

Police-related pacts ratified by village board

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees approved of two police-related items at its meeting on Tuesday, March 19. Included was an intergovernmental agreement with DuPage County as well as a towing contract. Both were approved 5-0, Trustee Kristina Gabrenya was absent.

A memo from Chief of Police Patrick



D.A.R.E.ing diplomas Two happy graduates, Gus Saletta and Anck Borja Singhsumalee showing Daren their diplomas at Prairieview Elementary School's D.A.R. E. program on Wednesday, March 20. For story and more photos see page 20. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz) Ullrich stated that the county's Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) created a records management system (RMS) in 2016 but the village did not take part in "based on the fact that we were under contractual obligations with our current RMS vendor, ID Networks, until 2020."

The village, which will evaluate full participation when the 2020 contract expires, does not change the village's participation status but will allow them to receive data from the county's computer aided dispatch.

Ullrich wrote the agreement "acknowledges the Village's decision declining to participate in the county's police records management system, but instead requesting the DuPage ETSB to allow for an interface between the police department's ID Networks records management system and the county's computer aided dispatch system."

The cost for constructing the interface is \$11,130 with maintenance costs of \$2,304 the first year, \$2,373 the second year and \$2,444 the third year.

The approved towing agreement is with Bloomingdale Rescue & Recov-

ery, Inc.

The agreement lists the fees which include a \$75 base fee for arrests/disabled/impounded tows, \$110 for accidents/wrecks, \$50 additional charge for use of winch, \$45 dolly fee, \$35 fee per day of storage, \$120 an hour for vehicles 8,000 pounds or more, a \$3 per mile fee when owner requests tow to other place than the contractor's business, \$30 service call charge for normal business hours and \$35 after hours and a \$50 hourly rate for relocation of vehicles during snow removal/emergency situations/special events.

Deputy Chief of Police Geoffrey Pretkelis said: "The recommended cost listed in the [request for proposal] were based on surveying the current and recent tow contracts of other local law enforcement agencies including Hanover Park, Streamwood, Carol Stream, Schaumburg, Elgin and Downers Grove."

Also approved 5-0 by the board was a bill list totaling \$1.7 million, the water fund (\$927,265) making up the largest category.

Village Board approves resubdivision request

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees approved of a request for resubdivision of Lot 72 at Moureau's Crest View Addition to Bartlett at its meeting on Tuesday, March 19. The vote was 5-0, Trustee Kristina Gabrenya was absent.

The board first heard the request at a February committee meeting and it has gone before both the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, both of which approved of the request.

The property is owned by JASY Construction Engineering Consultants Corporation which requested a pair of variations, a reduction of four feet on the 6,166 square foot Lot 1 and of nine feet on the 7,713 square foot Lot 2 from a 45-foot rear yard requirement. located at the northwest corner of North Chase and East North Avenues."

Single- and multi-family homes surround the property, and the plan meets zoning requirements.

According to Grill, the property "has been part of Bartlett since its incorporation in 1891 and was shown on the Village's first Zoning Map (1941) as part of the Residential District. The Moureau's Crest View Addition to Bartlett was platted and recorded in 1926."

The petitioners will be required to plant parkway trees as well as replace a deteriorating concrete sidewalk on the site.

The Plan Commission approved of the request subject to engineering plans being approved by village staff, submittal and approval by the board of a public improvements completion agreement and obtaining building permits for all construction.

Roberta Grill, acting community development director, wrote in a memo to the board that the "requests are to create two (2) single-family lots on an existing 13,878 square foot property...

Teachers and students recognized by District U-46

By Seth Hancock

A trio of high school students and two teachers in School District U-46 were recognized by the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, March 18.

Julie Denz, a Spanish teacher at Streamwood High School, renewed her National Board Certification with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and Gisselle Moreira, a dual language teacher at Elgin's Garfield Elementary School, recently achieved the certification.

Alexa Mogan and Rachel Montesano, students at Bartlett High School, and Riya Kumar, an Elgin High School student, were all named finalists in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Mary Fergus, director of school and community relations, said regarding the National Board Certification that it "requires teachers to pass a rigorous, performance-based assessment that only 33 percent of candidates pass on the first attempt." She said there are "nearly 70" nationally certified teachers in U-46. A press release from the district stated that it takes teachers one to three years to complete the certification process.

Denz, who is certified in the area of world languages other than English, said she had to renew her certification after 10 years.

"You basically have to talk about how you have mentored other teachers and continued to look for ways to have your students achieve the goals that you want them to meet," Denz said.

Moreira is certified in the area of literacy in readinglanguage arts for early and middle childhood.

"It helps me a lot by reflecting and they dip into the education and to help the students achieve their

goals," Moreira said.

Maryellyn Friel, a teacher at Streamwood's Heritage Elementary School and U-46's national certification facilitator, called the certification a "powerful process" that "really gets you to slow down and examine your practice" for the release.

The National Merit Scholarship finalists are now competing for over \$31 million offered through about 7,500 scholarships that will be awarded this spring. The district release stated that finalists were in the top 1 percent of over 1.6 million juniors who took the PSAT in 2017.

Mogan plans to double major in math and cognitive science, and Montesano plans to study computer science or math and minor in music. Kumar plans to go into pre-med and study neuroscience at Northwestern University.

Village Board approves variety of proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees approved four public works proposals at its meeting on Tuesday, March 19. The votes were 5-0, Trustee Kristina Gabrenya was absent.

Included was a proposal to create a no parking zone on Grant Street. Dan Dinges, director of public works, wrote in a memo that the board asked his department and the police department to review the location for a possible no parking zone to "increase safety."

Dinges wrote that the no parking zone will be on "Grant Street on the east side, from 395 feet to 725 feet south of the intersection of Grant Street and Lincoln Drive. This would be a proposed no parking zone of 330 feet."

The board approved the village's ability to go out to bid for its electricity purchase. The current electricity contract ends December 2020 but the village wants to be able to secure prices by going out to bid when there are favorable prices.

The village's advisor, Satori Energy, recommended a not-to-exceed price of five cents per kilowatt hour for enterprise accounts and three cents for street lighting as well as to lock in a rate for up to 36 months.

Com Ed started charging a rate for power and a rate for distribution in 2007 and also started purchasing energy from the open market rather than generating its own.

"Although Com Ed no longer generates electricity, they continue to act as the power distribution company regardless who supplies the electricity," according to Dinges. "Our franchise agreement with Com Ed remains in place, thus a portion of our municipal electricity use continues to be at no cost."

Dinges added: "Electricity used for street lighting, water pumping, the wastewater treatment plant, and Bartlett Hills is set at market rates. Fixing the cost of electricity at a guaranteed market rate over the course of a contract helps us provide stability and savings to our budgets for these accounts."

The board approved an extension to a license agreement with T-Mobile at Kent Circle. The current agreement expires in December 2020 and the extension will provide \$2,800 in monthly revenue to the village for five years with three additional five-year terms potentially for a possible 20-year agreement.

Also approved was a \$35,000 contract extension with Synagro Central, LLC for sludge hauling. The cost per cubic yard increased from \$20.14 to \$20.36, Dinges writing in a memo: "The increase being attributed to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the area."





New vote approves end to Sanders' current pact

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 had to vote on a new contract for CEO Tony Sanders a second time at its meeting on Monday, March 18.

The board approved via a 6-1 vote, board member Jeanette Ward voting no, at its March 4 meeting but did not vote on a measure to terminate Sanders' current contract which still had over a year remaining as it was set to end on June 30, 2020.

The March 18 vote terminates that contract on June 30 of this year and approves the new five-year contract running from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024. It was a 5-1 vote as Ward again voted no and board member John Devereux was absent.

Donna Smith, the board's president, said: "Prior to the (March 4) vote... I should have read a resolution to the record in order to terminate the current multi-year, performance-based employment contract." The contract includes a 3 percent increase in salary with an over \$7,000 raise in base pay to \$241,679. Ward opposed the contract based on its length. She said on March 4 that she "was ok for the contract to go to 2022, which I believe is when the state law ends allowing us to have a CEO," but she "just didn't feel we should tie the hands of future boards all the way to 2024." Sanders, who does not hold the necessary certifications from the state to be a superintendent, is able to be the district's CEO because of a state law that went into effect in 2017 that allowed U-46 alone to be exempt from state law with regards to superintendent requirements. U-46 paid up to \$70,000 a year prior to that for a parttime interim superintendent to sign documents after Sanders was promoted to CEO in 2014. Along with benefits like health insurance and pension contributions,

Sanders will be reimbursed for any coursework taken to achieve his superintendent's certification.

"Should Mr. Sanders not achieve his superintendent endorsement within the timeframe established by law, the contract terminates and Mr. Sanders will reimburse the Board the cost of tuition," Smith said. "Further, if Mr. Sanders leaves voluntarily during the contract, the tuition cost will be repaid."

Smith said that "once certified," the district will contribute 9.89 percent of Sanders' pension into the Teachers Retirement System rather than 14.5 percent currently into the Municipal Retirement System which she said will reduce spending by \$11,000 annually.

The contract includes "performance goals that are very clear with outcomes required annually," Smith said.

There are 13 goals in the contract that include year-to-year targets for identifying and implementing plans and reporting results, but no goals are set with regards to achieving any target results.

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The board also approved 6-0 an itemized bills list totaling \$4.9 million.

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Dismissed teacher takes concerns to U-46 board

By Seth Hancock

The final annual resolutions for reductions in force were approved by the Board of Education in School District U-46, but one staff dismissal may have been made because a teacher spoke out.

Freddie Lodiano, a teacher at Streamwood's Tefft Middle School, addressed the board during public comments at both the March 11 and March 18 meetings and said he was being let go "because I have voiced concerns."

Lodiano was able to speak at the March 11 meeting because board member Jeanette Ward made a motion to allow him to speak during the public comments portion at the end of the agenda. Lodiano showed up to that meeting a few minutes late and missed turning in his request to speak card for the earlier public comments portion of the agenda.

"I wanted to make sure he had the opportunity if he still wanted to" speak, said Ward and the board voted for the motion.

"I am very concerned with the wellbeing of Tefft Middle School and their children," Lodiano said. "I've been teaching at Tefft Middle School for about two years and the principal there... is a principal that is not capable of doing his job and his duties.

Other teachers at Tefft have raised concerns Lodiano said and they've been "subject to targeting, harassment because of me bringing up concerns."

"I just hope that something gets done and that an investigation is launched to find out more details about what is going on in that building," Lodiano said. He also said he was concerned about his employment with the district which he elaborated at the March 18 meeting when he said he was notified two weeks prior that his contract wouldn't be renewed.

"I got this letter," Lodiano said. "I still haven't gotten a reason as to why.'

According to Lodiano, the letter stated: "You are dismissed as a teacher in School District U-46 effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school term and therefore you will not be reemployed for the next school term"

Prior to the March 18 public comments Donna Smith, the board's president, warned speakers to "not name names and be respectful to our staff and others" after seeing Lodiano had submitted a request to speak card. Lodiano said he was "still in awe as

to why" he was being dismissed based on his qualifications and performance. He said he has a master's degree in teaching, criminal justice and Spanish degrees with a minor in psychology and a middle school math endorsement and he read math scores from his classes showing 71 percent to over 100 percent growth in each of his classes.

Nobody from the district administration had contacted Lodiano after the March 11 comments he said, and he was "shocked" that he hadn't heard back from the district. Lodiano said he asked Ann Chan, assistant superintendent for human resources, why he was dismissed and "she told me my principal had to notify me as to why."

Lodiano said he will take the next step to speak with mayors of municipalities within U-46. He added that other teachers have raised concerns "to this district and nothing, nothing seems to get done. I don't know what else to do. I follow chain of command, I respect people and I let people know what's going on but it's like going on deaf ears."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said his "understanding is you have a meeting scheduled with my team" later that month.

The board approved six resolutions over those two meetings concerning dismissals. By a 6-0 vote, board member John Devereux was absent, the board approved of the non-renewal of administrative contracts and honorable dismissal for three non-certified administrators as well as the non-renewal of administrative contracts and re-assignment for one tenured administrator.

At the March 11 meeting the board voted 5-0, board members Phil Costello and Veronica Noland were absent, four resolutions including the non-renewal of 15 first, second and third year probationary teachers, the honorable dismissal of 27 teachers, the honorable dismissal of 10 non-union educational support personnel and the honorable dismissal of 186 funded stipend project personnel.

Regarding the funded stipend project staff, board member Sue Kerr said: "Could you just explain that this doesn't mean we're letting go teachers that these may be extra stipends but the teachers are still with us."

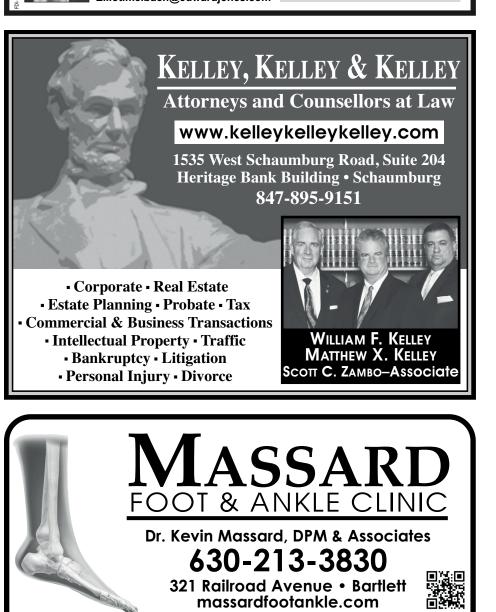
Chan said this was dismissing "extra stipend roles at the end of the school day or before school day."

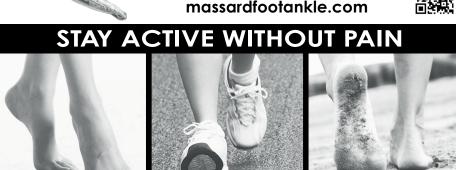
Bartlett soccer's lone score holds up in 1-0 victory



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By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team stood strong to maintain in a 1-0 nonconference victory over Hoffman Estates on Friday, March 22 at Hoffman Estates.

Serena Salvato put away the game's only goal a little over midway through the first half as Maddie Donnelly played the ball up to her and from the top of the box her shot found the net.

"I couldn't have done it without that ball from Maddie," Salvato said. "It was all her, I just finished."

Hoffman Estates finished with a 7-5 edge in shots on goal and gained some momentum late in the first half which continued into the second after Bartlett had the better of play early on.

"The first 20 to 25 minutes, we did what we wanted," said Bartlett coach Vince Revak. "They had some momentum and really started to push but our defense stayed strong."

That strong play in the back included goalkeeper Caitlin Yurkovich, a fresh-

man, who had seven saves, and Paige Bednarke made a big defensive play late in the game as she broke up a near breakaway attempt that would have left the Hoffman Estates player going in alone against Yurkovich.

Yurkovich made a big play with 9:44 left in the first half when a Hoffman Estates player blasted a free kick that initially snuck through her hands, but she dove back to stop the ball just before crossing the line with attackers closing in on her.

"All of our hearts dropped a bit on that free kick, but she did a great job diving back to get it," Revak said. "That tells her team a lot that she sacrificed her body for them."

"What we did well is we went hard as a whole team the entire game," Bednarke said. "It's really not one girl, it's the entire team."

On offense, Mikayla Brown had several strong scoring attempts and Tessa Evans set up several strong chances for her teammates.

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Two incumbents, two newcomers lead in U-46 school board race By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



John Devereux



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Kate Thommes

Elgin Area School District U-46 voters seemingly signaled their support Tuesday for investing in programs and students versus cutting taxes by overwhelmingly endorsing incumbents John Devereux and Sue Kerr and newcomers Eva Porter and Kathleen Thommes for 4-year school board terms from a field of eight candidates.

Unofficial vote totals with all but eight precincts in Cook, DuPage and Kane counties reporting show Kerr leading the pack with 6,672 votes, followed closely by Devereux with 6,244 votes, Porter with 6,095 votes and Thommes with 6,016 votes.

One-term incumbent Jeanette Ward -- the lone conservative voice on the school board -garnered 4,956 votes, while her slate mates, Daniel Hancock received 4,356 votes, Tina Rio received 4,224 votes, and Ina Silva-Sobolewski secured 3,409 votes.

A philosophical divide split the candidates down the middle on key issues, including raising taxes, spending more on targeted programs for minority students to help bridge the achievement gap, funding staffing increases and investing in early childhood education, such as full-day kindergarten.

Ward, Rio, Silva-Sobolewski and Hancock, who campaigned together, were unequivocal about not raising taxes, while the Devereux, Kerr, Porter and Thommes said they would have to weigh decisions based on needs.

"I think the results tonight signal support for wise investments in programs, resources and infrastructure that can serve to advance the prospects of all U-46 students," Devereux said. "With additional public school funding from the state of Illinois, the district is well positioned to move forward without additional undue burden on local property taxes. We are prepared to acknowledge the successes of the district, yet at the same time ready to take on the challenges -- improving academic results, closing the achievement gap, addressing infrastructure, and, broadly speaking, preparing our area students for the evolving landscape of postsecondary studies and careers."

Devereux, 52, of Bartlett, is an actuary appointed to the board last June.

Kerr, 62, of Bartlett, is a retired computer programmer/analyst completing her first term, said she is hopeful of U-46's future with the district being in better financial shape now than when she was first elected.

"Now, we have more options and that's a lot of responsibility," she said. "We've got more of a direction. I think we've got good ideas."

She believes her and fellow slate members' experience and message of inclusivity resonated with voters.

Porter, 64, of Hanover Park, is a retired teacher and Thommes, 44, is an educator from Elgin.

The candidates also were split on whether teachers and school personnel should be armed, and how bullying in schools is being handled by administrators at the state's second-largest school district educating 38,764 students.

Devereux, Kerr, Porter and Thommes, part of the U-46 Forward slate, rejected the idea of arming school personnel, while Hancock, Silva-Sobolewski and Ward qualified their support as long as there is adequate training for employees.

Ward, 45, of West Chicago, is a product manager for an international chemical company. Hancock, 68, of Hanover Park, is a retired electrical engineer. Rio, 52, of Bartlett, works for the airline industry. And, Silva-Sobolewski, 56, of Hanover Park, is a Portuguese translator/interpreter.

Incumbent, challenger lead in ECC board race By: Madhu Krishnamurthy

Voters seemingly favored challenger Shane Nowak and incumbent Clare Ollayos in the race for two, 6-year term seats on the Elgin Community College board Tuesday.

Unofficial vote totals in Cook, DuPage, Kane and McHenry counties show Nowak winning with 7,889 votes, followed by Ollayos with 7,686 votes. Of the remaining candidates, Adriana Barriga-Green received 7,661 votes, incumbent Ryan Weiss garnered 6,823 votes, and Nazneen Hashmi received 5,382 votes.

During the campaign, the candidates agreed ECC needs to expand its offerings to better cater to the evolving needs of a future workforce.

Nowak, 38, of Elgin, a patient advocate and ECC alumnus, suggests the college partner with local companies to gauge what type of workers they need and tailor its certification and training accordingly. He urged expanding access and providing more online classes for district residents as a means of growing enrollment and bringing in more tuition revenue, and partnering with local hospitals to provide more health certifications for nurses.

Ollayos, 64, of Elgin, a chiropractic physician elected to the ECC board in 1995, supports increasing industry internship opportunities for students of all ages and building more robust connections with businesses.

Barriga-Green, 54, of Elgin, said ECC was instrumental in helping her change careers from business to becoming a dual language teacher in Elgin Area School District U-46. She supports the college expanding certificate programs in trade sciences, such as electrical, plumbing, pipe fitting, electric vehicle infrastructure, environmental studies and sustainability, in keeping with industry trends, and offering more choices in health professions, such as veterinary science and medical imaging.

Weiss, 42, of Elgin, president of SEAM Strategies in Elgin appointed to the board in December 2017 to fill a vacancy, said launching new courses could be expensive and the college should ensure new programs are aligned with the needs of local employers. He supports creating more robust internships in partnership with local businesses.

Hashmi, 58, of Streamwood, an auditor and adjunct professor, said ECC could make more grants available for people in-between jobs or for laid off workers seeking retraining and certification to switch careers. She also would like to see programs for housewives who want to work from home. She supports ECC creating online certificate programs for certain fields of study, such as cosmetology and medical billing, and offering evening and weekend classes for people who work full-time during the day. U46 may expand partnership with ECC so more students can earn high school and college credit at same time By: Rafael Guerrero



U46 high schools like Elgin High School could offer classes that count toward both high school and college credit as early as fall 2020 under a new proposal.

More School District U46 high school students could take classes that would give them credit toward high school graduation and Elgin Community College under a proposal presented Monday to the school board.

The plan is to enlarge the district's dual-credit options beyond Advanced Placement (AP) courses and expand U46's current partnership with ECC. If adopted, it would cost the district more than \$3 million between 2019 and 2024, officials said.

If approved by the board, the plan would increase the number of students simultaneously earning high school and college credit.

Right now, 44 U46 high school seniors take up to five ECC courses that also count toward high school graduation through the Early College program. That number would increase to 100 in 2020 and would open the program to juniors.

In addition to that, each of the district's five high schools would also offer up to 10 dualcredit classes at their buildings. Students would be able to take one or several dualcredit classes, although no decision has been made on which classes will receive dual credit.

The goal is to have some students graduate with a high school diploma and an ECC associate's degree.

"We know that having an early college model offers up opportunities for students to be better positioned for college, career and life once they graduate high school," said Lela Majstorovic, U46's assistant superintendent for secondary schools instruction and equity.

Students would be eligible if they have at least a 3.0 GPA and meet minimum SAT or ACT score requirements for admission to ECC, according to the proposal. U46 would be tasked with recruiting and training teachers to lead the in-school dual-credit courses.

Under the proposed timeline, students would have to apply in the fall for classes that would be taken in the winter or spring. The new dual-credit classes would begin in the 2020-21 school year.

Under the proposal, U46 would cover the tuition for students taking classes at ECC — at a cost of \$132 per credit hour. Students taking the dual-credit classes at the high schools would pay 50 per course.

"By implementing these programs, we are offering students a college experience which will expose them to college level coursework, help ease their transition to postsecondary, and benefit them financially," U46 lead counselor Chris Boden said.

Kerr, Devereux, Porter, Thommes lead in U46 school board race results By: Rafael Guerrero

With most of the vote count in, incumbent District U46 School Board member Sue Kerr, appointed board member John Devereux and newcomers Eva Porter and Kate Thommes were leading in the eight-way battle for four open seats.

As of 10 p.m. Tuesday, Kerr led with 6,604 votes, followed by Devereux with 6,183 votes, Porter with 6,036 votes, and Thommes with 5,961 votes.

The other four candidates — board member Jeanette Ward, of West Chicago, and challengers Daniel Hancock, of Bartlett, Tina Rio, of Bartlett, and Ina Silva-Sobolewski, of Hanover Park — had received 4,894, 4,305, 4,170, and 3,371 votes, respectively.

The Tuesday night results come from Kane, DuPage and Cook counties. All 62 precincts in Kane, 35 of 44 precincts in Cook and all 47 precincts in DuPage had been counted.

The winners will serve four-year terms.

Among the topics candidates diverged on were the school district's budget, a future contract for district teachers, property taxes and firearms for staff in schools.

Kerr, of Bartlett, is seeking her second term on the school board while Devereux, of Bartlett, was running for his first four-year term after being appointed to the board last year. Both typically vote with the school board majority.

Thommes, of Elgin, is a first-time candidate for public office, while Porter, of Hanover Park, serves on the Poplar Creek Public Library board in Streamwood.

U46 is the largest school district in the state in which voters elect school board members. The mayor of Chicago appoints Chicago Public Schools board members.

SPORTS

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Baseball: Streamwood edges West Aurora in extra innings Daily Herald Reports

Connor Johnson enjoyed a memorable day on the mound and at the plate to help Streamwood nip visiting West Aurora 5-4 in eight innings Tuesday.

Johnson lined a two-out single to center field on a 3-2 count to score Scott Wolfard from third base for the walk-off win in the Upstate Eight. He finished with 3 hits.

Johnson also tossed the last 4 innings in relief of Colin Bielinski (5 strikeouts). Each pitcher allowed 2 runs, none earned. Wolfard and Anthony Caruso each managed 2 hits for Streamwood (4-2, 2-0).

West Aurora starting pitcher Jake Smith allowed 4 runs on 7 hits, all unearned due to 5 errors by the Blackhawks (4-4, 0-2). He struck out 4 and issued 2 walks.

Huntley 6, Belvidere North O: Senior Davis Pasco pitched 5 scoreless innings in relief of starter Jimmy Fairley to lift host Huntley to a nonconference win. Pasco (2-0) limited the Blue Thunder to 2 hits, walked none and struck out 5. Zach Model finished 2-for-4 with 2 RBI and Jason Peters counted a double among his 2 hits for Huntley (7-2).

Naperville Central 7, Batavia 6: Patrick Boyer's walk-off single lifted the Redhawks to the nonconference win. Batavia (4-2) had tied the game in the top of the seventh inning on a bases-loaded walk by senior Brady King. Ryan Ingold absorbed the loss. Starting pitcher Brad Niedzwiedz allowed 3 runs (2 earned) on 6 hits and 2 walks and struck out 8 in 5 innings. King and Carter Gette each drove in 2 runs for the Bulldogs.

Harvest Christian Academy 13, South Beloit 1: A 7-run third inning propelled Harvest Christian to the Northeastern Athletic Conference victory. Brock Wilken tripled and Grant Young, Gilbert Duran, and Jack Nohava doubled to lead the onslaught. Jack McMahon earned the win for Harvest Christian (5-2, 3-0) by limiting the Sobos to a run on one hit over 4 innings. He struck out five.

Aurora Central Catholic 10, Elmwood Park O: Matt Jeter threw a shutout to lead Aurora Central (9-4) past Elmwood Park in the Metro Suburban Blue. A 9-run fourth inning that fueled the win included a walk by Tommy Musuras, a sacrifice fly from Alex Rakas, a fielder's choice by Danny Kuttner, and a Nathan Sundberg double.

Bishop McNamara 6, St. Edward 5: The Green Wave (1-6) nearly rallied from a 6 run deficit. St. Edward scored 2 runs in the fifth inning and 2 in the sixth via a double by Jack Olson in the fifth, a single by Drew Tilche in the fifth, a Sebastian Oquendo single in the sixth, and a Olson's sixth-inning single. Green Wave starting pitcher Mike Lopez lasted 5 innings, allowed 6 earned runs on 7 hits and struck out 4.

Metea Valley 2, Geneva 1: Metea Valley scored twice in the fifth inning to take the lead and held on to win in nonconference play. Nick Black led the offense with 2 hits, including a double. Blake Breon suffered the loss for Geneva (5-2-1).

Aurora Christian 5, ICCP 0: Hunter Thompson held the Knights to 3 hits in a completegame shutout to propel Aurora Christian (6-0). Sam Tickel, Trey Madsen, Jake Kuntzendorf smacked 2 hits each to lead the Eagles at the plate.

Fenwick 15, Marmion 5: Marmion (3-3) struggled to put runs on the board and committed 3 errors. The Friars scored 9 runs in the sixth inning to end the game. Nick Talarico took the loss for the Cadets, allowing 4 hits and 6 runs over $3^{2/3}$ innings. He struck out three.

South Elgin 9, Glenbard South 4: Logan Romasanta's first-inning RBI double paced South Elgin's Upstate Eight win. Patrick Keaty and Austin Doty each had 2 hits to lead the offense for the Storm (3-1, 1-1). Robert Zagorski earned the win by limiting the Raiders to a run on 3 hits over 4 innings, striking out three.

Burlington Central 8, Marengo 4: Brayden Seyller went 3-for-4 with a double and 2 RBI, and Andrew Knowlton and Jake Jarvis each contributed 2 hits in 4 at-bats to lift the Rockets in Kishwaukee River Conference action. Zak Zuiker held the Indians to 3 runs (1 earned) on 5 hits and 4 walks in 5 innings and struck out 4 for Central (3-3, 2-0).

East Aurora 15, Elgin 5: The Tomcats broke open a 2-run game with a 5-run fourth inning and scored 6 more in the fifth to complete the Upstate Eight win. Johnny Villegas took the loss for the Maroons despite holding East Aurora (3-3, 1-) to 4 earned runs on 4 hits in 3 innings. Luis Pacheco went 3-for-3 with a double and 3 RBI for Elgin (0-4-1, 0-2).

Cary-Grove 7, Harlem 2: Winning pitcher Ethan Estes (2 earned runs, 5 hits) and Ryan Weaver (5 strikeouts) each tossed 3 innings and Jacob Duncan threw a scoreless seventh to lead the Trojans in nonconference play. Estes tripled and drove in 2 runs and Drew Stengren went 2-for-2 for Cary-Grove (5-2).

Nazareth Academy 8, Kaneland 6 (suspended): This nonconference game was halted with two outs in the top of the seventh in Maple Park. Two Kaneland pitchers were touched for 8 earned runs on 9 hits and 9 walks. Joe Born led the Knights (5-4) at the plate with 2 hits, including a home run, and 2 RBI.

Baseball: Bartlett's bats come alive in win over Larkin By: Craig Brueske

Having had last weekend's trip downstate canceled, Bartlett's baseball team hasn't played as many games as most other teams.

However, the Hawks have made the most of the games they've played.

Bartlett improved its record to 3-0 on the young season with Tuesday's 14-9 Upstate Eight Conference victory over visiting Larkin (1-5, 0-2).

After a scoreless first inning, the Hawks (2-0 in UEC play) put crooked numbers on the scoreboard in each of the next 5 frames while consistently applying pressure to the Royals' pitching staff.

Senior catcher Matt Angelone led the Hawks' 13-hit attack, going 3 for 4 with 3 RBI.

Ironically, the hardest hit ball of Angelone's day came in the first inning when he lined out to Larkin center fielder Thomas Woodruff.

"Even though I didn't hit the next three as hard as the first one, they dropped," said Angelone, whose 2-run single in the fourth upped the Hawks' lead to 7-2.

"That's what happens in baseball. You've got to love when it happens. I'm just glad they (the hits) got down."

Bartlett coach Devin Rosen was equally pleased with Angelone's work behind the plate.

"He did a good job especially in a long game like this," said Rosen. "He stayed focused the whole time. He's an all-conference player for a reason."

Matt Lewandowski (2 for 4) and Nate Euliano (1 for 4, triple) each drove in a pair of runs for the Hawks while Nathan Gargano also enjoyed a 2-hit game.

Sam Mallinas, Mike Vaca and Blake Oliver all knocked in a run for Bartlett while sophomore right-hander Nick Kantzavelos allowed 2 runs over 3 1/3 innings to record the victory.

"Nick did a great job," said Rosen. "Pitching-wise, we need to throw more strikes but under the (chilly) conditions it was tough.

"We're trying to play everybody we can here early to make up for the lost games."

Zach Hubbard smacked a 2-run double to get the Royals on the board in the fourth while Max Anderson (4 walks) and Eddie Wisser each drove in a pair of runs.

Tayshon Erdman finished with a pair of hits while Devin Arendt doubled and scored 2 runs for Larkin, which scored all 9 of its runs over the final 4 innings while also stranding 10 runners for the contest.

"That's the big thing with this group is showing that fight," said Royals coach Niko Morado. "It's tough to come back inning after inning and chip away but our guys are doing that.

"We were just a couple bug hits away from breaking those innings open and matching that 14 (runs) or possible even more. We're having good at-bats and we're getting guys on base. Now we have to find a way to get them in."

Wisser pitched the first 5¹/₃ innings for the Royals.

"Eddie battled for us," said Morado. "He gave us the opportunity to fight back."

Softball: Geneva downs South Elgin for 1st win By: John Lemon



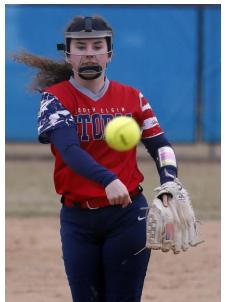
Geneva's Emily Viebrock makes the out at first to retire South Elgin's Alyssa Kendall on a throw from Shelly Deisz, 31, Tuesday at Geneva. Viebrock went 3-for-3 at the plate with 4 RBI, and Deisz earned the victory in the circle.



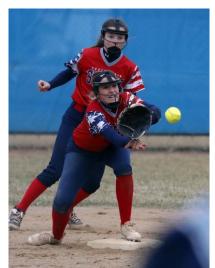
Geneva coach Greg Dierks Tuesday during South Elgin at Geneva softball.



Geneva's Sam Keller fields a grounder at shortstop.



South Elgin pitcher Sidney Strama, 10, delivers a pitch Tuesday during South Elgin at Geneva softball.



South Elgin Kaylie Humes, 16, pulls in a throw to second base Tuesday during South Elgin at Geneva softball.



Geneva's Shelly Deisz, 31, delivers a pitch Tuesday during South Elgin at Geneva softball.



South Elgin coach Dianna McDermott celebrates with McKenna Eichuolz, 13, Tuesday during South Elgin at Geneva softball.

With just one senior in its starting lineup Tuesday, Geneva doesn't have the luxury of a lot of experience this season.

That's just one of the reasons the Vikings are glad to have junior Sam Keller back, both anchoring the defense at shortstop and batting at the top of the order.

Keller continued her hot hitting against South Elgin, going 3-for-3 and drawing a walk. She scored all four times she came up in a 10-4 win -- the Vikings' first of the season.

Keller's older sister Katie, the two-time All-Area captain now at Northern Illinois, is just one of those graduated players Geneva (1-4) is trying to replace.

"Last year our seniors were our main leaders so being Katie Keller's sister is kind of a big role to fill so I'm trying my hardest to step up and make sure everyone is talking and cheering and all the positive energy is up," Sam Keller said.

"The first few games we weren't gelled but we had a talk before the game today about how we have to come together and have each other's back and be positive. The last few games the dugout was quiet. Today we had a lot of good energy in the dugout."

Emily Viebrock and Sydney Erdmann also went 3-for-3 for Geneva as South Elgin (4-4) used three different pitchers but none had much luck retiring the Vikings.

Keller set the tone in the bottom of the first when she pulled a single down the right field line. She stole second base and scored when Viebrock blasted a double to the rightcenter gap.

After South Elgin scored all four of its runs in the top of the third, the Vikings quickly tied the game in their half. Keller again got the rally started with a triple. Viebrock singled home another run, and Erdmann made it 4-4 with her RBI double.

"She (Keller) had some nice swings today," Geneva coach Greg Dierks said.

The Vikings then took the lead for good with four runs in the fourth, chasing South Elgin starter Sidney Strama. Sophia Salazar entered and gave up RBI singles to Isabella Walton, Sydney Haake and Erdmann.

Viebrock completed the scoring in the sixth with a 2-run single, giving her 4 RBI.

"She has been swinging well," Dierks said. "Getting comfortable every day out there and more aggressive in her swings and it's paying off."

All that firepower made a winner of sophomore Shelly Deisz who scattered 6 hits. She walked just one and struck out seven.

After South Elgin scored four runs in the third, Deisz retired 13 of the final 14 batters she faced.

"Shelly pitched well today," Dierks said. "We ran down a few balls in the outfield we needed. She's very quiet about things. She doesn't show her emotions much which is good for a pitcher. We put numbers down where we want the pitches and she generally hits them. Her and the defense settling down after the four-run inning was a good answer because we've struggled to do that."

Casey Brennan doubled, scored a run and had an RBI for the Storm who didn't have one player with multiple hits.

It was quite a contrast from the Storm's previous game, a 14-2 win over Conant.

"These kids don't know who Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is so I had to teach them who that is," South Elgin coach Brad Reynard said. "We just didn't pitch very well, we didn't catch it well. My hats off to Geneva. I thought their pitcher kept us off balance. It's a long season and we can't take any of these teams for granted."

Girls soccer: Farrell's hat trick leads Geneva past Streamwood By: Jared Birchfield

Geneva used a speedy offense to score eight first half goals on its way to an 8-0 nonconference win over Streamwood Tuesday night at Burgess Field.

Geneva moved the ball quickly down field and got behind the Sabres' defense for uncontested shots on goal.

Six Vikings scored in the match.

"Our offense looked real good out there. They were clicking. They were doing a real good job of playing as a team and playing off each other. We scored all eight goals in the first half which is great," said Geneva coach Megan Owens.

"I saw a lot of quality things. I thought our offense played very unselfishly which was good to see and they didn't force their shots, so a lot of positives as we build into our first conference game on Thursday night in our new conference against Wheaton Warrenville South." Senior Caitlin Farrell led the attack with three goals.

"That's my first hat trick," Farrell said. "It feels real good but I couldn't have done it without my team. We have been working in practice to not be selfish around the ball and playing the most dangerous ball possible."

The four-year varsity player put Geneva (3-1-1) on the scoreboard in the third minute of the game. Farrell, just outside the penalty box, took a cross from Stephanie Howe and found the back of the net.

Ten minutes later, Sydney Gratz beat Streamwood (1-5) keeper Candy Nava to a loose ball and booted it in.

Farrell scored back-to-back goals in the 16th and 18th minutes of the match.

Alana Rawls converted a penalty kick with 18 minutes left in the half to put Geneva up 5-0.

Jenna Dominquez, Chloe Frison and Howe also scored for the Vikings.

"We have a very young team, a lot of freshmen, so we are still working on building team chemistry and everything," said Sabres coach Kristin Duffy.

Farrell and most of the Geneva starters watched the second half from the sidelines as Owens used the team's comfortable lead to give all of her reserves playing time.

"Everybody played," Owen said. "We got everyone on the field with a lot of quality minutes so a lot of good experience."

Streamwood's best scoring opportunity came in the 50th minute. From 20 yards out in front of the goal, Diana Herrera took a shot but Vikings keeper Paige MacRitchie stopped it.

Police Reports

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of a suspicious incident.

★ At 6:02 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Chatham for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 10:26 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of East Thornwood for a report of an abandoned vehicle.

★ At 3:08 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Ivy for an inside smoke investigation.

★ At 3:22 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Fulton for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 6:46 p.m., police responded to Home Depot, 440 Randall Road, for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 7:04p.m., police responded to Meineke Econolube Car Care Center, 376 Sundown Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

Friday, March 22

★ At 12:27 a.m., police responded to the 1300 block of Burke for a report of a hit and run.

At 3:45 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Cobbler and Camden for a report of a suspicious person. ★ At 4:39 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of Ann for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 7:55 a.m., police responded to Dental Care of South Elgin, 342 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm

★ At 9:55 a.m., police responded to American Eagle Bank, 556 Randall Road, for a report of harassment.

★ At 11:08 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Stearns and Umbdenstock for a report of a safety or health hazard.

★ At 12:08 p.m., police responded to Advance Auto Parts, 435 N. McLean Blvd,, for a 911 investigation.

★ At 1:58 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 25 and Stearns for a report of an outside fire.

★ At 5:50 p.m., police responded to the Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 6:28 p.m., police responded to Home Depot, 440 Randall Road, for a report of harassment.

 \star At 6:44 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Cole for a report of a residential fire.

★ At 7:18 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of North Center for a re-

Eastview seventh-graders win district basketball crown



Bottom row, left to right: Breanna Bauman, Laney Stark, Naimah Ambriz, Macy Medendorp, Katie McClure and Numa Syed. Top row: Julia Wilkens, coach Matt Dunphy, Imani Sykes, Aliana Camay, Kim Olwich, Grace Wilkens, Emily Fagan, Nisha Chaudari, Jasmine Fox and Ava Lamz. (Courtesy photo)

On Tuesday, March 5, the Eastview Wolves seventh-grade girls basketball team completed a perfect season by defeating Larsen Middle School 24-5 to earn the District U-46 champi-

onship title.

The Wolves went undefeated during the regular season, posting an 11-0 record against other seventh-grade U- port of a suspicious person.

★ At 7:20 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 9:46 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Sandhurst for a report of a drug law violation.

★ At 9:57 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of North Camden for a report of a suspicious incident. Saturday, March 23

★ At 2 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Dean for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 5:41 a.m., police responded to Critters Pet Shop, 566 Randall Road, for a noise complaint.

★ At 12:58 p.m., police responded to the Springs at South Elgin, 350 Gyorr Ave., for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 2:09 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Sandhurst for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 3:01 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Sweetbriar for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 3:43 p.m., police responded to Winners Pub, 50 S. McLean Blvd., for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 5 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Lake Ridge for a report of

Bartlett theater production places second at sectional



Bartlett High School's theater production group.

(Courtesy photo)

Bartlett High School's group interpretation theatrical production of "Rose and the Rime," by Nathan Allen, Chris Mathews, and Jake Minton competed at the IHSA Group Interpretation Sectional competition on Saturday, March 16 at Reavis High School.

They competed against six other schools and took second place, which advanced them to the IHSA Group Interpretation state competition at the Peoria Civic Center on March 22 and 23.

This was the third time in four years and the second consecutive year that Bartlett advanced to the IHSA state tournament. Furthermore, seven of the 14 cast members received the All-Sectional Cast Award for their excellence in acting and outstanding performance.

of the five judges' votes to earn the award. Recipients of this award were Chloe Fox, Lukas Muñoz, Lawrence Yap, Jess Reniva, Naomi Latta, Gina Mortensen and John Raschke.

Additional cast members included Rachel Montesano, Colleen Fleming, Nicole Kamarat, Samantha Martino, Jack Garity, Nick Raymundo and Kelly McGee.

Sean Barry and Rachel Carbery are the assistant student directors, and the technical crew included Jessica Bastian, Kelli Clagg, Katelyn Gac, Aubrie Gulumian, Julian Hernandez, Lauren Kohl, Shannon Leveille, Liz Malek, Luis Martinez, Sofija Matonis, Shivam Patel, Emma Rodriguez, Ziona Tharakan and Jake Weihe.

Production staff included director Mike Miserendino and assistant direc-

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an activated alarm.

★ At 9:29 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Courtland for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 11:28 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Dean for a child custody dispute.

Sunday, March 24

★ At 7:36 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Mavis for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 11:42 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of North LaFox and West Kane for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 3:49 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Hollywood for a child custody dispute.

★ At 6:21 p.m., police responded to Stanleys Ale House, 335 N. McLean Blvd., for a 911 investigation.

★ At 7:15 p.m., police responded to the 7N900 block of Woodcliff for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 7:25 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Park for a report of a suspicious person.

★ At 8:14 p.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Pembroke for a report of an inside gas leak.

★ At 10:53 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Waters Edge for a keep the peace request.

★ At 11:34 p.m., police responded to Kontrol Nightclub, 1101 N. LaFox, for a report of a fight.

★ At 11:37 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of East Sandstone for a report of a suspicious person. Monday, March 25 ★ At 9:43 a.m., police responded to Best Buy, 424 Randall Road, for a threats complaint.

★ At 1:41 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Dean for a report of a domestic.

★ At 1:46 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Exeter for a child custody dispute.

★ At 7:02 p.m., police responded to PS Fuels, 14 Illinois Route 25, for a report of a suspicious incident.

★ At 8:57 p.m., police responded to Las Islas Restaurant, 1101 N. LaFox, for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 9:05 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of East Ellington for a 911 investigation.

★ At 9:23 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Manchester for a report of burglary to a motor vehicle.

★ At 9:44 p.m., police responded to Kohls, 350 Randall Road, for a report of criminal damage to property.

★ At 11:06 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Dorset for a report of a drug overdose or poisoning.

Tuesday, March 26

★ At 4:15 p.m., police responded to Sperry Park, 730 Dean Drive, for a trespassing complaint.

★ At 4:33 p.m., police responded to Sperry Park, 730 Dean Drive, for a trespassing complaint.

★ At 5:56 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of North LaFox and Sundown for a report of a malfunctioning traffic signal or sign.

★ At 6:07 p.m., police responded to Meineke Econolube Car Care Center,

376 Sundown Road, for a report of theft.

★ At 8:38 p.m., police responded to Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 8:51 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Stearns and Illinois Route 25 for a report of an outside fire.
★ At 9:12 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Ione and West Spring for a report of a safety or health hazard.

★ At 9:16 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of East Thorndale for a report of an inside gas leak.

★ At 9:44 p.m., police responded to Las Islas Restaurant, 1101 N. LaFox, for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

STREAMWOOD Thursday, March 21

★ At 2:24 p.m., Dimitros Kapadoukakis, 49, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He faces an undetermined hearing date.

★ At 4:14 p.m., Sarah M. Bayner, 30, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, March 23

★ At 11:48 p.m., Darius M. Lemon, 26, North Aurora, was arrested and charged with manufacture/delivery/possession of cannabis with intent to deliver, possession of cannabis, improper lane usage and obstructed driver's view. He was transported to bond call. **Monday, March 25**

★ At 12:36 a.m., James De La Rosa, 39, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

WAYNE Thursday, March 14

★ At 5:07 p.m., police responded to the 5N block of Illinois Route 25 for a report of property damage. The homeowner advised he had come home to find an ambulance stuck to its axles in the mud next to the driveway. The driver advised he had attempted to back out of the driveway and become stuck. A tow was summoned and the ambulance company owner contacted. The owner advised that the company would repair damage to the area next to the driveway. Friday, March 15

★ At 1:16 p.m., police responded to the 33W block of Brewster Creek for a possible theft. The complainant advised that unknown parties had taken his trash and recycling containers at an unknown time on March 14. The waste disposal company was notified and advised they would replace the containers.

Tuesday, March 19

★ At 5:48 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Stearns and Powis for a request to assist DuPage County Sheriff's Office personnel with an accident. The accident was found to be a vehicle that had struck a power pole, cracking it. The officer blocked traffic until ComEd personnel could respond and effect repairs.

Wednesday, March 20

★ At 10:05 p.m., police responded to 4N block of Honey Hill for a report of a lost dog. The dog was eventually located and entered the squad car. It was returned to its owner.

Hawks softball stifled in opener, fall to Hampshire

By Seth Hancock

A young Bartlett softball team had some opening game struggles in a 10-0 nonconference loss to Hampshire in a five-inning, 10-run rule game on Friday, March 22 at Bartlett.

The Hawks tallied just two hits in the game. Hampshire, which only had four hits of its own, broke through with a pair of four-run innings in the third and fourth and two more in the fifth.

The visitors ultimately took advantage of 12 walks and a hit batter issued by three Bartlett pitchers. Sophomore starting pitcher Lizzie Jacoby suffered the loss.

"We're going to have some growing pains," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "We have some younger girls with not a lot of varsity experience, and there's going to be a learning

curve for them."

Wolfsmith added: "[Hampshire] took advantage of some of our inexperience a couple times with their base running. Our pitchers have to do a better job finding the strike zone. We had some good contact at the plate at times, but we need to swing the bats better."

Freshman Nicole Young and junior Erika Rosberg both tallied singles for the Hawks hits.

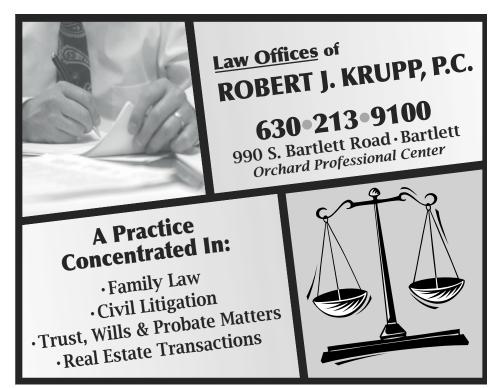
Although weather has been an issue for area teams, Wolfsmith said the Hawks' field has "phenomenal dirt" and they've had a chance to practice a few times. But, he said, "obviously it was our first game, and it showed."

"They've got to learn each game," Wolfsmith said. "If they can take what they did wrong and not put their heads down but instead learn from it, they'll grow and they'll get better."

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Illinois residents reminded about not handling wildlife

According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, spring is a busy breeding season for wildlife and it is reminding Illinois citizens not to bother or handle baby birds and other young wild animals.

Wildlife biologists are often contacted during the breeding season by wellmeaning people who believe incorrectly that they may be protecting young wildlife by taking possession of baby birds, rabbits, fawn deer and other animals that may appear to have been abandoned or orphaned. In most cases, these animals and birds are still being cared for by their parents, which likely stay away from dens and nests if people are nearby.



Baby birds at feeding time.

The Illinois Wildlife Code provides legal protection for wildlife. It is against the law to keep wild animals as pets, or to raise wild animals believed to have been abandoned. Additionally, responses by agencies like the IDNR to incidents involving wildlife can be costly to taxpayers.

Anyone with questions about care for possibly abandoned wildlife can contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. To learn more about potential wildlife conflicts, and keeping people, pets and wildlife safe, visit the new Wildlife Illinois website at https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/.

All wild birds, except the rock pigeon, European starling and house sparrow are protected by federal law. This includes protection of eggs, nests, and feathers. The IDNR works with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect and manage birds in Illinois.

Some additional reminders about wildlife in Illinois:

• Birds often leave the nest before they can fly. These birds, known as fledglings, will live on the ground for a few days while they grow flight feathers; you may hear them making noises calling for their parents to feed them; it doesn't mean they are in trouble. Keep children and pets away.

• Do not attempt to rescue fawns. Fawn deer often stay still to conceal themselves until they are old enough to keep up with their mother; the female deer may not stay near the fawns for fear of alerting predators to their presence. People should leave fawns alone and the mother will return.

• It is illegal in Illinois to feed wild deer. When deer congregate, it can facilitate the spread of disease and cause other unintended consequences.

• Wild birds and animals can become habituated to people when they are provided food, so don't leave pet food outside at night. Clean up under bird feeders, secure the lids on garbage cans to keep raccoons and other wildlife out, and don't feed Canada geese and coyotes in urban/suburban areas. Nuisance animals can become dangerous to people.

• Handling wild animals can result in the handler being bitten. According to the Centers for Disease Control, wild animals that bite a person must be euthanized immediately to be tested for



White-tailed fawn.

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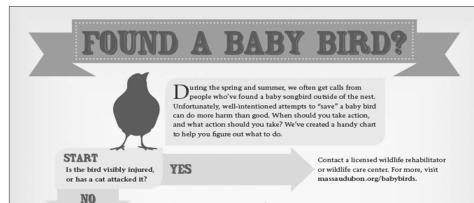
The IDNR urges everyone to enjoy wildlife by observing, but not interfering and by leaving wildlife in the wild.

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and wings, and can it walk, hop, or flutter?

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Chair Yoga Wednesday, April 3 at 1 p.m. Meeting Room 3

Explore gentle postures, breath work, meditation and deep relaxation with Karen Fotopoulos, certified yoga instructor from Discover Yoga with Karen. Register online at www.pclib.org or call 483-4910.

Slash Your Debt Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. Meeting Room 3

Learn strategies to slash your debt with four different approaches. Also learn ways to help prevent yourself from getting into debt or learn from past mistakes to not fall in the trap again. Register online or call 483-4927.

Art Appreciation Around the World Saturday, April 6, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Village of Streamwood Community Relations Commission presents this free event, which features displays of two and three-dimensional art created by local artisans. The artists' work includes paintings, woodwork, jewelry, sculptures, and more. Artists will be present to discuss their work. Refreshments are provid-

Feature Films at the Library Sunday, April 7 at 1 p.m. Meeting Room 1

Come to the 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 83-4626 or visit our website at www.pclib.org. No registration necessary!

Drop-in Craft Tuesday, April 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1

Come paint a wooden egg that will last for years to come. No Registration but sign-up at the door. Ages 18 and up. Supplies are limited.

Family Concert Series Presents: Gladius-Flamenco guitarist Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m.

Join us for this free concert featuring the very talented Gladius, classical/flamenco style guitarist described as a "musical mad scientist." For more information or to register, visit www.pclib.org or call 483-4910.

Coffee with the Trustees Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m.

Do you have questions, concerns or compliments regarding your library? The library trustees want to hear from you! Join trustees for cookies and a cup of coffee immediately following our Family Concert Series.

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. Questions? Call 837-6800.

Streamwood softball behind Crocilla top Patriots

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood softball team came out strong to defeat Stevenson 10-4 in nonconference play on Thursday, March 28 at the Dome at the Ballpark in Rosemont.

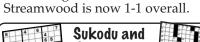
The Sabres scored three in the top of the second inning and led 6-0 by the end of the top of the fourth and never looked back.

Taylyr Crocilla was solid in the circle and Streamwood coach Will Shogren said prior to the start of the year that pitching should be a strong point this season.

"We have a lot of returning varsity players this season," Shogren said. 'Our strengths should be pitching as we have two senior starting pitchers." Crocilla dominated by tossing a complete game one-hitter without issuing

a walk, and she struck out 17. All four runs allowed were unearned as Streamwood's defense struggled late with seven errors.

At the plate, Crocilla also had a big day going 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI while she, Tessa Freedman (2for-4, two RBI), Gabriella Cardinale (2-for-3, RBI) and Maya Mancera (2for-2, RBI) led Streamwood's 11-hit attack. Laura Dietrich (hit), Corrine Angle (hit), Alayna Levey and Caitlin Randel each had an RBI and Maris Clinton singled in the effort.





Are its eyes open? YES NO Are its feathers few and perhaps in tubelike sheaths? YES

You have a batchling a baby that is between zero and four days old

Can you see the nest?

YES

Return the bird to the nest. Most birds don't have a well-developed sense of smell, so the parents won't know that the baby bird has been touched by a person

Make a replacement nest using a shallow basket (2–5" high). Place dried grass in the bottom of the basket. Cut two 20" lengths of wire and push them through the bottom so there are four pieces of wire hanging down. Place the basket on the top of a branch in a nearby tree and use the wires to securely attach it. Put the birds inside.

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You have a nestling. It's

sually three to 13 days old

Fledglings rarely need human tion. Parent birds will contin to feed their offspring on the ground and teach them to fly. If a bird is in immediate danger (for example, if it's on a sidewalk or road), place it on top of a nearby shrub or bush and leave the area. Don't attempt to feed the babyits parents can do a much better job!

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fledgling, a bab that is 13-14 days old or older

ary Mosco's chart at birdandmoon.com

Quick guide reference when finding a baby bird.

(Courtesy photos)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE **CHURCH BELL RING AGAIN!**

With community-wide generosity and support Immanuel United Church of Christ in Bartlett, Illinois, secured the funds to fix the mechanisms to ring the 609-pound Church Bell! Last year, the bell had fallen silent due to stabilization issues and a broken

mechanization. Fundraising began in December of 2018 recalling the lives and the collective memories of Bartlett residents past and present. People from near and far donated monies, with the Bartlett Rotary donating \$5000.00, to the cause. We are indebted to our donors and to the Bell Fund Committee, with Jackie Ellsworth as chairperson, for the enthusiasm and trust in the congregation and the community to make it happen. The Verdin Company, Ohio, was contracted to make the church bell ring again. And it will ring ... beginning on Palm Sunday, 2019. Bell Dedication will be at 10:30 a.m. Thank you.

Hawks win U-46 Invite, South Elgin second



The Storm's Mandeep Sangha executing a lob shot against the Sabres.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett and South Elgin volleyball teams finished one-two respectively at the annual U-46 Invite on Saturday, March 30 at Larkin.

The Hawks went a perfect 4-0 on the day to improve to 8-2 overall, and they won in straight sets in each. Bartlett won the tournament for the second straight year with an experienced team that has high hopes for the season.

"We have high expectations," said Bartlett senior Toiyon Walton. "Most of the people on these teams, we play on the same club team together, so these are like fun scrimmages. It was great that we were able to get this two years in a row."

Walton finished with seven kills in the Hawks 25-22, 25-14 win over Elgin

to cap the perfect day. Martin Radomski added seven kills, Jacob Bush three kills, Carter Burzlaff three kills and two aces, Matt Tomasek two kills and an ace, James Balance two aces and Garrett Jurina a kill and an ace.

Bartlett built a 19-11 lead in Game 1 before Elgin rallied to 19-17, the closest the set got which eventually ended on a Walton kill. The Hawks built a 10-3 lead in Game 2 and led by at least six the rest of the set.

The Hawks defeated Streamwood (Streamwood 25-23, 25-19), South Elgin (26-24, 25-15) and Larkin (25-20, 25-14).

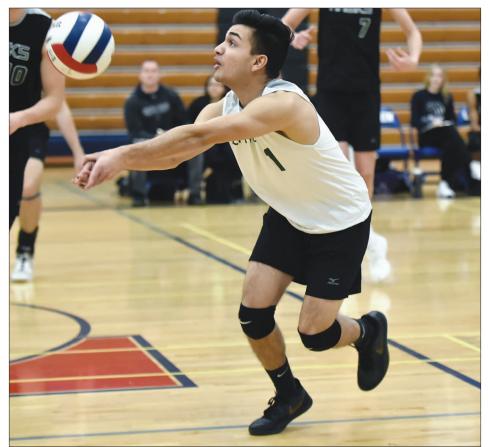
Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz said his team has lofty goals, including winning the Upstate Eight Conference and a regional title, and said some things need to be cleaned up noting all Game 1s on the day were tight, including against Streamwood when the Hawks committed 19 errors in the first set. He said much will be learned this week when his team plays eight matches.

"That's going to be our biggest challenge," Schwantz said. "Teams make mistakes, I get that, but we just made a lot of them today."

Outside of the loss to Bartlett, the Storm won the remainder of their matches to finish 3-1 on the day and 3-2 overall on the season. South Elgin beat Elgin (27-25, 25-18), Streamwood (25-22, 25-17) and Larkin (25-21, 25-16).

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In the Storm's win over Streamwood, Mandeep Sangha had nine kills and two aces and Vince Miszkiewicz seven kills.



Sohum Desai moving to the ball to keep a volley alive for the Hawks against Streamwood. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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Storm blank Palatine to win home opener



Storm shortstop Patrick Keaty hitting second to force Jeff Hedlund of Palatine while throwing to first base in an effort to complete a double play.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team had all three phases working in its 9-0 nonconference win over Palatine on Thursday, March 28 at South Elgin.

At the plate the Storm tallied 13 hits with five doubles, on the mound a pair of pitchers combined for a two-hit shutout and in the field their defense played errorfree baseball.

The Storm scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning and led for good behind Robert Zagorski who allowed one hit, hit a batter, walked two and struck out six in five innings of work for the win. Joe Haslem allowed one hit, walked one and struck out one in the final two innings.

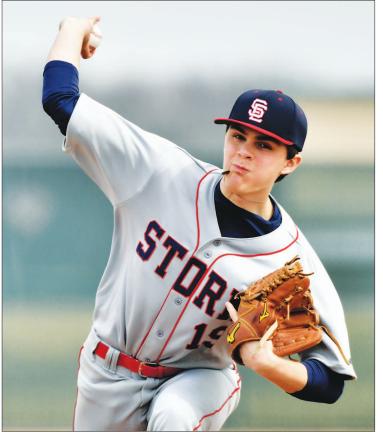
For South Elgin coach Jim Kating, experience on the mound should help the Storm see some success this season.

"We don't have that one stud pitcher but the majority of guys that threw last year are back and have a full year of experience," Kating said. "Hopefully, that will pay off this year."

Kating added: "If we get some timely hitting and score some runs, I think our defense will be there for us as long as our pitching is there."

Griffin Allen led the Storm with a 3-for-4 performance at the plate and he, Patrick Keaty (2-for-4, RBI), Garrett Wano (2-for-4, RBI), Ben Hetelle (RBI) and Cody Gallagher doubled in the effort. Grant Baker and Ryan Kuchta both drove in a pair of runs, and Logan Romasanta had an RBI.

South Elgin is now 2-0 overall.



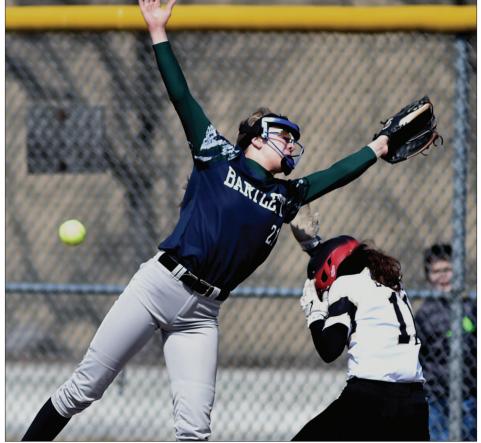
South Elgin's Robert Zagorski delivering a first inning pitch to a waiting Palatine hitter. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Storm right fielder Grant Baker making a catch on a Palative fly ball while running toward the foul line during South Elgin's Thursday, March, 28 win over the Pirates.

Bartlett falls to Panthers prior to Tennessee trip





Lizzie Jacoby was in the circle for the Hawks on Wednesday, March 27 against Glenbard North and took the loss. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett softball team saw some growth from its season opener but still suffered a 5-3 nonconference loss to Glenbard North on Wednesday, March 27 at Glenbard North.

The Hawks outhit Glenbard North 6-4 but also allowed three unearned runs after two errors.

Bartlett scored an unearned run in the top of the first inning but Glenbard North tied it 1-1 after a home run in the bottom half. In the third inning, Amanda Frieden hit a leadoff single and later scored on Charlotte Linnartz's fielder's choice for a 2-1 lead.

Glenbard North scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning to take the lead for good and led 5-2 when Bartlett tallied its final run in the sixth. Linnartz hit a leadoff double and scored on a two-out RBI single from Abby Tomillo (2-for-3, double) to pull to 5-3.

"I've been coaching softball for 15 years and I have

always told them that all I want is good softball," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "Today wasn't good softball but it was better softball, and that is on the way to good softball."

Nicole Young doubled in the effort and Lizzie Jacoby added a single.

Jacoby also saw improvement in the circle. She struck out seven but walked seven in the Hawks season opening loss against Hampshire, but she only issued two walks which were both intentional in her second outing.

Over five innings of work, Jacoby allowed five runs, two earned, and struck out 11. Nicolette Campo tossed a perfect sixth inning.

"I loved how [Jacoby] commanded the strike zone," Wolfsmith said. "When she got wild, she battled

A throw eluding Bartlett's Nicole Young at first base which allowed the Panthers' Isabella Eggert to advance on to second.

back. Her ball was definitely moving."

The Hawks finished the week by traveling to Tennessee for the Queen City Classic, an important trip for a young team early in the season.

"I definitely think the bonding will be great for this team," Wolfsmith said. "They haven't played together much so having a chance to develop as a team will go a long way."

The trip did include some bad weather, but the Hawks did get a game in on Friday, March 29 when they fell 5-0 to Aurora Central Catholic. Bartlett was no-hit while Kaitlyn Edwards suffered the loss allowing five runs, two earned, off six hits and three walks.

Prairieview honors its D.A.R.E. graduates

The two fifth-grade classes at Prairieview Elementary School graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program on Wednesday, March 20. During the 10-week program, D.A.R.E. officers Victoria Ander-son and Tracey Dendinger visit Bartlett elementary schools to teach students how to prevent use of, and resist peer pressure to use, illicit drugs; stay away from gang membership; and avoid violent behavior.

Students write essays each semester about what they learned in D.A.R.E. Officers then choose two essay winners from each class: Kylie Heuter and Michael Schulze from Sara Szdlowski's class, and Fabian Alcala and Sabikah and Musabji from Sue Tobin's class.



D.A.R.E. graduates posing for a photo at the end of the ceremony.



Winnie Piskule showed pride in her D.A.R.E. certificate for having completed the program.



The first Prairieview D.A.R.E. graduating class of 2019.

Wright Brothers author makes return flight



Author William Hazelgrove returned to the Bartlett Public Library on Wednesday, March 19 to discuss his latest book, "Wright Brothers, Wrong Story" which Hazelgrove said is "the first deconstruction of the Wright Brothers myth."

Among the book's revelations are that it was Wilbur Wright who designed the airplane. Hazelgrove indicates that the myth of the Wright brothers came about when Wilbur Wright died young, leaving Orville to write their history. But the author was able to unearth documentation highlighting Wilbur's brilliance in aeronautics and showing how he clearly overshadowed his brother's contribution to manned flight.



William Hazelgrove answered questions from the audience after his presenta-(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz) tion.

Hazelgrove concluded his discuss of the Wright Brothers with a simple thought that 'Some Men Are Just Born to Fly.'

Storm finish second at annual U-46 Invite



South Elgin's Daniel Skrzypchak dealing with a Streamwood serve.



The South Elgin volleyball team finished with second place at the annual U-46 Invite after a 3-1 day on Saturday, March 30 at Larkin. The Storm improved to 3-2 overall this season.

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Against Streamwood, the Storm earned a 25-22, 25-17 win led by nine kills and two aces from Mandeep Sangha and six kills by Vince Miszkiewicz.

The first set was back-and-forth and tied at 19-19 when Miszkiewicz and Sangha tallied kills and Daniel



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Sabres.Sabres.(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Skrzypchak an ace for a 22-19 lead. Streamwood tied it again at 22-22 when Sangha and David Long kills followed by an unforced error gave the Storm the set.

In Game 2, Eugene Gueco and Miszkiewicz kills and a Sangha ace keyed a 7-3 start as the Storm led for good. South Elgin built an 11-point lead, 23-12, and a Miszkiewicz ace eventually ended the set. Gueco and Raul Correa added aces in the set.

South Elgin capped the day with a

25-20, 25-14 win over Larkin.

After the Storm's season opening loss to St. Charles North, Plach said he wants to see how his new guys mesh with the team early on this season but overall he hopes his team's experience can help produce.

"We have a pretty close group coming back this year so I think our chemistry will be pretty good and with some of our experience we should be able to compete," Plach said. "It will be a matter of fine tuning some of our skills."





Vince Miszkiewicz executing a kill shot for the Storm in its match against Streamwood.

Eugene Gueco setting for South Elgin during a volley with Streamwood.

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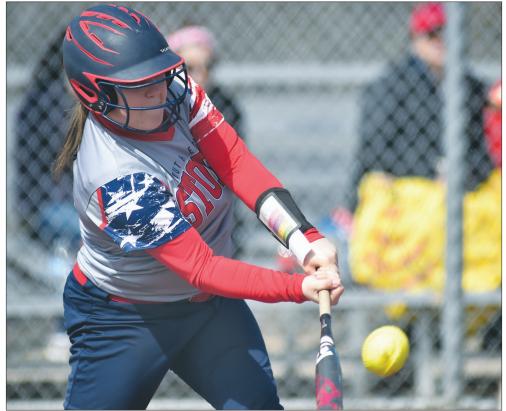
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The Storm's Kaylie Humes being tagged out by Conant shortstop Hannah Oh as Humes tried to advance an extra base against the Cougars.

Streamwood goes 1-3 at annual U-46 Invite

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team finished in a three-way tie for third place at the annual U-46 Invite on Saturday, March 30 at Larkin.

In their finale, the Sabres dropped a 25-22, 25-17 match to South Elgin to end 1-3 on the day. Streamwood is now 2-6 overall.

Joey Huizar had four kills and Kevin Patino three in Game 1 which was back-and-forth with six ties, the last at 22-22 before South Elgin scored the final three points for the win. The Sabres fell behind 7-3 to start Game 2 and trailed for good as South Elgin built as large as an 11-point lead at 23-12.

"Our last game against South Elgin was hard because we couldn't stop their middle attack and our serve-receive faltered a few times," said Streamwood coach Jonathan Bacheller. "We know what we need to work on moving forward and will be seeing South Elgin again in our (Upstate Eight) conference opener this week."

Despite a loss, the Sabres opened the tournament with a strong showing against eventual tournament winner Bartlett.

Streamwood was within reach in both sets but fell 25-23, 25-19.

"I was extremely happy with how hard they played in that first match against Bartlett," Bacheller said. "I don't think anyone expected it, and we surprised them a bit. They played with a lot of energy and intensity that whole match."

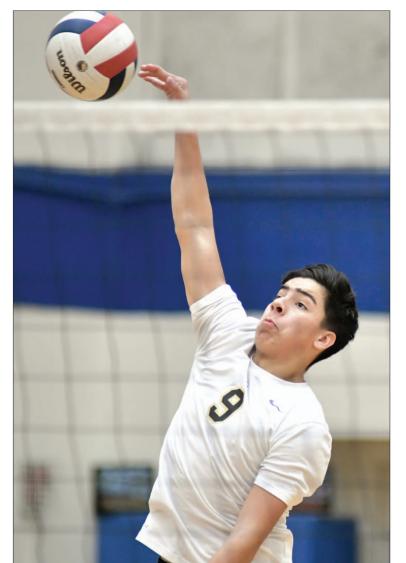
The Sabres lone win came in a 25-23, 25-20 match against Larkin. They dropped a 27-25, 25-18 match against Elgin.

Abraham Martinez finished with 42 digs on the day, Carlos Jasso had 14 kills and 27 assists and Huizar tallied

14 kills.

For Bacheller, the tournament was a good barometer of how his team stacks up in the UEC facing four of Streamwood's nine league opponents.

"We hung with probably the best team in this tournament," Bacheller said of Bartlett. "I think overall, it was a really good tournament. There are things we can build on, and we know what to expect to see against most of the teams in our conference after today. It's going to be very intense all season because everyone is relatively even except for probably Bartlett which is probably at the top."



Joseph Huizar executing a finesse shot against the Storm.



Streamwood's Kevin Patino was unable to block a South Elgin winner on Saturday, March 30 at the U-46 tournament. *Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty*)





Roberto Sanchez accepting a South Elgin serve for the Sabres.

The Sabres' Abraham Martinez dealing with a Bartlett shot in an effort to keep a volley alive.