

## Press Clippings 10/11/2017

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### **Formations for showcase underway-U46 marching bands to perform for public at event**

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



The Bartlett High School marching band participated in the U46 Marching Band Showcase in 2016. (School District U46)

For a second consecutive year, School District U46 will show off its marching bands to the public in an evening-long event.

The U46 Marching Band Showcase at Elgin High School's Memorial Stadium Wednesday hopes to replicate the success of last year's inaugural event.

"This showcase is a great opportunity for the community to get a look at our outstanding high school music programs," said Elgin High Schoolband director Robert Sanchez. "We will be able to celebrate the passions and talents of students representing all areas of the district at Memorial Field on Wednesday night."

According to a U46 news release, each high school marching band will participate in a performance and an on-field clinic from guest instructors Mike Madonia, director of bands at Robert Morris University, and Adam Hill, director of the Chicago Bulls Drum Line.

The clinicians will give students detailed feedback but are also encouraged to educate the spectators in the stands about the nuances of each band's performance.

Each school's marching band gets about 20 minutes to perform before the five groups join to perform as one to conclude the festivities. Larkin opens at 6 p.m.; Streamwood's band goes on at 6:25 p.m.; Bartlett at 6:50 p.m.; South Elgin at 7:15 p.m.; Elgin's band is the last to perform individually, at 7:40 p.m.; followed by the all-band performance at 8 p.m.

According to the release, the marching band showcase is free to U46 students with an ID, as well as children under 5 and senior citizens who live within the district's boundaries. General admission to the event is \$5.

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## **Boys soccer: Tie with Streamwood gives Elgin UEC River Title**

BY SCOTT MILLER

With perennial powerhouses Batavia, St. Charles North, and St. Charles East along with a talented Streamwood squad all residing in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division it seemed very unlikely at the outset of the season that the Elgin boys soccer team would have any chance at playing for a conference title. However, that is exactly the position the Maroons found themselves in on Tuesday when they traveled to play Streamwood at Millennium Field.

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"With the level of competition in this division we didn't even have this down as one of our goals at the beginning of the year," Borg said. "We are usually focused in on winning our regional. But things fell into place and here we are. It couldn't happen to a better bunch of kids. They deserve it, They have worked their tails off all year."

Omar Lopez scored the Maroons' only goal on a header with 5:28 left in the first half. Streamwood tied it with 3:48 left to play in the game, but the Maroons were able to keep it even the rest of the way.

"This is a great feeling," Lopez said. "It means a lot to all of us. We just work together as a team and played hard the whole way."

Lopez has over 20 goals this season.

"He just gets in the right spots at the right times," Borg said. "He passes when he needs to, but always knows when to take the shot, too. He's a pure striker."

Borg credits experience with having a lot to do with his team's success this year.

We have a core group of players in Omar, Jesus Lopez, Pablo Perez, Andy Zavala, Alex Kunicky, Julian Garfias and Manny Ramirez who have stuck together for three or four

years," Borg said. "That continuity really makes a difference and their dedication has paid off."

Streamwood had a chance to win the conference crown with a win. Aldo Lazaro scored the Sabres' only goal.

"It came a little too late," Streamwood coach Matt Polovin said. "It's a little frustrating because we felt like we were the better team. We had the run of the play, but it was disappointing that we didn't put away more of our chances. We have been a little inconsistent with that."

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Sports complex in  
U-46 slated for vote  
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Collection of trash  
topic of committee  
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## Food for the day

Sean Ebert brought his pig roaster out for the annual Wayne Day celebration on Saturday, Oct. 7. For story and more photos see page 11.  
*(Examiner photo by Joe Hyland)*

## Editorial

### Race Hustling on the U-46 School Board

#### Part II

The public record demonstrates that U-46 Trustee **Traci O'Neal Ellis** sees racism everywhere, but that same record suggests that honesty and integrity are invisible to her.

Let us begin with the flag controversy, the one launched when her private Facebook post equating the American flag to toilet paper became public. At last week's school board meeting and as recapitulated on her public Facebook page, **Ellis** offered an apology to students and families, among others, about whom she said:

You have to be here to face discomfort and hostility you had no part in creating. You have been forced, though no fault of yours, to spend the last week thinking about, talking about, and stressing about a situation that should never have been foisted upon you or the district.

She then went on to qualify her apology by stating further that she will "make no apologies" for her toilet paper comment because it was made on her "personal Facebook page" as a "private citizen."

The sincerity of her apology is demonstrably false.

**Ellis** cannot hide behind the "personal" and "private" character of her incendiary posts because she also doubled down on her flag-as-toilet paper comments on her public Facebook page, the one she calls: "**Traci O'Neal Ellis, U-46 School Board Member.**" She also identifies herself on the home page as: "Public Figure." Her intention to make her crusade public is clear from her very first words: "So let's talk about the FB post from my personal page." She then goes on to assert: "I cannot be embarrassed by righteous truth." She certainly is self-righteous, but she is embarrassingly untruthful.

Giving even greater lie to **Ellis's** apology, however, was her conduct at the subsequent school board meeting, the text of which apology she also posted on her public Facebook page. Tellingly, she selectively edited what she actually said at the meeting, excluding the vile language she broadcast to the parents and students (who are frequently required to observe board meetings by their teachers) in the audience and online at the U-46 YouTube live feed. Following is what she actually broadcast to the community—the community to which she only moments earlier purported to apologize for foisting stress and discomfort upon it:

In the over 1,000 private messages I received, I was called a "n\*gger" 500 and some odd times. I was called a "c\*nt"—don't flinch, don't flinch, don't flinch, 'cause I had to take it—some 300 times. I was called a "b\*tch" over 500 times. I was called a "f\*cking n\*gger b\*tch" some 600 times. [emphasis added]

An observant student of **Ellis** will find several problems with her comments. First, she could have shared these alleged slurs while still preserving decorum. For example, she could have referred to the "N word" or "a vulgar term referring to female genitalia." Certainly, this level of dexterity and civility with our language is within reach of a highly educated attorney such as **Ellis**. Second, her very deliberate intention to foist further discomfort upon U-46 residents was quite clear not only in the self-righteous and condescending tone she took, but in her obviously rehearsed stick-it-in-their-eyes scolding of the stunned and silent audience: "Don't flinch, don't flinch, don't flinch, 'cause I had to take it." So, when **Ellis** says that "I could have been much more circumspect in my criticism and more elegant in my language," she obfuscates the point. She could, but she's far too arrogant and contemptuous of others to do so.

If anyone says so, however, they are racist. If you don't believe us, listen to her speech on YouTube to learn what else

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## Dominick's site appears primed for new client

By **Christy Mazza**

After nearly four years, the site that formerly housed Dominick's is getting a new tenant.

Last week, a lease was signed by Amita Health to create a Bartlett medical clinic facility in the former grocery space. The medical clinic is set to house physical therapy, doctor's offices, medical practices and testing facilities. The village has not yet received all plans for the development.

"It's a huge project," said Economic Development Coordinator Tony Fradin. He added that village staff got involved in negotiations this past January in an effort to bring in a sustainable and viable long-term tenant.

"We have every reason to believe that Amita will be here for the long term," Fradin said.

Amita plans to spend approximately \$20 million converting the old grocery store into a state-of-the-art facility, something Fradin said will probably take more than a year to complete.

Fradin said once it's up and running, the 65,000 square-foot medical facility is expected to serve between 100,000 and 200,000 people annually.

The Dominick's site has been a high-profile vacancy in the village since the grocery store was vacated in Decem-

ber 2013. Since that time, Fradin said the primary target was to replace it with another grocery store. Numerous were contacted, and for various reasons were not interested.

Additionally, the lease has been controlled by Albertson's, the parent company of Jewel. They plan to let their lease go and Amita will take it over.

Brokers first made contact with Fradin regarding the space in August 2016. Negotiations began in January and took approximately nine months to complete.

Filling the Dominick's space was high priority. Fradin said it was the largest vacancy the village has ever had. And filling the anchor space will bring the Stearns Crossing center, where stores have experienced declined sales, back to life.

The filling of the space will also reduce the village's vacancy rate, which is based on square footage rather than number of store fronts, down from roughly 16 percent to approximately 10 percent.

Some selling points for Amita regarding the site, according to Fradin, included area demographics, traffic counts and the upcoming intersection improvements being made by IDOT at Illinois Route 59 and Stearns Road.



# Appeal decision allows for U-46 charter school

By Seth Hancock

After months of negotiations with School District U-46 went in vain and after years of trying to bring a charter school to the district, the Elgin Math and Science Academy (EMSA) will become a reality after a 5-3 vote by the Illinois State Charter School Commission (ISCSC) to approve an appeal on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Gail Borden Library in Elgin.

When asked her feelings on the approval after the decision was rendered, Kerry Kelly, president of the EMSA board, was all business.

"We've got to start looking for a principal," Kelly said. "That's the first thing. The principal is foremost in our mind, hiring a high quality principal."

Kelly said there will be an Expeditionary Learning, the planned science curriculum to be used by EMSA, national conference held in Chicago in October which should bring good potential candidates. A principal must be hired by Dec. 1 under the ISCSC's approval.

EMSA will receive 100 percent of the Per Capita Tuition Charge (PCTC) funding from U-46, a little over \$10,000 per student, which is above the 92 percent it sought from the district when EMSA attempted to gain approval by the U-46 Board of Education.

The charter school will open in August 2018 and classes will be held at the Neil Building located at the former Fox River Day School site in Elgin in the first year. EMSA is capped at 400 students a year for the first five years, and any renovations to the facilities must be paid for through private funding.

ISCSC commissioner David Fein-

berg, who voted in favor of the charter, said "there is inherent risk with anything new" but U-46 has the funds to take such a risk. He also called the EMSA location an "unbelievable facility in an unbelievable location."

"I had the opportunity to visit the Neil Building," Feinberg said. "I've visited many potential charter schools that would serve as new schools that have been considered for opening. I have never encountered a building as suitable for a new school as the Neil Building."

Commissioner Carlos Perez, also a yes vote, said there was "not much debate about the educators to provide a quality education for the children, and that is what first and foremost a school ought to be" and added other charters have "truly changed the lives of children" with less funding. Troy Ratliff, a yes vote, said "this is a district that has the funds to support this risk" and "sometimes you have to take a risk."

Commissioner DeRonda Williams cast the fifth yes vote, leading to applause from the EMSA supporters, said "I have confidence in the team that's in place" to run EMSA.

"I'm so thankful to all of the volunteers, our design team and our board," Kelly said. "We put in tremendous hours. We're looking to expand that, bring in some additional help to spread the hours out a little bit. We're looking at probably a couple more 12-hour days, 80-hour weeks maybe."

The journey to bring the charter school to U-46 began back in 2014 when EMSA first sought approval from the district, which was denied by a 6-1 vote, and also was denied its appeal to the ISCSC. Board member Veronica Noland was the lone sup-

porter of EMSA in 2014 while current board members Traci Ellis and Donna Smith both opposed it then.

In the second go around, EMSA looked to be in a more favorable position with the U-46 board receiving a 6-1 approval, Smith the lone no vote, in April "pending a mutually agreed upon contract," but the board reversed its decision in June when it voted 4-3 to deny the contract that had been agreed upon. Ellis and Sue Kerr flipped their votes from April to deny the June contract, Smith again voted against EMSA and Melissa Owens voted against the contract but was not on the board for the April vote.

Noland along with board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward supported EMSA throughout the process.

After being given approval on the charter by the board in April and going through months of negotiations to reach a contract, the denial of the contract meant time lost Kelly said.

"That felt like so much lost time," Kelly said. "We put so much time and energy into those negotiations and to answering 40 questions submitted, and now it feels like all of our efforts are going to really go towards building a school. That's exciting."

The contract negotiation process by the U-46 administration was ethically questionable, and Ward said the district used a "delay tactic" in putting the conditions of reaching an agreed upon contract. Former board member Cody Holt lost reelection prior to the April vote, and Owens opposed school choice during the campaign.

The U-46 administration recommended denial in April and continued to recommend denial even after the board asked it to negotiate a contract

leaving the appearance that the negotiations were not done in "good faith." Not only did the administration recommend denial, it had the board vote on a resolution that effectively nullified the April approval.

At the Oct. 3 meeting, U-46 had outside legal counsel argue that there was no approval in April. Although not naming her, the legal counsel argued against points made by Ward.

Ward told *The Examiner* after the ISCSC decision: "I think [counsel] should know that he reports to me and not the other way around, me and the board."

Nearly unanimously the ISCSC agreed with Ward, even those you voted against the EMSA appeal. Commissioner Bill Farmer, who voted no, said "it is my perception that U-46 was not in compliance with the process in how they reviewed it" and Kathryn Robbins, also a no vote, said she came to the "same conclusion about the compliance issue."

Farmer, who also voted no in 2014 to EMSA's appeal, said the charter "made sufficient gains" from the first time around but the charter was not "in the best interest of students."

Opponents of EMSA have argued that it's U-46's money and that the district should solely be the arbiters of how children should be educated, but Ward supports school choice and parents being the primary arbiters of education options.

"Those objecting to EMSA claimed funds would be 'diverted' from U-46, as if the money belonged to U-46," Ward said. "This is not U-46's money. This is taxpayer money funding education, and funding following the student."

## Race Hustling part II

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she conveniently left out of the alleged "text of the statement I read at tonight's board meeting" that she posted on Facebook. She left out the part where she said: "Now, it's been said here that it's not racist to call me out on the comment that I made...but to declare that it's not racist when in the over 1,000 private messages I received..." from whence she proceeded to launch into the vulgar passage quoted above.

Which leads to our third and fourth problems with her vulgarities. By alleging that she received hundreds upon hundreds of vile messages, and then by falsely equating them with anyone who dares question her actions as a sitting school board member, she proclaims for herself full diplomatic immunity by virtue of her skin color. Not only is this obnoxious to our 1st Amendment, it is blatantly racist and diminishing to all people of color. The other problem is that knowing Ellis is a habitual prevaricator and racial provocateur, we have reason to believe she invented the whole tale of 2,000 slurs. She used a similar tactic only days earlier, claiming multiple death threats against her. When *The Examiner* asked her for proof of her claims, however, she ignored the request. For a social justice crusader who claims to shine light, Ellis seems far more comfortable operating in darkness.

Yet another problem with Ellis's claim of 2,000 slurs in 1,000 private messages is that by all outward appearances at the meeting, Ellis has far more supporters than detractors, and we cannot imagine that she would orchestrate an elaborate celebration of her own righteousness at a public meeting over which she presided. Or would she? Let's look at just a few of the "concerned citizens" who spoke Ellis's truth to power.

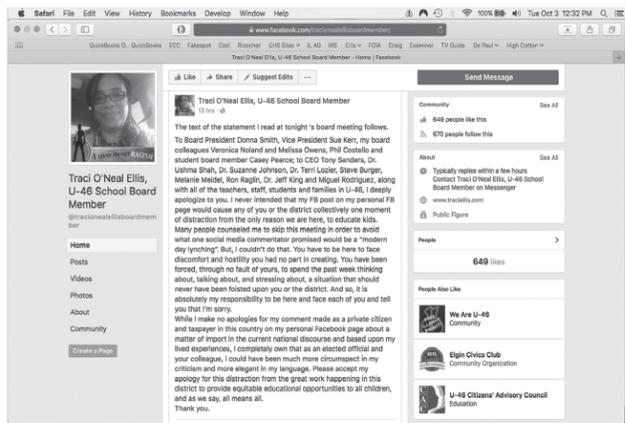
First, we have Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford. According to the Facebook page of "Parents for a Say," anti-United States military group, Cayford is their contact person. The page also boasts support from "Fox Valley Citizens for Peace and Justice," upon whose website the first nine words in their lengthy list of principles are: "We support popular uprisings of people in the US"—along with the usual,

hysterical Leftist anti-military, anti-corporate/pro-union, occupying-protesting, and climate change claptrap. Indeed, their Facebook page reads like a parody of the radical Left, and our school board trustee Tracy O'Neal Ellis has been a featured speaker at their meetings. Cayford also wrote an article for NNOMY: National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth, the group that staffs monthly counter-recruitment tables at our high schools. Yet, Ellis would have us believe that her flag comment had nothing to do with disdain for our military and country.

Another citizen speaking up for Ellis was Shirley Adjani Sotomayor. She shares Ellis' penchant for vulgar public references to female genitalia. Sotomayor's Facebook page prominently displays a graphic with the phrase: "P'ssies Against Trump," and scores of other radical Leftist posts, most of which are heavily in support of illegal immigration. This role model is also Traci's Facebook friend, as is another of her defenders at the school board meeting, Prezel Hardy. For his part, Mr. Hardy seems to share Ellis's taste for divisive racial commentary. Just one insight into this destructive mindset is his post of an article titled: "Study Finds Students Of All Races Prefer Teachers Of Color." Equality, it would seem, is passé: black supremacy has replaced the civil rights ethos of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Circling back to Cayford for a moment, though, it is worth mentioning that she opposed the charter school effort in U-46. Coincidentally, so did at least two other of Ellis's vocal supporters last week: Megan Larson and Veronica Betz. Why is this so important? Well, when one recalls Ellis's flip flop vote to kill the charter school; when one inspects the details her campaign finances; when one learns how Ellis makes her living; and, when one discovers how Ellis obtained her current employment, one does not see the oppressed victim Ellis portrays herself to be. Instead, one sees a typical Illinois politician leveraging her elected office for personal financial gain.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore these and other matters of public interest and shine a bright white light upon the ugly privilege that Ms. Ellis does not talk about—the privilege of race hustlers who intimidate others with threats of being labeled "racist," and then profit from that protection, hurting people of every color along the way.



# Guest Editorial

## An Analysis of U-46 Budget, Part 2

The following is the second of two parts of a guest editorial by School District U-46 Board Member Phil Costello that provides his view of the new U-46 budget that was passed by a 5-1 vote (Costello did not vote) at the district's board meeting on Monday, Sept. 25. The first installment provided his assessment of a number of the U-46 budget categories prior to the budget being passed. Below is a continuation of that assessment:

**INVESTMENTS** – The district continues to utilize the same broker to act as a sole investment advisor for the district's cash reserves that has been as high as \$325 million and averaged \$270 million last fiscal year. I recommended that the district invest in fully-collateralized, state-sanctioned investment at a minimum interest rate of 1.1 percent with same-day availability and manage laddered certificates of deposit at 1.5 to 2 percent to realize income returns in excess of \$3 million while the district is budgeting only \$1.2 million for interest income. I understand that we cannot lock up our working capital but the mechanics are still manageable for prudent treasury management.

**PERSONNEL** – Personnel expenses represent \$367 million (71 percent) of our \$518 million budget. The \$7.9 million budget increase from Fiscal 2017 and the forecasted 2.4 percent annual increases over the next three years in personnel expenses have not registered a single comment from the board or public. On our website, we only disclose the prior year's teacher and administrator personnel expenses to meet public statutory mandates, however, the total is only 57 percent of the budget. There is no explanation of the nature of the exclusions or scope of what comprises the balance of a \$156 million gap for the benefit of public scrutiny.

**EXPENDITURES** – Even before my election, I was struck by how the board would essentially waive their oversight of approximately \$5 to \$15 million of vendor disbursements at each bi-weekly meeting in a consent agenda. I believe this invites lax internal control and circumvents public oversight. I would request that the district's reports be enhanced by including a brief description of each vendor's services and products transacted. Currently, reports only provide vendor, amount and fund unless a specific request is made. A separate report list account assignments (e.g. supplies, professional services) but still leaves the reader with very limited insight into the purpose and benefit from the expenditure.

**VENDORS** – the board is routinely presented with proposals for contractual purchases of product or services over \$25,000. Frequently, they are single-sourced bids or attract little interest. These proposals never discuss evaluated options (including doing nothing), contingencies, or assessed drawbacks of the selected vendor. Rationale should include an indication that draws us closer to best practices derived from benchmarking comparisons to other school districts.

**LEGAL** – Legal matters are channeled primarily through one perennial law firm. The board is consistently asked to approve settlements without hearing any contested verdicts/judgments. While going to trial is notoriously expensive, not doing so invites plaintiffs with a clear understanding of the/our defendant's tendencies to maximize their payday at the taxpayers' expense. It begs the question, what is the district doing to mitigate risks by reducing exposure and aggressively defending our interests against unscrupulous parties?

**VIOLENCE** – Unfortunately, our schools face daily acts of violence that require disproportionate share of resources to a small segment of individuals that disrupt the education delivery mode for a vast majority of dedicated and deserving students. Many bullied students walk the halls in fear and our talented and over-burdened staff are relegated to hall monitors. Offenders are subject to discipline with the possibility of expulsion but face almost no detrimental consequences. Putting these children on the streets is unacceptable and tantamount to a life sentence but it should be clear that we must give the majority of our student body and staff more support than those who breach the student discipline code.

**UTILITIES** – The district is projecting a 21 percent increase in utilities primarily due to inferior physical plants as I understand. I would recommend that the district reach out to obtain an independent audit of its utilities and look at alternative energy sources and supply aggregators.

**CONTINGENCIES** – In a climate of continued uncertainty over state funding, the district reduced its contingency line item by \$1.5 million (37 percent). Intrinsic logic would have suggested increasing the contingency budget to track the potential adverse financial impact.

**NEXT STEPS** – While the state's financial picture is improving, the district has indicated that it will propose necessary amendments to the current budget to demonstrate more responsible practices. A timeline for accomplishing this should be expedited with a near-term deadline. This process should provide new windows of resourcefulness to target additional income sources and cost saving initiatives. The related goals should be S.M.A.R.T. (i.e. specific, measurable, achievable, results-focused and time-bound) with accountability to realize improved student outcomes and reduce taxpayer burden.

**BOARD MEMBER ACCESS** – I encourage debate of constructive concerns with responses that address issues and opportunities not personalities. I can be contacted at PhilCostello@U46.org or review my website for other blogs and related content at www.u46boe-philcostello.com. Additionally, as with the past four townhall meetings that I orchestrated, I continue to offer to host future town hall meetings to provide a public forum to deliberate facts to support or oppose any divisive issue that impacts the quality, availability, impact or cost of U-46 education.

# Letters to the Editor

Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.  
All letters are printed as received. Grammatical and spelling errors are the responsibility of the author.

### Enlightening exposure

Dear Editor,

Thank you for enlightening the residents of School District U-46, and all of us who consider themselves to be "American," as to the remarks of a U-46 Trustee named Traci Ellis.

I am sickened that anyone, as in any American citizen, would refer to our Flag as "nothing more than toilet paper." But, for such a thoughtless statement to come from an elected person who, by that very election, is a representative of the second largest school district in the State of Illinois is absolutely incomprehensible.

I have heard or read nothing as to what

the administration of U-46 has done relative to this person's odious remarks. How could that administration allow this board member to remain in her position, or might it be that they agree with her comments?

Should the executive board allow her to continue they, and we, must then ask ourselves.... What have we become?

What a very sad time in the life of our nation. Please continue your effort to reverse this "race hustling" and exposing this Traci Ellis person to the true racist that she obviously is.

Jerry Marchese



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# Hawks fall to Blackhawks, tie Royals, top Falcons



Following a diving effort, West Aurora keeper Alejandro Barrios was left a spectator on the Hawks tying goal settled into the net behind him. Blackhawks midfielder Omar Marquez also witnessed the score.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team couldn't hold onto a tie as the Hawks dropped a 2-1 match against West Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

In the final five minutes of the first half, Anthony Garcia broke created a deadlock with a goal off a Johnny Andrade assist but West Aurora, which clinched the conference title with the win, scored an unanswered goal in the second half. Bartlett keeper Zachary Rebac had nine saves.

The Hawks went on to finish in a 1-1 tie against Larkin in UEC crossover play on Thursday, Oct. 5 at Memorial Field in Elgin.

Larkin had dominated the scoring chances but was held without a goal until 11 minutes into the second half to take a 1-0 lead, but with just over 10 minutes left in the game Matt Tobin found the equalizer for the Hawks off a helper from Rudy Reyes.

"On my goal, I was able to find an open space in front and Rudy had the ball in the corner with three defenders on him," Tobin said. "He is amazing with the ball and was able to get me a nice pass for an easy tap in."

Hawks keeper Jeremy Taylor finished with five saves.

Bartlett ended the week with a 2-0 nonconference win over Wheaton North on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Wheaton.

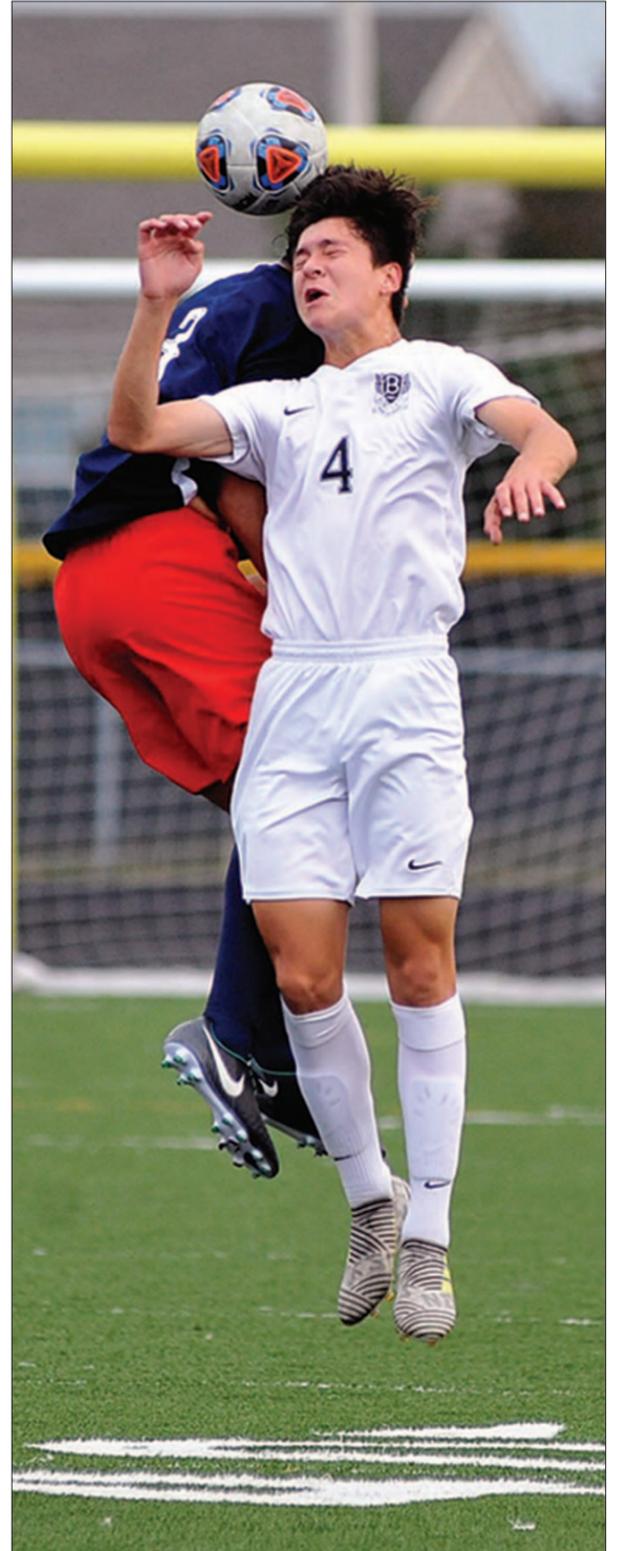
In the 25th minute Reyes got the Hawks on the board off an Oscar Soto feed, and Soto found the net himself in the 48th minute with a Tobin assist for the final score.

"I'm proud of our boys," said Bartlett assistant coach Mark Mirsky. "It's good to see a team that has had such a tough season, a lot of losses by one goal, come back after a tough game and play well. They came out and played hard. From front to back, overall I thought we played well as a team. We were connected today."

Mirsky was happy with the play of Reyes and Hernan Garcia as well as Rebac who finished with three saves.

Bartlett is now 4-12-4 overall, 0-5 in the UEC Valley Division, and has been above .500 after a 0-9-3 start to the season.

"I think we're peaking at the right time," Mirsky said. "It's been nice that we've been able to try different things out over the last couple weeks and they're working. The boys have responded well. We're scoring goals, defending has been much better and keeping is getting better. Again, from front to back the whole team is getting better."



The Hawks' Mathew Tobin executing a header while absorbing contact from the competing Eduardo Ruiz of West Aurora.



Bartlett's Anthony Garcia, left, battling West Aurora's Murray Grube for an elevated ball along a sideline.



Sergio Navarrete, left, of Bartlett striving to control an elusive ball from the Blackhawks' Axel Sanchez. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



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# Hawks volleyball tip North then lose three straight

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team held strong to earn a 25-21, 25-22 nonconference win over Glenbard North on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Glenbard North.

Although the host rallied in Game 1, the Hawks grabbed momentum early

and held on through the set but Game 2 was close until the end.

Bartlett held a 19-15 lead in the second set when the host went on a 5-0 run to pull ahead 20-19, but solid hitting by Jennifer Carbery (seven kills) and Alexia Hetzel (six kills) helped the

Hawks win the match in two sets.

"I thought they really picked up their hustle tonight," said Bartlett coach Katie Spychala. "They played with a lot of energy, a lot of fight. They wanted to win this."

Both teams traded points as a Carbery kill tied Game 2 at 20-20 and a Hetzel kill tied it at 21-21. Down 22-21 an error tied it, a Shayna Chacko ace put the Hawks up 23-22, a Hetzel kill made it 24-22 and another error ended the match.

Spychala said one of the keys was limiting Glenbard North's middle hitters.

"We knew their middle hitters were their strength and were very good," Spychala said. "We just did a nice job

closing the gaps to keep them quiet."

Dakota Johnson finished with 16 assists and Isabella Diaz 12 digs.

Bartlett went on to drop a 25-15, 25-19 nonconference match against Trinity on Thursday, Oct. 5 at Bartlett. At the Schaumburg Invite the Hawks suffered losses against St. Charles North (25-8, 25-19) and St. Viator 27-26, 25-12 on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The Hawks are now 9-17 overall and continue to work on a new system, one that Spychala said the squad is seeing gains from.

"We're still using a brand new lineup and system," Spychala said. "There's a lot of potential right now that I'm seeing from it. There's a lot more energy, more talking in this system."

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South Elgin is now 6-1 overall.

# Rana seeks incentive as part of expansion concept

By Christy Mazza

Rana Pasta is looking to expand its presence in Bartlett's Blue Heron Business Park.

The pasta company is seeking to build a new 326,000 square foot building that would also be home to the corporate headquarters which are currently in Oak Brook, west of its current facility. This building is planned to house a lasagna manufacturing line.

According to Community Development Director Jim Plonczynski, when Rana first came to the village several years ago, they asked for an economic incentive. At that time, the village agreed to provide a \$50,000 incentive that came out of TIF funds since the Blue Heron Business Park is an established TIF district. The incentive was meant to help with permit and other associated costs.

Plonczynski said also at that time, the state agreed to provide a tax incentive grant to the pasta company.

"This go round, they got the same in-

centive from the state to continue that edge program, and they asked us if we would also consider another incentive," Plonczynski said to village board members during the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Plonczynski explained that Rana is again looking for a \$50,000 incentive to cover associated permitting costs, and those costs would come out of TIF funds, not the village's budget.

"This is what the TIF is for: to bring building [and] economic activity," Trustee Aaron Reinke said.

During early discussions at the village staff level, Plonczynski said the pasta company was shopping around to other communities.

"We were lucky that Rana selected Bartlett," Plonczynski said.

According to village data, Rana Pasta has 229 employees and could expand to more than 370.

The next step is to move the matter along to a village board meeting for possible approval.

# Bartlett football topples East Aurora for second win

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team snapped a three-game losing streak by defeating East Aurora 25-7 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Friday, Oct. 6 in Aurora.

The Hawks are now averaging 14.6 points per game after the win with 25 points being their second highest point total, and it was the fewest points allowed by the Bartlett defense.

The win comes after a loss to St. Charles East which knocked the Hawks out of postseason contention leaving the rest of the season a time to learn and grow in preparation for next year. After the loss to East, Bartlett coach Eric Ilich said he was proud of the effort from his seniors which was good for the younger players expected to return.

"We're a young group whose learning and efforts from the seniors like that are great for those young guys to see," Ilich said. "We need to continue to row the boat, keep our energy where it needs to be which is being smart, spending time with family and your teammates. We need to stick together because when we stick together that's when we're the strongest."

Bartlett's offense has seen growth through the season especially through the air led by senior quarterback Dean Kotsovetis who through six games was 102-for-179 for 957 passing yards, his leading targets being junior Austin Gates (44 receptions, 434 yards) and senior Brandon Sinclair (28 receptions, 368 yards).

The Hawks are now 2-5 overall, 2-1 in the UEC Valley Division.

# Grant

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sive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) grant, to provide training and medication for emergency treatment of opioid overdose, is authorized by the CARA Act of 2016 to fight the opioid epidemic through prevention, treatment, recovery, overdose reversal and other efforts.

"These funds will support the existing efforts of the DuPage Narcan Program (DNP) to save lives, and allow us to develop a more robust system for wrap-around services to survivors of opioid abuse," Ayala said.

There have been 105 lives saved this year through the use of narcan, which reverses the effects of opioids. The DNP has saved 344 lives since the program was initiated in 2013, under the leadership of DuPage County Coroner, Dr. Richard Jorgensen and the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association.

"I would like to congratulate the Health Department for securing this grant to continue DuPage County's fight against opioid abuse and heroin addiction," DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin said. "The

DNP has trained law enforcement officials across our county and other counties across our region, saving countless lives. This grant will enable us to continue our efforts to decrease the number of heroin- and opioid-related deaths. We would also like to thank our congressional delegation for their support in acquiring this grant."

"The collaboration between the DuPage County Health Department and the Sheriff's Office continues to break down barriers in the growing opioid crisis and we will continue to attack the opioid crisis head-on," Undersheriff Frank Bibbiano said. "The awarding of the CARA grant to the DuPage County Health Department helps pave the way for assistance to be available to those in our community suffering from opioid addictions, as well as provide our first responders with narcan and opioid-based training."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded an additional \$144.1 million in grants to prevent and treat opioid addiction in support of President Donald Trump's commitment to combat the opioid crisis. The CARA grant is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

# Tidbits

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Dan at 372-4700 ex. 4099 if you are able to help.

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Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars State Commander Jeffrey Hastings announced the kick-off of this year's VFW's Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition. Illinois high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C. Students must write and record a three- to five-minute essay on the theme, "American History: Our Hope for the Future," using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to their local VFW Post by Oct. 31. Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at your local VFW Post or contact the Illinois State Voice of Democracy Director Robert McLeod by phone at 708-363-7462 or email at rock76@yahoo.com. For more information. For details visit: [www.vfw.org/VOD](http://www.vfw.org/VOD).

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Bartlett VFW Post 11018 has its monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Clare Oaks just off West Bartlett Road and East of Illinois Route 59. Men and women who have served in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters may be eligible for membership. A DD-214 is required, plus citizenship and honorable service. Your fellow comrades welcome you!

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Monthly meetings of the American Legion are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Bartlett Log Cabin, North Avenue and Oak Street, at 7 p.m. They welcome all veterans.

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West Suburban Patriots Patriots Breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 until 11 a.m. at Wheaton Bowl banquet room in Wheaton. There is no charge to attend their meetings. An a la carte breakfast is available for a nominal fee. Wheaton Bowl is located at 2031 N. Gary Ave. For more details, see [westsuburbanpatriots.com](http://westsuburbanpatriots.com).

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Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, KMR-kitten replacement milk, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

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Four Paws Animal Foundation is seeking interested individuals who can give a few volunteer hours during their upcoming fundraisers which help support feline rescue/adoption efforts. They also provide sanctuary for older rescues which may have ongoing medical issues and therefore would not get adopted. They hold monthly general meetings on the first Thursday of each month where you can learn more about the organization and visit with some of its adoptable rescues. Call 289-0478 or email [mrkoko@att.net](mailto:mrkoko@att.net) for location and time.

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# Fox Meadow supports Walk to School Day

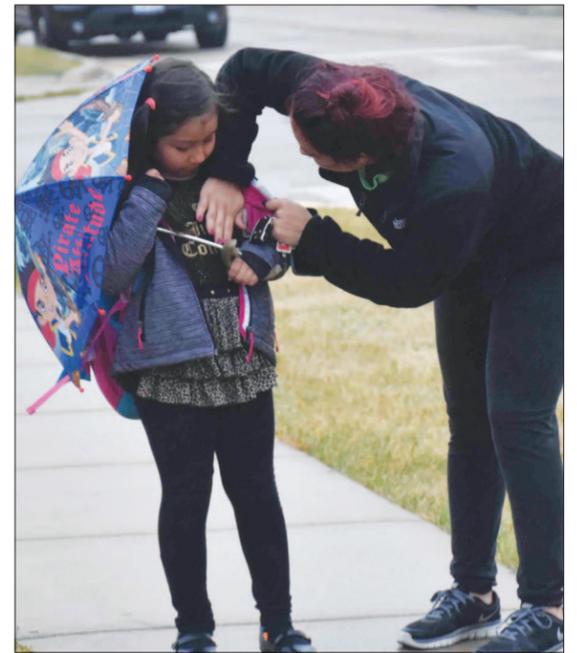


A little rain didn't stop students and their families from participating in the annual Walk To School Day.

On Wednesday, Oct 4, Fox Meadow Elementary School, as well as many other schools in the area, participated in the annual Walk to School Day. Even though it was a rainy morning, many students and their families from Fox Meadow participated. Community Relations Officer Jim Creighton, other members of the South Elgin Police Department and the South Elgin Fire Department were at the school to greet families and give out stickers. Walk to School Day began in the United States in 1997 as a way to promote a healthy lifestyle as well as means to achieve cleaner air and safer and accessible streets. In 2000, the event became an international event with the participation of United Kingdom countries and Canada.



Gretchen Thaller walked her big sister Megan to school along with her parents Ryan and Andrea Thaller.



Priscilla Carbajal tried to find the best place for her daughter Brianna's honorary police badge sticker that she received for walking to school.



Sarah Johnson led her dad Mike to her school, even though she didn't have a clear view of it.

(Examiner photos by Andrea Kohl)



A group of walkers stopped to chat with Officer Jim Creighton before heading to school.



South Elgin Firefighter and Paramedic Scott Diehl handed out stickers to the walk to school participants.

# North clinches playoff spot, blanks Sabres 41-0

By Seth Hancock

The North football team wasted little time grabbing control and clinching a playoff spot for the fourth straight year after a 41-0 win over Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference River Division play on Friday, Oct. 6 at Millennium Field.

Alec Kritta got things started taking the game's opening kickoff back 80 yards to the end zone. Streamwood muffed the ensuing kickoff which Ethan Romero recovered setting up another score as North grabbed a 14-0 lead after just 34 seconds of play.

"I knew I had to bring a lot of energy to start off the game and had to execute," Kritta said. "I know that it hyped up the guys on the sideline."

Lucas Segobiano (10 carries, 57 yards) had two straight one-yard touchdown runs and Matthew Spotts caught a 34-yard TD pass from quarterback Michael Hohensee (7-for-9, 93 yards) as North took a 27-0 lead after one quarter.

Sam DeMarco (four carries, 35 yards) added a five-yard touchdown run and Ben Furtney

had a 29-yard TD reception from Billy Durocher to complete the scoring in the second quarter. Brandon Eickert was 5-for-6 on extra point kicks.

"It's awesome," Hohensee said of clinching a playoff spot. "We've been working towards this ever since October of last year. This was what our focus was on this week, making sure we clinch the playoffs."

Hohensee added: "We came out and we executed."

Dylan Ridle added 11 carries for 46 yards and North out gained Streamwood 279-79 in total yards. Eickert added an interception on defense.

The North Stars are now 6-1 overall, 4-0 in the UEC River Division.

"Our goal every year is to get our self an extended season, and that's kind of always on the forefront," said North coach Rob Pomazak. "The kids have worked hard and battled some adversity to get here. I'm proud of them and now we are going to work on getting good position in the playoffs."



Streamwood wide receiver Eric Jopek being jarred loose from the ball on a hit by North's Michael Policano. Policano, however, was flagged for interference on the play.



North's Sam DeMarco negotiating a cut on the Streamwood defense after making a pass reception in the flat as he was pursued by the Sabres' Jordan Ramirez.



North Stars running back Lucas Segobiano driving for additional yardage after obtaining a first ground against the Sabres as he was eventually tackled by Streamwood's Jordan Ramirez, left, and Leo Marin. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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# Kane County Clerk announces reduction in operating budget

Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham has announced that he will reduce the operating budget for his department by \$199,816 for the 2018 fiscal year. According to Cunningham, he is able to make this budget reduction and save money to taxpayers through efficiencies in office management, including cross-training of employees, reducing management positions, legislative initiatives, technological improvements, and fiscal responsibility.

Cunningham has increased efficiency through the elimination of three management-level positions since taking office, including one as part of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Existing staff will conduct the management functions previously handled by the eliminated position. Cunningham has stressed the cross-training of staff so that employees learn to perform many different functions within his office.

According to Cunningham, improvements to internal systems and technology have contributed to additional cost savings. The Clerk's Office has saved millions of dollars and contin-

ues to achieve significant annual savings following his decision to move away from a mainframe computer system in favor of a less expensive system. A more efficient tax extension system has reduced by three weeks the time needed to calculate extensions for local taxing bodies. New systems implemented for vital records and elections have also increased efficiency.

Cunningham added that the Clerk's Office has consistently stayed within budget while facing the challenges of state and federal mandates related to its responsibilities. Last year's new unfunded state mandate which required the Clerk's Office to have additional election equipment and staff to accommodate same day registration of voters in all of Kane County's 224 precincts during elections was estimated to cost an additional \$1.9 million. By securing equipment at no cost from another county, having a long term contingency plan, and exercising fiscal discipline, the new mandate was met without going over budget.

# North Stars volleyball captures UEC River Division crown

By Seth Hancock

The North volleyball team clinched the Upstate Eight Conference River Division title with a perfect 6-0 mark after wins over Batavia and Elgin.

Behind nine kills each from seniors Katherine Lanz (nine assists) and Gianna Crescenzo (eight digs), the North Stars defeated Batavia 25-18, 25-20 on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Batavia. Seniors Abigail Graham (three kills, two aces) and Lauren Caprini (two aces) led defensively with 13 and 12 digs respectively, and seniors Cassandra Johnson (five kills, ace) and Amanda Parker (three kills, ace) both had seven assists.

Against Elgin, North showed its depth in a 25-11, 25-21 victory on Thursday, Oct. 5 at North. Graham (four kills, two aces), senior Megan

Dawrant (six digs), Caprini (six digs), Parker (eight assists, ace), senior Annie Wolf (three kills), senior Megan Clark (two kills) and senior Olivia Bambach (two kills) led the effort.

North coach Lindsey Hawkins said senior leadership and teamwork have led to the successful season.

"This is the best group of seniors I've had since I've been here," Hawkins said. "They support each other so much. No matter what obstacle or challenge is in front of them they get after it."

Hawkins added: "Some of these girls don't care if they get out on the court, they just want to be here cheering for each other. It's one of the best groups I've had."

North is now 19-3 overall.

# South Elgin volleyball topples Royals and Elgin

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team served up a win as the Storm defeated Larkin 25-5, 25-15 in an Upstate Eight Conference crossover match on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Larkin.

The Storm had 12 aces in the match to control both sets from start to finish. Casie Swanson (12 assists) and McKayla Geraghty (three digs) led with three aces, Libby Vedrine (three kills) and Kendall Richardson (two digs) had two each and both Emily Wellman and Katie Flanagan served one.

"The team served really well and we worked on a lot of short serving in that match," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "The girls did what they needed to do for the win."

Amelia O'Neal and Hayley Fisher led the Storm attack with six kills each.

Plach said that with postseason

around the corner she's looking for the team to build momentum, and she said communication has been a strong point.

Strong communication also helped the Storm earn a 25-12, 25-22 UEC Valley Division win over Glenbard East on Thursday, Oct. 5 at Glenbard East.

"It is the end of the season and I have been telling the girls we need to be playing our best volleyball," Plach said. "It starts with communication. The team communicated really well and they were able to run a good offense."

Fisher and Angie Negron (two digs) led the offense with eight and seven kills respectively and the Storm got solid contributions from Vedrine (three kills, two blocks), Kylee Hunter (three kills), O'Neal (two kills, two blocks), Flanagan (two blocks), Swanson (11 assists, two digs), Richardson

(seven assists, five digs), Wellman (four digs), Sarah Murray (three digs) and Yvalis Cortes-Rojas (two digs,

ace).

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## CASA Kane County attorney named to Rising Stars list

CASA Kane County's Catherine "Cat" D. Battista has been nominated to the 2018 Illinois Rising Stars list, awarded by Super Lawyers. This recognition is reserved for lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice with only 2.5 percent of attorneys in Illinois receiving this distinction.

Battista joined CASA Kane County early this year. Prior to joining CASA, she worked as a trial attorney. In her new role at CASA, Cat oversees the Advocacy team and assists Gloria Kelley, CASA executive director with operations. Battista graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a B.A. and received her law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She lives with her husband and three children in St. Charles.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Catherine's experience, expertise and passionate heart on the team," said Kelley. "She is a true leader and her expertise in our courtrooms has been a great advantage for our CASA/GAL volunteers and staff who are working with over 600 children annually."

CASA Kane County is a nonprofit,



Catherine "Cat" D. Battista.

(Courtesy photo)

volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of more than 600 abused and neglected children annually within the juvenile court system.

## County Clerk provides data about late property tax payments

Although the second installment of property tax payments (2016 taxes/payable 2017) were due to the County Treasurer's Office on September 1, Kane County property owners who did not make payments on time still have an opportunity to pay late taxes.

"In these difficult economic times, I know that some residents are experiencing challenges that they would not ordinarily face," said Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham. "My office will continue to provide information to residents so that they are aware of options to help them through these challenges."

The Treasurer's Office will mail a "Notice before Tax Sale" in early October as a reminder to property owners with overdue taxes. However, a failure to receive a tax bill will not negate a taxpayer's liability to pay any balance due.

Payments can be made at the Treasurer's Office, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Building A, Geneva, IL 60134, prior to Friday, Oct. 27. A 1.5 percent per month penalty for the June and/or September payments, will be assessed to the balance. After Sunday, Oct. 1, an additional \$10 fee is added to the balance. After Friday, Oct. 20, the Treasurer's Office will accept only cash, cashier's check,

money order, or certified check as payment for delinquent taxes.

If 2016/payable 2017 property taxes are not paid by Friday, Oct. 27, the taxes will be sold at the county's tax sale on Monday, Oct. 30. The tax sale is a reverse auction at which the tax buyers bid on purchasing delinquent taxes.

The bid is a percentage of the taxes which will be added to the amount already owed, and the bidding begins at 18 percent and can go as low as 0 percent. The percentage bid at the tax sale is added on to the balance due every six months until the taxes are redeemed.

Beginning two weeks after the tax sale, taxpayers whose taxes were sold at the tax sale will have the opportunity to "redeem" their sold taxes by paying the balance due, including all fees, penalties and interest based on the rate at the tax sale. Redemption of taxes occurs at the Kane County Clerk's Office, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Building B, Geneva. Payments for tax redemption must be made by cash, money order, or other certified funds.

For an estimate of the cost of redemption, taxpayers can call the Clerk's Office at 630-232-5964. Additional information about tax redemption can be found at [www.kanecountyclerk.org/Tax/TaxRedemption.aspx](http://www.kanecountyclerk.org/Tax/TaxRedemption.aspx).

## Kane County Clerk providing technology demonstrations



Pictured in photo, from left to right: Brit Hutchins, Ben Meaker, Clerk John Cunningham, Rebeca Leder, Vital Records Supervisor Shauna Becker and Deputy Clerk Ayesha Tague (sitting).

(Courtesy photo)

Kane County Clerk John A. Cunningham is often asked by other counties for the opportunity to come to the Kane County Clerk's Office to learn about programs run by his office and to observe its practices and procedures.

Three Will County deputy clerks, Rebeca Leder, Brit Hutchins and Ben Meaker, came to the Clerk's office for a demonstration of Kane County's Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) online filing system. Vital Records Supervisor Shauna Becker and Deputy Clerk Ayesha Tague met with the group, and Tague gave them a thorough overview of the system and its capabilities.

State law requires certain elected and appointed officials to complete a questionnaire about their economic interests outside their governmental positions. Kane County's SEI system allows elected officials to file their statements of economic interests conveniently via a secure online portal.

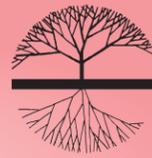
Promoting transparency and public

access to information, the Clerk's office maintains a public portal allowing Kane County residents to view SEI responses at [www.kanecountyclerk.org](http://www.kanecountyclerk.org).

In recent years, staff from the McHenry and Lake County clerks have visited to learn about Kane County's advanced Devnet-based Vital Records and Real Estate systems. Another visitor, Neal Kelley, the registrar of voters in one of the nation's largest counties, Orange County, California, came to Kane County to observe how the Clerk's office runs its election warehouse. Like Kane County, Orange County runs elections using Hart voting machines.

"Networking is a very important tool for my management team," said Cunningham. "I send them to conferences with expectations that they will bring back many new ideas for this office. We have been able to save money and increase efficiency by implementing new programs in this office, and I am happy to share our successes with our neighboring counties."

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## Appeal decision allows for U-46 charter school

By Seth Hancock

After months of negotiations with School District U-46 went in vain and after years of trying to bring a charter school to the district, the Elgin Math and Science Academy (EMSA) will become a reality after a 5-3 vote by the Illinois State Charter School Commission (ISCSC) to approve an appeal on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Gail Borden Library in Elgin.

When asked her feelings on the approval after the decision was rendered, Kerry Kelly, president of the EMSA board, was all business.

"We've got to start looking for a principal," Kelly said. "That's the first thing. The principal is foremost in our mind, hiring a high quality principal."

Kelly said there will be an Expeditionary Learning, the planned science curriculum to be used by EMSA, national conference held in Chicago in October which should bring good potential candidates. A principal must be hired by Dec. 1 under the ISCSC's approval.

EMSA will receive 100 percent of the Per Capita Tuition Charge (PCTC) funding from U-46, a little over \$10,000 per student, which is above the 92 percent it sought from the district when EMSA attempted to gain

approval by the U-46 Board of Education.

The charter school will open in August 2018 and classes will be held at the Neil Building located at the former Fox River Day School site in Elgin in the first year. EMSA is capped at 400 students a year for the first five years, and any renovations to the facilities must be paid for through private funding.

ISCSC commissioner David Feinberg, who voted in favor of the charter, said "there is inherent risk with anything new" but U-46 has the funds to take such a risk. He also called the EMSA location an "unbelievable facility in an unbelievable location."

"I had the opportunity to visit the Neil Building," Feinberg said. "I've visited many potential charter schools that would serve as new schools that have been considered for opening. I have never encountered a building as suitable for a new school as the Neil Building."

Commissioner Carlos Perez, also a yes vote, said there was "not much debate about the educators to provide a quality education for the children, and that is what first and foremost a school ought to be" and added other charters have "truly changed the lives of chil-

dren" with less funding. Troy Ratliff, a yes vote, said "this is a district that has the funds to support this risk" and "sometimes you have to take a risk."

Commissioner DeRonda Williams cast the fifth yes vote, leading to applause from the EMSA supporters, said "I have confidence in the team that's in place" to run EMSA.

"I'm so thankful to all of the volunteers, our design team and our board,"

Kelly said. "We put in tremendous hours. We're looking to expand that, bring in some additional help to spread the hours out a little bit. We're looking at probably a couple more 12-hour days, 80-hour weeks maybe."

The journey to bring the charter school to U-46 began back in 2014 when EMSA first sought approval

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## Editorial

### Race Hustling on the U-46 School Board

#### Part II

The public record demonstrates that U-46 Trustee Traci O'Neal Ellis sees racism everywhere, but that same record suggests that honesty and integrity are invisible to her.

Let us begin with the flag controversy, the one launched when her private Facebook post equating the American flag to toilet paper became public. At last week's school board meeting and as recapitulated on her public Facebook page, Ellis offered an apology to students and families, among others, about whom she said:

You have to be here to face discomfort and hostility you had no part in creating. You have been forced, though no fault of yours, to spend the last week thinking about, talking about, and stressing about a situation that should never have been foisted upon you or the district.

She then went on to qualify her apology by stating further that she will "make no apologies" for her toilet paper comment because it was made on her "personal Facebook page" as a "private citizen."

The sincerity of her apology is demonstrably false.

Ellis cannot hide behind the "personal" and "private" character of her incendiary posts because she also doubled down on her flag-as-toilet paper comments on her public Facebook page, the one she calls: "Traci O'Neal Ellis, U-46 School Board Member." She also identifies herself on the home page as: "Public Figure." Her intention to make her crusade public is clear from her very first words: "So let's talk about the FB post from my personal page." She then goes on to assert: "I cannot be embarrassed by righteous truth." She certainly is self-righteous, but she is embarrassingly untruthful.

Giving even greater lie to Ellis's apology, however, was her conduct at the subsequent school board meeting, the text of which apology she also posted on her public Facebook page. Tellingly, she selectively edited what she actually said at the meeting, excluding the vile language she broadcast to the parents and students (who are frequently required to observe board meetings by their teachers) in the audience and online at the U-46 YouTube live feed. Following is what she actually broadcast to the community—the community to which she only moments earlier purported to apologize for foisting stress and discomfort upon it:

In the over 1,000 private messages I received, I was called a "n\*gger" 500 and some odd times. I was called a "c\*nt"—don't flinch, don't flinch, don't flinch, 'cause I had to take it—some 300 times. I was called a "b\*tch" over 500 times. I was called a "f\*cking n\*gger b\*tch" some 600 times. [emphasis added]

An observant student of Ellis will find several problems with her comments. First, she could have shared these alleged slurs while still preserving decorum. For example, she could have referred to the "N word" or "a vulgar term refer-

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### In the driver's seat

Diego Garibay decked out in junior firefighter gear climbed aboard a fire engine on Saturday, Oct. 8 during an open house at Fire Station #31. For story and more photos see page 12.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



# Guest Editorial

## An Analysis of U-46 Budget, Part 2

The following is the second of two parts of a guest editorial by School District U-46 Board Member Phil Costello that provides his view of the new U-46 budget that was passed by a 5-1 vote (Costello did not vote) at the district's board meeting on Monday, Sept. 25. The first installment provided his assessment of a number of the U-46 budget categories prior to the budget being passed. Below is a continuation of that assessment:

**INVESTMENTS** – The district continues to utilize the same broker to act as a sole investment advisor for the district's cash reserves that has been as high as \$325 million and averaged \$270 million last fiscal year. I recommended that the district invest in fully-collateralized, state-sanctioned investment at a minimum interest rate of 1.1 percent with same-day availability and manage laddered certificates of deposit at 1.5 to 2 percent to realize income returns in excess of \$3 million while the district is budgeting only \$1.2 million for interest income. I understand that we cannot lock up our working capital but the mechanics are still manageable for prudent treasury management.

**PERSONNEL** – Personnel expenses represent \$367 million (71 percent) of our \$518 million budget. The \$7.9 million budget increase from Fiscal 2017 and the forecasted 2.4 percent annual increases over the next three years in personnel expenses have not registered a single comment from the board or public. On our website, we only disclose the prior year's teacher and administrator personnel expenses to meet public statutory mandates, however, the total is only 57 percent of the budget. There is no explanation of the nature of the exclusions or scope of what comprises the balance of a \$156 million gap for the benefit of public scrutiny.

**EXPENDITURES** – Even before my election, I was struck by how the board would essentially waive their oversight of approximately \$5 to \$15 million of vendor disbursements at each bi-weekly meeting in a consent agenda. I believe this invites lax internal control and circumvents public oversight. I would request that the district's reports be enhanced by including a brief description of each vendor's services and products transacted. Currently, reports only provide vendor, amount and fund unless a specific request is made. A separate report list account assignments (e.g. supplies, professional services) but still leaves the reader with very limited insight into the purpose and benefit from the expenditure.

**VENDORS** – the board is routinely presented with proposals for contractual purchases of product or services over \$25,000. Frequently, they are single-sourced bids or attract little interest. These proposals never discuss evaluated options (including doing nothing), contingencies, or assessed drawbacks of the selected vendor. Rationale should include an indication that draws us closer to best practices derived from benchmarking comparisons to other school districts.

**LEGAL** – Legal matters are channeled primarily through one perennial law firm. The board is consistently asked to approve settlements without hearing any contested verdicts/judgments. While going to trial is notoriously expensive, not doing so invites plaintiffs with a clear understanding of the/our defendant's tendencies to maximize their payday at the taxpayers' expense. It begs the question, what is the district doing to mitigate risks by reducing exposure and aggressively defending our interests against unscrupulous parties?

**VIOLENCE** – Unfortunately, our schools face daily acts of violence that require disproportionate share of resources to a small segment of individuals that disrupt the education delivery mode for a vast majority of dedicated and deserving students. Many bullied students walk the halls in fear and our talented and over-burdened staff are relegated to hall monitors. Offenders are subject to discipline with the possibility of expulsion but face almost no detrimental consequences. Putting these children on the streets is unacceptable and tantamount to a life sentence but it should be clear that we must give the majority of our student body and staff more support than those who breach the student discipline code.

**UTILITIES** – The district is projecting a 21 percent increase in utilities primarily due to inferior physical plants as I understand. I would recommend that the district reach out to obtain an independent audit of its utilities and look at alternative energy sources and supply aggregators.

**CONTINGENCIES** – In a climate of continued uncertainty over state funding, the district reduced its contingency line item by \$1.5 million (37 percent). Intrinsic logic would have suggested increasing the contingency budget to track the potential adverse financial impact.

**NEXT STEPS** – While the state's financial picture is improving, the district has indicated that it will propose necessary amendments to the current budget to demonstrate more responsible practices. A timeline for accomplishing this should be expedited with a near-term deadline. This process should provide new windows of resourcefulness to target additional income sources and cost saving initiatives. The related goals should be S.M.A.R.T. (i.e. specific, measurable, achievable, results-focused and time-bound) with accountability to realize improved student outcomes and reduce taxpayer burden.

**BOARD MEMBER ACCESS** – I encourage debate of constructive concerns with responses that address issues and opportunities not personalities. I can be contacted at PhilCostello@U46.org or review my website for other blogs and related content at www.u46boe-philcostello.com. Additionally, as with the past four townhall meetings that I orchestrated, I continue to offer to host future town hall meetings to provide a public forum to deliberate facts to support or oppose any divisive issue that impacts the quality, availability, impact or cost of U-46 education.



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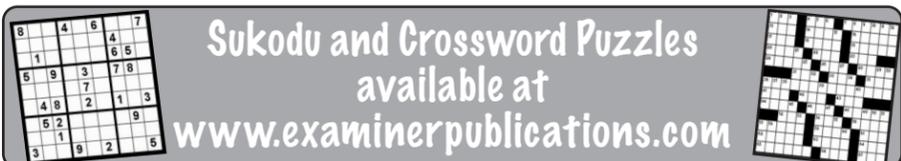
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# Bartlett sports complex primed for U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock

Work on a sports complex at Bartlett High School could start this fall if the Board of Education in School District U-46 approves a proposal at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 16. The proposal was presented on Oct. 2.

The \$1.6 million proposal with L.J. Morse Construction Company would go towards the first phase of the project for bleachers, a press box and stadium lights and would largely come from donations collected by the Bartlett boosters, but some public funding would also be included. The completion date is May 11, 2018 and would allow Bartlett to host football and soccer games and track and field meets among other events.

The administration said: "Originally the boosters were told they needed to raise 100 [percent] of the funding to complete phase one of the project, we applied for the QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) funds as a way to help them close the gap between the funds they have raised and the funds needed to complete the first phase of the project."

George Kantzavelos, the Bartlett booster's director of the activity complex, said a check for \$925,000 will be given to the district through private donations. Some of those donations included \$500,000 from Eddie Greco and \$125,000 from TJ and Sheila Bednarke.

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said there would be \$281,934 coming from the district's operations and maintenance fund as well as \$466,270 through the QZAB which could end up being more if "more districts pull out" of the offering from the state. He said the QZAB funds have to go to "this project only."

"This has been in the works for quite a while with extreme amount of help from the booster club and the administrators at the school raising the amount of money that they have to put towards this project," said King who added the district has already paid for the design of the complex.

Kantzavelos said in 2010 a committee was formed by the Bartlett boosters to

begin planning the project and in 2011 they received approval from the board to start fundraising. He added the project "has the full backing of our [Village President] Kevin Wallace and the Bartlett Board of Trustees."

Last year a \$25,000 donation by the Bartlett Rotary Club allowed for the purchase of a scoreboard, and Kantzavelos thanked the district for helping install the scoreboard and for doing work on the field which has allowed Bartlett to host one varsity football game as well as a handful of soccer games so far.

"We don't intend to stop here," Kantzavelos said. "Our fundraising efforts will continue until all phases of the project are complete."

Sheila Bednarke said there are three phases including turf by the third phase.

Board members Sue Kerr and Jeanette Ward asked about the QZAB funds referencing a letter from the boosters stating its plan to repay \$100,000 a year over four years to help repay the debt.

"It's really to get the first phase off the ground so we can get started before winter break's here," King said of the QZAB.

"So the idea is not that this is financed entirely by donation. It's a partnership then?" Ward asked which King said was "correct."

Ward also asked why the district was not paying for the entire project which King said "most of our resources around capital need to go just to maintaining what we already have and to keep our buildings operating. We don't even have enough funding to do that quite frankly."

Board member Phil Costello asked about naming rights which King said there's a "contractual process." Bednarke said: "I think when we get that big check we will ask you to consider that."

South Elgin High School opened its own stadium entirely through private donations but is still without lights or a press box among other amenities it had originally planned for. Kerr said

"I saw the difference" at South Elgin after the stadium was opened and asked if the district will provide public funding towards other stadium efforts.

King said "we've been in conversation with South Elgin High School" in order to get lights and a press box for that stadium. He said at Larkin High School, which uses Elgin's stadium, no conversations are currently being had as the school is landlocked with no easy location for a stadium.

On the South Elgin stadium, King said the district has learned from it not to guarantee advertising rights for future payments as two vendors didn't pay up.

Costello congratulated the boosters and said "this is very exciting. From the Bartlett community especially, I've heard nothing but great things about it and the support and pride factor it adds to the community."

"Clearly this would not have been done without the logistics and the support and the backing of U-46," Costello added.

Board member Melissa Owens called it a "great example of community partnership."

Also to be voted on at the Oct. 16 meeting is a \$66,339 proposal with Heartland Business Systems, which will come out of the education fund if approved, to purchase 315 computers.

# Poplar Creek Library to host variety of events

By Joe Hyland

The Poplar Creek Library District will play host to several events in the next month according to information from Public Relations and Programming Coordinator Mary Hauserman.

The first event will be a concert by the Elgin Woodwind Quintet on Sunday, Oct. 15 beginning at 2 p.m. The concert is part of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Family Concert Series. According to the orchestra's website (www.elgin-symphony.org), the concerts will include some instruction in music fundamentals, stories, the actual concert and possibly even some magic. Tickets are free, and may be picked up in person at either the Gail Borden Library or the Rakow Branch Library beginning three weeks prior to the concert

date. They can also be ordered by calling the Gail Borden Library.

The second event, on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m., is called Coffee with the Trustees.

"We want to hear from you!" states a flier put out by the district. "Come share your concerns and suggestions how to improve your library."

Finally, just in time for Halloween, there will be a presentation by paranormal researcher and author Terry Fisk. The presentation will be on Illinois ghosts and afterlife. Illinois has a number of sites rumored to be haunted, including some close to home such as Munger Road in Bartlett and Benedictine University in Lisle.

All of the events are free and open to the public.

# Losing streak continues for Sabres volleyball team

By Seth Hancock

Trying to snap a 13-game losing streak, the Streamwood volleyball team let one slip away in a 25-23, 12-25, 25-21 loss to East Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference crossover play on Thursday, Oct. 5 in Aurora.

After dropping the close first set, the Sabres were in control from start to finish in Game 2. That carried over into Game 3 as solid hitting from Ava Sumoski (10 kills) and Ashley Rothenberg (eight kills) helped build a 19-11 lead.

However, the wheels started falling off as East Aurora began to rally with a 5-0 run to pull to 19-16. An unforced error and ace from Kennedy Williams (three aces) made it 21-16 for Streamwood before the host went on a 9-0 run to end the match.

"We were definitely dominating and it got away from us," said Streamwood coach Sheryl Hettinger. "This was a mental loss for us."

Hettinger added: "We just started getting down on ourselves. We imploded."

The Sabres grabbed control of Game 2 as Rothenberg had three kills and an ace during an 8-2 start. Ahead 11-7 the Sabres gained plenty of breathing room as Sumoski had four kills and both Lillian Dewsnap (seven aces) and Leslie Garcia (six aces) served three aces during a 12-3 run for a command-

ing 23-10 lead. A Rothenberg kill and East Aurora error eventually gave the Sabres the set win.

Leandra Gottschalk finished with 21 assists, and Mary Rackow had seven digs.

"A whole bunch of stuff, just team stuff went wrong," Hettinger said. "We're a whole lot of individual players, and we need to find the cohesiveness and play as one unit."

Hettinger added: "They play with fear. They don't want to lose so when the other team starts to make runs they get too tight. You can see the talent, but they need to play with confidence."

Streamwood was coming off a 27-25, 25-15 loss against Elgin in UEC River Division play on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Streamwood. That was the Sabres first game off a two week break.

Sumoski (six kills, block), Rothenberg (four kills, two blocks), Gottschalk (15 assists) and Corinne Angle (three digs) led the effort.

The Sabres are now 2-20 overall, 1-4 in the UEC River Division.

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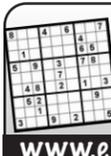
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# Early deficit leads to Sabres seventh defeat

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood football team couldn't keep up after a slow start as the Sabres dropped a 41-0 game against St. Charles North in Upstate Eight Conference River Division play on Friday, Oct. 6 at Millennium Field.

It took just 34 seconds for the visitors to take a 14-0 lead, an opening kickoff return and then a turnover leading to the rough start, and North would lead 27-0 by the end of the first quarter and 41-0 by halftime.

"When you play a team that has a chance here to play for a conference title and just clinched a playoff berth, you can't give them 14 points right off the bat," said Streamwood coach Don Guindon. "You can't do that, especially if you want it to be competitive. That kind of shot us right in the foot right at the beginning."

St. Charles North out gained Streamwood

279-79 in total yards. Sabres quarterback Brendon Marton (4-for-17) threw for 66 yards as Dan Wisniewski had two receptions for 37 yards and Eric Jopek one for 22 yards.

Leo Marin had an interception for the Sabres defense.

Late in the first half, Streamwood did drive down to North's 15-yard line but was unable to put points on the board.

"Defensively, eventually we made them work a little more," Guindon said. "We made a couple plays, had an interception. Offensively, we had a couple nice catches airing the ball out down the field."

Guindon added: "We're trying to get there. We're starting a lot of young guys now on both sides of the ball. We're trying to get them up to speed."

Streamwood is now 0-7 overall, 0-5 in the UEC River Division.



Sabres quarterback Brendon Marton pitching out to running back Ronnie Harper as Streamwood attempted to get outside the North Stars defense.



Streamwood wide receiver Eric Jopek being jarred loose from the ball on a hit by North's Michael Policano. Policano, however, was flagged for interference on the play.



North Stars running back Lucas Segobiano driving for additional yardage after obtaining a first ground against the Sabres as he was eventually tackled by Streamwood's Jordan Ramirez, left, and Leo Marin.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

## New sample water bills on way to village users

By Joe Hyland

As reported in the Sept. 27 edition of the *Streamwood Examiner*, the village is in the process of upgrading its online services. A big part of this is a new version of resident and business bills for water and sewer usage and residents and businesses should be receiving sample bills in the mail.

According to the village's newsletter ([streamwoodnews@streamwood.org](mailto:streamwoodnews@streamwood.org)), the sample bills have now been sent out via mail.

At the Sept. 21 meeting, where the new billing method was announced, Finance Director Josh Peacock explained the new bill. He noted that,

among other features, the new format will include a 12-month running total of water and sewer usage.

"So you'll actually be able to gauge how much water you're using," Peacock said at the meeting.

Peacock said that residents will also have the option of signing up for exclusively electronic billing. Those that do will no longer receive postcards.

The sample bills will also include instructions on how to register for online bill payment. Payments will be made through the Citizen Self Service web portal. The bills will also feature a section for coming events in the village.

## Pet of the Week



### Bella focusing on a new home

Bella is looking for a nice, quiet, loving family to live with. She's 10 years old with plenty of pep in her step, and has spent years perfecting lap warming skills. A true cuddling expert, she hopes to find a family that can appreciate her abilities. Bella is spayed and up-to-date on vaccines. Thanks to the DuPage Animal Friends, she can be adopted for just \$1! Please visit [www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol](http://www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol) for more details or call (630) 407-2800.

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# Sabres soccer sees setback to title run in loss to Saints

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team took a hit in the conference race as the Sabres dropped their first Upstate Eight River Division match up of the season, a 1-0 loss against St. Charles East on Tuesday, Oct. 3 in St. Charles.

The Sabres, now 10-5-1 overall and 3-1-1 in the UEC River Division, can still clinch the conference title outright with a win over Elgin.

East entered the game just 4-9-4 overall but was coming off a big win over rival St. Charles North. Streamwood coach Matt Polovin said East is a "scrappy team," but overall he said his team made too many mistakes.

"It was a bad game by us," Polovin said. "Overall, there were a lot of dumb fouls. We had some chances, but all together it just wasn't a good game."

The game's lone goal came with 32:09 left to play. After that, the Sabres had some chances to tie with keeper Daniel Dominguez helping to maintain the 1-0 deficit with back-to-back saves on penalty kicks.

With 14:06 left to play, East was

awarded a PK attempt which Dominguez saved, but Polovin said his goalie was ruled to have moved early setting up a follow up PK that was again saved. After that Jorge Bracamontes had a couple nice attempts off setups from Aldo Lazaro and Bryan Mora, the last coming in the final minute of play.

The Sabres also thought they may have a PK attempt of their own in the final 10 seconds, but they didn't get the call.

"I thought we had a little more energy after [Dominguez's PK saves]," Polovin said. "But we just had too many mental errors. It was the most uncharacteristic game we've had all season."

Shortly after falling behind, Streamwood had a chance at an equalizer when Alex Herrera and Bracamontes setup an attack leading to a Lazaro shot on goal, and later Mora had a shot needing a diving save. Oscar Chavez had a few scoring opportunities.

"I told the guys hopefully this is our one bad game," Polovin said. "It's better to have that now than a few weeks from now in the playoffs."

# Fermilab event commemorates 50 years of science at site

What does it take to throw the biggest Fermilab Open House in decades?

Months of planning, 80 buses, 900 workers, four Mr. Freeze shows, 15,000 brochures, 28 bison, two muon experiments, 25 neutrino trading cards, 50 years of incredible science and 10,000 friends of Fermilab.

Saturday, Sept. 23 felt more like summer than the second day of fall, but Fermilab fans, new friends and future scientists were undeterred by any heat and enjoyed a day of scientific discovery. The Fermilab Community Open House commemorating the laboratory's 50th anniversary provided visitors the unique opportunity to see parts of the lab rarely open to the public, like the 350-foot-deep shaft leading to Fermilab's neutrino experiment cavern or the lab's state-of-the-art factory for particle detectors.

For most visitors, there was too much to see and do in one day, but every part of the Fermilab campus seemed full of enthusiastic faces, soaking up science, and equally exuberant lab staff and collaborators sharing what they do at Fermilab.

"It's high-level physics geeks talking about high-level physics — what's not to love?" said one upbeat visitor.

Among the more popular attractions

were the Muon g-2 experiment, with its famous magnet, which arrived at Fermilab in 2013 from Long Island, New York; Mr. Freeze and his cool cryogenic shows, wowing crowds with liquid nitrogen; and the Chicagoland STEM Fair, where visitors had the chance to engage with science through demonstrations.

The Lederman Science Education Center was also a hot spot for hands-on family fun, with easy-to-understand demonstrations of the science that drives Fermilab experiments.

Many visitors checked out parts of the laboratory's linear accelerator, as well as the Main Control Room, where lab employees monitor the passage of particle beams through the accelerator complex.

Other attractions included the Technical Campus, which offered a chance to visit the bison and those who care for them, learn about how Fermilab makes superconducting magnets, and to chat live with scientists from CERN in Switzerland. From there, visitors could take buses to see facilities such as the Cryomodule Test Facility where new, state-of-the-art particle accelerator technologies are developed. They could also visit the Silicon Detector Facility, where visitors could learn all

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from the district, which was denied by a 6-1 vote, and also was denied its appeal to the ISCSC. Board member Veronica Noland was the lone supporter of EMSA in 2014 while current board members Traci Ellis and Donna Smith both opposed it then.

In the second go around, EMSA looked to be in a more favorable position with the U-46 board receiving a 6-1 approval, Smith the lone no vote, in April "pending a mutually agreed upon contract," but the board reversed its decision in June when it voted 4-3 to deny the contract that had been agreed upon. Ellis and Sue Kerr flipped their votes from April to deny the June contract, Smith again voted against EMSA and Melissa Owens voted against the contract but was not on the board for the April vote.

Noland along with board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward supported EMSA throughout the process.

After being given approval on the charter by the board in April and going through months of negotiations to reach a contract, the denial of the contract meant time lost Kelly said.

"That felt like so much lost time," Kelly said. "We put so much time and energy into those negotiations and to answering 40 questions submitted, and now it feels like all of our efforts are going to really go towards building a school. That's exciting."

The contract negotiation process by the U-46 administration was ethically questionable, and Ward said the district used a "delay tactic" in putting the conditions of reaching an agreed upon contract. Former board member Cody Holt lost reelection prior to the April vote, and Owens opposed school

choice during the campaign.

The U-46 administration recommended denial in April and continued to recommend denial even after the board asked it to negotiate a contract leaving the appearance that the negotiations were not done in "good faith." Not only did the administration recommend denial, it had the board vote on a resolution that effectively nullified the April approval.

At the Oct. 3 meeting, U-46 had outside legal counsel argue that there was no approval in April. Although not naming her, the legal counsel argued against points made by Ward.

Ward told *The Examiner* after the ISCSC decision: "I think [counsel] should know that he reports to me and not the other way around, me and the board."

Nearly unanimously the ISCSC agreed with Ward, even those you voted against the EMSA appeal. Commissioner Bill Farmer, who voted no, said "it is my perception that U-46 was not in compliance with the process in how they reviewed it" and Kathryn Robbins, also a no vote, said she came to the "same conclusion about the compliance issue."

Farmer, who also voted no in 2014 to EMSA's appeal, said the charter "made sufficient gains" from the first time around but the charter was not "in the best interest of students."

Opponents of EMSA have argued that it's U-46's money and that the district should solely be the arbiters of how children should be educated, but Ward supports school choice and parents being the primary arbiters of education options.

"Those objecting to EMSA claimed funds would be 'diverted' from U-46, as if the money belonged to U-46," Ward said. "This is not U-46's money. This is taxpayer money funding education, and funding following the student."



Visitors learn about the history of the Tevatron and the CDF and DZero experiments at the Silicon Detector Facility. (Courtesy photos)



Visitors at the Technical Campus learn about how magnets work in accelerators.

about Fermilab's study of dark matter and dark energy; the development of next-generation particle detector components and quantum sensors; and Fermilab's contribution to the South Pole Telescope — not to mention the historic, otherworldly-looking Bubble Chamber.

The muon and neutrino experiments were a big hit too with adults and kids alike.

"We got to see all the muon experiments and then we got to see ICARUS. It was super cool," said a nine-year-old Chicago resident. ICARUS is a 760-ton neutrino detector that was delivered to Fermilab from CERN in July. "My favorite part was going down into the tunnel to see the Muon Delivery Ring."

The youngster plans to be a future Fermilab scientist, but he'll be back before then.

"We've already marked the Family Open House in February on our calendar," added his mother.

Wilson Hall was a hub of science, art, history and advanced computing. Guests also got to learn about some of Fermilab's partners, such as the Department of Energy, Sanford Lab and IBM, who hosted an exhibit on quantum computers.

Fermilab's open house was a big hit, and there's no better way to celebrate 50 years of science than to share the excitement with the laboratory's friends and neighbors. For individuals that missed the open house or didn't get a chance to see everything you wanted to, the Fermilab site is open every day of the year. The lab hosts events, tours and plenty of other opportunities to learn about Fermilab's mission to discover more about our universe.