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Officials praise new welding lab in U46

Schools offers tour of trade facilities

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



An Elgin High School welding student shows his work to U46 CEO Tony Sanders, left, and Superintendent of Education Tony Smith. (Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News)

State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith was effusive in his praise for Elgin High School's welding lab.

"I love the facility, which was brilliantly designed," Smith said. "But for students to get certification (in school), that is what is special."

Smith and U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Schaumburg, were among the 50 or so people who toured a new welding lab booth, one of 14 that opened this year. They also toured the high school's automotives lab and culinary science classrooms, and South Elgin High School's automotives lab, early childhood classrooms and precision manufacturing facilities.

School District U46 spent about \$1.7 million on the new welding lab and the tools needed to equip them. Elgin High School Principal Krystal Thomas told visitors the facility was built with the "blood, sweat and tears" of career and technical education advocates who were dedicated to supporting student careers that may fall outside a traditional four-year college path.

Among the others to visit the training programs Monday were representatives from neighboring school districts and other community groups and organizations.

Career and technical high school facilities such as those at the South Elgin and Elgin schools are of great interest to educators and employers. School Districts U46, 300, 301 and 303 have adopted regional career pathway programs in welding, precision manufacturing and veterinary sciences. The programs are not housed at every school district, but students can enroll in the programs regardless of their high school or district.

U46 administrators would like to adopt the career pathways approach at all of its high schools for technical and college-bound students.

“It takes leadership, value, it gets us out of this idea that we must stick to our (school district) boundaries,” Smith said.

Krishnamoorthi said the long-awaited renewal of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act will present school districts with opportunities to create or expand career and technical education programs, and state funding and initiatives that can help make it happen.

Krishnamoorthi co-sponsored a bill to reauthorize the Perkins act, which had been left outdated and expired for more than a decade. The legislation increases federal funding by \$1.3 billion annually, available to school districts and other groups. President Donald Trump signed the bipartisan bill into law earlier this summer.

Perkins grants could be used to buy more machinery, introduce or expand programs, convert schools to be career centers, and encourage private businesses and organizations to invest in career and technical education, Krishnamoorthi said.

“The more funding, the better,” he said. “Our new law will provide some flexibility.”

At a luncheon following the high school site visits, Krishnamoorthi said career and technical education programs are necessary to meet the demands and needs of employers and the workforce. A stigma still exists for students who do not pursue a four-year college degree, he said, despite the need for trade careers and a current job shortage of more than 6 million in those fields.

“If they can’t find the talent here, they will go elsewhere,” Krishnamoorthi said.

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U46 board reviews \$558 million spending plan for school year

BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY

Elgin Area School District U-46 officials last week reviewed a proposed \$558.1 million spending plan for 2018-19 school year.

Revenues are budgeted at \$561.1 million -- an increase of \$52 million over the previous year -- leaving the district with a \$3 million surplus across all funds, said Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations.

Expenditures are projected to increase by \$40 million over the previous year. Among the big ticket items are \$20 million for capital projects, \$7.5 million for computer equipment, \$5.7 million to replace 74 buses, and just under \$4.4 million for hiring 54 new full-time employees, including middle school counselors, assistant principals in larger elementary schools, instructional coaches and additional behavior specialists.

Health insurance costs are increasing \$2.5 million. Salaries and benefits, which account for 70 percent of the district's expenses, are increasing by \$21.9 million.

School board member Jeanette Ward said the district shouldn't be expanding operations and hiring additional employees while enrollment is declining.

"We should be paying down the debt and reducing property taxes," she said. "There's also the issue of pensions and potential cost shift to the district ... I don't support the direction we are going here."

On the revenue side, the district received \$24 million in additional revenues last school year based on the new evidence-based funding formula. Officials estimate receiving \$49.6 million from the state this year, which includes an increase of \$18 million in evidence-based funding.

Officials will determine the 2018 tax levy in December. A public hearing on the budget is Sept. 10 with final adoption by the school board Sept. 24. To review the proposed budget, visit u-46.org.

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Geneva, Elgin, East Aurora teachers start year without new contracts

BY SUSAN SARKAUSKAS

Since mid-August, nearly every Twitter post from the Geneva Education Association -- whether about the start of school, the death of Sen. John McCain or a scholarship fund - has the hashtag #teachingwithoutacontract.

The union's deal with the district expired Aug. 15.

Teachers in **Elgin Unit District U-46** are also in negotiations for a new contract, and theirs expired Aug. 10.

East Aurora District 131 negotiations are at an official impasse.

Geneva Superintendent Kent Mutchler said the district and union negotiators continue to meet, but that they haven't come up yet with a tentative agreement to present to the school board and union members. The union president could not be reached for comment.

Representatives of the Elgin Teachers Association rejected a new contract in May.

Union officials have met with district officials several times over the summer, and negotiations are due to resume in September. The old contract expired Aug. 10.

East Aurora

The East Aurora district is different from many local districts' unions in that the contract covers not only teachers, but support workers and office staff.

The old contract expired June 30.

The district filed paperwork Aug. 24 with the state declaring an [impasse](#). That triggers creation of a state-mandated fact-finding panel or assignment of an arbitrator to review

the proposals, which can take up to 75 days. If either side rejects the fact-finder's recommendation, the union could then strike 30 days later.

The union says the district will receive a total of at least \$64.6 million in state aid for the next three fiscal years and can well-afford the salary raises and changes it proposes. It also charges that district officials made mathematical mistakes in calculating the costs of the district's proposals, according to the offer it posted on the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board website.

The district president, however, says the school district is expected to receive less state funding this year than last, and that if that amount stays steady, it would get \$24.3 million over three years, according to a [statement](#) posted on the district's website.

They also differ on whether the contract should contain enforceable class-size limits. And the district wants a contract reopener for the second year, which would be activated if the amount of general state aid given to the district or evidence-based funding is changed.

SPORTS SECTION

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: South Elgin wins UEC opener

DAILY HERALD REPORT

South Elgin won its first Upstate Eight Conference game Tuesday, and improved to 2-0 overall.

The Storm defeated Streamwood in 2, taking the first game 25-17, and the second game 25-6. Haley Fisher led South Elgin with 8 kills and 4 digs, Emily Wellman had 4 aces and 5 digs, and Anna Skrzpachak had 6 assists.

Barrington d. Dundee-Crown 25-21, 25-17: Jenna Brown led the Chargers with 15 assists, 4 kills, 3 digs, and 2 aces. Payton Schmidt had 9 kills and 5 assists and Claire Muhvic added 13 digs and 4 kills. Payton Tilly had 6 kills, 1 block, and 2 aces for Barrington, and Tara Kozak had 16 assists and 6 digs.

West Aurora d. Larkin 25-10, 25-13: Lauren Greenwood led the West Aurora defense with 10 digs and Jenna Millen set up 9 assists for the offense. Kendra Battle had 5 kills for West Aurora. Elizabeth Bowma had 5 assists for Larkin and Ashley Miller had 4 digs.

Cary-Grove d. Crystal Lake South 25-16, 25-20: Leading the way for Crystal Lake South were Megan House (5 kills), Jamie Maule (13 digs) and Jenna Rhoades (7 assists).

Bartlett d. Glenbard South 25-22, 21-25, 32-30: Maddie Hankins led Bartlett with 17 assists, 11 kills, 5 digs and 2 aces, while Dakota Johnson had 20 assists, 10 kills and 2 aces. Emily Baggot finished with 10 kills, 5 digs and 3 aces.

Glenbard East d. Elgin 25-10, 25-10: Sarah Elliot had 8 kills, 4 blocks and 3 digs for Glenbard East. Also leading in stats were Emily Sarles (20 assists, 1 ace, 1 block, 2 kills), Cassie Schweikle (5 kills), Allison Hamaker (4 kills, 3 digs) and Alex Walton (4 blocks, 1 kill).

Sabres miscues costly in 23-10 loss to Raiders

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood football team found plenty of positives in its season and Upstate Eight Conference opener, but physical and mental errors led to a 23-10 loss to new UEC foe Glenbard South on Friday, Aug. 24 at Millennium Field.

The game was tied 10-10 with 2:08 left to play when Streamwood was punting deep in its own territory. After some miscommunication, the Sabres punter took a knee giving Glenbard South 18 yards to work with which it did on the very next play with an 18-yard touchdown run.

Glenbard South added an interception return for the final score in the final minute of play.

Still, the Sabres outgained Glenbard South 237-165 in total yards after going winless last year while

Glenbard South was a six-win team and advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

"There was some miscommunication on the sideline, and that's my fault," said Streamwood coach Don Guindon. "The end is disappointing, but I'm so proud of them. That's a playoff team last year, and we were right with them."

Guindon added: "We had to find a recipe this off-season that fits our kids. We have to look at some different stuff, but we're finding some things that work for them."

The Sabres had taken the early lead in the first quarter on a 30-yard touchdown run by Sirrion Dixon and Tremeyon Sanders (49 rushing yards) ran in a two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead. Glenbard South, however, had a kick return on the ensuing

kickoff to pull to 8-7.

Right before the break, Streamwood marched to the goal line looking to pad its lead, but a fumble on second down inside the Raiders one-yard line ended the threat.

After a third quarter field goal gave Streamwood a 10-8 deficit, the Sabres pulled even in the final minute of the frame with a safety aided by a bad snap on a punt attempt.

Sophomore quarterback Omar Negrón, in his first football game, led the Sabres with 157 rushing yards on 24 carries.

"That is his first football game ever, the first time with pads on," Guindon said. "If that's what we get from him in his first game, we've got a bright future. He's just playing ball and having a blast."



Streamwood running back Tremeyon Sanders having his forward progress halted by the Raiders' Mark Wilson. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Sirrion Dixon bursting through the Glenbard South defense with the Raiders' Taejour Burnett in pursuit as Dixon dashed for a Streamwood touchdown the resulted in an early 8-0 lead.

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.

Potential and real impact of bullying

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Seth Hancock's article "U-46 board responds to more reports of bullying." My daughter was bullied at Bartlett High School back in 1999 to the point where she dropped out of school. (She was in honors classes at the time and she said that in those classes the bullying was the worst. Her IQ was 160.)

I would like to point out that the Columbine shooting was in 1999 and, as I understand the facts, the two shooters killed themselves in the end as an act of suicide. (I firmly believe the motive for the shootings was due to bullying.) I bring this up because my daughter in-

formed me that a 12-year-old boy at Wauconda Middle School in Island Lake hanged himself in May of 2018. (My grandson told me it was because the boy was bullied.) What I am trying to point out is that victims of bullying may resort to homicide, suicide, or both as pointed out above.

This should be a wake up call to all parents of school-age children and, if the U-46 administrators do not address bullying, they better be prepared to offer grief counseling. That being said, I would like to take this opportunity to praise Jeanette Ward for all her efforts as a member of the U-46 Board.

Thank you, Jeanette.

Francine Freiberg

Pet of the Week



Could Craig be on your list?

Craig is a 2-year-old, neutered, male, Staffordshire terrier. He's been here at the shelter for nine months waiting to for adoption. Most dogs would begin to struggle after all this time, but not Craig! We made a promise to him that we would find him the family he's been looking for, so please help us keep that promise.

Craig is a part of our Underdog to Wonderdog program which means he does come with some restrictions: No cats, no children under 15 (too spunky for little ones), and would do best as either the only dog or with a dog the same size or bigger with an enthusiastic play style. But being an underdog also means Craig comes with perks like three prepaid in-home training sessions, a leash and collar set, and lots of toys! Please visit www.dupageco.org/animalservices for more details or call 407-2800. (Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)



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Sabres topple Geneva to open play in 2018

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team scored three unanswered goals in the second half to earn a 4-1 nonconference win in its season opener against Geneva on Monday, Aug. 20 at Millennium Field.

An early goal gave the Sabres a 1-0 lead which held until halftime, but early in the second half Geneva pulled even.

On Streamwood's following possession, the Sabres went ahead for good when Rolando Martinez found the net off an Alex Chavez assist. Just a few minutes later it was 3-1 when Bryan Mora tallied his second of three assists as Jesus Limon put away

Mora's feed.

"In the first half, we came out a little flat giving the ball away a few too many times for my liking," said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. "We moved the ball around quick but not that controlled. I had a nice talk with the group at half to just calm down and play our style of soccer. I was very happy they did and did it very well."

Polovin added: "The guys were making combinations all over the field, and it was great watching our outside back making overlapping runs to put more pressure on Geneva's defense. Bryan Mora played tremendously in the center of the field."

Hector Alfaro, who along with Antonio Herrera each made two saves in front of the Streamwood net, made a diving save in the opening two minutes of play, and moments later a Mora corner kick led to a Josh Taboda goal for a 1-0 lead.

Mora got his third assist off a Chavez goal for the final score of the game.

"I told them after the game we need to start all our games the way we played that second half and be a little more consistent," Polovin said. "It was the first game, and we have many more games leading up to regionals."

The Sabres did finish the opening week with a 1-0 nonconference loss to Crystal Lake South on Thursday, Aug. 23 at Millennium Field.

The visitors scored the game's only goal midway through the first half. Alfaro had five saves.



Streamwood's Fernando Mancera, playing the ball of his body while shielding the ball from the Vikings' Colin Fromm.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Sabres' keeper Hector Alfaro moving to his right to make a stop on a Geneva shot during Streamwood's victory over the Vikings on Monday, Aug. 20.

Garden club makes donation in support of area not-for-profit



Gregg Bettcher, We Grow Dreams Greenhouse & Garden Center executive director, left, accepting a \$500 check from Wally Groble, president of Tri-Village Garden Club.

(Courtesy photo)

The Tri-Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood supports We Grow Dreams to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives and to train and work in a supportive, safe and caring environment while producing and providing products and services to the community. In this pursuit, they honor the concepts of human dignity, respect, hard work, fellowship and friendship.

Recently, the Tri-Village Garden Club made a \$500 donation to the We Grow Dreams Greenhouse & Garden Center.

The We Grow Dreams Greenhouse, a not-for-profit corporation, is open six days a week Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at 1055 West Washington St. in West Chicago.

The Tri-Village Garden Club is a member of the Garden Clubs of Illinois and the National Garden Clubs which promises opportunities of friendship with people of similar interests. For more information go to www.trivillagegardenclub.org/ word press.

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Village Board approves two event-related items

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved a pair of items concerning upcoming events in Bartlett at its meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The board approved of a request from the Bartlett High School Boosters to hold a fireworks display after the Hawks first home football game against Glenbard East on Friday, Aug. 31. It will be the first full season for the Hawks at the new Bartlett Activity Complex.

Joey Dienberg, administrative intern, wrote in a memo that the boosters want to have "a three-minute fire-

works display... to celebrate the first football game in the new stadium, with racks set up south of the 10 yard line on the practice field."

The proper licenses and permits were submitted and the boosters were given permission by the Bartlett Fire Department.

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya congratulated School District U-46, the Bartlett community and businesses for a "tremendous collaborative effort" to build the stadium. Kevin Wallace, village president, said he attended the Aug. 17 football scrimmage and called it a "very unique experience," and he

suggested residents attend a game and visit the stadium.

Another upcoming event in the village is the Bartlett Heritage Days' Bartlett Bazaar, and the board approved its request for road closures for the event which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 9.

"The organization would like to present entertainment as part of the Bartlett Heritage Days festivities in the roadway to create a street festival kind of atmosphere in the downtown," Sam Hughes, management analyst, wrote in a memo. "The Heritage Days organizers have worked with the Administration and Police Depart-

ment staff to identify a section of roadway that achieves the organization's goal of a visible location that connects their activities and will create the least disruption to the traffic and pedestrian flow."

Between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on both days a portion of Bartlett Avenue from North Western Avenue to North Eastern Avenue will be closed as well as part of Hickory Avenue.

On Saturday, Oak Avenue from the railroad tracks to Oneida Avenue will be closed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, Oak Avenue from the railroad tracks to North Avenue will be closed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

District U-46 recognizes award-winning students

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 recognized a pair of sophomores with certificates of achievement at its meeting on Monday, Aug. 20.

Zuzanna Lapa, who attends the Beacon Academy of Media and Digital Arts at South Elgin High School, was recognized for earning the top prize at an international historical competition held by a Polish organization, and Streamwood sophomore Jeremy Johnson, a member of the U-46 Blue Stars, was recognized for his gold medal earned at the Illinois Special Olympics Summer Games.

Lapa was awarded first place in the film category in a competition held by the Remembrance Committee of Captain Witold Pilecki for her Polish-language short film on Danuta (Inka) Siedzikówna. She and her family traveled to Poland in May to accept the prize.

"It was phenomenal," Lapa said. "I got to see children from the Polish background and other backgrounds from around the world that were internationally just trying to spread the history and ideals of the Polish culture, and it was phenomenal."

The committee that organizes the competition is named after a captain in the Polish Army who fought in World War II who eventually was executed by Communists.

The subject of Lapa's film, Siedzikówna, was orphaned in World War II and joined the Polish Home Army at 15 as a medical orderly. She also was executed by Communist authorities at the age of 17, just days before her 18th birthday.

"I created a film that makes the viewer exercise their conscience and put themselves in Inka's shoes so they could see what a phenomenal person she truly was," Lapa said in a U-46 press release.

Lapa added: "In my project I was trying to present the heroine as a normal teenager who had a strong love for her country but also as a girl who in those horrible times dared to care for people with enormous dedication and compassion. Inka showed so much bravery and power over oneself that I felt like I needed to show her story to people in a much different way."

For Johnson, he won the gold medal at the Special Olympics in Bloomington-Normal in June with a time of 31.47 seconds in the 50-meter run. After receiving his certificate of achievement from the board, a smiling Johnson gave his father a big hug.

Johnson has Down syndrome as well as other orthopedic issues requiring the use of a walker and wheelchair at times according to the district press release.

"Seeing him overcome the medical complications he had when he was younger is a really big thing for our family," Jeremy's mother Cheryl Johnson said in the release.

Johnson is also a bowler and basketball player for the Blue Stars. His coach Lindsey Reynolds said: "There's not been one time we've asked him to do or try something and he has refused. He always gives a head nod, a smile, and an 'ok.' He's also one of those athletes that if he sees another athlete or even a competitor on the sidelines, he actively goes out of his way to involve them. He's incredible."



Distance duo

Trevor and his dad Scott Warrington crossed the finish line together at the 14th annual Lions Dash on Sunday, Aug. 28. It is the 5-year-old's goal to run a distance race in every state; Illinois is his second. For story and more photos see page 20. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Wayne Village Board hears some good financial news

By Joe Hyland

At their Tuesday, Aug. 21 meeting, Wayne trustees heard some good financial news from Village Treasurer Howard Levine.

The best news was from the investment front. "We've experienced the benefit of the rising interest rates return," said Levine, noting that he was anticipating an additional \$15,000 this year due to the increase in the rates.

Overall, the news was also good.

"In general, we are running slightly ahead of our plan," Levine said.

Levine reported, however, that the positive vari-

ances from the village's share of state income taxes were at least partially offset by decreases in the village's share of sales tax and a decrease in amusement tax revenues.

Trustee Pete Connolly, noting that Levine had transferred funds to the village's Illinois Funds account from its Chase account, wanted to know why it had been done by check rather than electronic funds transfer.

Levine responded that everything transferred to the Illinois funds account has to be by check. He also explained why the transfer had been made in the first place.

"We're chasing the insured return," Levine said.

Levine said he was expecting the village to receive its second property tax installment within the next 30 days. He said this will give the village its highest cash balance of the year.

Levine also said he had received a letter from the state indicating that the village should not get too excited about the U.S. Supreme Court's recent Wayfair decision as the village is not likely to receive much if anything from it. The Wayfair decision (South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.) mandates that online retailers must collect state sales taxes from merchandise shipped to states that have sales taxes.



The abundant bombardment of negative news

Televisions are turned on in most homes across the country where people are watching to catch up on the latest news, weather, sports, etc. This is great after coming home from a long day at work or even for those who go to school. During the last decade we've gone from mainstream news on TV to our iPhones to check and see what's happening in the country and around the world. Years ago we could only imagine living with instant news from every corner of the globe, but unfortunately it all seems to be bad news about people who died in horrific ways and stories about war torn places. We see all of the terrible things happening to people and just when you think it can't get worse, it does and you can't help but feel bummed. Then you throw in the negative campaign ads and you just want to turn off your television and phone and hide.

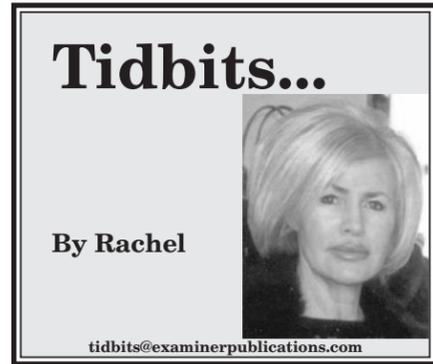
Whatever happened to good comedy and shows that make us laugh? Many of the shows today are filled with violence and sex that you certainly don't want your young teens to watch. Some of us remember watching shows that would last about a half an hour and the kids could watch them too. It made us laugh and there were no embarrassing scenes where you had to ask your kids to leave the room. They were fun shows for the whole family and it was a great time to be together. They were television shows that allowed you to escape the reality of life and forget about problems and fears.

Most people watch the news because they want to keep up with current events. We want to know what our government is doing with our money and what's happening regarding tax reform. We also want to hear about people, places and things like when the next hurricane will hit and how our favorite sports teams are doing.

Watching the news comes with certain ups and downs such as a story where someone rescues a child from harm or an animal that was stuck in a sewer, and then we cheer for the hero that risked his or her life pulling a person out of a burning house or car. This is news that makes everyone feel good but then we also hear about some creep killing a child or a victim shot for money which leaves a negative feeling and makes us want to avoid watching the news ever again. However, we are creatures of habit and will always tune in whether the news is good or bad because we are human and will watch whatever is served up on TV. Wouldn't it be nice if the news showed just a little more of the good things happening? People who do great things like those that use their own money to fund something like toys and clothes to an orphanage or just an organization where people work tirelessly to help the poor. Sure, every so often we'll see a blurb about someone donating their money and time but most of the good things happening will be dominated by bad news. The media seems to enjoy sensationalism so they spend more time on the negative news rather than the positive stories. There are days that I don't turn on the channels that show news because I prefer shows that make me laugh and feel good.

Thinking back just a quarter of a century ago no one had instant news and by the time the news hit the radio or TV it was old news. Violence was horrible as it is today but you didn't get spoon fed bad news on a daily basis. Could that be because we weren't as exposed to news as we are today? Of course it is and the bad news comes in like a freight train each and every day and we are exposed to it with the click of a button. It also appears as if people are becoming more immune to bad

news because it is hitting us on a regular basis and we feel numb. If there is to be an end to bad news it won't be in this lifetime, but at least we can switch the channels and find something more interesting and funny to make us



laugh and possibly even locate shows we can sit and watch with our children and grandchildren. We get enough reality each day, so take us away to a place where we can laugh and feel like there is hope in the world.

Congratulations to Daniel Gibadlo of Bartlett who recently graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in psychology, Harrison LaGambina of Bartlett who recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree in public relations, and to Rocco Furio of Bartlett who recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree in management from the Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Congratulations to Victoria Barbosa Munoz, Jake Alexander Barrutia, Brendon Michael Culloton, Molly L. Devereaux, James Peter Devereux, Blake Walter Dietz, Aaron Todd Gephart, Austin Michael Gephart, Rebecca Lynn Gorski, Conner Henry Herion, Justin Robert Isla, Lucas Saul Isla, Surpreet Kaur, Jenna M. Kohn, Jixi Apolinar Lederer, Zachary Andrew Lively, Marisa Rose Lynch, Robert Martin McAuliff, Zachary Michalski, Alexandria Nicole Morris, Cameron Joseph Nylec, Sonja M. O'Donnell, Yumi Ota, Amar Patel, Nina Marie Pavell, Taylor Yun Radley, Matthew George Rudolph, Jamie Jordan Rush, Anna Lisa Steinbrenner, Brianna Marie Stevens, Kristin Germaine Struck, Jay Thakkar and Ashley N. Tomillo of Bartlett, along with John Brandner Heredia, Sydney Nicole Shephard and Bradley Ross Smith of Wayne who were named to the dean's list for the 2018 spring semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

All women are invited to come to the monthly Bartlett Woman's Club meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Bartlett Log Cabin, 102 N. Eastern Ave. It begins at 7 p.m. with a social including refreshments, followed by a program with a speaker and concluding with a general meeting, where upcoming events are reviewed. Bartlett Woman's Club is for women 18 and older and sponsors many social and philanthropic events. Visit www.bartlettwomanclub.org or Facebook.

Walk in their footsteps and experience Bartlett during WW I. Nineteen Yanks left for service from Bartlett's 1873 depot heading to training camps in the south, and for most, combat overseas. Learn about these soldiers, see where most lived and worked, and the homefront efforts of the families and friends they left behind. This Heritage Days, Saturday, Sept. 8, stroll through the heart of old Bartlett with the Village of Bartlett Museums' director and hear the stories of the Great War. The free walk is offered twice, 9 a.m. and again at 2 p.m., rain or shine. Meet at the Bartlett Depot Museum,

100 W. Railroad Ave., fifteen minutes prior and wear comfortable shoes. The walk will last an hour. No registration is required. For further information contact Pam Rohleder, Village of Bartlett Museums director, at prohleder@vbartlett.org or call 837-0800.

Arts in Bartlett is hosting its seventh annual art competition for all ages that will be showcased at the annual Heritage Days Festival on Sept. 8. Wood decorated wall hangings may be created by a group or an individual. Participants should bring their decorated wood piece to the Arts in Bartlett Center, 215 S. Main St., between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 8. The decorated wood wall hangings will be judged, exhibited at the gallery and donated for a silent auction in December. Application forms will be made available and completed on the day of the event. Questions, Contact Rita Lopienski, at 956-8814, or rlopienski@sbcglobal.net.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 751 Army Trail Road, Bartlett (one mile east of Illinois Route 59) is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. Blood donations are at unusually low levels and all blood types are urgently needed. Your donation helps to save up to three lives. For an appointment, please log on to www.redcrossblood.org or American Red Cross Donor info at 800-733-2767 or Steve Klein at 222-6166. Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome. Remember to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating. Photo ID needed.

All are invited to Bartlett Immanuel United Church of Christ's "come as you are" Community Outdoor Worship Service in Bartlett Park on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. as part of Bartlett's Heritage Days weekend. Bring your lawn chair or blanket near the Gazebo, and an umbrella, if needed. A 'Blessing of the Animals' will follow worship. A moment of silence will be observed for those special animals that have died in the past year. For others, bring your friendly, well-behaved animals; if not caged, please leash your ID tagged animals. Bring a photo of your animal to be blessed if he or she is nervous, aggressive, or just not able to come. For more information contact the church office 289-1320 or website www.bartlettiucc.org.

On Thursday, Sept. 13th, the PTC of Centennial Elementary School, 234 East Stearns Road, Bartlett, is hosting the Eagle FUNd Run. Their goal this year is to raise \$20,000. This will allow the PTC to provide students and families with assemblies, additional library books, family enrichment activities, online academic tools, supplies, and the events that the PTC hosts. If you would like to learn more, you can check it out at centennialptc.com/eaglefundrun/.

Everyone is invited to hear speakers Karen and Charles Lorence do their presentation on "Honey Bees and Pollination" at the Tri-Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. Not only will they share a vast amount of knowledge, but they will also bring in beeswax products and honey to sell after the presentation. The event will be held at the Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park, Streamwood, and the cost of the event is free. For additional information, please contact Wally Groble 497-1958 or Sandy Swenson 837-0281 or visit their web site at www.trivillagegardenclub.org/wordpress.

Please join the Hanover Township Community Health Department on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. for its monthly Wellness Clinic hosted by Victory Centre of Bartlett in its senior apartments, located at 1105 West Bartlett Road (lower level). The clinic features complimentary health screenings and educational sessions. The topic for September is National Cholesterol Education Month. Light refreshments will be served. Clinics are held on the third Thursday of each month.

All are invited to attend the Bartlett High School Boosters' Annual "Dream Big Top Golf Family Day" fundraiser, Sunday, Sept. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at Top Golf, 3211 Odyssey Court, Naperville. Join the Bartlett High School faculty, coaches, students and alumni for a fun filled afternoon of golf, lunch, raffles, contests and prizes. Register at <https://www.bhsboosters.org/top-golf-event>. Adults \$55 and students \$20. Please help support the students of Bartlett High School.

Living Lord Lutheran Church will be hosting the Northwest DuPage United Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, Oct. 14 at the church, located at 1044 Congress Drive in Bartlett. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the walk stepping off at 2 p.m. Participants will be walking through the town of Bartlett to raise funds for hunger relief efforts. Anyone is welcome to join (participants do not need to be church members). For more details about the CROP walk, visit crophungerwalk.org/northwestdupage.

Bartlett High School is looking for crafters to participate in its annual craft show on Saturday, Oct. 27. Contact Yvonne at bhsartcraftshow2016@gmail.com or 213-0183 for an application or if you have questions.

The Streamwood Choral Society is looking for crafters, artists, and vendors for the fourth annual Holiday Arts Extravaganza! Craft Fair taking place on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Streamwood High School. The craft fair supports the musical arts in Streamwood including high school scholarships, the Streamwood High School music department, and the Streamwood Children's Choir. For more information go to hae18.eventbrite.com, email the Streamwood Choral Society at streamwoodchoralsociety@gmail.com, or call Nicole Hain at 847-207-8043.

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Latest U-46 budget data hikes income, spending

By Seth Hancock

While School District U-46 continues to expect enrollment declines it still plans on hiking spending by \$40.2 million while expecting \$52 million more in revenue as the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget was presented to the Board of Education on Monday, Aug. 20.

The budget sets total revenue at \$561.1 million, up from \$509.1 million last year, and expenditures at \$558.1 million, up from \$517.9 million. Those numbers are up from a tentative budget presented in June that had total revenue at \$546.6 million and total expenditures at \$534.6 million.

A public hearing is set for Sept. 10 and the board is expected to vote on the budget on Sept. 24.

The district expects both expenditures and revenues to annually increase with a projected \$586.5 million in revenues (4.5 percent increase from FY2019) and \$585.9 million in expenditures (5 percent increase) by 2021-22.

For this current school year, U-46 expects a 1.9 percent decrease in enrollment from 38,875 to 38,135 this year. The budget forecasts show continued declines of 2.3 percent (37,243) in 2019-20, 2.3 percent (36,405) in 2020-21 and 2.9 percent (35,345) in 2021-2022.

With a longer-term view from Illinois State Board of Education data, if the forecasts come true there would be a 13.1 percent enrollment decline from 40,687 students in 2012 while expenditures would increase by 36.3 percent from the \$430 million spent in FY2012.

Salaries and benefits make up the largest expenditure item at \$389.3 million, up \$21.9 million from \$367.4 million.

Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, said: "We've added 54 new employees which include middle school counselors, assistant principals in the larger elementary schools, instructional coaches and additional behavioral specialists."

The district expects a 5 percent increase in health insurance costs and it plans on spending \$20 million on building capital projects, \$7.5 million on computer equipment and \$5.7 million on replacing 74 buses.

On the revenue side, property taxes make up the largest portion which Burnidge called the "most stable source of revenue." Property tax revenue is expected at \$303.8 million, up from \$303.4 million.

The district is allowed to increase the property tax levy by the inflation rate, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), plus new construction revenue. The inflation rate has increased by 2.1 percent the past two years according to Burnidge, and the district projects a 2.5 percent CPI in the near future.

The tax levy will be determined in December and the district plans to use the abatement process for the fourth straight year.

Burnidge said "property tax revenue is projected to be flat due to increasing the abatement for the current year

growth of \$5.4 million. In addition to the prior year abatement of \$3.9 million, the total abatement will be \$9.3 million."

The district expects to receive \$174.5 million from the state's so-called "evidence based" funding formula, up from \$120.7 million last year. U-46 also expects four categorical payments from the state.

Jeanette Ward, who voted against last year's budget, was the only board member in attendance (Phil Costello was absent at the meeting) to offer her opinion on the budget. She noted that the district followed the direction of the board's majority, but she disagreed with the majority.

"The budget includes 54 new positions, and I think we should be paying down the debt and reducing property taxes," Ward said. "I don't support expanding operations while enrollment is declining as it's projected to. There's also the issue of pensions and potential cost shift to the district, which the executive summary of the budget document admits is a possibility."

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

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

A further view on Illinois's fiscal health comes from George Mason University's Mercatus Center which lists Illinois as 49th in its annual ranking of states by fiscal health. Illinois was 47th last year.

The Mercatus summary on Illinois states: "On the basis of its fiscal solvency in five separate categories, Illinois is ranked 49th among the US states for its fiscal health. Illinois performs poorly on both a short- and long-run basis. The state has between 52 percent and 134 percent of the cash needed to cover short-term obligations. Revenues cover 96 percent of expenses, and overall net position declined by \$28 per capita in FY 2015. On a long-run basis, a net asset ratio of -2.77 points to Illinois' heavy reliance on debt. Long-term liabilities are 317 percent of total assets, or \$12,118 per capita. On a guaranteed-to-be-paid basis, unfunded pension obligations are \$344.85 billion, or 54 percent of state personal income. OPEB (other post-employment benefits) is 8 percent of state personal income."

The current debt in Illinois is \$148.8 billion according to usdebtclock.org.

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The best way to prevent WNV is to avoid mosquito bites and follow the four Ds of defense:

- Drain: Drain those items that collect standing water around the home, yard or business. Scrub and refill pet water

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Second case of West Nile virus reported in DuPage County

The DuPage County Health Department has reported the second human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in DuPage County for this year. An Aurora resident in her 30s became ill in late July.

A recent spike in mosquito samples testing positive for WNV caused the DuPage County Health Department to remind residents of the importance

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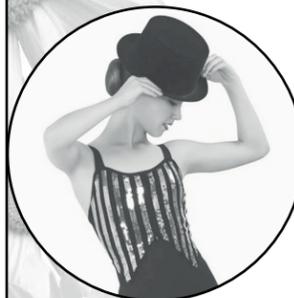
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A View from the Cheap Seats



De-Mystification

By: Rich Trzupke

As a fellow trained in the sciences, I am more and more dismayed by the way that science is increasingly and wildly distorted by the mainstream media (MSM) and political hacks. The world grows increasingly more complex. The MSM and the PR-professionals manipulate that complexity to advance messages that purport to sort out science, but actually muddle reality beyond understanding.

Water filter companies immediately come to mind. Americans have access to some of the cleanest water on planet Earth. The reason a disaster like Flint stood out is because we are so used to being supplied with clean, germ- and toxin-free water. What happened in Flint is, sadly, typical of what much of the third world deals with. There, it's reality. Here, it's a scandal.

None-the-less, water filter companies shamelessly prey upon the fears of ordinary Americans who have neither the education nor the experience to understand how they are being manipulated by fear-mongering disguised as safety.

I digress. Let's move beyond my obvious annoyance with companies like Brita and PUR, et. al. who – in my considered opinion – prey on public fear and ignorance. Let's venture on to neutral ground: Planet Earth and its residents.

A frequent theme among alarmists of all sorts is that planet Earth is horribly overcrowded. The current number of inhabitants – about 7.5 billion – is way too large according to these hand-wringers. Humanity, they tell us, is doomed unless we find a way to stop the growth of parasitic human beings.

Let us consider this problem from a purely scientific point-of-view. Question #1: Do 7.5 billion human beings occupy a significant portion of planet Earth?

Envision a world in which every human being is standing side-by-side with every other human being, with a bit of personal space to boot. We'll give everyone two square feet of space for this thought exercise. Two square feet multiplied by 7.5 billion equals 15 billion square feet, which is about 350,000 acres.

The total land area of planet Earth is about 37 billion acres. The current

population of planet Earth therefore occupies, on a per-capita basis, 350,000 acres divided by 37 billion acres, or about 0.001 percent of all the land on our third rock from the Sun.

The 350,000 acres is about 550 square miles, which is – in turn – slightly smaller than the area of Houston, Texas. So, if we stood every single person alive today side by side, with generous space in between, the entire population of planet Earth could fit within the borders of the Lone Star State's signature city.

Perhaps you don't like that analysis. People don't stand shoulder to shoulder in real life. No, they don't. But, many also live atop one another in multi-story apartment buildings and skyscrapers, but let's play out this particular objection. Let's be generous and give every family on planet Earth one half acre of land on which to build a home and, should they wish, to tend a vegetable garden and/or raise farm stock.

How many people should we assign to "a family?" That's a moving target. In the western world, a family is about 2.5 persons, and declining. In much of the rest of the world, a family is about 3.5 persons or more and increasing. For purposes of this intellectual exercise, let's define a family as 3 people.

Given a standard three person family, the number of homes the world needs is 7.5 billion divided by three, or 2.5 billion. If we give each family one half an acre of land, that results in an inhabited Earth of 1.25 billion acres, which is about 3.5 percent of the land area available. We need to consider that some of the land area available is not fit for human occupation, such as mountains and desert. The non-habitable portion constitutes about 53 percent of the land area.

If we make that correction, we end up with a planet that is currently occupied by around 7 percent of its potential, inhabitable, non-ocean space. This analysis does not speak to the availability of resources, or to the renewability of necessary resources. Those issues are grist for future columns. For now, we're just looking at space. There should be no doubt that we've got plenty of it.

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Letters to the Editor

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Potential and real impact of bullying

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Seth Hancock's article "U-46 board responds to more reports of bullying." My daughter was bullied at Bartlett High School back in 1999 to the point where she dropped out of school.

(She was in honors classes at the time and she said that in those classes the bullying was the worst. Her IQ was 160.)

I would like to point out that the Columbine shooting was in 1999 and, as I understand the facts, the two shooters killed themselves in the end as an act of suicide. (I firmly believe the motive for the shootings was due to bullying.) I bring this up because my daughter informed me that a 12-year-old boy at Wauconda Middle School in Island Lake hanged himself in May of 2018. (My grandson told me it was because the boy was bullied.) What I am trying to point out is that victims of bullying may resort to homicide, suicide, or both as pointed out above.

This should be a wake up call to all parents of school-age children and, if the U-46 administrators do not address bully-

ing, they better be prepared to offer grief counseling. That being said, I would like to take this opportunity to praise Jeanette Ward for all her efforts as a member of the U-46 Board.

Thank you, Jeanette.

Francine Freiberg

Staying focused on important topic

Dear Editor,

Since my last letter about the Tree Replacement Program, there has been a little bit of progress to report. In case your readers haven't seen it, I would urge them to go to the Village of Bartlett website and click the new link taking them to an information page about available trees.

When I saw this, I was pleased to see that serviceberry is offered. This is one of the new trees that we planted in our backyard to replace one of our ash trees.

You may be aware, that according to the village's own records, our recovery from the emerald ash borer infestation has been slow. As of this summer, Bartlett is still suffering from 24 percent fewer trees than

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Happy Labor Day!



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We Always Welcome New Patients

Student interns, program recognized at meeting

By Seth Hancock

Students from Bartlett High School's academy were recognized at the Village Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21 for completing an internship program this summer.

Officials said seven students took part in the pilot program while the village had 10 applicants.

Kevin Wallace, village president, said the students completed a 40-hour internship over the summer, which he said is "tough to get in the summer with a teenage person," in one of three areas: engineering, Geographic Information System or general local government.

"This internship not only gave these students a tremendous opportunity to step into the real world, but the students gave the village long-lasting, quality work," Wallace said.

Janelle Terrance, director of human resources, recognized School District U-46 officials who were in attendance and thanked them for the partnership with the program. She said students went through an application and in-

terview process to be selected.

A goal for the village is to improve public awareness of programs and services Terrance said, and this internship was a "great way to expose our local schools, students and their parents to the village's work in a very meaningful way."

Joey Dienberg, administrative intern, said the students went through an orientation which included touring village facilities and having lunch with Wallace. Their work through the summer included things like shadowing the village engineer, photographing signs and equipment at parks and helping produce business spotlight videos.

Trustee Raymond Deyne called it a "wholesome program" and asked if there were plans to expand it next year.

Paula Schumacher, village administrator, said this was the pilot year so the village would need to discuss with U-46 officials, but expanding the program is a possibility.

Bartlett resident named finalist for prestigious award



Pictured are second-grade teacher Maria E. Hull, left, from School District 130 and School District 130 Superintendent Dr. Colleen McKay. (Courtesy photo)

Bartlett resident, Maria E. Hull, who earned her masters degree in the art of teaching in 1999 from Aurora University, has been named one of three Illinois state finalists for the 2017-2018 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The PAEMST is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K to 12 mathematics and science (including computer science) teachers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands)

The award recognizes those teachers who develop and implement a high-quality instructional program that is informed by content knowledge and enhances student learning. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of STEM (including computer science) education. The National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The finalist repre-

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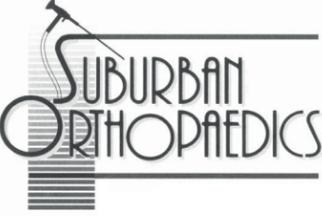
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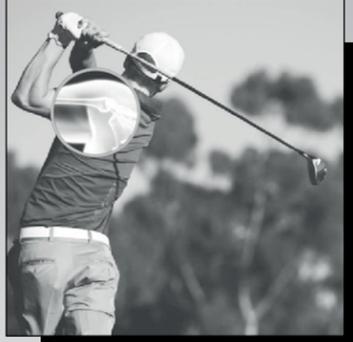
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South Elgin dominates West Chicago in opener



South Elgin's Rafael Manjarrez was unable to stop West Chicago's Matt Gilbert from closing in on the Storm's Jakob Johnson. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team under its new coach Dragan Teonic showed a balanced offense to open the season with 40-0 win over West Chicago in Upstate Eight Conference play on Saturday, Aug. 25 at South Elgin.

The Storm outgained the visitors 359-133 in total yards and finished with 180 passing yards, behind quarterbacks Azzavier Salinas (6-for-8, 118 yards) and Jakob Johnson (4-for-9, 62 yards), and 179 yards rushing.

After the first quarter, South Elgin led 6-0 behind a six-yard run to the end zone by Shiking Marshall before scoring 20 in the second quarter for a 26-0 lead at halftime.

Shiking (two receptions, 68 yards) added a second touchdown catching a short pass from Salinas and marching 58 yards for the score thanks to some help from his blockers.

"It was a great block by my boy Ricky Russo," Marshall said. "It's always a team sport. That touchdown was a whole team touchdown."

Johnson (six carries, 32 yards)

added a four-yard rushing touchdown and Samuel Robles an 180-yard TD catch from Salinas in the second quarter. Salinas (33 rushing yards) had a three-yard TD run in the third and Keshawn Smith recovered a blocked punt in the end zone in the fourth, and kicker Royce Robinson was 4-for-6 on extra point attempts.

Leonides Aguirre had nine carries for 42 yards and Davion Cherwin three carries for 41 yards, and Parker Frey had three catches for 58 yards. Salinas and Frey added interceptions on defense.

On a hot and humid day, Teonic rotated players throughout the game and he was happy with the effort from his new team. Teonic also earned his 50th career win after coming to the Storm with coaching stretches at Larkin, Hersey and Harper College.

"I liked our effort and intensity," Teonic said. "I thought the kids played really hard on both sides of the ball. Obviously there are things to clean up after the first game, but it was a good start to the season."



The Wildcats' Cesar Recendiz attempting to tackle the Storm's Azzavier Salinas.



South Elgin's Leonides Aguirre avoiding a tackle.



South Elgin's Davion Cherwin pushed back by West Chicago's Marque Phillips during a carry in the second quarter.



The Storm's Calin Gurau was unable to catch a pass while being defended by West Chicago's Omar Contreras.



The Wildcats' Michael Doukas getting low to tackle South Elgin's Vince Clinite.

Storm win opening match during 1-3 week

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team overcame an early deficit to earn a 2-1 season opening win over St. Charles East in nonconference play on Monday, Aug. 20 at South Elgin.

East took a 1-0 lead less than five minutes into play, but both Ryan Doherty and Anthony Sisler found the net in the first half for the final 2-1 score.

Sisler scored the go-ahead with just 5:43 left before the break with the help of a Julian Defensor assist.

"That was a big confidence boost for us," Sisler said. "When you get a goal like that right before the break, it gives you a little extra motivation going into the second half."

Although not scoring again, the Storm controlled play in the second half and had several chances from Lucas Reutimann.

Doherty's goal, his first varsity career goal, came about 16 minutes into the game off a Jacob Zupan cross.

"Scoring in my very first varsity match was pretty cool," Doherty added. "Getting us even felt good and gave us a boost."

South Elgin coach Simon Brinklow was happy with his young team's ability to bounce back from the early deficit.

"We've got a young team with a lot of new guys getting their first varsity minutes," Brinklow said. "We certainly showed some character out there for a young team. That character is important in a long season."

The Storm did go on to finish a busy opening week 1-3 including a 5-0 loss to West Aurora in their Upstate Eight Conference opener on Wednesday, Aug. 22 in Aurora.

At the Lake Park Invite, the Storm dropped their first two matches of tournament play, the first a 3-0 loss to Lake Park on Thursday, Aug. 23.

South Elgin trailed just 1-0 at halftime but early in the second half a red card left them down a man most of the half which also resulted in a penalty kick goal for Lake Park.

"Probably the difference was we went down to 10 men," Brinklow said. "We tried to have a positive halftime team talk, and I thought we had started to make a little headway towards the end of the first half after going 1-0 down. It was a penalty, but that really hurt us."

The Storm went on to drop a 5-1 game to Wheaton North on Saturday, Aug. 25. Trailing 1-0 at halftime, Jack McCall made it 1-1 early in the second half before Wheaton North scored four unanswered goals.



The Storm's Ryan Doherty focused on the ball as St. Charles East's Rolando Ulises Caballer attempted to seize control of the ball.



While competing for the ball, St. Charles East's Grayson Biddle tumbled over the Storm's Elijah Patrick. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Jose Rangel of South Elgin playing a ball off his body while holding off the Saints' Ryan Gerkin.

Hawks go 0-1-1 in first two matches at home

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team was unable to overcome a slow start in its season opener, a 4-0 loss to Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at the Bartlett Activity Complex.

Less than three minutes into the game, Elgin scored off a set piece to take the lead for good.

The Hawks two best scoring chances came with the 1-0 deficit, the first coming with 28:22 left in the first half when Hernan Garcia got in front of the opposing goalkeeper's attempted to clear and took a quick shot that was stopped on an athletic save. With 2:25 left before break, Matthew Tobin took a free kick that hit the goalpost.

Elgin, however, delivered a backbreaker scoring with just 13.1 seconds left in the first half for a 2-0 lead. Elgin scored twice in the final 13 minutes to end the scoring.

"I think getting behind too early, that always sets a tough tone for the game," said Bartlett coach Victor Marquez. "That goal before break was tough, a rough way to end the half. That changes your approach in the second half."

Rudy Reyes, Kevin Nava and Carlos Alfaro all had scoring chances. Bartlett goalie Jeremy Taylor had five saves, and Zander Zamora had a defensive save early in the second half.

Marquez was also happy with the play of

midfielder Nicolas Gomez.

"We had definitely forgotten the speed of the varsity game at the start today," Gomez said. "I think we started to play better as that game went on. This is a tough one, but I feel we have some good potential this season."

"It's good that we get to go out and play again right away and it allows us to clear our heads a bit after this one," Marquez said.

The Hawks did go on to finish with a 2-2 non-conference tie against McHenry on Thursday, Aug. 23 at Bartlett.

Brandon Palid scored unassisted and Reyes off a Raj Parikh helper, and Taylor had eight saves.



Amin Medmoun, Bartlett's transfer student from Morocco, leading a Hawks rush against Elgin while being pursued by the Maroons' Jesus Millan. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Elgin's Omar Lopez beating the Hawks' Nicolas Gomez to the ball with a header during the Maroons' 4-0 victory over Bartlett.



Bartlett's Carlos Alfaro going to the turf in front of Elgin's Jesus Issac Monroy in an effort to keep the ball in the possession of the Hawks.

Committee reviews initial BEDA application

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees is considering the first application for the new Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) program as it heard a proposal for an Indian restaurant at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The BEDA program is in its first year and was approved during the most recent budget process in May with a \$150,000 line item which offers tax dollars to new or existing businesses. Businesses may apply for the tax funds for projects such as interior build-out or compliance issues among others.

The first application came from Ajay Tantuwaya who plans to open Indian Express in the Westgate Commons shopping plaza off of West Bartlett Road. He asked for the maximum amount allowed under BEDA, \$50,000 or 42 percent of an estimated \$119,000 total project cost, but staff recommended \$25,000 according to Tony Fradin, coordinator for economic development.

"Staff's been working with the petitioner, Ajay Tantuwaya, in the hopes of attracting the village's first Indian restaurant," Fradin said.

Fradin added: "Due to the finite amount of the \$150,000 allocated for this BEDA program as well as some other applications that we're anticipating, staff recommended a rebate in the amount of \$25,000 which amounts to 21 percent of Mr. Tantuwaya's total project cost."

The proposed site of the restaurant is

in a business condominium unit formerly home of Sorelle Salon, and the unit had gone into foreclosure until Tantuwaya purchased it.

The floor plan for Indian Express would include adding a 320 square foot kitchen, a dining room with four tables that seat four each and a waiting area according to Fradin. Another restroom would also have to be built.

Fradin said that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) approved of the application at a July meeting.

Trustee Adam Hopkins asked who reviews the paperwork to which Fradin said his staff does.

Trustee Aaron Reinke asked if Tantuwaya submitted a full business plan and Fradin said: "He did not submit a full business plan. The EDC questioned him on some aspects of his business plan and we've just discussed it informally."

"It's relatively uncharted waters," Reinke said. "I'm excited about the concept. I could see myself going to the restaurant. At the same time, it's public money being used for a private purpose so in order for me to support this I'm going to need to see some significant benefit to the community, and I want to make sure that it isn't a purely speculative venture."

Kevin Wallace, village president, agreed with Reinke and later said: "We have to almost underwrite it like a bank would which means that we're going to need to see some experience. We're going to need to see some evidence that it's going to be a successful venture."

Tantuwaya said he would provide the business plan.

Trustee Raymond Deyne said he's had issues finding parking at the shopping center and asked if there was enough parking under code to which Fradin said "it should meet the code." Scott Skrycki, assistant village administrator, said one of the busiest restaurants in the center does not

serve during dinner hours which would be Indian Express's "bread and butter time" which should alleviate parking issues.

Wallace said the application should come back to committee to give the board a chance to review the business plan and any other documentation requested before bringing it back to a board meeting for a vote.

Hawks volleyball off to rousing start, win tourney

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team opened the season with a perfect 4-0 week which began with a 21-25, 26-24, 25-21 nonconference win over Willowbrook on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at Willowbrook.

The Hawks then finished the week by winning the inaugural U-46 Tournament, four of five district teams competed in it, with a 3-0 record on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Elgin.

Against Willowbrook, freshman Madison Hankins had a huge game to start her varsity career finishing with 12 assists, nine digs and eight kills. Emily Baggot (10 digs, seven kills, ace) and Dakota Johnson (16 assists, two aces) contributed.

"Willowbrook was a great first test for our team as we lost the first set then ended up overcoming a loss of one of our starters (Morgan Myers) and winning sets two and three," said new Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. "This all happened on the road in a hostile environment, so I was super proud of the girls."

Bartlett opened the U-46 tournament with a 25-15, 25-22 win over Elgin led

by Johnson (16 assists, two aces) and Baggot (five kills, three digs, two aces). The Hawks then defeated Larkin 25-8, 25-9 led by Hankins (five assists, four kills, two aces, one dig), Bella Diaz (four aces, three kills, one dig) and Heidi Hentrich (four aces, three kills).

Streamwood gave Bartlett some fits but the Hawks were able to finish with a 25-27, 25-8, 15-8 win. Baggot (10 kills, five digs), Hankins (nine kills, eight assists, two digs, one block) and Johnson (16 assists, three kills, three aces, one block) led the effort.

"We beat Elgin in two sets which was nice since they beat us at home as well as in our first regional match last season," Schwantz said. "The girls were definitely ready for some revenge. After that we handled Larkin pretty easily and beat them in two."

Schwantz added: "It was the third match that gave us some trouble as Streamwood beat us 27-25 in Game 1. After that we regrouped and were able to outscore them 40-16 in the next two sets. Getting a tournament championship this early in the season was a nice way to start things off."

Lions Club to provide hearing screening at library

Deafness has no respect of age, wealth or rank – it strikes people of all economic, social and age categories with equal frequency.

To help protect the hearing of the public through an early alert system, to increase public awareness not only of the problems of the deaf, but also the capabilities of hearing impaired. The Lions Clubs of Illinois every year sponsor free hearing screenings for persons 18 and older and 10 to 17 years with written parental consent, in communities all over the state.

Hearing loss is probably the single most common chronic disability in the United States, occurring nearly four times as often as blindness. There are nearly 720,000 hearing impaired persons in Illinois alone. Of these, 106,000

are deaf, 26,000 of which were deaf before the age of 19. Unfortunately, the problem is made worse since the deaf are least understood of all handicapped populations.

The mobile hearing screening activity is conducted through cooperation of the Lions of Illinois Foundation; the charitable arm of the state's more than 700 Lions Clubs and is funded primarily from Candy Day, held statewide the second Friday every October.

As part of that program, the Bartlett Lions Club is sponsoring screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Bartlett Public Library District.

Please visit www.bartlettlibrary.org or call 837-2855 for more information and a complete listing of scheduled programs.

Letters

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before the infestation. This percentage represents roughly 2,840 fewer trees than before.

So, you can imagine, that when I received the latest Bartletter, I was pleased to see a reminder article...and even thrilled when I went to our village site and saw a new link on the landing page leading to an information page with photos! Fantastic!

So why am I telling you what you may already know? I am urging you to follow through and purchase a tree, if you have not already done so.

Esteemed neighbors, if we are still 2,840 trees short, consider the following statistic:

* According to the U.S. Forestry service, just 100 mature trees channel 7.1 million gallons of rainwater into the soil, per year.

* Without these trees, where is this water going now?

I hope you can see the urgency of moving quickly on a decision to replace any trees that you lost. In fact, - let's keep going until Bartlett replaces every last tree that was lost. It's easier than ever with the new link on the village home page.

Mary Carol Ghislin

Fear and anxiety

Dear Editor,

It's back to school time – new clothes, new backpacks, new schools and new friends. But for some children, old fears arise.

For the student who stutters, the beginning of the school year is a time fraught with anxiety and doubt. Will my classmates like me? Will the teacher understand I may need a few extra seconds to get my words out? Will I be bullied?

One in five children may experience issues with fluency during early development. The Stuttering Foundation has help for students, parents and teachers. For practical help and up-to-date information, visit us at StutteringHelp.org.

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District U-46 approves new DUEA union pact

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved a four-year contract with the District U-46 Educational Assistants (DUEA) union at its meeting on Monday, Aug. 20.

The vote was 5-1 with board member Jeanette Ward voting no and board member Phil Costello was absent. DUEA represents primarily paraeducators while also representing sign language interpreters (SLI) and home school liaisons.

Jeff King, chief operating officer, said there were "several language changes" including "no retro pay for fiscal year 18," an average wage increase of "approximately 3 percent per employee per year," a retirement clause sunset "over the term of the contract" and increasing the health insurance contribution to 15 percent over the contract's term.

"I believe it improves our ability to provide customer service by changing some of the work year for key employees in that group and also makes changes to when employees can take their lunch and breaks so they cannot do it at the beginning or the end of the day," King added.

The wage increases are up from a 2.75 percent increase in Fiscal Year 2017, and DUEA members already were paid higher and received larger raises

than their counterparts in neighboring districts.

The 15 percent employee share towards health insurance is under the national average for private sector workers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' report on employee benefits from March 2017 showed that private sector employees on average pay a 21 percent share for single coverage and a 33 percent share for family coverage.

Ward did thank the parties involved in the negotiation process for "the long hours that were spent" and noted the administration followed the board majority's wishes, but she opposed several aspects of the contract.

"This contract provides that raises are automatic and only require that an employee be rated as proficient in order to receive a raise in 2021 and beyond," Ward said. "I do appreciate that that was included. That's a step in the right direction. However, it doesn't go far enough for me."

Ward added: "It's very rare in the private sector to receive guaranteed raises not based on performance. Currently, pay for DUEA members is \$0.46 to \$3.49 per hour higher than the average for surrounding districts, depending on employee level, and this contract increases that."

In July, the board approved by a 5-2 vote (Costello and Ward voting no) a

new District U-46 Secretarial Association (DUSA) union contract with a lot of similar changes to the DUEA contract including the proficiency standard for receiving a raise.

Ward noted another similarity to the DUSA contract which is allowing DUEA members to retire at 55 and allowing for bonuses "to be paid in the last four months of employment in an amount sufficient to increase an employee's (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) earnings in the final 12 months of employment by exactly 6

[percent] so as to be just below the amount that would incur penalties" to the district.

That retirement clause does sunset by 2021 which Ward called a "great step," but "it doesn't go far enough for me."

"Given that the state currently has a \$129 billion unfunded pension liability, I don't think that pension spiking should be permitted at all," Ward said. "This contract is not on par with the private sector, and agreements like this I think perpetuate Illinois' fiscal problems."

Storm volleyball opens with victory over Saxons

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team opened the season with a solid two-set win in nonconference play against Schaumburg on Friday, Aug. 24 at South Elgin.

The Storm ran away in the opening set and held on to win in the second set for the 25-8, 25-21 victory. Leading the way were two returners as Hayley Fisher (four digs) had 10 kills and Kendall Richardson (four digs, ace) 11 assists.

South Elgin showed some depth with several returners from last season's program record setting team (26 wins) as well as some newcomers adding to the win. McKayla Geraghty (six kills, five digs, ace), Angelina Negron (four digs, three kills), Rylee Pompa (three

kills, block), Kylee Hunter (three kills), Anna Skrzypchak (eight assists, six digs) and Emily Wellman (six digs, five assists, ace) all contributed.

"We have many returning varsity players that are ready to have a season as successful as last year," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "They saw what it took to win and are ready to bring that experience back this season."

The Storm open their Upstate Eight Conference schedule this week in the newly aligned league which no longer includes divisions.

"I am excited to get back to playing everyone in the conference once for a true conference champ," Plach said. "With the new teams in the league, I think it will be an exciting season."

Hawks football starts fast, in total control of Tomcats

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team opened the season strong with a 40-0 win over East Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Aug. 24 in Aurora.

Prior to the start of the season, new Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh said he hopes for his squad to get out to strong starts in its games.

"I'm really looking for us to come out right from the start and compete right away," Erlenbaugh said. "We don't want to start out slow. Right away we want to be attacking and see if we can set the tone from the first snap."

The Hawks did just that against East Aurora as a 30-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jonah O'Brien (103 passing yards), a transfer

student from Wisconsin, to Alec Palela got the visitors on the board early in the first quarter.

Nick Deckard led Bartlett's offense which outgained East Aurora 360-145 in total yards. He had 22 carries for 194 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Bartlett also won the turnover battle 6-1 with both Nick Eckelberry and Liam Gallagher grabbing two interceptions in the game. Eckelberry had an 80-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Erlenbaugh said his team needs to "clean up our penalties," but overall it was a good start to the season.

"The game went well," Erlenbaugh said. "We were flying around on defense and controlling the line of scrimmage on offense."

Residents should check the Personal Protection Index (PPI) on the DuPage County Health Department's website for the current WNV activity. The PPI ranges in risk level from zero-to-three, with zero being no activity and three announcing multiple human cases of WNV in DuPage County.

The current level is three: High Risk, defined as high numbers of infected mosquitoes in most areas, multiple human cases. The PPI is updated each Wednesday at 3 p.m. by health department staff during the surveillance season and will change to match the risk level determined for that period.

West Nile

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- dishes and bird baths regularly.
- Defend: Use an insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors and reapply according to directions.
- Dress: Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes when outside to cover the skin.
- Dusk to Dawn: Wear repellent outdoors during these prime times for mosquito activity.

Reports

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★ At 7:33 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Army Trail and Honey Hill for a report of a loose horse. The horse was located being ridden by a local resident who was returning it to its stable. **Wednesday, Aug. 22**

★ At 3:08 a.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 25 and Gilberts, an officer observed a vehicle on the side of the road with its emergency flashers on. The driver advised that the vehicle had stopped running, and he was unable to restart it. A tow was summoned.

Tidbits

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Church is accepting vendor and crafter applications for its 30th Annual Cookie Walk and Craft Show on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 830-3003 or contact tamara-sommer@hotmail.com if you would like an application to be sent to you. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is located at 751 W. Army Trail Road in Bartlett.

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!

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 meets the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested in learning more, please email BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com.

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Bartlett Log Cabin located at North Avenue and Oak Street at 7 p.m. We are looking for veterans who are interested in serving their community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

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.

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.

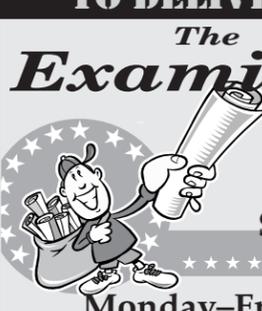
Looking for a job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join our career networking email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see our job board; check out the materials in our Quiet Room, which cover topics such as resume writing and interviewing help; look at our Career Networking blog; stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

Do you suspect food rules your life? Overeaters Anonymous (OA) may be the answer for you. It is not a diet club, but a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. OA offers mutual support at its weekly meeting at Living Lord Lutheran Church on Fridays at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1044 Congress Drive. For more information or directions, contact Dwayne at 433-0656.

You can feed a family pet for less than \$10 a month. Brunos Pro Bone O Pet Pantry is a 501 (c)(3) charity pet food pantry that distributes free food to help elderly, disabled, or low-income pet owners who are struggling to keep food in the bowls of their beloved companions. Even \$10 a month for food may be too much to spend for someone whos trying to keep their furry family members at home-where they belong. Please help by donating food or funds to Brunos Pet Pantry: they believe no one should have to give up a dog or cat because of money. They need your help! Please call 926-3610, or www.brunospantry.com.

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