand why we’re forcing something on this,” Tigges said.
Phipps said that any development on the property needed to have support from residents.
“If people aren’t going to use it, then

what have we accomplished besides spend the money?” Phipps asked.
Village Treasurer Howard Levine suggested that the Park Commission needed to be the ones to develop a plan.
“They should take these comments into their consideration, and come up with a plan,” Levine said.
Trustee Mike Anastasio agreed.
“I’d like to see a proposal and a plan if there is an interest,” Anastasio.
Trustee Pete Connolly reminded trustees that this had already been done once.
“The Park Commission actually did come up with a plan for a playground,” Connolly said.
The plan had been presented by Connolly at the board’s April 17, 2017 meeting, and had been turned down. He suggested that is why the commission is looking for direction from the board.
“The starting point has to be what can be done,” Connolly said.
Connolly suggested that O’Rourke work with Village Engineer Dan Lynch to determine what needed to be done to make the property usable in the first place. Lynch said he would be happy to work with O’Rourke.

Storm’s Reutimann named to all-UEC soccer squad

By Seth Hancock
A young South Elgin soccer team finished with one all-conference recipient in the Upstate Eight Conference in junior Lucas Reutimann.
Reutimann finished the season with four goals and seven assists. He was willing to play any spot for South Elgin coach Simon Brinklow who said that Reutimann filled a need in the back this year.
“Lucas can play any position,” Brinklow said. “We would have liked to play him further forward this season but needed him at center defense. He is athletic, coachable and worked very hard for the team this season.”
The Storm did have some struggles this year after winning their season

opener. South Elgin wouldn’t earn another win until its regular season finale and it added another victory in postseason play to end 3-14-2 overall, 1-8 in the UEC.
This year’s squad did earn some experience this year, and Reutimann will be looked to for leadership next year.
“We had a young team this year,” Brinklow said. “As a senior next year, we expect big things from Lucas. Players look up to him, we expect him to be a leader and have a great senior year.”
South Elgin will lose five seniors: Nicklaus Harris, Jackson Lamb, Jack McCall, Zack Rys and Jacob Zupan. The Storm did have eight juniors and nine underclassmen.

Village church takes part in national bell-ringing event



Bell-ringing guests at Immanuel Evangelical Church. (Courtesy photo)

Sunday, Nov. 11 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1918, on Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., Bartlett’s Immanuel Evangelical Church rang out the town’s only church bell to announce the end of the fighting.
Bartlett historian, Pam Rohleder, was hoping to hear the same bell this year at 11 a.m. as part of the all-village and national bell ringing campaign. However, the current minister of the church, Rev. Susan Tyrrel, informed Rohleder it would not ring as the 609 pound bronze bell, installed by the

Ladies Aid in 1893, was inoperable and in need of maintenance.
Not to be “out-rung” church member and Bartlett resident Jacqueline Ellsworth encouraged church members and friends to meet after worship at 11 a.m. to ring a bell in front of the church to participate in the historic event. Many hand bells honored the event in front of Immanuel United Church of Christ’s red doors, on the corner of North and Western avenues, with a collective bell ringing at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Police Reports

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the 3400 block of Dover for a report of shots fired.

- ★ At 7:32 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Misty for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 7:43 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of Sundown for a report of mischievous conduct.
- ★ At 8 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Mayfair for a report of mischievous conduct.
- ★ At 9:58 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Waterside for a report

of harassment.

- ★ At 10:07 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Prairie for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 11:53 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Valley Forge for a report of a suspicious person.

Thursday, Nov. 1

- ★ At 4:12 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Windsor for a report of burglary to a motor vehicle.
- ★ At 10:35 a.m., police responded to South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., for a report of criminal damage to property.

Storm well represented on all-UEC squad

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team finished the season 6-4 overall, 6-3 in the Upstate Eight Conference, with the program's fifth postseason appearance under new coach Dragan Teonic. Leading the way were eight all-conference recipients including three seniors, four juniors and a sophomore.

The Storm's senior recipients included Patrick Noworol (wide receiver/defensive back), Alex Ojomo (defensive lineman) and Azzavier Salinas (quarterback/defensive back).

Salinas led a Storm offense that scored 36.3 points per game making the transition from wide receiver to quarterback as he went 72-for-130 with 1,009 passing yards and 12 touchdown passes, and he added 502 rushing yards on 106 carries with 10 TD runs. Defensively he had 20 tackles, two interceptions and a knocked down pass.

Noworol had 24 carries for 209 yards and three rushing touchdowns and 23 receptions for 338 yards and four TD catches on offense.

Defensively, Noworol and Ojomo helped the Storm produce four straight shutouts to start the year and allowing 15.5 points per game for the season. Noworol had 90 tackles, two interceptions, two knocked down passes and a defensive score while Ojomo had 68 tackles, 11 hurries, six sacks and a forced fumble.

On the senior class, Teonic said: "This senior group did not have to accept me, but I am forever grateful to their commitment, work ethic and discipline that they displayed this year. Because of their willingness to be unselfish and, at the same time lead, we were able to give them a senior season that they can remember and a path for

the program that is heading in the right direction. Four shutouts, six running clocks and a playoff berth are all signs that point to the leadership of this small, but committed group."

Junior Keyshawn Smith was the UEC co-special teams player of the year with four blocked punts, a blocked extra point and a touchdown and on the defensive line he had 58 tackles, 13 hurries, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

Also making all-conference were juniors Dylan Bernal (defensive lineman), Vince Clinite (linebacker) and Shiking Marshall (wide receiver/defensive back) as well as sophomore Michael Roath (offensive lineman).

Marshall had 344 total yards (262 receiving, 82 rushing) and six touchdowns (three receptions, three carries) on offense and on defense he had 60 tackles, eight knocked down passes, three interceptions and a defensive TD.

Clinite had 100 tackles, five hurries, three knocked down passes, two sacks, an interception and a forced fumble. Bernal had 53 tackles, seven sacks and four hurries.

"I'm genuinely excited about the direction of our program," Teonic said. "These young guys have bought in to the work ethic and commitment it will take to continue improving and growing, and the seniors have done a great job of showcasing that for these kids. We have the vast majority of our production back next year including five all-conference players and a special teams player of the year, along with a solid sophomore class and a great freshmen group. If they continue to work hard and put in a great offseason, we should be competitive in every game next year."

- ★ At 12:27 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Oakwood for a report of theft.
- ★ At 1:26 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fieldcrest for a report of a domestic.
- ★ At 1:41 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fairview for a report of harassment by telephone.
- ★ At 2:44 p.m., police responded to Custom Aluminum, 414 Division, for a report of a suspicious person.
- ★ At 3:40 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Pine for a request to assist fire department personnel.
- ★ At 5:02 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fieldcrest for a keep the peace request.
- ★ At 5:35 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Windsor for a report of an inside gas leak.
- ★ At 8:02 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Richmond for a report of a suspicious incident.
- ★ At 8:05 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Harvest for a report of a domestic in progress.

Friday, Nov. 2

- ★ At 1:05 a.m., police responded to First Priority Restoration, 301 Woodbury, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 7:09 a.m., police responded to Kenyon Woods Middle School, 1515 Raymond, for a 911 investigation.
- ★ At 8:36 a.m., police responded to the Springs at South Elgin, 350 Gyor Ave., for a report of a disturbance.
- ★ At 8:36 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Fairfax for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 8:55 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Hickory for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 9:50 a.m., police responded to

the 600 block of Cole for a report of an activated alarm.

- ★ At 11:41 a.m., police responded to the Springs at South Elgin, 350 Gyor Ave., for a threats complaint.
- ★ At 2:47 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Harvest for a keep the peace request.
- ★ At 5:50 p.m., police responded to Blackhawk Park, 1479 Blackhawk Circle, for a report of a fight.
- ★ At 8:26 p.m., at the Police Department, officers took a keep the peace request.

Saturday, Nov. 3

- ★ At 12:17 a.m., police responded to Dotty's, 604 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 12:32 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fieldcrest for a report of a domestic.
- ★ At 12:39 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Glenwood for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 1:15 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Longbow for a report of a suspicious noise.
- ★ At 1:56 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fieldcrest for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 6:40 a.m., police responded to Meineke Econolube Car Care Center, 376 Sundown Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 12:41 p.m., police responded to Haumiller Engineering Co., 370 Joseph Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 5:30 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Stearns and Randall roads for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.
- ★ At 5:30 p.m., police responded to the 2000 block of Lily Pond for a report of a domestic in progress.

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burden in the country? Check.

Worst-funded public pension systems in the United States? Check.

Annual budget deficits? Billions of dollars in unpaid bills? An outmigration crisis? Check, check and check.

A bipartisan legislative path to keep this new all-blue administration in check? Not so much.

Now a state government charged with addressing Illinois' too-numerous-to-name fiscal woes lacks a diversity of much-needed ideas and perspective on how to solve said problems.

After four years of Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner clashing with Democratic majorities in the state legislature over his so-called Turnaround Agenda, voters apparently wanted less conflict and more ... well, more of the same failed policies that got us here to begin with?

Billionaire Hyatt Hotel heir J.B. Pritzker beat multi-millionaire Rauner by more than 600,000 votes, turning the expected blue wave midterm election into a tsunami in Illinois. Upon his win on Tuesday night, Forbes magazine identified Pritzker as the wealthiest politician in the country – surpassing the fortune of President Donald Trump.

Pritzker's win gives Democrats control of both chambers of the General Assembly and the governor's chair, the same type of single-party rule that existed under failed former Democrat governors Rod Blagojevich and Pat Quinn. How exactly did that work out for Illinoisans?

Man, Illinois voters have short memories – or don't have a grasp of the long-term cost of burdensome debt and excessive taxes.

If Pritzker's win wasn't enough, Democrats also gained seats in the state Senate and the House, where longtime

Speaker Michael Madigan now holds a supermajority alongside Senate President John Cullerton.

Democrats also won the other statewide races on the ballot by wide margins – attorney general (Kwame Raoul), secretary of state (Jesse White), treasurer (Michael Frerichs) and comptroller (Susana Mendoza).

That means the Democrats hold a monopoly on the policy ideas required to address Illinois' fiscal mess.

If you've been around here long enough, you've heard this broken record playing over and over:

More tax hikes.

More casino gambling.

More video poker.

More kowtowing to public employee unions.

More government expansion.

More of the same.

And, probably, legalized recreational marijuana.

Love him or hate him, Rauner at least brought some different ideas to the top of state government. His ideas included spending reforms as well as reforms to grow jobs and the economy, which in turn could have led to state revenue growth without the crippling tax hikes that have sent tens of thousands of former Illinoisans across the border to seek prosperity elsewhere.

Speaker Madigan and other Dem leaders were barely willing to discuss Rauner's ideas, let alone compromise on them.

The 2018 midterm just ended but it feels like 2014 all over again. If that memory faded, that was when Quinn, Madigan and the one-party oligarchy were discussing ideas about how to solve the state's fiscal woes.

What was on the table back then? Oh yeah, a progressive tax.

With respect to Yogi Berra, it's deja vu all over again.

Dan McCaleb
Editor of Illinois News Network

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★ At 6:29 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Conway for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 8:20 p.m., police responded to CVS Pharmacy, 255 N. McLean Blvd., for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 10:27 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Gilbert for a report of a suspicious incident.

Sunday, Nov. 4

★ At 7:34 a.m., police responded to Vapor Werks, 336 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 1 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Kane for a fraud complaint.

★ At 2:26 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fieldcrest for a keep the peace request.

★ At 3:23 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Wedgewood for a report of a domestic.

★ At 7:07 p.m., police responded to Wise Guys Pizza, 325 E. State for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

★ At 7:34 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of East Lynn for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 9:50 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Paine for a report of carbon monoxide.

★ At 10:17 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Prairie for a report of a domestic in progress.

Monday, Nov. 5

★ At 7:57 a.m., police responded to Stanley's Ale House, 335 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:33 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of a disturbance.

★ At 8:33 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of West Harvard for a report of a hit and run.

★ At 8:40 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Lilac for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 2:38 p.m., police responded to Tracy's Bistro, 341 N. McLean Blvd., for a report of indecent exposure.

★ At 3:28 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Wedgewood for a report of theft.

★ At 3:40 p.m., police responded to Vision Works., 384 Randall Road, for a miscellaneous investigation.

★ At 7:25 p.m., police responded to the 2000 block of Lily Pond for a keep the peace request.

★ At 11:59 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Warwick for a report of

a domestic in progress.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

★ At 12:31 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Quarry for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 3:29 a.m., police responded to the 500 South East for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 9:38 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Ione and West Spring for a report of mischievous conduct.

★ At 1:51 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Bowes for a fraud complaint.

★ At 2:11 p.m., police responded to Kenyon Woods Middle School, 1515 Raymond, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 2:13 p.m., police responded to the South Elgin Fire Department Station 22, 2055 McDonald Road, for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 8:39 p.m., police responded to Animal Care Clinic and Pet Rescue, 477 Briargate Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:42 p.m., police responded to Taco Bell, 490 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

STREAMWOOD

Friday, Nov. 2

★ At 1 a.m., Keith B. Wehnert, 60, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 1:17 a.m., Noah N. Colon, 22, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, and obstructed driver. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:30 p.m., Freddy Flores-An-

icua, 22, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:38 p.m., Sergio R. Chavez, 21, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, obstructed windshield and an outstanding warrant. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, Nov. 3

★ At 8:12 a.m., Justin M. Price, 28, Elgin, was arrested and charged with felony forgery, obstruction identification, fleeing or attempting to flee police, improve overt left in same direction and an outstanding warrant.

Monday, Nov. 5

★ At 6:36 p.m., Kishan Helmant Trivedi, 21, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 9:11 p.m., George S. Azo, 30, Chicago, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

WAYNE

Friday, Nov. 2

★ At 9:45 a.m., police responded to the 33W block of Brewster Creek for a report of a suspicious person. The officer located the subject, who turned out to be part of a team surveying a neighboring property.

★ At 11:07 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Stearns and Dunham

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Hawks' Reyes named to all-conference soccer team

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team had a roller-coaster season at times going 7-11-5 overall, 2-4-3 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

The Hawks finished the season strong going undefeated in eight of its last 11 games. One of their most consistent players was senior forward Rudy Reyes.

Reyes finished the season with 12 goals and two assists which helped him earn a spot on the UEC's all-conference list.

"Through his play, Rudy is best defined as a difference maker," said Bartlett assistant coach Vince Revak. "There were countless times where he looked to be in an inescapable situation against three defenders, only to come out of a mix with the ball. When he was playing aggressively, it seemed like no one could stop him on the wing."

Revak added: "He always had an eye for a goal, and he became an expert at cutting the ball into the center on his

favorite left foot and firing home a shot from 20 to 25 yards out. He will be a very difficult player to replace in the future."

Bartlett's roster was made up of mostly juniors who are expected to return next year, and Revak said there's plenty those players can learn from Reyes.

"Rudy was always a very quiet player but led by example," Revak said. "He was always the most fit out of the entire team, and he never turned down an opportunity to play. Younger players should focus on Rudy's dedication and passion because that is an element of a player that cannot be taught. Rudy will be missed by us here at Bartlett, but he will be happily welcomed into his next team and will make an immediate impact."

Also graduating from Bartlett are seniors Matthew Tobin, Austin Cichon, Omar Chavez, Brandon Palid, Tyler Serpico, Kevin Nava, Andres Noguera and Carlos Alfaro.

Storm girls hoops looking to hustle its way to success

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team hopes to make an impact in the newly aligned Upstate Eight Conference as the Storm prepares for the 2018-19 campaign.

Last year, the Storm went 13-15 overall, 5-5 in the UEC Valley Division. The UEC now has 10 teams and no divisions with the new alignment including the addition of Glenbard South which finished third in the Class 3A at state last year.

"Conference, we want to compete for another championship like we did two years ago," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "There are some tough games, but we have the talent to make a run."

The Storm returns some solid talent led by junior guard Megan McClure who was all-conference last year after averaging 13 points, six rebounds and four assists per game. Some other key returners are senior guard Casey Bren-

nan (all-conference honorable mention) and senior forward Miah Galvin.




Over the summer, South Elgin went 21-0 with contributions from a pair of freshmen guards, Caroline Croft and Ella Winterhalder.

"Right now, it's just about preparing to win, practice to win, expect to win and win every day in practice," Mandernack said. "We want to out-hustle everyone, every game. We want to win the hustle chart, which is our goal right now in practice."



Mandernack said the key to success will be senior leadership and his freshmen learning to play at the varsity speed. He said his team should be strong defensively with athleticism and speed, and they should be able to shoot well behind the arc led by McClure and Winterhalder.

The Storm opens the season at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament starting with Dundee-Crown on Wednesday, Nov. 14.


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Village Board discusses roadwork concerns

By Seth Hancock

Weather will likely delay roadwork in the village according to Dan Dinges, public works director, who updated the Board of Trustees at its meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya expressed safety concerns about the intersection of Illinois Route 59 and Stearns Road where road work is taking place. She said she personally saw dangerous conditions there already which could get worse with the first forecasted snowfall occurring that week.

“Unfortunately, they’re not going to get done with that project this year,” Dinges said. “They’re hoping to continue to work as long as the weather permits, but they will be back next summer.... It sounds like it’ll be most of the summer next year probably as well.”

Dinges added: “What they’ll do is

once the weather gets to a point where it’s not worth them continuing trying to work, they’ll shut things down, get it to the best that they can, open it up as much as they can and let it get through the winter and as soon as the weather breaks they’ll be back out in the spring to continue working on that intersection.”

Gabrenya said her concern was with a drop off created by the roadwork when traveling westbound on Stearns Road. “My question has to do with snow removal, what happens?” she asked.

Dinges said right now there is work to fill in those drop offs.

“With the weather the way it is, who knows what you’re going to get,” Dinges said. “So they’re trying to get as much as they can. They just poured some concrete not too long ago. Every day that has an opportunity, they’re

trying to make as much as they can out of that and try to get things filled so they can get through the winter.”

Another traffic issue was raised by Trustee Vince Carbonaro about flashing traffic lights downtown.

“The idea is to try to get more traffic downtown, and I don’t think we’re

going to get that with the current situation,” Carbonaro said.

Carbonaro asked the village to reach out to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to send a representative to a board meeting. Paula Schumacher, village administrator, said she would contact the ICC.

Bartlett football lands eight on all-conference squad

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team wrapped up a successful 2018 season in more ways than one.

The Hawks, who ended 7-3 overall and 7-2 in the Upstate Eight Conference, made their first postseason appearance since 2015 under their first-year coach Matt Erlenbaugh, and they played their first full home schedule on their own campus. Bartlett also snapped a five-game losing streak to rival South Elgin in a wild 30-25 win that included three lead changes in the final 3:21 of play.

To top it off, Bartlett had plenty of talent including eight all-conference recipients.

“The coaches really helped us out a lot this season, and it was really our entire program with a couple of leaders on the team like myself, Nick Deckard, Jonah O’Brien and Jason Schuberth before he got injured,” said senior linebacker Spencer Konstanzer. “It was just us coming together. That was really it.”

Konstanzer led the Hawks defense this year finishing with 73 tackles (12 for a loss), eight sacks, three fumble recoveries and a forced fumble. He was one of five defenders to make the all-conference list after Bartlett al-

lowed 17.6 points per game with a pair of shutouts and three more games allowing single-digit scoring, including a two-point game.

Juniors Tony DeRosa (outside linebacker) and Jake Weihe (defensive end) as well as sophomores Brenden Gran (linebacker) and Alec Palella (linebacker/tight end) also made the list on defense.

Senior quarterback Jonah O’Brien, a transfer from Wisconsin, led a Hawks offense that averaged 30.2 points a game as he made the list. He was 109-for-190 with 1,757 passing yards and 18 touchdown passes, and he added four rushing TDs. One of his top targets, junior Matt Young, also made all-conference.

“It feels awesome,” O’Brien said. “It feels good to be where we used to be, getting the program back on track.”

Senior running back Nick Deckard was a workhorse this year and also made the all-conference list. He had 1,305 rushing yards on 214 carries with 16 touchdowns.

“When you have a guy like Nick Deckard back there, why wouldn’t you give him the ball? He’s such a tough runner, and he’s so hard to take down,” Erlenbaugh said.

South Elgin volleyball places four on all-UEC squad

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team completed its second record-setting season this year.

Last year, the Storm set a program record for wins at 26-8 overall and they eclipsed that this year with a 27-10 season. In the Upstate Eight Conference, South Elgin went 8-1 and was in the conference race up until its final match.

Leading the way were four of the team’s eight seniors who earned all-conference honors including Hayley Fisher (outside hitter), McKayla Geraghty (outside hitter), Kendall Richardson (setter) and Anna Skrzypchak (setter).

Fisher and Geraghty were four-year starters, Geraghty moving from libero to outside hitter this year. Fisher led the Storm in kills (261) and aces (52) while adding 247 digs and 20 blocks and Geraghty finished with 232 digs, 84 kills and 29 aces.

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to our program best 27 wins. This year, McKayla was a six-rotation player because we needed her to be an outside hitter. McKayla was very excited for the opportunity to play front row, and her ability to see the court and make smart shots was one of the reasons we were so successful this year.”

Skrzypchak led South Elgin in assists (373) and added 154 digs and 14 aces. Richardson finished with 358 assists, 149 digs, 61 kills, 47 aces and 15 blocks.

“She is one of the hardest working players to come through South Elgin,” Plach said of Skrzypchak. “She comes from a family of volleyball players and is very determined to play her best all the time. I don’t remember her having a bad game. Anna was the most consistent server on our team and was able to make the right choice on who to set when we needed a kill.”

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County Health Dept. recommends obtaining annual flu inoculations

Influenza (flu) season in Illinois typically starts in the fall, and the DuPage County Health Department is recommending that everyone six months and older be vaccinated against influenza. The Health Department suggests that residents check with their physician’s office or local pharmacy for the availability of flu vaccine.

The single most effective way to prevent getting the flu is an annual flu shot. Influenza is a serious illness and can be fatal. Even healthy people get the flu each year, so it’s important for everyone to be vaccinated. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.

Flu season can last as late as May. Flu causes millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and thousands or sometimes tens of thousands of deaths.

Flu hit children hard last season with 183 lab-confirmed influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported nationally. Approximately 80 percent of these deaths occurred in children who had not received a flu vaccination.

In addition to getting a flu shot, the health department recommends following the 3 Cs:

- Clean: Frequently wash hands with soap and warm water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash hands.
- Contain germs by staying home if sick except to get medical care or for other necessities.

Influenza antiviral drugs can be a

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Hayley Fisher delivering the match-winning point for the Storm against Bartlett in regional action this year.

Storm's Reutimann named to all-UEC soccer squad

By Seth Hancock

A young South Elgin soccer team finished with one all-conference recipient in the Upstate Eight Conference in junior Lucas Reutimann.

Reutimann finished the season with four goals and seven assists. He was willing to play any spot for South Elgin coach Simon Brinklow who said that Reutimann filled a need in the back this year.

"Lucas can play any position," Brinklow said. "We would have liked to play him further forward this season but needed him at center defense. He is athletic, coachable and worked very hard for the team this season."

The Storm did have some struggles this year after winning their season opener. South Elgin wouldn't earn another win until its regular season finale and it added another victory in post-season play to end 3-14-2 overall, 1-8 in the UEC.

This year's squad did earn some experience this year, and Reutimann will be looked to for leadership next year.

"We had a young team this year," Brinklow said. "As a senior next year, we expect big things from Lucas. Players look up to him, we expect him to be a leader and have a great senior year."

South Elgin will lose five seniors: Nicklaus Harris, Jackson Lamb, Jack McCall, Zack Rys and Jacob Zupan. The Storm did have eight juniors and nine underclassmen.



Lucas Reutimann locked in physical battle with Dundee-Crown's Roland Dearborn for possession of the ball during a September match this season.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



McKayla Geraghty accepting a Streamwood serve during an early season match against the Sabres.

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Kendall Richardson setting for a South Elgin kill shot against the Rams.



Anna Skrzypchak setting for the Storm during a winning point against rival Bartlett this season.

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Village holds very special Veterans Day ceremony

The village’s Veterans Commission held services in observance of Veterans Day, on Sunday Nov. 11 on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11am, commemorating the date and time that marked the end of World War I. Village President Billie Roth delivered the keynote address, noting the 100th anniversary that day and recognized all the veterans in attendance at the ceremony.



Village Manager Billie Roth delivered the keynote address. Also participating in the ceremony were, from left, Steven Foster, Kathryn Serbin, Lisa Poturalski, Bill Lumsford and Eddie Kadan. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Veteran and member of VFW Post 5151 Charles Stricker and his wife Carolyn Stricker were in attendance.



Flags at the Veterans Memorial, where the service took place, flew at half-mast.

U-46 tax levy

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on current buildings. The vote came on the same night the administration presented the 2018 enrollment numbers which showed a drop of 633 students to 38,572 from 39,205. From 40,487 students in 2014, enrollment dropped 350 students in 2015, 426 in 2016 and 506 in 2017. U-46 saw enrollment increase in early childhood and private placement programs but a drop of 626 students in elementary schools (no building increasing by more than 40 but six losing over 40) and 147 students in middle schools (one school with more than 40 students, four losing over 40). High school enrollment increased by one student, no school with an increase or

decrease of over 40 students. Jeff King, chief operations officer, said “preferably you’d like to have a school somewhere around the 85 percent utilization range,” and the district’s numbers showed the vast majority, 87 percent, of schools are below that standard. The numbers showed that 47 percent of schools are 66 to 81 percent utilized, 35 percent are 50 to 65 percent utilized and 5 percent are under 50 percent utilized while 13 percent are 82 to 97 percent utilized. Ward noted those numbers, but King excused the fact that 87 percent, by the district’s own calculation standards, were below that 85 percent range because art, music and special education classrooms weren’t taken into account. Owens claimed dual language and English language learner classrooms could affect those numbers as well.

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Sabres girls hoops seeking to link depth to success

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team looks for some depth to lead to a successful 2018-19 season. The Sabres went 8-20 last season, 5-7 in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division. Streamwood will compete in a newly aligned UEC with 10 teams and no more divisions, and it adds last season’s Class 3A state third place finisher Glenbard South. “Our goals are to be competitive each and every game, whether conference or not,” said Streamwood coach George Rosner. “Since we will play everyone in the conference twice this year, conference does become more meaningful. We have a really strong group of players.” Rosner added: “One of the keys will be to get all 11 girls to contribute. Our strength is our depth and player versatility. With our lack of height, many of the girls can and will play multiple positions. We can and will shoot the three. We will be able to spread the floor for sure.” The Sabres lost four starters from last season’s squad.

Streamwood’s lone returning starter is junior point guard Mandy Mien who started the last two years and Rosner said she “can and does do it all.” “She is one of the premier point guards in the area,” Rosner said. “No one I have ever coached could handle the ball the way Mandy does.” Some returners who had some quality time on the court last year include seniors Riya Patel, Alexis Rojas, Taylor Sewell, Colleen Veguilla and Emily Bugarewicz. Newcomers expected to contribute include juniors Idalyd Ocampo, Kaylee Angle, Peyton Hedger and Vicki Kopko as well as sophomore Vivian Sumoski. “We have a very competitive group,” Rosner said. “They all want to play, and they all want to win. It will be a coaching challenge for me and my staff to get the girls the playing time they all want.” Streamwood opens the season at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament starting with Jacobs on Wednesday, Nov. 14.



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Strong Sabres squad has five named all-UEC



Jose Ibarra out elevating Elgin's Jesus Millan to execute a header this season.



Wauconda's Joseph Arguelles, left, shadowing Jesus Limon as Limon turned a corner in an effort to center a pass to a teammate in front of the Bulldogs' goal during an October contest.



Edwin Peralta leaving the turf to play a ball of his chest during a match against West Aurora.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team had plenty of success this season which included its first super-sectional appearance since 2014 when the Sabres made their first appearance at state in program history.

The Sabres ended 18-5-3 overall, 6-1-2 in the Upstate Eight Conference, and finished with five all-conference selections including seniors Alex Chavez (forward), Jesus Limon (forward) and Bryan Mora (midfielder) as well as junior Edwin Peralta (midfielder) and sophomore Jose Ibarra (defender).

Both Chavez and Mora were four-year starters. Chavez led the Sabres in scoring this year with 21 goals and added 10 assists, and Mora led with 11 assists.

"I thought after having Nestor Ascencio I would never see a player close to his skill ability at the holding mid position, and Bryan Mora met that challenge," said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. "Alex Chavez played soccer with hard work and excitement. His senior year was being double teamed and, especially in the playoffs, triple teamed. That still couldn't stop Alex as Elgin would say in the sectional championship game (a 2-1 win)."

Limon bided his time in previous years to eventually become a key player as a senior as he finished with 12 goals and four assists.

"Jesus Limon flew under the radar the last couple years playing behind

Aldo Lazaro," Polovin said. "When Jesus got his chance to shine as the target player up top, he took full advantage of it and played a great senior year as a goal scorer and distributor of the ball."

Peralta (five goals, eight assists) and Ibarra (two goals, two assists), who was a part of nine shutouts in the back, are expected to have continued success with the Sabres.

"Edwin Peralta is a great story because he played his freshmen season on varsity then sat out last season due to a leg injury, and this year he played tremendous as an attacking center mid helping the team get to the super-sectional game," Polovin said. "Edwin's drive to be better will have people talking about all-state next season."

On Ibarra, Polovin said: "What can you say; the top two center backs in the state are Colin Iverson from Naperville North and Jose Ibarra. They both might be the best in the country. The amazing part is Jose is only a sophomore, and he plays the center back position with ease and composure. Jose is such a dominating force in the middle that teams started going anywhere else but the center of the field. Jose will be stronger and even more skilled and be talked about as a preseason all-American candidate for sure."

Streamwood also loses seniors Hector Alfaro, Rolando Martinez, Jorge Bracamontes, Carlos Alcantar Jr. and Michael Rubio.



The Maroons' Antonio Sanchez Lopez, left, attempting to interrupt the dribble and advance of the Sabres' Bryan Mora during the two team's first meeting of the season in September.



Larkin's Fernando Rea Morales, left and the Sabres' Alex Chavez battling for control of the ball in Streamwood's 3-0 regional win over the Royals.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)