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## Village resolution seeks local shutdown control

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution seeking immediate local control in reopening from the COVID-19 shutdown at its meeting on Tuesday, May 19 which was held virtually.

The board was set to vote on a similar resolution on May 5 but it was tabled as Gov. J.B. Pritzker had issued his reopening plan for the state earlier that day, and the board wanted to take time to review that plan.

Paula Schumacher, village administrator, described the resolution as "expressing Bartlett's position that state action is needed now, to allow municipalities to address the issues facing their constituents" noting that Bartlett is in the flattening phase. She stated the resolution came at the request of Village President Kevin Wallace, and it will be sent to Pritzker and legislators in the General Assembly.

The resolution states that Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation on May 9 declaring powers to shutdown deemed "unessential" businesses and making various edicts on residents to follow under the Emergency Management Act which gives him authority for only 30 days.

Pritzker has extended his orders through the end of May ordering all "nonessential" activity to be stopped and requiring citizens to follow "social distancing" measures like wearing face masks and no hand shaking. The resolution stated there has been some easing like allowing golf as an "essential" activity.

"While it is undeniable that the Stay at Home Order has had a positive effect on reducing the number of cases of individuals contracting COVID-19 and deaths in Illinois, it is equally undeniable that the Stay at Home Order has had a devastating financial impact on the businesses and residents in the State of Illinois and of the Village of Bartlett, and the extension of the Stay at Home Order through May 30, 2020 with the revisions set forth in the Amended Stay at Home order will cause further economic destruction and unlawful violations of residents' Constitutional rights," the resolution states.

The shutdown is causing strain on mental health providers which open

up the risk for higher levels of drug abuse and social unrest the resolution states.

The resolution states that the ill effects will persist under Pritzker's "five-phase regional plan" and "continue to cause further emotional and financial distress for citizens." It states that Bartlett is nearing the metrics for reopening "in a matter of weeks, if not days," but is lumped in with Chicago's region.

As of May 14, Bartlett has had 168 positive cases out of 1,002 tested while the 3,928 deaths reported in the state, 2,694 (69 percent) have been those 70 or older the resolution states. The village states the intention to continue protecting those at higher risk.

Furthermore, the resolution asks that no further action be taken by Pritzker without first seeking authorization by the General Assembly so it "can be duly debated by our local elected representatives," and it asks that state payments to local governments be expedited and loan payments to state agencies be delayed. Additionally, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference asks that DuPage County be allowed to stand alone while Cook and Kane counties support smaller regional groups.

Resident Jerry Lefler asked during the town hall portion of the meeting if the village would continue to require masks be worn in public.

Wallace said that "there's evidence on both sides" and noted that public officials, state and federal, have been on both sides telling Americans not to wear masks months ago to now saying to wear masks. He said the Illinois Department of Public Health has been unclear in its messaging.

"I think the IDPH does a good job of confusing people because even on today's call (IDPH) said as soon as you step out of your door you should put your mask on, and that's not something that would be enforced in Bartlett if you're out jogging or riding your bike," Wallace said.

Lefler said that he agreed with regards to being outdoors, but he suggested those not wearing a mask at stores are committing assault.

"You see the occasional person without a mask. Well, my attitude is I'm protecting you in a close quarter posi-

tion by wearing a mask. Your not wearing a mask is basically an assault on me."

Wallace suggested "just have one in your pocket."

Schumacher said there are medical exemptions to mask wearing which can "confuses things," and she added: "I think have one handy. We try to keep that as reasonable as possible."

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya said that businesses have the right to mandate

masks be worn and said she hopes intolerance continues against those who are not wearing a mask.

"I think if it becomes such that we become more tolerant of people not wearing masks, which I hope that we aren't, it needs to be understood that it is the business person's right to protect their employees and their other patrons by insisting that patrons wear a mask in their business," Gabrenya said.



### No virtual recognition

Following the closing of schools due to the coronavirus pandemic, District U-46 elected not to hold traditional, in-person graduations at the Sears Centre Arena in lieu of a virtual graduation exercise to be held Saturday, June 13. As a result, most area communities elected to post class recognition signs such as this one outside the Town Center.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

## Board meets Culver's proposal with enthusiasm

By Seth Hancock

Culver's could be coming to the Village of Bartlett as the Board of Trustees reviewed the site plan and request for special use permits at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, May 19 which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

The proposal will move on to the Plan Commission which will hold a required public hearing.

Roberta Grill, planning and development services director, stated it would be a "4,403 square foot Culver's restaurant on 2.31 acres along the west side of Route 59, north of Schick Road."

The petitioner is seeking special use permits to allow a drive-thru as well as outdoor seating for 24 seats.

"The outdoor seating area would be located under a pergola with seating walls proposed to separate the outdoor seating from the parking lot and drive-thru area," Grill said.

Grill added: "Access to the site would be via two full curb cuts located on private drives. The first, off

of Quincy Bridge Road, would be located along the south side of the site.... The second would be via the existing cross access drive located on the west side of the site that would allow patrons to enter/exit the site via Schick Road and ultimately to a signalized intersection. There would be no direct access from [Illinois Route] 59 to the Culver's site."

Surrounding the property is commercial buildings to the north and south, single family homes to the east and townhomes to the west.

The proposal was met with unanimous support and Village President Kevin Wallace said that during the "gloomy time" during the shutdown, "this is a pretty uplifting discussion."

Trustee Raymond Deyne asked how long it would take to construct and Trustee Adam Hopkins asked when they hope to begin construction if the proposal is approved.

Chris McGuire, representing the construction company, said "we would look at 20 weeks for physical

construction" and "based upon the city's help... our hope is to start this project in July and have it open before Christmas."

Hopkins suggested that if the Plan Commission gives approval that the proposal come straight to the board for a vote instead of holding another committee discussion to which Wallace said "yeah, I think that's perfect," and Trustee Aaron Reinke added "that's a great idea." No trustee objected.

Trustee Vince Carbonaro said "you just made my day" with the proposal and joked "what took you so long." He did ask about the use of Quincy Bridge Road, a private road, as he said it needs to be resurfaced.

"I wouldn't take a tank down that road," Carbonaro said. "It's riddled with potholes."

Grill said she's seen the potholes and she said she would talk to the owners stating: "We're trying to be somewhat a little more lenient during this pandemic time, but I was going to mention it to them."



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## Water leak survey to be completed for village

By Frank Muisenga Jr.

At its meeting on Monday, May 18, the Village Board unanimously approved a \$22,425 proposal for a leak survey of the water distribution system from M.E. Simpson Co. Inc., Valparaiso, Indiana. The meeting was conducted remotely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This will be year two of what should be a two-year effort to find leaks in our water system," said Director of Public Works Mike Millette. "We had a pretty good success last year."

According to Millette, M.E. Simpson performed surveying last year that found 20 leaks in the water main. Leaks would not have been located with usual methods.

"This is found by hydrophone," Mil-

lette said. "They listen to various frequencies of noise to determine that there's a rapid escape of a small amount of water."

Last year's work saved roughly 155,520 gallons of water daily since staff repaired the leaks, according to Millette. Roughly 115 miles of water main is going to be surveyed. The process reduces water pumping and treating costs, as well as system repair costs.

"We believe it is very successful," Millette said.

The expense is budgeted in Fiscal Year 2021, according to Millette.

"This also goes towards our eventual EPA goal of having no more than 8 percent of our water that we produce lost to unmetered reasons," Millette said.

Millette added via email that the village's current water loss percent fluctuates between 7 and 12 percent.

"It's not like we have an unlimited source," said Village President Steve Ward. "We have our wells. A leak can turn from a small leak to a big leak and that's a big problem, so I think it's

a small price to pay to keep our water in check."

"Absolutely," added Trustee John Sweet.

Millette said the exact schedule is yet to be determined, but last year's work took about three weeks. This year's work is expected to take two weeks.

## Actuarial services pact extended via board vote

By Frank Muisenga Jr.

At the Village Board meeting Monday, May 18, trustees unanimously approved a proposal to continue having police pension fund actuarial services provided by Lauterbach & Amen LLP, Naperville. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"We've been working with Lauterbach & Amen as our actuarial services for the past three years," said Director of Administrative Services Megan Golden. "We've been very pleased with the detailed reports and presentations that they provide."

The proposal included costs of \$5,350, \$5,500 and \$5,650 for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 fiscal years ending April 30, according to Golden.

According to Golden, the village hires an independent actuary annually to recommend police pension funding.

Costs include an actuarial valuations for the police tax levy and two Governmental Accounting Standards

Board policies (GASB No. 67 and No. 68) along with the attendance at two meetings, according to the proposal. Any additional meetings attended would be charged at \$250 each.

"They give us a really thorough analysis for our tax levy and our GASB 67 and 68 valuations," Golden said. "So, staff is proposing that we send another three-year engagement letter with them for Fiscal Year 2020, 2021 and 2022."

Golden added via email: "The analysis looks at several factors, including current contributions, expected payroll, fund assets and demographics. This analysis is then used to determine the village's contribution."

Golden added that the calculation from Lauterbach & Amen does set the levy amount.

According to GASB's website, GASB No. 67 is financial reporting for pension plans and No. 68 is accounting and financial reporting for pensions.

## Board ratifies updates to sexual harassment policy

By Frank Muisenga Jr.

At the remotely held Village Board meeting on Monday, May 18, trustees unanimously approved a resolution amending the village's sexual harassment policy.

"This is required by the state of Illinois," said Director of Administrative Services Megan Golden.

Golden added that the annual training with all of the staff had begun and MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art) has been able to provide that training and an elected official component had been added to the policy.

According to Golden, state law has required annual staff training and a reporting process if sexual harassment allegations are made by one elected official against another.

According to the ordinance, employees must complete an annual sexual harassment prevention training course through the Illinois Department of Human Rights or another

source with training adhering to state requirements. A completion record is submitted to the village clerk.

If an elected official originates a sexual harassment complaint against another elected official it must be reported to the village president and an independent attorney or consultant must investigate, according to the ordinance.

Trustee Lisa Guess asked, "Do we have to do training?"

Village Clerk Margo Gray said the Municipal Clerks of Illinois has shared information saying all elected officials are required to take the training.

Village President Steve Ward asked if sexual harassment issues have been of growing concern among Illinois municipal village boards?

According to Village Administrator Steve Super, sexual harassment issues among state legislators has increased. But the policy change included municipalities.



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## Village Board supports multiple reappointments

By Frank Muisenga Jr.

At the Monday, May 18 meeting of the Village Board, trustees unanimously approved reappointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission and recreation board. The meeting was conducted remotely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have appointments and presentations," said Village President Steve Ward.

According to Ward, Director of Community Development Nancy Hill recommended Chairman Brain Carlson, Vice-Chairman Jennifer McClure and Commissioner Richard Watson to be

reappointed to the commission for two-year terms ending April 30, 2022.

"Next we have reappointments for the rec board," said Ward. "I'd like to entertain a motion to approve the reappointments of Mary Rees Freeman and Nancy Christensen as members of the rec board for three-year terms expiring June 1, 2023."

Ward added, Peter Pluskwa would be approved as the board's chairman for a term expiring June 1, 2021.

Director of Parks & Recreation Kim Wascher initiated the reappointments for board approval, according to Ward.



# Village proclamation honors 2020 graduates

By Seth Hancock

As COVID-19 shutdowns have led to the cancellation of in-person graduations, Village President Kevin Wallace is calling on residents to celebrate Bartlett citizens who are among the Class of 2020.

Wallace issued a proclamation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, May 19 which was held electronically.

Among those students are **Bartlett High School** seniors in **School District U-46** which has decided to hold a virtually graduation in June rather than the July 11 ceremony that was scheduled at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates. Wallace said this was an “ever depressing graduation situation” as seniors have also had events like proms, athletics and senior trips cancelled.

“The additional loss of a walk across the stage in cap and gown for your hard-earned diploma or degree gives you good reason to lament such an unprecedented conclusion to your academic years.... These long-anticipated rites of passage may be a causality of COVID-19, the strength and resilience of you, our amazing gradu-

ates, has never been in danger,” Wallace said.

Regardless of whether a student plans to move onto college, career or military, Wallace said family and friends along with the community will be there for support and this class will be better prepared after this.

“During this generational challenge you not only continued to meet all the educational requirements necessary to conclude this chapter of your young life but you successfully pivoted to a new starting line,” Wallace said.

Wallace added: “The world you face today has changed in ways you never imagined, you are smart, you are agile, you are creative and you are far more prepared to shape the future and blaze a new trail than you know.”

Paula Schumacher, village administrator, said that a banner has been put in place in the Town Center to celebrate seniors, and Wallace said there are “discussions in the village” around holding a car parade to celebrate seniors. Schumacher said the police department is speaking with U-46 surrounding the possibility of a parade.

# Fire District Station 1 in need of roof repair work

By Joe Hyland

At the Wednesday, May 20 meeting of the Bartlett Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, Deputy Chief Brian Becker gave trustees a state of the roof report regarding Station One.

“So the roof is 20 years old,” said Becker.

Becker added that the roof had been developing spontaneous leaks. While these had been appearing all over, they were concentrated in the roof section over the administrative area north of the apparatus bay. He said that the company that does roof inspections for the district had given the roof a D grade, which indicated that it had two to five years left. He said that when he asked for a quote on the most leak-prone section, he was told it would cost \$132,000. Becker added that the district would need to go out to bid if it were to decide to replace the entire roof in one go. He said that repairs had been deferred for three budget cycles now due to the district's financial situation. The project was scheduled to go on next year's capital budget.

Board President Jim McCarthy asked about the remainder of the roof.

“I think the majority of the roof is 20 years old at this point,” Becker replied.

McCarthy asked if a motion amending the budget would be needed.

The district's attorney Karl Ottosen said that depended on what was in the

capital budget.

“We've got about \$150,000 unspent in the building fund,” Finance Director James Howard said, cautioning that \$50,000 of that was earmarked for bond repayment to the village.

“I think that amending the budget might not be a bad idea,” Howard said.

Becker asked if the board's consensus was to move on it now or wait until the next budget year.

Howard said that any decision should probably be held until the district could see how the property tax installments came in, given that they may be delayed due to adjustments made by DuPage and Cook counties due to the pandemic.

McCarthy agreed, but suggested that there were some moves the district could make.

“There's really no cost to the district to get quotes,” McCarthy said.

Becker suggested having the entire roof surveyed and get some quotes.

Trustee Larry Robbins suggested that doing the entire roof might be the best bet.

“I do have some concerns about doing one section at a time,” Robbins said.

McCarthy added that heavy equipment would be necessary no matter how much of the roof was done, and that it made sense to get a comprehensive quote.

# Public works employees recognized by village

By Seth Hancock

Last week, May 17 through 23, was National Public Works Week and Village President Kevin Wallace marked the occasion by issuing a proclamation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, May 19 which was held electronically due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

The week is sponsored by the American Public Works Association with this year's event being the 60th.

“Public works professionals focus on

infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Village of Bartlett,” Wallace said.

The comfort, health and safety of a community is dependent on facilities according to Wallace who said public works teams keep those facilities structurally sound and safe.

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# U-46 data provided on variety of school topics

**By Seth Hancock**

School District U-46 has announced how students and families can return district property they've held since the COVID-19 shutdown as well as information regarding elementary report cards and secondary summer school.

Students who will be graduating or not returning to U-46 for the 2020-2021 school year are asked to return property, like Chromebooks or library books, with a completed form. If a student will be returning to the district next year, they are asked to keep the property.

"To make this process efficient and safe, U-46 will only have collection sites at our five high schools," John Heiderscheidt, director of school safety and culture, wrote in a May 22 message. "You will be hearing more details on the actual drop-off process — including exact dates, times, and addresses — from your own school's principal."

Heiderscheidt added: "When you do arrive at your drop-off location, we ask that you wear a mask and locate the collection door. Bring in your items and check in with the staff member to verify the items on your list. Place your items in a clear plastic bag with the completed form. Then tie the bag closed and place it in a container. The items will be stored safely for 20 days and then cleaned before being in-

ventoried."

Secondary students needing remediation or those seeking early graduation or scheduling flexibility will be able to enroll in a summer school program which is scheduled to start on Monday, June 8.

"Courses required for graduation will be offered based on student enrollment. If a student is interested in secondary summer school, he/she should reach out to their counselor," a district press release stated.

Elementary report cards will be released this week with added teacher commentary on the reports.

"Since our third trimester began on February 24, many standards had not yet been formally assessed before school buildings closed," Superintendent Tony Sanders wrote in a May 19 message. "This will result in many more NE (not evaluated) scores on the third-trimester elementary report card for 1st-6th grade. It will also mean that kindergarten teachers will not have had sufficient evidence of growth to change the ratings on the KIDS reports."

Sanders also reported on social media that the district has handed out over 1.1 million taxpayer funded meals (breakfasts, lunches, dinners) and 370,383 snacks since the shutdown.

# Village Board supports update to strategic plan

**By Seth Hancock**

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved of an update to the village's strategic plan at its meeting on Tuesday, May 19 which was held electronically due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

The plan includes four categories including two short-term (one to three years), routine and complex, as well as two long-term (three to five years), also routine and complex.

Six items were added to the plan under the update including under short-term complex to seek an event to connect the east and west sides of the village. Three items were added under long-term routine including determination of the need for the Oneida Avenue water town, evaluating the use of a well at the visitor's parking lot at Village Hall and evaluating the use of a well south of the hall. Two items were added to long-term complex including the bike and pedestrian connection at Illinois Route 59 as well as implementation of the transit oriented development plan.

The plan was created in 2017 when the board wanted to develop a new strategic plan with community input according to a memo from Scott Skrycki, assistant village administrator. The village partnered with Northern Illinois University's Department of Governmental Studies to hold focus

groups to create the plan.

"The focus groups comprised of civic groups, other taxing bodies, business groups, staff groups from front line to managerial, and finally a call out to all residents," Skrycki wrote. "From there, the Village Board put together a plan that included the values of all the stakeholders who took part in the process."

Skrycki added: "Since the adoption of the current strategic plan, staff has made this a focal point of the yearly budget presentation as well as yearly merit reviews. The strategic plan is not just a document that sits on the website, but rather a conductor that assists with policy adoption, financial decisions, and employee accountability."

The village holds annual planning sessions to update the plan, and Skrycki stated the additions were made as recent large capital projects, notably the new police station and transition to Lake Michigan water, made it possible as those projects came in "on time and under budget."

Recent planning meetings with the board and department heads "focused on infrastructure, connectivity, community events and residual effects of the Lake Michigan transition," Skrycki stated. "The water transition items are not problems but rather opportunities for future land use and development."

lic buildings and other structures and facilities essential for our residents," Wallace said.

Wallace added: "The quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials.... It is in the public interest for the residents, civic leaders and children in the Village of Bartlett to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective community."

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# Elementary FPS team recognized by Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

A group of elementary students in School District U-46 defended their state title in the Future Problem Solvers (FPS) competition.

Mannat Ashta, Yuvan Ganne, Veer Gupta and Risha Lakkadi are fifth graders in the IGNITE gifted program at Streamwood's Glenbrook Elementary School and were recognized at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 18 which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 shutdown. The same group won the juniors division, fourth through sixth

graders, state title last year.

Ellen Smith, a fourth-grade teacher at Glenbrook, coaches the district's FPS teams.

"It's something they work really hard at, and I'm really proud of them," Smith said. "They put in a lot of hours."

Smith said the FPS program begins in August while teams have to write packets in October and December while regionals are in February.

The state competition, which was held virtually this year, gave competitors poverty as the problem to be

solved.

"It focused on refugees living in poverty in the year 2045, and they needed to come up with 16 problems, choose one as their favorite, 16 solutions for that problem and then write a whole six-paragraph essay," Smith said adding that usually a skit is performed which was cancelled this year due to the competition being virtual.

Smith added that the team also became the first juniors team to receive the BUCKY Award, named after inventor Buckminster Fuller.

"That's for having very futuristic and unique solutions," said Smith who stated one of the solutions was a teleporation device "to get the refugees from point a to point b. It would be free for the refugees because trans-

portation is a problem and the cost of that. They had a lot of very unique ones."

The team will now compete in June at internationals. That event is normally held in Amherst, Massachusetts but will be virtual this year.

A group of ninth graders in Bartlett High School's STEM Magnet Academy also advanced to internationals. That team includes Anant Sheth, Mann Sheth, Arjun Sivasankaran and Danyal Sulemanjee.

FPS teams range between fourth and 12th graders. Smith said she now coaches nine teams between fourth and ninth grade and the popularity of the program has increased as U-46 teams started reaching internationals, this being the third straight year with qualifying teams.

## Storm seniors impactful despite losing final season

By Seth Hancock

This is the first of two stories highlighting South Elgin senior athletes. The girls spring teams will be a second feature.

The COVID-19 shutdown has led to the loss of spring athletics meaning seniors lost out on their final seasons, but those seniors have dedicated years and will leave lasting impacts to their respective programs.

The South Elgin Storm boys programs will lose 38 seniors including players and team managers.

Speaking for his volleyball team, Storm coach Adam Plach's message was one that could apply to every program, that the senior class dedicated time and work from freshmen year and will leave their imprint on the program going forward.

"This was a senior group that had been waiting for this season since they were freshmen," Plach said. "It would have been great to see what they could have accomplished this season, but with COVID coming into the picture that was all changed."

The team will lose 11 seniors including Eliseo Almonaci, Christian Ayar, Raul Correa, Manuel Figueroa, David

Galanes, Eugene Gueco, David Long, Steven Neumann, Mandeep Sangha, Daniel Skrzypchak and Anthony Viscuso.

"This is a group that will still go on to do great things in their lives," Plach said. "They all understand what's important and what it means to work hard. I have no doubt we will see good things out of the lives of these young men."

The Storm baseball team will lose 12 seniors including Anthony Bellavia, Shane Bonner, Grayson Downing, Marc Guerrero, Joey Haslam, Andy Jachim, Johnathon Jaszczurowski, Ryan Kuchta, Ryan Masciopinto, Samuel Miller, Anthony Nalbono and Jake Sinatra.

The lacrosse team at South Elgin will lose four seniors including Andy Koch, Scott Martin, AJ Pang and Jacob Sietmann.

South Elgin's track and field team will lose 10 senior athletes including Derryl Barnes, Jr., Tristan Cruz, Tony DeRosa, Colin Frank, Calin Gurau, Larry Henderson, Matthew Magana, Ethan Robillard, Zachary Winger and Jason Zimmerman. The Storm will also lose manager Steven Smith.



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### Gaming for Adults

Thursday, May 28, 12 p.m.

Join us Thursdays at noon to play some virtual games. Click the link on our calendar for that day's game to join us via Zoom. Plan on 30 minutes to one hour of playtime.

### Online Chess Club

Thursday, May 28, 4 p.m.

Since we can't meet to play chess at the library, we will be hosting online chess tournaments for all ages. Go to this link to register (Must be typed exactly as shown here to work): <http://bit.ly/BPLDChess>.

### Flannel Story Fun

Friday, May 29, 11 a.m.

Join us for a Flannel Board storytime! Each week, a new video will be posted to the library's Facebook page.

### Online Teen Gamers Lounge

Friday, May 29, 4:30 p.m.

Grades seven to 12. Join us on our Discord server to unwind, hang out with other teens, and play some fun Jackbox Games! The server will be open for chat during the program. Find our Discord server on our online calendar or our Facebook Event Page.

### Sing-Along Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Join us for a sing-along with one of BPLD's staff members. Each week, a new video will be posted to the library's Facebook page.

### Draw and Tell Storytime

Tuesday, June 2, 11 a.m.

Join us for a Draw and Tell storytime! Each week, a new video will be posted to the library's Facebook page.

### Dinosaurs Trivia

Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m.

Join us for trivia! Players will answer multiple choice questions that follow a common theme, which changes every week. Check in on the day of the event around 6:45 p.m. A link to sign up will appear on the library's social media platforms then.


### Family Trivia

Wednesday, June 3, 11 a.m.

Join us for family trivia! Check in on the day of the event around 10:45 a.m. A link to sign up will appear on the library's social media platforms then.

### Census 2020

Take the census at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)! It only takes a couple of minutes to help out your community.



## CARRIER NEWS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following carriers who celebrated their birthday in May.**

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**AWESOME collections were turned in last month by the following carriers. Keep up the good work!**

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# Expenditure proposals set for District U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on \$744,131 in expenditure proposals at its upcoming June 1 meeting. The items were

presented at the Monday, May 18 meeting which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

Included are two proposals the district expects the nation's taxpayers to

fund through the federal CARES Act. That act was meant to help businesses, including those deemed "nonessential" by the government, that have been harmed due to the shutdown, but schools are also receiving the bailout funds.

Included in those is \$194,831 with Learning A to Z for its distance learning resources and \$40,000 with Notable, Inc., also for distance learning resources.

"U-46 currently is currently implementing distance learning for all students Early Childhood through 12th grade," the Learning A to Z proposal states. "As we have implemented distance learning we have identified the need for online-based guided readers in English and Spanish especially for our younger students."

The Notable, Inc. proposal states: "When we began distance learning in March of 2020 a gap was immediately identified. When students and teachers left the buildings, they did not know we would not be returning. This meant that many teachers and students did not take relevant learning materials such as their Eureka Math Modules."

To replace 100 smartboards and mounted balance boxes, the district is asking for \$232,300 with TIERNEY for the smartboards and \$110,000 with PACE Systems, Inc. to be paid through the education fund if approved.

Sue Kerr, the board's president, said the smartboards being replaced were nine to 15 years old and asked how often they are replaced. Laura Macias, director of information services, said there is an age and obsolescence plan and "these are the oldest," but she added more replacements will be asked for next year.

With Mind Research Institute, the district is asking for \$102,000 (educa-

tion fund) for a contract renewal for ST math intervention resources. Last year's cost was \$131,768.

Costing \$65,000 (education fund), the district is seeking a contract with BlueStreak Education for a math intervention to replace FASTT math, which will be discontinued this July. FASTT math cost \$75,000 last year.

Additionally, the board will vote on a resolution allowing the display and public hearing on the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System budget for Fiscal Year 2021. The tentative budget is expected to be presented on June 15, a public hearing to be held on July 20 and a final board vote on Aug. 3.

## Glenbrook FPS team recognized by Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

A group of elementary students in School District U-46 defended their state title in the Future Problem Solvers (FPS) competition.

Mannat Ashta, Yuvan Ganne, Veer Gupta and Risha Lakkadi are fifth graders in the IGNITE gifted program at Streamwood's Glenbrook Elementary School and were recognized at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 18 which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 shutdown. The same group won the juniors division, fourth through sixth graders, state title last year.

Ellen Smith, a fourth-grade teacher at Glenbrook, coaches the district's FPS teams.

"It's something they work really hard at, and I'm really proud of them," Smith said. "They put in a lot of hours."

Smith said the FPS program begins in August while teams have to write packets in October and December while regionals are in February.

The state competition, which was held virtually this year, gave competitors poverty as the problem to be solved.

"It focused on refugees living in poverty in the year 2045, and they needed to come up with 16 problems, choose one as their favorite, 16 solu-

tions for that problem and then write a whole six-paragraph essay," Smith said adding that usually a skit is performed which was cancelled this year due to the competition being virtual.


Smith added that the team also became the first juniors team to receive the BUCKY Award, named after inventor Buckminster Fuller.

"That's for having very futuristic and unique solutions," said Smith who stated one of the solutions was a teleportation device "to get the refugees from point a to point b. It would be free for the refugees because transportation is a problem and the cost of that. They had a lot of very unique ones."

The team will now compete in June at internationals. That event is normally held in Amherst, Massachusetts but will be virtual this year.

A group of ninth graders in Bartlett High School's STEM Magnet Academy also advanced to internationals. That team includes Anant Sheth, Mann Sheth, Arjun Sivasankaran and Danyal Sulemanjee.

FPS teams range between fourth and 12th graders. Smith said she now coaches nine teams between fourth and ninth grade and the popularity of the program has increased as U-46 teams started reaching internationals, this being the third straight year with qualifying teams.

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## Give a Treat with a Kid-Friendly Sweet



Letting kids get hands-on in the kitchen is an easy way to keep them busy while teaching important life skills. Planning for delicious snacks children can make all on their own (or with minimal assistance) makes for a winning solution, and these Crazy Candy Ice Cream Sandwiches are a prime example.

Find more kid-friendly snack ideas at [milkmeansmore.org](http://milkmeansmore.org).

### Crazy Candy Ice Cream Sandwiches

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES. SERVINGS: 6.

- 1 cup vanilla ice cream
- 1/4 cup chopped candy bar
- 6 graham cracker sheets, broken into 12 squares
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate morsels
- 1-1/2 tablespoons refined coconut oil or vegetable oil
- Multi-colored sprinkles (optional)

In medium bowl, stir ice cream until just softened. Stir in chopped candy. Working quickly, scoop ice cream mixture onto six graham cracker squares. Top with remaining graham cracker squares, gently pressing down until ice cream reaches edges of crackers. Place in shallow, wax paper-lined pan. Freeze 1 hour.

In small, microwave-safe bowl, combine chocolate morsels and coconut oil. Microwave on high 40-60 seconds, or until melted, stirring vigorously every 20 seconds. Let stand at room temperature 10 minutes.

Remove sandwiches from freezer. Dip half of each sandwich into chocolate mixture. Immediately scatter sprinkles over chocolate, if desired. Return to wax paper-lined pan. Freeze about five minutes, or until chocolate sets.

Serve immediately or individually wrap in plastic wrap and store in freezer.



# U-46 driver's education nixed for 2020-21 year

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 has cancelled driver's education for the 2020-2021 school year citing the inability to do so over the COVID-19 shutdown. Additionally, the district updated families on grading during its "distance learning."

In a May 15 statement from Lela Majstorovic, assistant superintendent for secondary schools, she wrote that over 2,100 hour of behind-the-wheel instruction was left incomplete for the current semester since schools were shutdown on March 13 under Gov. J.B. Pritzker's orders.

Majstorovic stated that the district is making determinations on how to make up those hours for current students while announcing the cancellation of driver's education next year.

"All new Driver's Ed offerings for the 2020-21 school year are cancelled, effective immediately," Majstorovic wrote. "With no way to meet the requirement of six hours behind the wheel instruction per student, per semester, we cannot deliberately continue to enroll students in a course that will not result in license attainment."

Majstorovic added: "We know that this is not good news, but we wanted to make you aware as soon as possible so that students who had enrolled can be scheduled for an alternative class or a study hall. School counselors will be reaching out to affected students regarding their schedules for next year."

Regarding grades for this semester, the district stated that students and parents will now have a chance to start seeing semester grades on Infinite Campus. Suzanne Johnson, deputy su-

perintendent of instruction, wrote in a May 14 statement that teachers began grade finalization on May 15.

"If you see an estimated semester grade in green, it is not necessarily the final grade that your student will receive," Johnson wrote. "All middle school and high school students still have an opportunity to relearn and reassess any second semester standards until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Please reach out to your student's teacher to learn more about these opportunities and how your student can improve his or her grade."

Johnson added: "For any student who receives an incomplete as a final grade, they will be required to complete the course or will risk having an 'NC' on their transcript. A grade of NC means that no credit was earned for the course and the course was not completed. Students will have opportunities to complete the course for credit through summer learning."

A student's grade cannot be lower than what it was prior to March 13 according to Johnson.

Beyond the classroom changes, the government-mandated shutdowns have led to nearly 40 million new unemployed Americans and the government, through the school system, continues to use taxpayer dollars to hand out meals.

Superintendent Tony Sanders congratulated U-46 staff, who have been deemed "essential" and continue to receive paychecks, for reaching 1 million taxpayer funded meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) being given away and 339,406. The district also admits little oversight as the food meant for "all

children 18 and under," according to the district, requires no documentation of need or child present to receive.

The district celebrated the handouts according to a May 14 press release: "School administrators and food and

nutrition workers will pause to make a little noise - clanging lids, ringing bells and banging drums - to recognize the million meal mark at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the onset of meal distribution."

## Dist. U-46 Board approves purchase of used buses

By Seth Hancock

The current bus fleet in School District U-46 is 345 total buses (179 large/167 small) and is in line with the district's plan according to Jeffrey Prowell, director of transportation.

Prowell gave an update to the Board of Education in April on the district's age and obsolescence plan which was created in 1985 and modified annually.

"As of 2018, the fleet is current and in line with A&O (age and obsolescence) Plan with a few exceptions that have been approved by the Director of Transportation. Buses scheduled for replacement may be retained longer based on operating condition and mileage as deemed appropriate by the Director of Transportation," the replacement plan states.

Buses, both small and large, are put on an 11-year cycle with fewer than 150,000 miles.

For this year, the recommendation was to replace 20 large buses which have between 110,674 and 150,698 miles.

The board approved of the purchase of 20 used buses for \$1.4 million at its Monday, May 18 meeting. All used buses come from Round Lake School District 116 with a three-year warranty for engines and five-year warranty for transmissions, and all have fewer than 20,000 miles.

Prowell, who said purchasing used buses compared to new will save the district about \$500,000, and said the

district has purchased buses used at Round Lake in the past and they are "well maintained."

Buying used buses conflicts with the recommendations to the board last year.

"Last year, I recommended to the board that we purchase new school buses and that was based on some safety features that were newly available last year," Prowell said. "Those safety features did not have any positive impact on our operations, and in addition this year Midwest Transit, the vendor that we typically buy buses from... has over 1,200 used buses that they're trying to get rid of."

Prowell added: "So, the pricing on used buses was significantly better this year."

Additionally, the district purchased some gasoline buses rather than diesel buses last year. Prowell said the gasoline bus engine being used is only in its second year and the district wants more time to collect more data before purchasing more gasoline buses.

"We have been testing them," Prowell said. "They are working out well. We have some mile per gallon concerns. The market is very quickly changing to gasoline. About over 50 percent of the buses sold this year will be gasoline."

Beyond this year, an additional 158 large buses and 145 small buses are expected to be replaced at some point by 2029-2030.

## Seniors are remembered despite losing final season

By Seth Hancock

**This is the first of two stories highlighting Bartlett senior athletes. The girls spring teams will be a second feature.**

The COVID-19 shutdown has led to the loss of spring athletics meaning senior athletes lost out on their final season, but those seniors have dedicated years and will leave lasting impacts to their respective programs.

The Bartlett Hawks boys programs will lose 46 seniors including players and team managers.

The baseball team will lose two players in Matt Lewandowski and Blake Oliver who first-year coach Chris Baum called "the anchors of the team," and it will also lose senior manager Ely Greenfeld.

Lacrosse will lose seniors Timothy Acuesta, Panagiotis Brotsis, Mark Dato, Nathan Dunbar, Ty Idler, Angelo Latrofa, Joseph Manforti, Jake Nowak, Mike Picardi, Adam Pitts, Luke Templeton, Nick Toplak, John Bucaro, Cameron Kunzer, Ryan Dunlop and Edward Martin.

"The Bartlett High School lacrosse program was saddened by the loss of its 2020 season, but even more we are saddened by the end of our senior classes time as a member of Bartlett HS lacrosse," lacrosse coach Devin Cruz said. "This group of nearly 20 outstanding young men was going to carry this program to a successful season."

Cruz added: "This is a bright group of young men, many of which are set for college in the fall, some with the intention to keep playing once they get to campus. I wish these guys the best of luck as my first class of graduating seniors. You will all be missed."

Tennis will lose four players including captains Mahir Patel and Kaushik Selvakumar as well as Ian Corsiga and Jose Ramos. It will also lose manager Nia Cheshmidjieva.

Hawks tennis coach Colleen Brand-

ner said Selvakumar "has had a position on varsity since his freshman year" and "has been a great asset" as a player and manager of the girls team, and Patel played doubles with junior Rohan Gandhi and "their friendship, athleticism, and competitive edge gave flair to the dynamic duo, something to which their peers aspired."

Brandner called Ramos "the type of player that every coach wants to see," and Corsiga and his doubles partner junior Anirudh Ramesh "were my dependable partnership that were always willing to play whether I needed them for Court 3 or Court 4."

Track and field will lose Victor Arano, Jacob Bahena, Jaylen Calhoun, Michael Diaz, Ian Giertz, Nicolas Gomez, Mario Harris, Luke Jennes, Sam Jennes, Steven Kalish, Vinnie Krysko, Lucas Leal, Jaden Opilla, Joseph Sanders, Andrew Sangar, Rydell Tecson, Michael Trajkovich and Jack Wood.

"It has been a crazy season to say the least. My seniors were very important in the short time we had," said track coach Jeremy Ruston who was named coach on the first day of practice. "I was able to jump in and get rolling quickly all because of them. They were very motivated and stepped up to show the rest of the team how things work."

Bartlett's volleyball team will lose James Balance, Joshua Kramp, Luke Lowe and Adesh Patel.

"I know it's very difficult for them to miss their senior season, especially with the success our program had last spring," said volleyball coach Bob Schwantz. "All four guys were hungry and ready to build on that success and try to win a regional title.... Everyone is very frustrated at how things played out, but with a good core group of younger players still ready to go for spring 2021, we are all very excited for what the future holds."

## Local candidate organizing collection of food pantry items



Dr. Michael Camerer.

(Courtesy photo)

According to Dr. Michael Camerer, local chiropractor, Bartlett village trustee and candidate for state representative, he is inviting community members to join in supporting the Wayne Township and Hanover Township food pantries.

"During this unprecedented time, I have been inspired by the efforts of neighbors and community groups stepping up to serve those most in need," said Camerer. "I am proud that my team and I are able to connect with residents throughout the district and organize the food drive to lend a helping hand to the dedicated staff at our local food pantries."

With Gov. Pritzker's current stay-at-home order remaining in effect until

the end of May, the Camerer campaign is organizing a food drive to support the two township pantries' critical needs by providing non-perishable food items.

As part of this food drive, Team Camerer will pick up donations right off residents' front porches. To donate, please contact Team Camerer at camererforillinois@gmail.com.

Camerer is the Republican candidate for State Representative in the 45th House District. Camerer has been caring for the community for over 30 years through his practice as a chiropractor and currently serves a Bartlett Village Board trustee. Camerer and his wife, Robin, are proud parents of three adult children.



# Police Reports

## STREAMWOOD Thursday, May 14

★ At 3:47 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake Street and Club Tree Drive, Charles Ez-zard Flake, 22, of Club Tree Drive, was arrested for driving on a revoked li-cense, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving with a defective windshield. Flake’s vehicle was towed and he was transported to the police department where he was later re-leased on an I-bond and assigned a court date of July 15.

**Sunday, May 18**  
★ At 3:47 p.m., Sunday, May 10, police responded to a report of an individual taking photographs without consent at Target, 1001 S. Sutton Road. As a result of an investigation it was re-ported that a man was observed taking inappropriate photographs of a young female shopper at the store. The man surrendered his phone to a store em-ployee outside of the store. Further in-vestigation led to the identity, interview and arrest of Francisco Monroy-Al-mazan, 45, Spruce Lane, Elgin, for unauthorized videotaping. Monroy-Al-mazan was taken into custody on May 18 and transported to the police depart-ment and held pending bond call.

## BARTLETT Sunday, May 17

★ At 12:22 a.m., in the 100 block of Hillcrest, Francisco Rivas-Barrera, 38, of the Hillcrest address, was arrested for DUI. Rivas-Barrera was processed per departmental procedure and later released on an I-bond.  
★ At 12:37 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Hillcrest for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer sepa-rated the parties and peace was re-stored.

★ At 4:51 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Prospect for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer sepa-rated the parties and peace was re-stored.  
★ At 1:27 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Jones for a wellness check. The subject was found to be well.  
**Tuesday, May 19**  
★ At 10:30 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Litchfield for a report of fraud involving use of com-plainant’s information to file for unem-ployment.  
★ At 11:08 a.m., in the 100 block of Lake, Joshua M. Ruble, 37, of the 1800 block of Hampshire, Hoffman Estates, was ar-rested for aggravated speeding. Ruble was processed per departmental proce-dure and later released on an I-bond.  
★ At 11:12 a.m., police responded to the 1300 block of Branden for a report of fraud. Complainant advised he had heard from several banks that a subject has tried to open up credit accounts us-ing complainant’s information.  
★ At 1:11 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Valewood for a report of fraud involving the purchase of Apple gift cards.  
★ At 1:29 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of North for a fraud report. Complainant advised an unknown of-fender had used her information to open a Verizon account.  
★ At 2:06 p.m., in the vicinity of Route 20 and Old Lake, Ashley M. Wokurka, 28, of the 2200 block of Aurora, Pingree Grove, was arrested for aggravated speeding and driving while license suspended. Wokurka was processed per departmental procedure and later released on an I-bond.  
★ At 2:53 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Illinois Route 59, Anthony F. Pas-

so, 45, of the 800 block of Merrimac, Cary, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Passo was processed per de-partmental procedure and later re-leased on an I-bond.  
★ At 8:43 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Thornbury for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer sepa-rated the parties and peace was re-stored.  
★ At 10:15 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Regency for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer sepa-rated the parties and peace was re-stored.  
**Wednesday, May 20**  
★ At 7:11 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Stearns for a shoplifting complaint.  
★ At 11:15 a.m., police responded to the for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer separated the par-ties and peace was restored.  
★ At 8:36 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Hillcrest for a neighbor dispute.  
**Thursday, May 21**  
★ At 7:16 a.m., in the vicinity of Hill-crest and Berteau, Anayeli Garcia, 22, of the 100 block of Tennyson, Elgin, was arrested for DUI, battery, reckless driving and failure to yield to a pedes-trian in a crosswalk. Garcia was processed per departmental procedure and later released on an I-bond.  
★ At 7:30 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Red Bud for a report of a subject making a threatening hand gesture at complainant.  
★ At 9:02 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of North Marion for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant ad-vised unknown offender(s) had moved her fountain. She expressed concern that an attempt would be made to steal it.  
★ At 12:58 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Army Trail for a shoplifting complaint.  
★ At 4:04 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Golfers for a wellness

check. The subject was well.  
**Friday, May 22**  
★ At 12:27 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Red Oak, Leonel Aguilera, 18, of the 6800 block of Chestnut, Hanover Park, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Aguilera was processed per departmental procedure and later re-leased on an I-bond.  
★ At 4 a.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Auburn, Kerron, R Timo-thy, 38, of the 100 block of Goldenrod, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Timothy was processed per departmental procedure and later re-leased on an I-bond.  
★ At 5:10 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Old Lake, Tanner Kennedy, 21, of the 900 block of Taylor, Streator, was ar-rested for aggravated speeding. Kennedy was processed per depart-mental procedure and later released on an I-bond.  
★ At 6:54 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Red Oak, Abraham Soto-Alvarez, 23, of the 100 block of Union, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Soto-Alvarez was processed per de-partmental procedure and later re-leased on an I-bond.  
★ At 7:06 a.m., in the 1400 block of Lake, Kyle M. Seipp, 28, of the 1600 block of College Green, Elgin, was ar-rested for aggravated speeding. Seipp was processed per departmental pro-cedure and later released on an I-bond.  
★ At 7:34 a.m., in the vicinity of US Route 20 and Old Lake, David, R. Cabrera, 19, of the 500 block of Cong-don, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding and no license. Cabrera was processed per departmental procedure and later released on an I-bond.  
★ At 7:47 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Illinois Route 59, Nicholas Simic, 25, of the 2700 block of Thornwood, South Elgin, was arrested for aggravat-ed speeding. Simic was processed per departmental procedure and later re-leased on an I-bond.

## Word Search BASEBALL!



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## Senior Sabres impactful despite losing final season

**By Seth Hancock**  
**This is the first of two stories high-lighting Streamwood senior athletes. The girls spring teams will be fea-tured next week.**  
The COVID-19 shutdown has led to the loss of spring athletics meaning se-niors lost out on their final seasons, but those seniors have dedicated years and will leave lasting impacts to their respective programs.  
The Streamwood Sabres boys pro-grams will lose 27 senior athletes this year.  
On the baseball diamond, the Sabres will lose six players: Max Alanis, Dy-lan Caruso, Tyler Garza, Justin Gonza-lez, Tyler Jones and Jeremy Lunz.  
“My heart breaks for these guys be-cause they could not have played out their final year for this program,” said Streamwood baseball coach Dan Jen-nings, who was entering his first sea-son with the team. “I want to thank them for their commitment to this program over the last four years.”  
Jennings added: “I want to thank them for welcoming me to their pro-gram and working day in and day out for the chance to do special things their senior year. To Maximo Alanis, Dylan Caruso, Tyler Garza, Justin Gonzalez, Tyler Jones, and Jeremy Lunz I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to be your coach and you will always be a part of this program.”  
Streamwood’s tennis team will lose four players including Alex Veltkamp, Hee Chan Yang, Carlos Luna-Cano and Jaime Luna-Cano Jr.

The track and field team at Stream-wood will lose 10 seniors including Sirrion Dixon, Piotr Jania, Josh Leathers, Jorge Medrano, Brandon Munoz, Raajan Patel, Francis Santos, Marco Serna, Luis Torres and Noe Valdez Sanchez.  
“The Streamwood High School se-niors who were members of the track and field team meant a lot to our pro-gram,” said Sabres track coach Dylan Lau. “You guys worked hard on the track and in your respective field events as well as in the weight room. You came to practice every day with-out excuses and showed the younger athletes on the team how to compete every day. Your dedication to our pro-gram was amazing and will be missed next year. On behalf of the coaching staff, I want to thank you for your commitment to this program, and we wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.”  
The Sabres volleyball team will lose seven seniors including Andrew Ku-jawa, Sean Estrada, Jorge Glenn Inobio, Rolando Alvarez, David Flores, Rober-to Sanchez and Eduardo Del Rio.  
“Our seven seniors this year each brought something so unique to our program,” said Streamwood volley-ball coach Shelly Mueller. “Their ded-ication to the team, sportsmanship and competitive nature has made such an impact on our program and their legacy will continue. This group had so much pride and was ready to strive to do great things. They will be missed next year.”