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## Pacts, resolution ratified for village bond issue

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5, trustees voted unanimously in favor of two agreements associated with the issuance of bonds to finance the demolition and construction of Fire Station 31, 1204 S. Park Ave.

The first agreement, with Robert W. Baird & Company, Chicago, at a cost of \$50,000, is to provide municipal advisory services for issuing the bonds and for improvements to the Public Works Building at 301 E. Irving Park Road.

The second agreement, costing \$92,500 with Chapman & Cutler, LLP, Chicago, is to provide bond and dis-

closure counsel services for a bond issue.

Trustees also approved a resolution to authorize the village to issue the bonds related to the construction.

According to Finance Director Josh Peacock, the estimated cost of the demolition and construction of a new fire station is \$20 million which will be funded through the sale of general obligation bonds.

"As part of the village comprehensive plan and the 2019 budget, the village board established a high priority goal in 2019-2020 to replace [Fire Station 1] and the public works facility," said Finance Director Josh Peacock.

According to Peacock, Baird was

used as a municipal advisor for a 2005 bond issuance for the police station project and for refinancing issues in 1997, 1999 and 2012.

The cost to perform these services is 0.25 percent of the sale price of the bonds which is estimated to be \$50,000, according to Peacock. Direct out-of-pocket costs will also be reimbursed to Baird in connection with the financing which are estimated to be \$2,000 or less.

The estimated proposed interest rate "is solely dependent on the market conditions at the time of issuance which is scheduled for December," Peacock added. "However, using today's market rates the estimated true interest cost is 2.896 percent."

Peacock stated the village has one outstanding bond issue in the amount of \$2,555,000 that will be paid off in 2020.

"We will make our annual principal payment before the end of 2019 and the remaining balance on these bonds will be \$1,200,000 as of Jan. 1, 2020," Peacock said.

"We're going to pay off the current bonds early then issue new bonds," said Village Manager Sharon Caddi-

gan. "Benefit is no increase or change for our taxpayers."

Peacock said, in conjunction with the bond issuance, the village will need to obtain an independent legal opinion.

Chapman was previously used by the village as bond counsel for the 2005 bond issuance related to the police station project and for refinancing in 2012, according to Peacock.

"These fees are generally paid after the sale of bonds and the village has the flexibility to pay these fees out of the bond proceeds," Peacock said.

Peacock added that the approved resolution "will give the village the option to reimburse itself from bond proceeds for any project costs up until the issuance of the bonds anticipated in December."

The village has incurred approximately \$300,000 in expenses for preliminary planning and architectural design, according to Peacock. The resolution allows for the inclusion of expenses such as demolition costs which are expected to be incurred prior to the sale of the bonds.

Peacock indicated that the village has presently has a AA Standard & Poor's bond rating.

## District U-46 to vote on alternate education plan

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on a pair of contracts totaling \$1.4 million at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Sept. 23.

The items were presented on Sept. 9. Board member Eva Porter was absent.

Included is a three-year contract costing \$1 million, to be paid for by the education fund if approved, with Catapult Learning to provide an "interim alternative educational setting to address comprehensive services including core academic and social emotional instruction" for elementary and middle school students according to the proposal.

The plan is to set up three classrooms at Elgin's Kimball Middle School starting in the 2020-2021 school year according to Suzanne Johnson, deputy superintendent of instruction. One classroom would be for kindergarten through second graders, one for third through fifth graders and one for sixth through eighth graders.

Johnson said while there are alternative education options within the district for high school students, there's a "gap in our practice" for elementary and middle school students who have behavioral issues. Currently, such students are sent to an outside facility in Streamwood.

Board member John Devereux asked where the contract expenses will go to which Johnson said: "The bulk of the cost is essentially to have other providers through Catapult Learning come in to provide the instruction for our students."

Johnson added that "if we can provide some of those resources, we can certainly do that." She said the contract would also include workshops and training for U-46 staff as well as outreach to families.

Board member Melissa Owens asked about why Kimball has tentatively been chosen to house the program and Johnson said it is a more central location for transportation purposes. Owens asked if this will increase transportation costs for the district and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: "I don't know that you're going to see a significant increase in the budget for transportation. I think if anything you

might see a reduction in transportation costs because we're centralizing."

Johnson said that no more than 30 students would be in the program at a time and they would be limited to 40 days. She said about 86 students were in a similar program in 2017-2018 which cost over \$600,000.

"It's not a consistent or long-term placement," Johnson said. "It's really enough of an opportunity for us to assess the situation, provide opportunity for that acquisition of a strategy, a skill and resource or start to move towards a larger potential evaluation for appropriate placement for a student."

Sue Kerr, the board's president, asked about the 40-day max which Johnson said the district is limited to 45 days under state law but U-46 has self-imposed a shorter term of 40 days. Johnson said students are evaluated "to determine if there is going to be a change of placement for the student or to have enough strategies and resources in place for the student to transition back to their site."

Board member Veronica Noland asked if there were concerns with having younger students in a middle school setting stating that it may not have appropriate playground or restroom equipment for smaller children. Johnson said the program will be housed in a "separate wing" of the school.

Board member Kate Thommes asked if the board could see curriculum resources and lesson plans. Johnson said she could provide some resources and said they will align with Common Core Standards.

The other contract to receive a vote is a renewal with One Hope United in Elgin to provide extended childcare to low-income families. The cost is \$357,500, the same as last year, and will be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through Preschool For All grant funds.

"U-46 subcontracts with One Hope United Elgin Child and Family Resource Center... to provide an additional 102 preschool slots within the childcare facility," the proposal states. "The subcontract pays for the salary and benefits of three teachers, three teacher assistants, facility expenses and materials."



### Solemn remembrance

Richard Winterfeld accepted the folded flag from fellow members of the flag-folding unit on Wednesday, Sept. 11, during a village ceremony commemorating the day. For story and more photos see page 12.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



# Trends continue within proposed U-46 budget

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote at its Sept. 23 meeting on the Fiscal Year 2020 budget which increases spending by \$36.2 million or 6.5 percent (\$594.3 million from \$558.1 million) despite continued projected enrollment declines, the district expecting a loss of 950 students from 38,394 to 37,444 for a 2.5 percent reduction.

A resolution supporting the budget and a public hearing was held on Monday, Sept. 9. Board member Eva Porter was absent.

There was no discussion by the board, and no public comments were made.

Revenues in the budget are projected to rise 6.2 percent or \$34.9 million to \$596 million from \$561.1 million.

The budget is larger than a tentative budget presented in June and the projections made in the FY2019 budget. This budget sets spending at \$14.7 million higher than the tentative \$579.6 million set in June and \$35.2 million higher than the \$559.1 million set in FY2019, and revenue is \$15 million higher than the \$581 million set in June and \$31.7 million set in FY2019.

Salaries and benefits are the largest expense at \$403.7 million (\$14.4 million increase from last year). Salaries will have risen \$49 million (\$254 million to \$303 million) since 2016 and benefits by \$11 million (\$90 million to \$101 million) which combined is over \$38 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) inflation calculator.

Local sources make up the largest revenue side which is expected to increase \$9.3 million (\$323.6 million to \$332.9 million) including a \$3.1 million increase in property tax revenue (\$303.8 million to \$306.9 million). U-46 plans to again raise its property tax levy by the maximum allowed under the law while also planning an abatement.

Based on the district's revenue projections for this year, U-46 could theoretically cut its property tax levy by over \$30 million and still increase spending this year. If the levy were held flat, spending could increase by \$33.1 million.

Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, said "looking forward, we're projecting about \$6 million a year" in additional property taxation with estimated levy of \$324 million by 2022.

In Kane County, where U-46 is based, property values have dropped by 29 percent but property taxes have risen by 4 percent since 2007 according to Illinois Department of Revenue and

Federal Housing Finance Agency numbers.

The district expects to receive \$197 million from the state under the "evidence-based" funding formula, an increase of \$22.5 million from last year.

The spending increases coupled with enrollment declines has become a long-term trend that is expected to continue indefinitely.

The projected loss of 950 students this year would be the fifth straight year of enrollment declines, but U-46 plans to increase staff by 84 full-time employees (FTE) for a total of 4,810. U-46 expects to only utilize 67 percent of its capacity.

The number of FTEs will have risen by 576, an addition on average of 115.2 FTEs annually, since 2016 while enrollment has declined by over 2,000 students since then.

From FY2012 to FY2019, enrollment has dropped 5.6 percent (2,293 fewer students) and spending has increased by \$128.1 million (29.8 percent) which is over \$80 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the BLS inflation calculator.

Forecasted from 2018-2019 to 2022-2023, the district expects a loss of 3,449 total students, 862.3 annually, for a 9 percent decrease in enrollment (38,394 to 34,945). At the same time, spending is projected to rise 14 percent to \$636.2 million total.

Using budget information and Illinois State Board of Education data, if the district's future forecasts become reality there will have been a 14.1 percent decline in enrollment from 40,687 students in 2012 while costs will have risen 48 percent from \$430 million in FY2012. On the state revenue side, the district forecasts annual increases in funding despite evidence suggesting Illinois is in poor fiscal health, possibly the worst in the nation.

Illinois is \$161.2 billion in debt according to usdebtclock.org, population has continued to decline and it is ranked the worst in the nation for financial health according to George Mason University's Mercatus Center's annual report. Since 2010, Moody's Investor Service has consistently rated Illinois as the worst state in the nation with a near junk-bond status and \$234 billion in unfunded pension liabilities.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "a lot of work went into" the budget and board member John Devereux called it "the single most important thing" that the board approves on Sept. 9. It took less than one minute for the district to present the budget resolution.

# Poplar Creek Library date offers passport assistance

By Kristin Carreno

The Poplar Creek Library, an authorized acceptance facility for passports, will be hosting an event on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where agents will be available to assist residents with the U.S. passport application or renewal process

"As a service to the community passport agents will be on hand," said the library's Public Relations and Programming Coordinator Mary Hauserman. "This is an informational table for patrons who may not know where to begin in the application process or for those who have questions about renewing an existing passport."

According to Hauserman, the timing of the event coincides with September which is designated as National Passport Awareness Month by the U.S. De-

partment of State.

"Stop by and find out what you need to do to get a passport or keep your passport up to date so that you are always ready when your adventure calls," Hauserman said. "We will be happy to review passport application requirements with you."

Hauserman added that residents who have already filled out a passport application can visit the Poplar Creek Library website at [www.pclib.org](http://www.pclib.org) to schedule "a more detailed one-on-one appointment at the library with a passport agent."

Poplar Creek Library is located at 1405 S. Park Ave. For more information on how to get a passport visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or call the Poplar Creek Public Library's reference desk at 483-4929.



## Connections

Poplar Creek Public Library

### New Art Exhibits!

Stop by the Main Library in Streamwood now through the end of October and visit our newest exhibit of paintings by the talented artists from the Hanover Township Senior Center. In addition, our free-standing display case has a collection of three-dimensional art, such as wood carvings and painted ceramics, also created by artists from the Hanover Township Senior Center. Both exhibits are in the Marlene Deuel Art Gallery located on the main level of the library, near the staircase.

### Dedicate a Brick

Memorialize a loved one, recognize your business, and support your library by purchasing a personalized engraved brick paver for the west entrance of the Main Library in Streamwood. For more information visit [www.pclib.org/donations](http://www.pclib.org/donations) or pick up a flyer in the library.

**Dahlias: Nature's Fireworks**  
Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

### Meeting Room 2/3

Come and learn tips from dahlia enthusiast Carol Cichorski about growing this colorful flower in your yard next spring. Sponsored by the Tri-Village Garden Club and Poplar Creek Library. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome! Register online or call 483-4910.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

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

**Smash Brothers Tournament**  
Saturday, Sept. 21 from  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Meeting Room 1/2/3

Check in starts at 11 a.m. and tournament play starts at 11:30 a.m. Consoles will be available for non-tournament players. Snacks will be provided. Questions? Visit the Teen Space or call 483-4928.

**Drop-in Craft: Origami**  
Tuesday, Sept. 24 from  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Sonya Crawshaw Branch

Stop by the Branch Library in Hanover Park to make some interesting origami critters. All supplies will be provided, but are limited. Ages 5 and up. No registration necessary-just stop in!

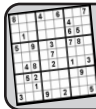
**Interviewing Skills for Teens**  
Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
Meeting Room 2

Sign up for this workshop and learn the skills you need for your first job or college interviews. Presented by HR professional Robert Schlacks. Register online or call the Teen Department at 483-4928.

### New! Fall Photos

Come take a family photo with one of our autumn-themed backdrops located in Studio 1405 on the lower level of the Main Library. No appointment necessary-just drop in! Check our website or newsletter for Studio 1405 hours. Questions? Call 483-4939.

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



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# Bartlett families having U-46 bus stop conflict

By Seth Hancock

A pair of Bartlett parents say they have been met with resistance by School District U-46 in their attempt to seek a safer bus stop for their elementary school aged children.

Currently, five elementary school students between the families of Liz and Vince Abate as well as Kali and Mark Zanona are picked up and dropped off at the intersection of Devon Avenue and Western Avenue with the stop on the north side forcing the children to cross Devon Avenue, a major street in Bartlett. Both the Abates

and Zonanas said another family is expected to move in this year adding more students to the stop.

The posted speed limit on Devon Avenue is 25 miles per hour (mph), but a 2017 speed study by the Village of Bartlett showed that 93 percent of traffic on the road exceeds that limit with an average speed of 30 to 37 mph depending on certain factors, like direction of traffic.

The families have made a request with the district to move that stop to the south side, a request they say the district has honored in previous years,

and they have yet to receive a satisfactory answer as to why the change won't be made. Kali Zanona said they have middle school children who use the same stop, but they are not as worried about their ability to cross Devon Avenue safely.

Zanona said that in the 2017-2018 school year the stop started on the north side and the district responded to her families request that year to move the stop to the south side. She said "it was effortless."

By the 2018-2019 year, the stop was moved back to the north side and it has remained there this year and the families have been "dealing with this daily" since then, according to the Abates, sending emails to taking video of the stop proving the unsafe nature of the bus stop.

"We just don't understand why the district is so resistant," Liz Abate said. "It seems to me that it is a simple switch."

Zanona said that she's been met with excuses by the district including that changing the stop would affect pickup times for other families and switching to the south side may add time to the route that is not in the district's budget. Zanona said the stop is the first on the route and they have been willing to have their children be picked up earlier as not to affect other families, and they have offered a route redesign that would not affect anyone but the district has been unwilling to work with them or explain why these weren't feasible requests.

*The Examiner* asked the district why it was not feasible to move the stop to the south side if it was moved back in 2017-2018?

"Moving the stop location is not necessary," said Mary Fergus, director of school and community relations. "There is already a stop on both sides on Devon. The Devon Avenue and Holly (Drive) stop accommodates that south side of Devon, and our stop at Devon and Western [is] to provide a stop on the north end."

In 2016-2017, the stop at Devon and Western was on both sides according to Fergus but after a review "we modified our route to eliminate backing up on a residential street in order to come back down Devon and make the stop on the south side at Pinoak (Drive) and Devon."

Fergus added: "During this transition, we worked closely with the Bartlett Police and the Bartlett City Council in determining the safety of this area. After the city completed numerous traffic studies and installed a crosswalk and pedestrian crossing signs at Devon and Western, this intersection was determined safe for students to cross and catch the bus. The city decided that Western Avenue was the best location to install the crosswalk due to the fact that this intersection had the best visibility of oncoming traffic."

For both Abate and Zanona, this is not a valid response to their concerns with Zanona saying "our designated stop is Devon and Western" and the "assertion that the district worked closely with the village to install a crosswalk to aid children crossing Devon is moot, as the bus does not even stop in it and due to where the bus does stop, students disembark directly into the road, completely on the opposite side of the street from the crosswalk located on the east side of Western."

Abate also said using the Holly Drive stop also would require her kids to use village owned sidewalks that during the winter are covered with snow and ice with nobody there to remove it.

Zanona said it was misleading to suggest the change was made to alleviate traffic congestion as "cars are required to stop and allow pedestrians

to cross, which would thus cause a delay to residential traffic" regardless of the stop's location.

"We are incredibly discouraged and disappointed by the District's continued resistance to engaging in proactive and collaborative problem-solving to ensure the safety of our children," Zanona said. "We have offered an amenable solution that does not have a negative impact on any parties involved, and the District's continued resistance feels arbitrary and personal. We too will continue to pursue this with whatever means are necessary until the issue is resolved. At the end of the day, shouldn't we all have the same goal of keeping our children, their students, safe in common?"

Abate said her primary concern is safety, and "crossing Devon is not a safe choice for children each day."

Initial emails were ignored by the district according to Abate until going above Jeff Prowell, director of transportation, and they have provided U-46 with video showing that "several cars passed the stopped bus, completely unaware that children were going to cross." The video was also shared with *The Examiner*.

"Only after our persistence, did this actually change to be even remotely safe," Abate said. "The bus now turns on to Devon to make this stop. This new crosswalk does not change the speed of the vehicles on the road, or guarantee a car will stop. A visit to the stop would also show that the stop does not even use the crosswalk as described."

Abate said that instead of working with the families, the district's response has been that they can seek other options on their own for transporting their children.

"The claim that this the best location for children to cross and catch a bus is still ignoring the fact that they should not have to cross a high traffic road, or navigate snow and ice," Abate said. "The last response provided by Jeffrey Powell stated that stop arm violators and snow removal are not in the control of the transportation and safety department. We have never asked for either of these things be prevented directly by the school district, we have only asked that they choose a stop that reduces the likelihood that our children will be harmed when traveling to school when others make these mistakes."

In general, if a parent makes a request to have a bus stop moved, Fergus said: "Our Transportation Department listens to concerns about a particular situation, talks with parents, school administrators, local law enforcement departments and municipalities, visits the location in question, and importantly, follows relevant laws and guidelines."

## Sabres volleyball snaps skid with win over Elgin

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team came out strong and dominated in a 25-15, 25-12 win over Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Streamwood.

The Sabres were in control of both sets from start to finish culminating in Game 2 with a 5-2 run to finish the match with Mariely Sotelo (seven kills) producing three kills down the stretch and the game-winner coming on an ace from Natalie Stoch (four kills, 12 digs).

For Streamwood coach Shelly Mueller, she saw her team succeed with help from areas the team has been working on recently.

"We've really been working on our serving and our passing, and I thought today we did a great job in those areas," Mueller said.

Vivian Sumoski (eight kills), Mary Rackow (15 assists) and Hannah Jenig (11 digs) all contributed to the win.

The victory snapped an eight-game losing streak, all from the previous week including seven losses over the

weekend in tournaments.

"We struggled a bit this past weekend, and we had a really intense practice yesterday and focused on getting our system back in order," Mueller said. "We needed to see a good win, and we got it. I hope to see us carry this confidence over to the Little Village tournament."

Streamwood did go on to have a successful tournament going 4-1 to finish second at the Little Village Invite on Saturday, Sept. 14 in Chicago. The tournament sets were to 21 points.

The Sabres defeated Hancock (22-20, 18-21), Curie (21-14, 21-15) and Cristo Rey (21-6, 21-16) in pool play. In the semifinals, they defeated Hancock 21-14, 21-16 before falling 21-14, 21-16 to Lincoln Park in the title match.

Sotelo (27 kills, 30 digs), Stoch (16 kills, 20 digs), Peyton Hedger (16 kills), Vivian Sumoski (11 kills), Elena Sumoski (nine kills), Jenig (53 digs), Leandra Gottschalk (50 assists) and Jessica Sampson (18 assists) led the effort.

Streamwood is now 8-13 overall, 1-1 in the UEC.

## Village police K9 Scout returns to duty after training injury

The Streamwood Police Department K-9 "Scout" was conducting normal training operations on June 23, when his handler, Officer Collin Klein noticed something wrong. Klein determined that K-9 Scout broke both his lower left and upper left canine teeth while engaged in a conditioning exercise. The extent of the damage to Scout's teeth was apparent and would require a canine dental specialist.

Klein was able to schedule the dental work with the dental specialists at the Veterinary Dental Center of Oswego and obtain a grant for the dental work through the National Police Dog

Foundation located in Camarillo, California. The National Police Dog Foundation's mission is to promote awareness and raise funds for the purchase, training, and veterinary care of active and retired law enforcement K-9s.

According to the police department, Klein, Scout and the department are thankful to the National Police Dog Foundation as well as the doctor and her team at the dental center for their generosity and care. With their help and the help of those that assist the foundation, Klein and Scout are able to fully perform their duties for the village and its residents.



K-9 Scout returning during training.

(Courtesy photo)

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# Storm band pays visit to village school

Students at Fox Meadow Elementary School on Friday, Sept. 6 were treated to a private performance by the South Elgin High School marching band. The annual event brings the band to several local elementary schools to pique interest in joining the band, and let children hear different instruments they might want to play.



Even the tuba players got out into the crowd to greet children.



Band members did a Rockettes-like chorus line before saying good-bye to students.



The South Elgin High School marching band parked on the west side of the school and marched on to the playground.

*(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)*



Alex Lopez got to visit his aunt Brianna Santos while her band played.



Jimmy Aiden received a drumstick from one of the percussionists.



Band Director Kurt Dobbeck reached out to greet schoolchildren.



# Bartlett kicks off homecoming with parade



Members of the Sabre Hawks swim and dive team returning to the start-off point of the parade.

The students and staff of Bartlett High School kicked off homecoming week on Sunday, Sept. 15 with the homecoming parade. Sports teams decorated vehicles for spirit points; at the end of the week, each

class will be judged on their parade entries, hall decorations, powderpuff game scores and cheerleaders. The homecoming football game is Friday, Sept. 20 against Elgin High School.



Members of the varsity football team showed their strength.



Members of the varsity dance team revved up the parade-watchers.



Football coach Matt Erlenbaugh and his son John, rode the parade in one of the school's maintenance carts.



The Bartlett marching band led the teams through the parade.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Members of the varsity soccer team kicked the ball around while waiting for the parade to kick-off.



Several members of the girls varsity volleyball team rode atop their float.



# Pet of the Week



## A candy-like treat

Kit Kat, just like her namesake, is as sweet as can be. Kit Kat spent some time exploring the outdoors as a stray and realized that it wasn't for her. She is a very social young lady who will surely fit into a family. Kit Kat is also simply adorable! She is 4 months old, spayed, and ready to be a best pal! For more information please call 407-2800 or email [animalservices@dupageco.org](mailto:animalservices@dupageco.org).  
(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

# Interns, arts celebration recognized at meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees recognized summer interns and September was declared Bartlett Arts DuPage Month by Village President Kevin Wallace at the board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

For the second year, in conjunction with School District U-46, the village welcomed Bartlett High School academy students to take part in a 40-hour internship. There were 12 total students who took part in administration, building, community development, engineering, geographic information system and history internships.

"This internship not only gave these students a tremendous opportunity to step into the real world, the students gave the village long-lasting, quality work that we're excited about," Wallace said.

Wallace also asked residents to celebrate September as Bartlett Arts Du-

Page Month and Arts DuPage has declared October as Arts DuPage Month.

"The arts, culture and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world, the enduring record of human achievement," and they "enhance every aspect of life in Bartlett improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children," Wallace said.

According to Wallace, research shows that art fosters creativity, discipline, imagination, problem-solving skills and self-expression and helps "develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding."

Wallace added: "We use the humanities; history, literature, philosophy; to explore what it means to be human.... The arts, culture and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families in our country."

# Hawks football in control of Raiders in 49-14 victory

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team was in control from start to finish in a 49-14 victory over Glenbard South in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Sept. 13 at Glenbard South.

Hawks quarterback Michael Priami (22-for-33, 248 yards) got the scoring started in the first quarter with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Mathew Young, and from there Bartlett led for

good building a 28-7 lead by halftime before outscoring the host 21-7 in the second half.

Priami finished with four touchdown passes adding a 32-yarder to Young. He threw a 12-yard TD pass to Alec Palella and a 13-yard TD pass to Hayden Angell.

"I was spreading the ball around to

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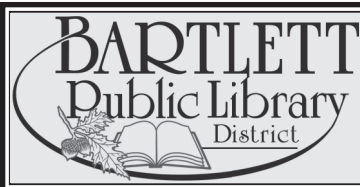
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Interested in chess or simply love the game? Come enjoy an informal evening of chess in a fun and welcoming environment! Players of all skill levels are encouraged to attend and all boards and pieces will be provided.

## Animal Lovers Club

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m.**

Grades K to first. Join us to learn about various animals and their habitats. We will hear stories and enjoy a craft. Registration required.

## BookLite Book Group

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.**

BookLite is a social book club that meets the third Thursday of each month. Join us at The Still Bar & Grill in Bartlett to talk books, grab a drink, and meet new people. Books are available at the Adult Services desk one month prior to the discussion.

## Toddler Time

**Friday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.**

Ages 2 to 3 with a caregiver. This interactive storytime is just right for your tot! Bond with your 2 to 3 year old with 20 minutes of stories, songs and our newest feature, "rhythm band." Siblings are welcome.

## Now Showing

**Friday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.**

All ages. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Movie begins at 7 p.m. It's movie night at the library! New releases will be shown when possible. Titles to be announced. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Concessions will be available for sale from the Friends of the Library.

## YouTube Videos

**Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.**

This class is designed to introduce

the features and functions of YouTube. Registration required.

## Hoosier Mama Pie

**Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m.**

Chicago's renowned pie maven and author of "Hoosier Mama Book of Pie," Paula Haney of Hoosier Mama Pie Co., dishes about her life making pies, demonstrates how to make perfect pie dough and provides samples. Signed copies will be available for purchase after the program. Registration required.

## Practice ACT Test

**Sunday, Sept. 22, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Grades nine to 12. The Sylvan Learning Center of Schaumburg presents a free pencil and paper ACT practice test for high school students. Students are required to bring their own approved calculator if needed. After the test, students can meet with Sylvan Learning Center staff to go over their test results on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Registration required.

## Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception

**Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.**

In this engaging program, magician William Pack explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day. Pack will also share techniques to preserve brain health and overcome the logical fallacies we all make. This program is funded by the Friends of the Bartlett Library.

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

# Report paints bleak picture of Madigan's ex-chief of staff

By Rebecca Anzel  
Capitol News Illinois

An investigation into the "workplace culture" of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's office found his former chief of staff contributed to a culture of bullying pervasive throughout the Capitol system.

The review, conducted by former federal prosecutor and former executive inspector general Maggie Hickey, was called for in response to allegations of harassment. She currently works for Schiff Hardin LLP.

Hickey found "by far the most consistent criticism" of more than 100 people interviewed was "bullying," according to the released report. The issues, including "hazing" experienced by some workers, were described as "inevitable" due to long hours workers spend in the Statehouse and the "militant" nature of Madigan's staff.

Madigan and a group of female Democratic lawmakers called for Hickey to conduct the probe of the Speaker's office in June 2018.

"I welcomed this independent review to better understand the workplace culture within the Office of the Speaker and to help improve the environment in the Capitol," Madigan said in a press release.

One of the allegations was against Timothy Mapes, who was the speaker's chief of staff for more than 25 years and clerk of the House for more than six years before resigning in June 2018.

Sherri Garrett, an account technician, worked in the Statehouse since the 1980s. She made eight allegations against Mapes, which Hickey classified into three groups in her report: Illustrations of Mapes' leadership approach, examples of how he managed workplace harassment complaints and allegations he made inappropriate comments at work.

In interviews for the investigation, she told Hickey that Mapes had "an inordinate amount of power in the State," according to the report, including influence over harassment complaints. Hickey's report said most of the people she interviewed, regardless of their opinion of Mapes, said he "commonly threatened people's jobs" or "reminded them that they were dispensable."

Hickey concluded Mapes "had a habit of being discourteous to workers and representatives."

"The number of independently verified instances of Mr. Mapes's derogatory behavior was overwhelming," Hickey said in her report. "Mr. Mapes had a reputation for denigrating workers and threatening their jobs."

The report also found Mapes made "discourteous and inappropriate comments" to and around Garrett, as well as other workers, to "[exert] power" over them.

"It is my position that the recent criticisms made against me do not truly appreciate the size of the responsibility of my position," Mapes said in a statement distributed by his law firm, Clifford Law Offices. "The daily needs

of my position required constant attention in order to ensure the successful operation of our government. I made every effort to satisfy these demands."

But in her report, Hickey noted Mapes held "substantial actual and perceived authority" in Madigan's office as well as the Capitol.

"Whether he intended it or not, many workers said that Mr. Mapes caused them to believe that they were easily replaceable, and therefore, they made sure not to make waves, even if they would have had workplace harassment concerns that they believed warranted attention," according to the report.

She recommended Madigan reorganize the hierarchy of his office to prevent the amount of power and influence Mapes wielded to again rest with one person. In the report, she suggested the speaker take on a greater role in his office and delegate additional responsibilities to senior members of his staff.

The document also states the speaker's human resources department should be given additional authority, workers should receive more harassment training, and the office should have clearer reporting structures.

"I truly hope that the workplace culture changes so that people doing this important work are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve," Garrett said in a press release.

The report said that while many people believe the power wielded by the speaker's office "has been used to silence opposition" and "discouraged some people from coming forward," many of those interviewed also believed the office "can use its power to eliminate harassment and discrimination from the Capitol workplace by being transparent, accountable, and a model for other workplaces and legislatures."

"We agree," Hickey wrote.

The investigation also focused on allegations made by Chicago Democratic Rep. Kelly Cassidy and activist Maryann Loncar.

Cassidy alleged in mid-May 2018 that she was the subject of retaliation by Mapes, Madigan and Blue Island Democratic Rep. Robert Rita for speaking out about how the speaker's office handled harassment complaints.

The report did not find any evidence of wrongdoing of the three men.

Loncar last year accused former Chicago Democratic Rep. Lou Lang of sexual harassment for an action which occurred more than five years ago when they were working on legislation together. Hickey noted in the report that Loncar did not cooperate with the investigation, and Lang, who is now a registered lobbyist at the Statehouse, denied the allegations against him, calling them "absurd."

The report notes "there is insufficient evidence to conclude that Representative Lang engaged in wrongdoing."

Kantzavelos added a two-yard touchdown run, and kicker Xander Salyers was 7-for-7 on extra point attempts.

Bartlett finished with a 435-236 advantage in total yards, and its defense held Glenbard South to only 45 rushing yards. The Hawks defense also had two interceptions from Max Nordlund and Brenden Gran.

"It was good to see us clicking on all phases," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "We really got things rolling. I was proud of the guys."

The Hawks are now 2-1 overall and in the UEC.



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The following programs and services are provided by Bartlett Park District, some require advance registration. For more information, call 540-4800 or visit [www.bartlettparks.org](http://www.bartlettparks.org).

## School Day Off Camps

**Sept. 27, Oct. 14 and 25**

## • Day of Fun at Nature Center

No school? Come and spend the day with us here at the Bartlett Nature Center. Dress for the weather, bring a lunch, snack and water bottle. Each Day is a different theme. See page 18 in the autumn program guide for specifics. Fee is \$30 per day. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## • Before and After Care

Join us for Before and/or After Care Camp. Campers can be dropped off early and stay late for supervised care before and after day camp at the Bartlett Nature Center. Activities will vary and the atmosphere will be safe and casual inside the building. Breakfast or snack must be brought by the camper. The use of cell phones will only be allowed before entering or after leaving the building. If there is an emergency please notify the office and the camper will be located. All registration closes, no exceptions, at 4 p.m. Friday prior to camp. Fee is \$5 per day for before care 7:30 to 9 a.m. and \$10 per day for aftercare 3 to 6 p.m.

## School Day Off Open Swim, Splash

**Central, Sept. 27, Oct. 14 and 25**

Spend the day in the pool with your friends! Splash Central in Bartlett Community Center has special hours on Sept. 27, Oct. 14 and 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. so you can relax, splash, dive, and swim your day away.

## The Room Upstairs Teen Trip

**Friday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Your escape begins here...where your

ability to untangle a web of deception, problem solve, think logically, and work with your team will be required to successfully see your room to a thrilling end. You and your team will be immersed in a challenge of cryptic clues, ruthless riddles, and perplexing puzzles. You will have 60 minutes to make sense of all the clues, draw conclusions, and defy the odds to escape the room before time runs out. Fee includes transportation, admission into the escape room and a pizza lunch will be provided after the escape. Open to grade: sixth to eighth. Fee is \$40 regular or \$30 resident.

## Family Fun Golf Day at Villa Olivia

**Sunday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

This family activity includes nine holes of golf, a hot dog lunch and chance to win prizes and give a way items. Call 540-4166 to register and reserve a tee time. The fee is \$20 for adult and \$18 for junior.

## Family Fun Golf Day at Apple Orchard,

**Sunday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

This family activity includes one free junior golfer for each paid adult. Includes a chance to win prizes and give away items. Call 540-4807 to register and reserve a tee time. Fee is \$14.50 for adult. One free junior with each paid adult. No other discounts can be applied to the paid adult or free junior.

## All You Can Eat Fish Fry

**Friday, Oct. 4,**

All you can eat Friday Fish Fry at lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4 to 9 p.m. Fish Fry includes soup and salad bar, coleslaw, french fries, and an ice cream sundae bar. Additional menu items are available during this time. Cost is \$14.99 for adults and \$9.99 for children (6 to 10).

# Football

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everyone," Priami said. "They all wanted the ball, but I had to spread the ball around."

Tyler Rivelli (nine carries, 78 yards) and Jordan Snyder (11 carries, 67 yards) led the Hawks ground game who finished with 187 yards, and the pair both had scoring runs of three and two yards respectively. Nick



# Late Hawks rally forges draw with South Elgin

By Seth Hancock

After over 50 minutes of scoreless soccer, the Bartlett and South Elgin rivalry finished in exciting fashion with a 2-2 final score in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at South Elgin.

Despite the Hawks controlling more of play through the first half, they found themselves down 2-0. But, in the final 14 minutes Bartlett rallied to score twice with Edgar Leon netting the equalizer off a Sean Cox feed with 4:09 left to play.

To top off the rally, Bartlett went on to earn bragging rights. Although officially a tie, the rivals introduced the tentatively titled Thunder-Hawk trophy which Bartlett won 2-0 after a round of penalty kicks. The teams also raised funds for a cancer charity.

“It was all teamwork,” Leon said. “Coach (Vince

Revak) kept telling us ‘hey, keep pressuring them. We’ve got them.’ That’s exactly what we did.”

The Storm broke up the shutout with 27:01 left in the game when Elijah Patrick took a free kick from the left side of the field and around 25 yards away, and positioned near the right post Edwin Ayala headed in the goal.

Just four minutes later, Danny Quintana made it 2-0 off a Jose Rangel assist.

“Bartlett played very well, and they kind of took us out of our element a little bit,” said South Elgin coach Jerzy Skowron. “They kind of got us having to think quickly. We had to figure out a way to break them down playing the ball out of the back, pull them out of position and hit them.”

The Hawks began their rally with 13:53 left on the clock when Hernan Garcia scored off a Sebastian Larios helper.

“Yeah, I’d like to talk about the missed opportunity of a possible win, but the bottom line is the way things were going before 20 minutes were left in the game, we definitely came out with a positive result in the end,” Revak said.

Israel Cuautle finished with six saves in goal for Bartlett. Zach Juszko (three saves) and Christian Andrew (two saves) split time for the Storm.

Bartlett (4-1-3, 1-0-1 UEC) went on to defeat Glenbard North 4-1 on Thursday, Sept. 12 and tied St. Charles East 2-2 on Saturday, Sept. 14, both games nonconference and at Bartlett.

Marco Zamora (Cox assist),



Bartlett’s Kamil Jarzabek, left, and South Elgin’s Victor Chagoya competing for the ball as Jarzabek attempted to penetrate past the Storm defense.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Francesco Espana (Garcia assist), Amine Medmoun (penalty kick) and Raj Parikh (unassisted) all scored for a 4-0 halftime lead against Glenbard North, and Cuautle had five saves. Nicolas Gomez and Cesar Palomares scored, Kamil Jarzabek had an assist and keeper Jeremy Taylor had five saves against East.

To open the PepsiCo Showdown, the Storm (3-4-2, 0-1-1) defeated Juarez 5-1 on Saturday at the Inwood Complex in Joliet. Quintana (two goals), Ayala (goal), Ryan Doherty (goal), Aiden Hogan (goal), Anthony Sisler (two assists), Ethan Cup (assist), Elias Hernandez (assist), Jeremy Castro (assist) and Juszko (one save) led the effort.



Bartlett’s Sebastian Gluszak eyeing South Elgin’s Jose Rangel, left, as the pair pursued the ball deep in the Storm end of the pitch.

# Storm remain perfect in blanking Maroons 47-0

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team made it three straight shutouts to start the season as the Storm defeated Elgin 47-0 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Sept. 13 at South Elgin.

Through three games, the Storm have now outscored opponents 169-0.

Against Elgin, Shiking Marshall ran back the opening kickoff 82 yards for the game’s first score and the Storm went on to build a 27-0 lead by half-

time and 33-0 after three quarters.

Marshall had a big day all around adding a 77-yard touchdown run on offense and two interceptions on defense.

“He’s a special player,” said South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic. “His summer was good for us. His practice habits have been very, very good. Now he’s a senior he’s more invested and serious, his teammates trust him and he’s playing well.”

Quarterback Ben Karpowicz (4-for-5, 119 yards) threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Calin Gurau (two receptions, 55 yards) and ran in a one-yard score on a QB keeper, Vince Clinite had a seven-yard TD run, Eron Mahmudi had a one-yard TD run and Davion Cherwin returned a punt 32 yards for a score. Kicker Andrew Bucaro was 5-for-7 on extra point attempts.

South Elgin outgained Elgin 360-329 in total yards and were led on the

ground by Corve King (five carries, 59 yards) and Cherwin (three carries, 42 yards). Marquis Gillespie II added an interception on defense.

“I feel like we’re playing as a team,” Marshall said. “Nobody is selfish at all. We’re all fighting for each other at the end of the day, and that’s how we get the job done.”

The Storm, which was hosting their first night game on campus, are now 3-0 overall and in the UEC.



South Elgin’s Jacob Cooper held back Elgin’s Alexander West from breaking through the pack in the second quarter.



South Elgin’s Corve King continued to carry the ball as Elgin’s Matthew Perez, left, and Michael Stine, center, latched on.



South Elgin’s Shiking Marshall returned the kick off at the start of game for an 82 yard touchdown.

(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



# Streamwood splits pair of conference matches



The Sabres’ Edwin Peralta colliding with the West Chicago keeper David Kuehn while sandwiched between Kuehn and the Wildcats’ Alex Chegue. Kuehn was able to blunt the shot and keep Streamwood off the scoreboard early in the second half.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team was unable to stop a second half rally by West Chicago as the Sabres dropped a 3-1 Upstate Eight Conference match on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Millennium Field.

Through the first half, the Sabres had the better of play but came out of the first 40 minutes with just a 1-0 lead.

The second half, West Chicago stole the momentum early netting the equalizer less than seven minutes into the half. Though the visitors didn’t pull ahead until late, the go-ahead and insurance goals came in the final eight minutes of play, West Chicago held the advantage most of the second half.

“At halftime, I just told them to put your foot on the pedal, but it seemed we did the opposite,” said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. “When they get that first goal, you try to tell the kids don’t let your

heads drop. It just seemed like the urgency wasn’t there.”

The Sabres had several strong scoring chances in the first half including Jose Banuelos hitting the left post about midway through.

It wasn’t until 4:52 was left before the break when Alejandro Morales, near the left side of the net, headed in an Aldo Jimenez cross for a 1-0 lead.

Goalkeeper Antonio Herrera finished with five saves.

“I would say after the first five or 10 minutes, we controlled most of the first half,” Polovin said. “It was nice to finally get that goal, and we had some other chances.”

The loss dropped Streamwood to 1-1 in the UEC after opening



Streamwood’s Aaron Taboada, left, pursuing the Wildcats’ Moises Morfin who was bringing the ball up field while attempting to set up a West Chicago offensive attack. Morfin would score a late insurance goal in the second half to give West Chicago a 3-1 lead and victory on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Streamwood.

the league with a 3-1 victory over Fenton on Monday, Sept. 9 at Fenton. Banuelos had a pair of goals, assisted by Edwin Peralta and Jose Ibarra, and he assisted an Angel Diaz goal, and Herrera finished with five saves.

To open the PepsiCo Showdown, the Sabres dropped a 3-1 game against Speer Academy on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Inwood Complex in Joliet. Peralta scored for Streamwood, and goalie Eduardo Del Rio had six saves.

The Sabres are now 3-4 overall.



Jose Ibarra sending the ball well up field after clearing it from West Chicago on defense.



During a Streamwood offensive rush against West Chicago, the Sabres’ Jose Banuelos worked to control an elevated ball along a sideline.



# Sabres outlast Fenton to win in double overtime



Sabres running back Sirrion Dixon busting loose for a big gain and a first down deep in Fenton territory. The play kept a drive alive that eventually resulted in a Streamwood touchdown that tied the game 7-7. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

In double overtime, the Streamwood football team won a thriller 28-21 over Fenton in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Sept. 13 at Millennium Field.

The game was tied 14-14 at the end of regulation and 21-21 after the first overtime. Davidas Petreikis ran in a four-yard touchdown to open the second OT and kicker Angel Acosta converted his fourth extra point of the night to give the Sabres their first lead of the game at 28-21.

On Fenton's second overtime possession, on a third-and-goal play Jakobe Strong caught a game-ending interception for Streamwood.

That ended a tight game that saw Fenton leading 14-7 at halftime. The Sabres out-gained the visitors 290-279 in total yardage for the game, all of Streamwood's yards coming on the ground.

"At halftime, we're down a touchdown," said Streamwood coach Don Guindon. "You just look at them and say, 'you guys have committed yourself November through August and all that offseason stuff. This is what it comes down to.'"

Guindon added: "We work this stuff in the summer, the 10-yard stuff in overtime. It showed."

Trailing 7-0 after the first quarter, Buddy Martinez (21 carries, 132 yards) had a six-yard touchdown run to help tie the game and he added an 18-yard TD run in the fourth on the way to the 14-14 tie. Quarterback Andrew Phan ran in a one-yard score in the first overtime.

Sirrion Dixon finished with 117 rushing yards on 24 carries.

For the first time in eight years, the Sabres have won consecutive games to improve to 2-1 overall and in the UEC.



Fenton quarterback Nicolas Benn, left, being sacked by the Sabres' Zoser Garcia who got past a would-be block by Fenton running back Andre Bess.

## Pet of the Week



### A candy-like treat

Kit Kat, just like her namesake, is as sweet as can be. Kit Kat spent some time exploring the outdoors as a stray and realized that it wasn't for her. She is a very social young lady who will surely fit into a family. Kit Kat is also simply adorable! She is 4 months old, spayed, and ready to be a best pal! For more information please call 407-2800 or email [animalservices@dupageco.org](mailto:animalservices@dupageco.org).

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