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### **Death of student, 11, spurs lawsuit against U46, school**

Boy suffered seizure at Highland; family claims negligence

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO

The family of an 11-year-old boy who died after suffering a seizure at school in 2017 has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against School District U46 and Highland Elementary School in Elgin, Kane County court records show.

Marcus Price, a Highland fifth-grader who had asthma and a seizure disorder, was playing an unsupervised game of tag on May 19, 2017, when he started to shake, fell to the ground, struck his head and went into a seizure, the lawsuit said.

School personnel who responded to the incident found the boy unresponsive and not breathing, but CPR was not initiated until paramedics arrived seven minutes after the incident began, the lawsuit said.

The boy died that day at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, according to published reports.

The suit alleges that school and district staff were negligent in that they did not supervise the boy in an unoccupied classroom; were not aware he collapsed; failed to administer first aid and CPR after he collapsed; did not locate or use his inhaler; did not suppress his tongue during the seizure; did not promptly call 911; and violated school emergency medical response procedures and policies.

The boy's death left his mother, father, half-sister and brother with "grief, sorrow, pecuniary loss and damage, including, but not limited to, the loss of society and companionship as a result of his death," the suit said.

The next scheduled court date is Aug. 7, according to court records. The family's attorney, William Gibbs, could not be immediately reached for comment.

School District U46 spokeswoman Mary Fergus said the district does not comment on pending litigation.

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## Tentative U-46 budget bumps income, expense

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education received a review of the Fiscal Year 2019 tentative budget which showed total revenue at \$546.6 million, up 7.4 percent (\$37.6 million higher), and total expenditures at \$534.6 million, up 3.2 percent (\$16.7 million), at its meeting on Monday, June 18.

Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, said there were still unknowns from the state such as legislation for a possible property tax freeze as well as a "possible cost shift" to school districts regarding pension costs. There will be further budget review at a finance committee meeting on Aug. 6, and the final budget is expected to be presented on Aug. 20.

The district estimated a pension cost shift costing U-46 \$24 million a year.

The budget increase comes despite the district issuing projections during last year's budget review showing expectations of sizable enrollment declines for the foreseeable future. U-46 projected around 2 percent decreases in student population each year through 2020-21 down to 36,360, which if that occurs would mean a 10.6 percent decline in enrollment from 2012 highs.

On the revenue side the district expects the biggest increase in funding from the state through the so-called "evidence based funding" formula from \$120.7 million to \$156.5 million, a \$35.8 million increase. The district expects declines in revenue in two categories, a total of \$5 million less in state categorical payments and federal funding.

The district is budgeting for four categorical payments although it has not yet received its third payment for the current budget year, which was expected in March according to Burnidge. Last year, Burnidge said the district budgeted for three categorical payments.

Burnidge said the district is planning a \$6.5 million increase in the property tax levy. The property tax extension history provided showed a total of \$309.9 million in 2017, up \$14.1 million from 2012.

The property tax payment cycle showed that 2017 taxes are paid in 2018 according to Burnidge, and DuPage and Kane counties must estimate Cook County's property values each year.

"Sometimes we see some swings in our total extension beyond what the

district can levy," Burnidge said because of the district being within three counties.

For the 2018 tax year, Burnidge said the district plans to abate \$3.9 million, the same number abated in 2017.

On the expenditure side the largest increases come on staffing costs with a \$14.6 million increase in salaries (from \$269.7 million to \$284.3) and \$800,000 in benefits (\$97.7 million to \$98.5 million). The district expects increased costs in capital outlay (\$3.9 million) and purchased services (\$500,000) but a decrease of \$2.8 million in other objects and tuition costs and \$300,000 less in supplies and materials.

Regarding salaries, Burnidge said: "We do have a number of contracts that are currently being negotiated."

The additional costs include the plan to hire 14 additional full-time employees, including new administrative positions "in our larger enrollment schools" according to Burnidge. On the benefits side, the district expects a 7 percent increase in health care costs.

The district expects a beginning fund balance of all funds of \$254.5 million and an ending fund balance of \$266.5 million. The beginning operating fund balance is expected at \$116.1 million and the ending operating fund balance at \$126.3 million.

Board member Jeanette Ward said she didn't "agree with the direction that we're going with here" saying she opposed increasing property taxes as well as adding new administrators.

"I would like to see us keep it flat or decrease it which was supposed to be the point of increased state funding.... I believe we should use the additional funding from the state to pay down the debt," Ward said.

Board member Melissa Owens said Ward was wrong on the reason for the additional state funds saying it "was specifically designed to bring underfunded districts up to adequacy." She said that there were funds included in the state budget for districts to apply for property tax relief.

Ward said: "As evidence from your comments that one of the points certainly of the evidence based funding was to provide property tax relief. That's self evident given that you can apply for property tax relief."

Owens said: "With that specific fund set aside for that."

Groups that supported the new funding formula that were also promoted

by U-46, such as Funding Illinois' Future and Fix the Formula Illinois, did use talking points claiming the need for the new formula because of high property taxes in the state.

Board member Sue Kerr asked about the fund balance stating that the standard is usually to have an ending fund balance between 15 to 20 percent. Burnidge said: "After the end of this year, we'll probably be around 25 percent."

Kerr also asked when it would be likely to know if property taxes will be frozen or if pension costs will be shifted.

"I think if you're going to see any sort of a shift its probably going to be after elections but before everybody gets sworn in, usually in a lame duck session," said U-46 CEO Tony Sanders. "That's when things tend to pass if they're not politically popular."

Sanders also claimed the state has already "in essence" shifted pension costs by lowering the threshold from 6 percent to 3 percent when districts would be assessed Teacher Retirement

System (TRS) penalties for end of career salary increases. Sanders did claim it was not a penalty.

A 2005 state law limited school districts from boosting salaries more than 6 percent, at the time, over the final four years before retirement and districts would have to pick up the additional TRS costs if they went over that standard. Sanders said "it may sound like that's a hefty raise for teachers" but claimed it was not when taking into account stipends for additional activities, such as coaching.

The board was also presented with the Fiscal Year 2019 Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System Budget which will have a public hearing on July 23 and a vote on adoption on Aug. 6. The budget has \$1.8 million in expenditures and revenues with an expected ending fund balance of \$593,433.

Burnidge said that this budget is "a joint agreement" between U-46 and districts 300, 301 and 303 and is funded by grant funds by both the state and federal governments.

## Village Board approves disposal of surplus items

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, June 21, trustees voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance to dispose of surplus equipment.

According to Village Manager Sharon Caddigan, "when the village uses government or people's money to purchase things" it must be declared surplus before the village is able to dispose of it.

This and other periodic similar ordi-

nances approve declaring various items such as furniture, fixtures, computers, etc., as surplus and authorizes the disposal of the items by private sale, auction, trade-in, donation or to otherwise discard them at the least cost to the village, according to Caddigan.

"A lot of things are discarded," said Caddigan. "Some are donated and then some are sent to the Northwest Municipal Meeting for a public auction."



### To levitate or not

After the show, Willow White decided to let magician Kevin Kelly levitate her at the Park District's Summer Kick-Off event on Wednesday, June 12 at Rahlfs Woods Park. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

# Meeting minutes detail debated by U-46 board

By Seth Hancock

How much information should be included in meeting minutes of elected government boards?

That question was tackled by the Board of Education in School District U-46 when it voted on the minutes of two special board meetings, held May 17 and May 18, on Monday, June 18.

The minutes ultimately were approved unchanged by a 4-3 vote, but a possible compromise was reached going forward. Board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward both voted no and John Devereux, who was seated to the board that evening, abstained.

The minutes in question concerned two meetings in which the board interviewed candidates for a vacant seat, the seat now held by Devereux.

Ward pulled the items from the consent agenda to ask for a change to the minutes because "these minutes are a little bit incomplete."

The minutes did not reflect the primary reason given by one candidate for seeking the open seat when asked at the May 18 meeting nor the substance of one public commenter at that meeting according to Ward. Candidates at both meetings also had an opportunity to ask questions of the current board, and those questions and the boards answers were not included in the minutes.

Board member Sue Kerr said "the minutes are meant to just grasp main points" and the candidates who were interviewed gave their reasoning for running in their applications, which are publicly available.

"The entire board meeting is available to the public on YouTube," Kerr said. "I think if people want to get into the nitty-gritty of all of this they can see it. I guess I'm not 100 percent clear on what the value of seeing the questions that candidates asked of us."

"The rest of the minutes are quite complete with their answers and the questions we asked, and so I would like it to at least include the questions that they asked," Ward replied.

Costello concurred saying that it would be more transparent to include that in the minutes.

"I think it's just a matter of transparency too," Costello said. "I think that the whole conversation should be part of the record, not just bits and pieces."

Donna Smith, the board's president, agreed with Kerr that minutes should just be a summary, but Ward also agreed that it should be a summary but portions of the discussions weren't summarized at all.

"The minutes are a summary," Smith said. "They are not word for word or

total complete conversations."

"Certainly their answers to our questions were also summaries," Ward said. "We could summarize the answers that we gave them when they asked questions of us. That would also be a summary."

Ward later said: "I'm not suggesting we have to have a verbatim of the questions or our answer, but we should have a summary."

Kerr said: "The answers they gave us are important because that reflects their reason for wanting to be on the board. I'm not sure how important it is necessarily for their questions of us to be out there."

Ward said that "at least one of their questions we discussed quite extensively" and the "questions that a candidate asks, and any interviewer knows this, indicate something about the person that is being interviewed."

Smith said she didn't see any of the discussions surrounding questions from the candidates but "when I read it the first time, I thought it was a good summary."

Board member Veronica Noland said she felt the minutes were "too detailed" and wanted to "reduce the size of the minutes."

"I'm of the mind set that minutes are a general summary, they shouldn't be verbatim.... I actually strongly disagree to adding all the questions and adding all this information."

Costello said "the nature of the question itself and the nature of the response" should be included, and "it could just be the question was asked and answered.... A summary of the gist of the conversation, and that's what the minutes should be."

Kerr offered a suggestion for minutes going forward to add a link to the YouTube video and asked if that would be possible.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: "I'd have to look into it. I think it would be pretty easy."

Ward said "I love Ms. Kerr's suggestion."

"That is a great idea," Ward said. "It's actually quite easy. You just copy the URL and then paste it in."

No board members offered an objection to that idea.

The conversation was referenced later in the meeting during a contentious discussion concerning the Student Code of Conduct.

Ward had said that board member Melissa Owens was "twisting" her words as Owens called Ward a bully, and Noland said: "The tape will show you said it. Didn't we have this conversation?"

"Well then make sure you put it in the minutes then," Ward said.

## Connections Poplar Creek Public Library

Please note: The main and branch libraries will be closed all day on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

**Picasso Painting Class**  
Thursday, June 28 at 6:30 pm  
Meeting Room 1

A few seats are still available for our popular Picasso Painting class! Sign up today to learn how to paint a vegetable still life step-by-step with artist Sarah Nasir. \$5 material fee due upon registration. One class per patron/per newsletter. Poplar Creek Library cardholders only. To register, call 483-4910.

**Paws & Read**  
Thursday, June 28 at 3 p.m.

Bogart, a certified therapy dog, will be here to listen to you read out loud for 15 minutes. This program is for kids who already know how to read but need more practice. Registration is limited to one person/family per 15 minute time slot. Call 483-4923 to register.

**Feature Films at the Library**  
Sunday, July 1 at 1 p.m.  
Meeting Room 1

Come to the main library and watch a newly released feature film on our big screen! No one under 13 admitted without parent/guardian. Doors open 15 minutes prior, snacks and water provided. For specific movie information, please call 483-4626. No registration necessary!

**Family Fun: Mammals and More!**  
Tuesday, July 3 at 11 a.m.  
Meeting Room 1

Learn about some of the most unique creatures from around the world. Say hello to a slow-moving sloth, feel the armor of an armadillo, and more! Presented by Flying Fox Conservation Fund. Kids under 5 must sit with a caregiver. Registration is required. Register online or call 483-4923.

**Mock SAT Test**  
Saturday, July 7 from 12 to 3:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room 2

Teens, prepare for the SAT by taking a practice test in an environment similar to what it will be on testing day. We will set up a time for you to go over your results the following week with a representative from Sylvan Learning. Space is limited. Registration is required. Register online or call 483-4928.

**Hometown Heroes**  
Tuesday, July 3 at 7 p.m.  
Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

Join us for this exciting summer series at the Crawshaw Branch Library in Hanover Park and learn about how our very own hometown heroes at the Hanover Park Fire Department. A firefighter will discuss basic safety and will exhibit some of the equipment used on the job. The program will conclude with a tour of a fire truck in the library's parking lot. Please register online or call the Branch at 372-3131.

**'Feed Your Need to Read'**  
Summer Reading Challenge  
June 4 to July 27

There's still plenty of time to join our Summer Reading Challenge! Register online at [www.pclib.org](http://www.pclib.org), in person, or download our app (search Poplar Creek Library) in App Store (iOS) or Play Store (Android). There will be lots of great giveaways and prizes along the way! We also have wonderful classes and programs going on all summer long, so be sure to check out our summer newsletter, or visit our website to view our online calendar.

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

## Village man honored by Elgin AMVETS Post 202

By Kristin Carreno

Streamwood resident Thomas Kowalski was awarded the Post AMVETS Veteran of the Year for American Veterans Post 202 on Saturday, June 9, at the 73rd Illinois AMVETS Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

According to his son, Jon Kowalski, Thomas Kowalski was in the Navy from 1966 to 1972 and was honorably discharged after serving during the Vietnam War era.

According to AMVETS Communications Director Ashley Murphy, this award is given to one individual from each post to recognize their outstanding service to their local veterans and community.

"We have over 60 [posts] in Illinois," said Murphy.

According to Murphy, nominations come from the individual post and are voted upon by that post's membership. Post 202 Cmdr. Frank Deloncker made the nomination.

"Since joining our post Tom has shown exemplary motivation to help make veterans' lives better," Deloncker said. "He is active in our fundraising events and visits the veterans in nursing homes and a homeless center [in] Hebron, Illinois. He donates selflessly to these facilities by supplying much needed clothing and toiletries. We feel he goes above and beyond when putting less fortunate veterans before himself. He does a great job at attending conventions, attends seminars, meetings and supplies much needed updated policies and important information to our officers and

members so we can be more active and do a better job of administrating out post. Tom's contributions are professional and I attribute a lot of our post's success to Tom's contributions. He really follows our mission 'veterans helping veterans.'"

"On a department-level, we recognize it's important for each post to be able to give recognition to one person who has shown extra dedication to the post," Murphy said.

According to Jon Kowalski, his father was born in 1946 and the highest rank he achieved was Petty Officer Second Class.

"He told me he was deeply honored and surprised that he was selected for the honor," Jon Kowalski said. "I'm proud that my dad is not only a veteran of the United States Navy but continues to serve his fellow servicemen and women as a member of AMVETS."

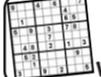
According to his son, Thomas Kowalski said his post will continue to present the colors at all Elgin High School and Larkin High School home football and basketball games.

"My father is unable to march but still goes with to represent Post 202 and his fellow veterans by voluntarily attending ceremonies and events," Jon Kowalski said. "He wants all veterans, especially those in need, to know that AMVETS is an organization that can help."

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# A View from the Cheap Seats



## What's In A Name?

By Rich Trzupke

Way back, when some American citizens noticed that an increasing number of non-American citizens were crossing the border into America and staying here, we had a term to describe those people: illegal aliens.

That term was in common use circa 1980. It was not then considered pejorative, merely descriptive. Four decades later, using the term "illegal alien" to describe someone who crossed our borders and settled in our country without going through the required legal processes dutifully enacted by our elected representatives would quickly be labeled "racist" by most in the mainstream media, the Democratic party and a fair number of Republicans desperate to worship at the altar of political correctness.

There is, of course, nothing inherently racist about the term "illegal alien." It describes anyone who enters the United States and settles within its sovereign borders without going through lawful due process. Period. "Illegal" refers to that person's decision to disregard the lawful process, the same sort of immigration process exercised by practically every other nation on planet Earth.

"Alien" refers to the fact that the person in question was not an American citizen, nor held a visa allowing him or her to settle permanently within America's borders. While the majority of illegal aliens in America today trace their heritage to Latin America and, to a lesser extent, Muslim-ruled nations, that's not true of all of them. Illegal aliens also come from Europe, African states and a variety of nations in Asia. What binds them together is their conscious effort to avoid due-process, not their race, creed, nationality or color.

None-the-less, the term "illegal alien" fell out of fashion as political-correctness decried that those two words were racist at their core, supposedly representing a cleverly calculated, yet subtle, racial insult that exclusively targeted Latinos.

And so, about the time that President Reagan and House Speaker O'Neil forged an agreement that would both pardon past illegals (which it did) and duly identify and deport future aliens who crossed the border without government approval henceforth (failing miserably in this case), the term "illegal alien," which had begun to be viewed in a negative light, was replaced by the term "illegal immigrant."

"Illegal immigrant" was still thought, on the whole, pejorative, but it was softened. An "alien," while not necessarily being undesirable was at least an unknown, someone who had not been vetted by the government, whose motives for attempting to establish residence in the United States were not fully known and whose character – vis-à-vis criminal history,

etc. had not been investigated, as had been the case under previous immigration policy since circa 1920.

An "immigrant," by contrast, was assumed to be someone of good character, seeking to settle in the US of A for all the right reasons. We are, as we often proudly proclaim, a nation of immigrants. Ergo an "illegal" immigrant should be distinguished from legal immigrants only by the technicalities engrained in the bureaucracy that controls immigration.

Not a big deal, but still a deal of some-sort. The "illegal" part could be explained away, but – on the left – it still delivered the wrong sort of message to many Americans who might be swayed if the message could be polished to a higher gloss. The PR folks put their collective heads together and the newest and bestest term "undocumented immigrants" came into being.

This was another great leap forward. We were no longer to be concerned about who might be crossing our borders in contravention of the law (don't call them "aliens") nor were we to worry about the application of the law itself (don't call them "illegal"). From this point forward, they were immigrants, just like all the other immigrants who built America, with the exception that somebody – undoubtedly some idiot bureaucrat – screwed up the paperwork at some point. An immigrant who happens to be "undocumented" clearly deserves documentation and it is thus the government's clear duty to take care of the oversight.

Which brings us to where we are today, to a point in time in which it is considered a racist thought-crime of the highest order to use any term that implies that unknown people from unknown origins crossing the border with the intention of settling in the United States for unknown reasons might deserve a bit of extra attention. They are simply "immigrants" without need for qualification of any kind. No distinction need be made between their legal right to establish residence in the United States and the experience of my grandparents and the ancestors of countless other legal immigrants who went through the duly established immigration process.

This linguistic journey from "illegal alien" to "immigrant" we are told should not be confused with the idea of "open borders", a concept that the left understands is repugnant to a majority of Americans. Heavens no! They don't support "open borders." How could they? That would cost them votes.

But, they're all in when it comes to allowing any Tom, Dick or Harriet to cross the border, settle in, start drawing public benefits and – should they be so inclined – cast their votes in favor of the party that made it all happen. If that's not "open borders" my friends, what is?

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## Taking exception

Dear Editor,

Regarding Mr. Hancock's editorial piece on the School Board meeting on Monday evening, I must take exception to his opinion about the para-educators "mocking" the kindly man who spoke to the group. I was there in the room. No one was laughing at him at all. To the contrary we were chuckling over the idea that such a document had so many errors, and were in agreement with him.

Mr. Hancock's disparaging and damaging comment was patently false and should be retracted.

Georgie Camacho

## Identifying disrespect

Dear Editor,

The article Seth Hancock wrote about the June 18th board meeting was so out of line! We did not disrespect Mr. Hufsey.

We did chuckle about the comment he made about how long the code of conduct was and that most of the book was the glossary. That was the reason for the giggles. There was no mockery.

The only thing about DUEA was the small last paragraph of his article and nothing about why we were actually there. Talk about respect. Seth Hancock was the disrespectful one.

Paulette Daum

## Politicians should not collect pensions

Dear Editor,

You can't solve problems when you're on the take. I refused a pension and will not support or endorse candidates unwilling to pledge to do the same.

When I consider the vision our Nation's Founders had of the "citizen legislator," I doubt that pensions would have ever come to mind. Considering that they pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the cause of forming our country, the morphing of the citizen legislator into the modern day professional politician with the power, pay, perks and a

pension to boot, seems inconceivable.

In a report by Congressional Research, "Most lawmakers in the 18th and early 19th century can be characterized as 'citizen legislators,' holding full-time non-political employment and serving in Congress on a part-time basis for a short number of years." While pay and perks were almost non-existent early on, circumstances changed after the Civil War ushering in the rise of the career politician, resulting in the mess we find ourselves in today--where the political class from DC to Springfield enrich themselves on the backs of struggling taxpayers.

It is time to take a stand and return the politician to the proper place of serving the people as a citizen legislator, no pension required.

Rep. Allen Skillicorn  
66th District of Illinois

## Snatching children from families

Dear Editor,

I am a child of immigrants. I've seen how difficult it is to migrate to this country, and how unwieldy the immigration process is. I have empathy for the families seeking asylum in the United States. I write to express my horror that the US government snatched children away from their families, imprisoned them in concentration camps, and still hasn't reunited them. Nor is the EO the answer. Instead of imprisoning children in separate camps, children will now be caged in the same camps as their parents. The incarceration of children and their families in this manner meets the United Nations's definition of a crime against humanity.

These parents came to the US seeking refuge. Separated families must be reunited now to prevent further trauma. Additionally, no family should live in a cage. Congress should defund the detention and deportation machine that enforces this policy. We should support communities and pass permanent protections for immigrant youth, TPS-holders and others.

Parth Patel

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## 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.

### Very concerned

Dear Editor,

I'm very concerned about Seth Hancock's article in which he commented on DUEA's actions during June 18th's School District U-46 board meeting. I was in attendance at this meeting in the overflow room, and it is absolutely untrue that DUEA members "mocked Hufsey as he spoke." It is true that there was

some laughter, but Hancock has clearly misrepresented its tone and intent. We agreed with and showed support of Mr. Hufsey as he spoke.

Hancock could have easily reported that we nodded and smiled at each other as we laughed. I can't imagine why Hancock instead chose words which were clearly meant to harm our efforts.

Barb Miller

# Streamwood goes 4-0 in undefeated week



Streamwood's Ryan Renkosiak sliding into second after being forced by the Royals second baseman Andy Bonnot whose relay to first was too late to complete a double play.



The Sabres' Connor Johnson delivering a pitch during his start against Larkin on Monday, June 18, where Streamwood blanked the Royals 10-0.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team had a perfect 4-0 week in summer league play starting with a five-inning, 10-run rule victory over Larkin in a 10-0 game on Monday, June 18 at Streamwood.

The Sabres ended the previous week with a 13-3 win at Larkin as they rallied with 12 runs over the final three innings. In the rematch, Streamwood took a 3-0 lead in the first and scored in every frame except one.

Leading the effort was Connor Johnson (3-for-3, two doubles, triple, three RBI), Colin Bielinski (2-for-3, two RBI), Anthony Caruso (double, two RBI), AJ Reyna (double), Tyler Jones (RBI) and Dillon Skelnik (RBI).

"I thought we did a good job carrying over what we did at the end of the game last week at their place," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "It took us a little time last week to get to them, but today we put some runs on the board in the first inning and we did a good job adding on throughout."

Along with a huge game at the plate, Johnson tossed a two-hit shutout with two walks and 10 strikeouts. The teams played a sixth inning, which ultimately didn't statistically count, and Lasota was happy with Jeremy Lunz who pitched out of a jam unscathed.

"Connor pounded the zone," Lasota said. "I saw some good

things out of him, and although it didn't ultimately matter I thought Jeremy did a nice job in the sixth."

Streamwood again earned a 10-run rule win in five frames with a 10-0 victory against West Chicago as Caruso (one walk, six strikeouts) tossed a no-hitter on Tuesday, June 19 at Streamwood. Bielinski (2-for-3, RBI), Scott Wolfard (2-for-2, RBI), Jones (double, two RBI), Skelnik (RBI), Dylan Caruso (RBI) and Tyler Garza (RBI) led at the plate.

Against Hoffman Estates, the Sabres earned a doubleheader sweep in a pair of scheduled five-inning games on Wednesday, June 20 at Hoffman Estates. Winning pitcher Jones (three innings, three strikeouts) and Reyna (two innings, four strikeouts) combined for a one-hitter in a 6-0 Game 1 win, and Jimmy Flynn was the winner in a 7-3 Game 2 victory.

Jones (4-for-6, double, two RBI), Bielinski (3-for-5, double, three RBI), Johnson (3-for-3, two doubles), Wolfard (3-for-6, two doubles), Max Alanis (2-for-2), Reyna (double, two RBI), Anthony Caruso (RBI) and Flynn (RBI) led on the day.

The Sabres are now 7-2-1 this summer as Lasota said he's seen progress.

"You can definitely see a difference from the first game this summer to now," Lasota said. "You can see the growth in them. Some of the guys coming up were a little intimidated at first, but their confidence is growing."



Streamwood shortstop Tyler Johnson handcuffed by two-hop shot off a Larkin bat. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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## Pet of the Week



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# Garfield Farm to host series of special events during July



Grounds and structures at the Garfield Farm Museum.

The month of July will showcase Garfield Farm Museum's three themes of American history of farming and nature with special events scheduled over the four weeks.

On Wednesday, Independence Day, a full day of activity with a prairie walk in the morning and tours of the museum in the afternoon, will be offered.

favorite insect repellent if the humidity is high and the air is still. Tours are \$6 per person.

After lunch, tours of the farm will begin at 1 p.m. looking at everything from the 1846 brick tavern's second floor ballroom that once featured Independence Day dances, to the milking Devon oxen next to the restored

1842 threshing and 1849 horse barns. No truer picture of a young America just 70 years old can be found in this National Register of Historic Places property with original buildings and artifacts from the era. Learning the challenges of life 172 years ago leaves many a young mind in awe of what Americans achieved. Tours are ongoing until 4 p.m. as museum guides in period clothing set the scene of America's path to its present day freedoms. Tours of the farm are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 13 years of age.

On Saturday, July 7, at 7 p.m., 183 years of settlement of the farm will be celebrated with the Settlers' Eve Contra Dance. In 1835, the Sam Culbertson family first took up their claim of the farm on July 8 and

six years later to the day, welcomed on July 8, 1841, the Garfield family as they arrived to purchase Culbertson's claim. Since the completed restoration of Timothy Garfield's 1842 threshing barn, the Settlers' Eve dance has been held with the Scantlin' Reunion, a dulcimer and fiddle band. Lead by Dona and Dan Benkert, Dona calls and instructs the dance featuring contras, quadrilles, and novelty dances. These are the traditional American dances where partners dance up and down through opposing lines, around a square or in a circle, constantly dancing with others. The popularity of such dances meant meeting new people and socializing after a long week of physical labor on these early prairie farms. Reservations for the dance will also help determine how many pieces of homemade pie will be needed. The dance is \$10 a person and pie, ice cream and beverages will be extra.

Learning with parents in tow is important but the Children's Farm Camp Days let young people and their peers gather and have hands on experiences over three mornings, July 10 to July 12 or on the July

24 to July 26, Tuesday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. From learning to care for the historic breeds of farm animals, period chores and tasks as well as time for creative activities and games a child of the 1840s would know, many of the 8- to 15-year-old participants return year after year. Advanced reservations are necessary and there is a \$75 donation per child for the three mornings.

Throughout the summer through September, tours of the farm are offered on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. for drop in visits.

Tours are also given year round with advance appointments and are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 13 year of age. The museum prides itself at giving an in-depth look of life that shaped America while stimulating thought about the present day and challenges for America's future.

Garfield Farm and Tavern Museum is the only historically intact 375 acre former Illinois prairie farmstead and country inn being restored as an 1840s living history museum. Volunteers and donors from over 38 states and 4 countries, coming from 3500 households have contributed money and labor to help preserve this singular historic site.

The museum is located five miles west of Geneva, off Illinois Route on Garfield Road. For information or to make reservations call 630 -584-8485 or email info@garfieldfarm.org. The museum is celebrating its 41st year of ongoing restoration, preservation and education.



Participants at a past Garfield Farm Settlers' Eve dance.



Visitors on an escorted hike at Garfield Farm.

At 9 a.m., a prairie walk through the Mill Creek Prairie and Sedge meadow will focus on the features of this rare surviving unplowed prairie. Today less than 1 acre out of 2,000 acres of original Illinois prairie survives and this 16-acre area is an exceptional survivor. Provided the deer have not clipped every blossom of the Turk's Cap lilies, these 4- to 6-foot tall plants explode with a orange burst of color against the lush green surrounding foliage. The hike guided by museum biologist Jerome Johnson will take 2 to 3 hours. Reservations are required and hikers should wear appropriate shoes, long pants, hats and bring their fa-



Blooming flowers on display at Garfield Farm.

## Village youth participates in American Legion state program



Brandon Christopher standing by the American Legion emblem at American Legion Post 57 holding his certificate of accomplishment. (Courtesy photo)

Brandon Christopher, a junior at Streamwood High School, recently attended the 83rd annual session of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State held at Eastern Illinois University June 9 through June 15.

"During my week at Illinois Premier Boys State, I learned that success can be found everywhere," said Christopher. "Running for a public office is so much fun and being part of the electoral process is a great experience."

Christopher's registration fee to participate at American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State was sponsored by American Legion Post 57 in Elgin. Christopher participated at the event by campaigning for office in a mythical town named Hudson City and was elected mayor. He also campaigned in

a mythical county and was elected a township supervisor of Hayes County.

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization with nearly two million members in 12,875 posts in communities across America.

Founded in 1935, American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State is an educational program of government instruction for high school students. The program is a week-long event where delegates, known as "citizens," design a mythical 51st state, complete with governmental bodies and elected public officials. Applicants for Boys State must have completed one semester of 11th grade and must have one or more semesters in high school to complete after attending Boys State.

# Learning continues as Bartlett falls to Hersey



Ryan Trachsel of Hersey tagging the Hawks' Nick Gomez who was caught during a steal attempt of second base in the seventh inning with Bartlett trailing by five runs.



Max Lewis singling through the right side to drive in a run for the Hawks and cut the Hersey lead to 4-2. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Mila Patel delivering a pitch for the Hawks on in relief against the Huskies.

**By Seth Hancock**

The Bartlett baseball team is learning win or lose as the Hawks summer league continued with a 9-4 loss against Hersey on Tuesday, June 19 at Bartlett.

Geno Frieri, who was 2-for-3, gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the second inning before Hersey scored four in the top of the third to take the lead for good.

Although a loss, Bartlett coach Devin Rosen said the goal is to learn in the summer and his squad did

have several situations to learn from in the game.

"We started off ok," Rosen said. "The toughest part of summer league is you have guys coming in and out a lot as we try to see as many guys play. Baseball is a game that relies on a rhythm and it's tough to find that rhythm."

Rosen added: "I like seeing the guys in those pressure situations right now. Regardless of the outcome, they can learn from it and be better prepared next spring when they face the same situations."

Both teams had a pair of bases loaded situations in the first four frames with mixed results. Bartlett's chances both came with no outs as the host came away with just one run in the second inning and two in the fourth.

Hersey loaded the bases with two outs in the third inning when it scored four but the visitors loaded the bases with no outs in the fourth inning when reliever Nathan Gargano got out of the jam unscathed.

Max Lewis started the game and tossed 2.2 scoreless innings, Nick Vesta took the loss in relief and Rosen saw six pitchers get some time on the bump. Sam Mallinas (2-for-2, RBI), Lewis (RBI) and Kevin Bun (RBI) contributed offensively.

"I feel we have more depth on the mound than in the past which is a plus," Rosen said. "I want to get as many of them out there to get some innings in."

Bartlett was coming off a 12-11 loss to Palatine on Wednesday, June 13 at Bartlett. Caleb Ercoli took the loss while the Hawks offense was led by Ryan Cron (4-for-4, double), Ercoli (4-for-5, double, RBI), Mallinas (3-for-4, RBI), Kevin Vesta (2-for-3, double, RBI), Michael Vaca (2-for-3, double, three RBI) and Nick Vesta (RBI).

Against Maine West, the Hawks suffered an 8-2 loss on Wednesday, June 20 at Bartlett. Vaca (3-for-3, RBI) led the offense and Matthew Ande suffered the loss.

The Hawks are now 2-5-1 in the summer league.



Bartlett first baseman Ryan Cron stretching for a throw that was too late to prevent the Huskies' Kyle Smith from reaching safely.



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**Alternate Bartlett Aquatic Center Hours: June 27, July 4, July 7**

BAC closes at 5 p.m. due to swim meet Wednesday, June 27. BAC hours for Wednesday, July 4: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. BAC opens at 1 p.m. due to swim meet Saturday, July 7.

**Teen Splash Bash at Bartlett Aquatic Center: Thursday, July 5, 8 to 10 p.m.**

Ever wonder what it would be like to spend an evening in a water park with just you and your friends? Youth ages 10 to 14 are invited for a night swim with music, games and fun! Snacks will be available for purchase. Daily fees apply; free to BAC pass holders. Pre-Register at a discounted rate.

**National Swimming Pool Day: Wednesday, July 11, 1 p.m.**

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for ages one to 14. Teaching children to swim is a vital skill for safe swimming, drowning prevention and overall safety around water wherever

it might be. Come out and pledge your commitment to safe swimming and receive a certificate along with a free "safety pledge" towel and visit to Bartlett Aquatic Center/Splash Central. Participants must attend the entire presentation to receive perks. This awareness initiative is a collaboration between the Bartlett Park District and the Pauly D Foundation. Call 540-4828 for more information.

**Sink or Swim Boat Challenge: Sunday, July 15, 9:30 a.m.**

Who can stay afloat the longest? Boats may only be constructed with cardboard, duct tape, liquid nails and wood glue. All participants must be visible with no covers and their entire body must be inside the boat. No limbs can be in the water throughout the duration of the challenge. Paddles can be used. Participants will be admitted into BAC after the race for the remainder of the day. You must register in advance. The race will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp. All boats must be built at home and brought to the race. \$20 per boat. All ages are invited to participate.

**Go Polynesian Flick and Float Moana at BAC: Friday, July 20, 8 p.m.**

Break out your best swimwear of the islands to compete in the limbo and hula dance off during the "Moana" Flick and Float at the Bartlett Aquatic Center. We will be serving fruit punch and welcoming you at the door Aloha style. No tropical apparel? How about dressing up as a character from the movie? Games and activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; Movie begins at dark.

## New head football coach to assume helm at Bartlett

By Seth Hancock

Bartlett High School has announced that Matt Erlenbaugh will become the Hawks next head football coach.

Erlenbaugh comes to Bartlett after leading Solorio Academy, in the Chicago Public Schools system, to two straight postseason appearances as its head coach. His team was 15-4 over the last two seasons, and he replaces Eric Ilich at Bartlett whose team was 6-12 over his two years at the helm.

"Coach Erlenbaugh looks forward to bringing his energy and enthusiasm to the Bartlett Hawk Football program," Bartlett's athletics director Jeff Bral wrote in a press release. "He is most excited to meet the students, parents, and other stakeholders that have made Bartlett High School a great place to play football."

Bral added: "He is honored to be at the helm as BHS looks to host the first ever Friday night games in school history. Coach Erlenbaugh cannot wait to celebrate future successes as a Bartlett

Hawk."

Bartlett's new on-campus stadium is expected to open this upcoming season as the Hawks will compete in the newly aligned Upstate Eight Conference.

Erlenbaugh started his coaching career out of college as the football coach at Grayslake Central and wrestling coach at Vernon Hills for a season, and he was the defensive coordinator for the Riverside-Brookfield football team as well as Solorio Academy before becoming the head coach there. He was also a graduate assistant for the Western Illinois University football team.

In the early 2000s, Erlenbaugh graduated from Buffalo Grove where he played on the gridiron, and he played collegiately at Carthage College before a knee injury ended his playing days and he transferred to WIU. He will be a physical education teacher at Bartlett.

"We are also looking forward to having Mr. Erlenbaugh in the classroom as an experienced physical education teacher," Bral wrote. "He has a background in curriculum writing and adaptive physical education. Mr. Erlenbaugh's experience and professionalism are going to be an asset to our department and we look forward to his contributions."

## Reports

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★ At 4:49 a.m., police responded to the 31W300 block of Army Trail for a report of a roadway obstruction. A large tree was found to have fallen, blocking both sides of the roadway. A tow company was able to move the tree enough to allow passage in one lane. Public Works was called and was able to remove the tree.

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# Three Storm players earn all-UEC honors

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team garnered three all-conference selections after its 15-9-1 season, 11-4 in the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division.

Included on the list for the Storm are two college-bound seniors in Nate Gomez, who plans to play Division-II baseball and football at Northwood University, and Ryan Dominick, who will play D-III baseball at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Also receiving all-conference honors was junior Patrick Keaty.

Because of arm problems, Gomez was unable to take the mound until the final week of the regular season and finished with 6.1 innings after a 6-0 season last year with two saves and a 0.66 ERA. However, Gomez was able to provide valuable contributions on the field and at the plate where he went 27-for-56 (.482 batting average) and finished with 16 RBI, 14 runs, five stolen bases, three doubles, one home run and one triple.

"He worked really hard to rehab to get out on the field to help us this sea-

son," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. "He had a really strong year at the plate."

Dominick was a utility player for the Storm and had a big year offensively batting .406 (28-for-69). He had 24 runs, 12 RBI, six stolen bases and five doubles.

"He's a very versatile player," Kating said. "I could put him basically anywhere. He worked really hard and had a great season."

Keaty, the Storm's shortstop, batted .360 (27-for-75) as his squad's leadoff hitter most of the year. He finished with 29 runs, 14 RBI, 14 stolen bases, five doubles, two home runs and one triple.

"He plays stellar defense," Kating said. "He's one of the top shortstops in the area, and he also had a productive year at the plate."

Also graduating from the Storm are Nicholas Poblocki (Wisconsin Lutheran), Tyler Sloan (Elmhurst College), Jack Watkins (Triton College), Matt Sweitzer, Brady Tolva, Patrick Herion Jr., Nathan Smith, Zachery Saunders, Andrew Gambino and Kyle Crosby.



Though not able to compete on the mound most of the season, Chris Gomez contributed offensively and defensively, here shown extending to make contact against St. Charles East during regional playoff competition.



Patrick Keaty laying out in making a diving stop of a St. Charles North ground ball during 2018 season action.



After retiring the Rams' Jared Rech at second base, Ryan Dominick throwing on to first base in an effort to complete a double play against Glenbard East this past season.

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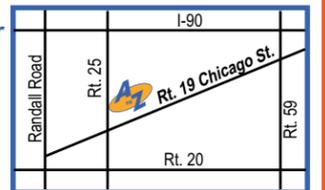
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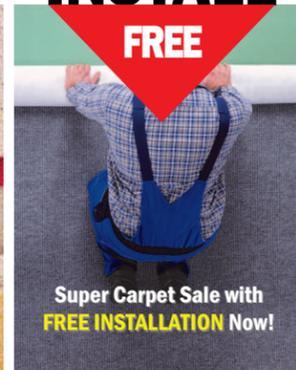
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