

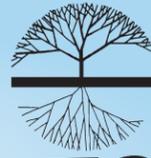
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U-46 Board to vote on expanded ECC program

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 may expand its dual credit program with Elgin Community College (ECC) through a proposal presented to the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, April 1.

The \$3.1 million proposal over five years, which will come out of the education fund if approved, is expected to be voted on by the board at its upcoming April 15 meeting.

There are currently 44 students in the program who attend full-time classes at ECC. The district is planning to expand into two separate programs.

The first program would be an early college program similar to the current program with students taking classes at ECC. The second is dual credit classes offered at U-46 high schools and taught by district teachers.

A change is now students participating in this program can also participate in IHSA athletics.

The district plans for 50 seniors to enter the early college program next year while going to 50 juniors and 50 seniors a year starting in 2020-2021 as students will expect to earn an associate's degree by the time of their high school graduation with tuition costing \$132 per credit hour. The dual credit classes would cost \$50 per student per class and the district expects 1,500 students yearly taking those classes.

The ECC program is also offered at D300 and D303. Like D300, U-46 plans to pay the full \$4,500 tuition cost while D303 has a split paying \$2,500 while the students pay \$2,000.

Chris Boden, lead counselor, said making those benefiting from the program to pay for it "could potentially be an inhibiting factor" and by U-46 paying the tuition it will save those families by "offering a college experience" at the expense of other tax-paying families.

From the districts racial profiling numbers, Boden said some racial

groups are overrepresented and others underrepresented but ECC is changing its eligibility requirements opening the program up for more students which "should allow us to be a little more selective and get a little bit closer to those district demographics."

"They don't quite mirror district demographics and we are anticipating a move in that direction because of, number one the inclusion of IHSA activities for all students in these programs moving forward, and then number two those new entrance requirements that we see at ECC," Boden said.

Board member Sue Kerr asked about library usage to which Lela Majstorovic, assistant superintendent, said students will have access to ECC's library.

Kerr also asked about athletics participation and Majstorovic said the district has worked with the IHSA to develop a system to "prove eligibility." Board member Jeanette Ward asked "and that was not the case last year," to which Boden said they just got approval for students in the program starting for this spring's sports season. Both Kerr and Ward were glad to see that change.

Replying to another question from Kerr, Majstorovic said "the students and families buy the textbooks that are required."

Board member Melissa Owens asked about the dual credit program at U-46 schools which Majstorovic said students can take one or multiple courses in the program. She also said it should "compliment" the Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Kerr asked if the U-46 science labs are able to handle the ECC courses that would be taught at district schools and Mary Perkins, dean of college transitions, said ECC will evaluate the labs and U-46 will "have to explore"

options.

Board member Phil Costello asked: "I appreciate that [students are] paying for their materials.... What was our kind of rationale for covering the full costs of tuition for a student?"

Majstorovic said other districts, like D300 and others in different community college districts, cover tuition and "we don't want it to be a barrier" to students who can't afford it.

Costello called the program "a great bridge" for students, but "this is a heavy cost on the district and I was just wondering what the tradeoff is."

There are 10 other expenditure proposals to be voted on at the April 15 meeting totaling \$5.7 million.

Included is a \$3.3 million proposal (life safety and operations and maintenance funds) with MG Mechanical Contracting, Inc. for an HVAC system replacement at Bartlett's Centennial Elementary School.

There are two parking lot paving proposals, one at Bartlett's Nature Ridge Elementary School costing \$839,239 (operations and maintenance) with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. and the other at Hanover Park's Parkwood Elementary School costing \$933,817 (operations and maintenance) with Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc.

Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said parking lots last about 20 years depending on certain factors as she joked: "The polar vortex does not help."

There are two contract renewals with the AVID Center, both from the education fund, costing \$55,042 to offer the AVID program and \$46,000 for professional development.

With Tableau Software, Inc., the district is asking for a three-year contract renewal costing \$91,800 (education fund) for maintenance. With Micro Focus, U-46 is asking for a two-year contract renewal costing \$220,986 (education fund) for software renewal.

The district is asking for \$29,580 (education fund) with Raptor Technologies for renewal of the district's visitor sign-in software. There is no increase in costs from the current year.

Ward said "it's nice that there is no increase from last year," and Costello said "it's always nice to know what [the cost] is relative to the prior contract." Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said the district will provide cost comparisons on renewals "from now on."

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Police provide safe zone for internet transactions

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, April 4, Streamwood Police Chief Daryl Syre led a discussion regarding the department's internet safe zone.

According to Syre, the police department is providing a safer venue for residents to conduct the transfer of goods and money stemming from online transactions by offering an "internet safe zone."

The police department has always allowed use of its lobby as a safe place for buyers and sellers to complete transactions that begin online, according to Syre. This provides all parties with a safe environment and is intended to discourage potential criminals from targeting victims under the ruse of a legitimate transaction.

"With the remodel of the police department video system we added some cameras to monitor two designated parking stalls in the parking lot of the police department for these transactions," said Syre.

According to Syre, the two stalls have identifying signage and will have constant video surveillance.

Syre said transactions involving weapons are prohibited from taking place on this property.

"I will stress though there is no circumstance where a transfer of guns would be allowed on the premises," Syre said. "It would include anything else but just no weapons."

For those that do not use the designated safe zone for these types of transactions the police department offers a few precautions, according to Syre. These include insisting on meeting in a public place rather than at a secluded location. Also, people are advised to not invite strangers to their home and to be very careful when buying or selling high dollar value items. And, lastly, to not become pressured to do something that seems unsafe.

Syre added that nobody in the police department can participate in or facilitate any transactions.



Getting closer to a career choice

Christopher Piotrowski from Streamwood High School, took a closer look at one of the manufacturing robots at Trelleborg Sealing Solutions, during career week. For story and more photos see page 12.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



Split U-46 vote approves food services union pact

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved by a 5-2 vote, Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no, on a contract for the district's food services union, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), at its meeting on Monday, April 1.

Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said it was a three-year contract with annual pay raises averaging 3 percent. He said the SEIU approved the contract two weeks prior.

Ward thanked staff and the union representatives for "the hard work of negotiating," but she said: "This contract is not on par with the private sector and agreements like this perpetuate Illinois' fiscal problems. I do appreciate some of the directions we're taking, but I will be voting no."

Some of the concerns Ward addressed were pay raises were mostly automatic and the contract allows for pension spiking in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) as well as benefits that exceed the taxpayers who will be funding the contract but work in the private sector.

"This contract was drafted with direction from the majority of the board," Ward said. "I fully appreciate and respect that. This contract provides that raises are automatic and only require that an employee be rated as proficient in order to receive a raise in 2021 and beyond."

Regarding the proficiency standard, Ward said: "I do appreciate that that was included and that is a step in the right direction. However, it doesn't go far enough for me. It is very rare in

the private sector to receive guaranteed raises not based on performance."

After automatic pay raises of 3 percent in the first two years of the contract, employees will need to be evaluated as merely proficient to receive a 2.75 percent increase. Even employees rated less than proficient will also receive automatic pay raises of 1.375 percent.

Ward added: "Similar to other contracts this board has voted on, this contract provides that employees hired on or before June 30, 2019 may retire at 55 and then provides for a bonus to be paid in the last four months of employment in an amount sufficient to increase an employee's IMRF earnings in the final 12 months of employment by exactly 6 percent so

as to be just below the amount that would incur penalties. As I said previously, and also given that the state has currently \$129 billion in unfunded pension liability, I don't think that pension spiking should be permitted at all."

Ward said that she appreciates that the pension spiking practice ends for new hires after June 30, 2019 saying, "that is a good and fantastic direction."

U-46 will pay 85 percent of health care costs compared to 15 percent by the employees.

"I work for a company that offers very competitive pay and benefits, and my employer pays 75 percent of the insurance premium and I pay 25 percent," Ward said. "And that is quite common in the private sector."

Streamwood softball grounds a pair of Hawks

By Seth Hancock

In extras, the Streamwood softball team earned a 7-6 victory in its Upstate Eight Conference opener against Bartlett on Friday, April 5 at Streamwood.

Tied at 6-6 in the bottom of the eighth inning, Gabriella Cardinale hit a one-out RBI single to end the game making a winner of pitcher Taylyr Crocilla who went the distance allowing five earned runs off seven hits, three walks and a hit batter and she struck out six.

"I'm proud of the way the girls never gave up in that game," said Streamwood coach Will Shogren. "As a team we could have done better on the bases, but the girls did not let any mistakes get them down and they continued to battle."

The Sabres had to rally after Bartlett jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings and 6-4 entering the bottom of the seventh.

The top of Streamwood's order collected seven of the team's 10 hits led

by Crocilla (3-for-4, two doubles, three RBI) in the three-hole while Laura Dietrich (double, two runs) in the leadoff spot and Tessa Freedman (RBI) in the two hole were both 2-for-4. Hannah Jenig added a triple.

"The team did well at the plate," Shogren said. "The top of the order was really seeing the ball well and did a great job of getting on base. The rest of the lineup did their part to play small ball and give us a chance to stay in the game and get the win."

The Sabres were coming off a 9-6 nonconference win over Hoffman Estates on Monday, April 1 at Hoffman Estates. Crocilla, who left the game with a 7-1 lead, allowed one run on two hits and struck out 12 in five innings of work for the win.

Dietrich (3-for-4, two doubles, two runs, two RBI), Freedman (3-for-3, double, two runs, two RBI), Cardinale (2-for-4), Corrine Angle (2-for-4, RBI), Ariana Wolfard (2-for-4) and Crocilla (RBI) led at the plate.

Streamwood is now 3-1 overall.

Arbor Day Foundation offers free trees for April membership

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 26, and according to the Arbor Day Foundation, it is making it easy for anyone to celebrate the annual tree-planting holiday. Join the foundation in April and receive 10 free shade trees.

By joining the foundation in April, new members receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple.

The free trees are part of the foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees provide shade in the summer and vibrant colors throughout the fall," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Founda-

tion. "Through the simple act of planting trees, one person can make a difference in helping to create a healthier and more beautiful planet for all of us to enjoy."

The trees will be shipped postpaid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting in April or May. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday.org/april or send a \$10 contribution by April 30 to:

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(education fund) to purchase secondary schools student planners over three years from Global Datebooks. Kerr asked about the possibility of going to electronic planners which Majstorovic said: "That's definitely a consideration that we can make... in the future."

The board will also vote on renewal of membership with the IHSA, which has no costs for dues. Ward asked if it was required by law for the board to vote on this to which U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "IHSA regulations require it."

ECC program

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With the College Board, the district is asking for \$51,050 (education fund) for AP professional development. Majstorovic, in response to a question from Kerr, said all new teachers are required to take the professional development and "we do require it every couple of years" for returning teachers.

The district is asking for \$101,604

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Board election results support U-46 status quo

By Seth Hancock

Voters in the April 2 election for the four open Board of Education seats in School District U-46 chose the status quo by electing the union-backed slate over the taxpayer-focused slate.

Incumbents Sue Kerr (7,134 votes) and John Devereux (6,665) retained their seats and newcomers Eva Porter (6,505) and Kate Thommes (6,481) took the other two spots. Devereux was appointed to a vacated seat last June.

Incumbent Jeanette Ward came in fifth with 5,310 votes while her fellow slate candidates of newcomers Daniel Hancock (4,683), Tina Rio (4,564) and Ina Silva-Sobolewski (3,640) followed. Current board member Phil Costello did not seek reelection.

Voter turnout continued to be low and was lower from recent elections. Kane County, which posted turnout percentages specifically for the U-46 race, showed an 11.96 percent turnout which was down from 15.28 percent in 2017 and 13.34 percent in 2015.

Via social media, Kerr thanked her supporters writing: "I am so grateful for the support I received in this election. Thank you to the voters who put their faith in me and honored me with another four years on the U-46 School Board. For those who did not vote for me, I assure you that I will listen to your concerns and represent you as well."

Kerr also congratulated the losing candidates: "Running for a position like this is never easy and I admire anyone who steps up. I wish you the best in the future.... While Jeanette and I have not always agreed, I appreciate the transparency and the diversity of thought she brought to the board."

During the campaign the slate of Hancock, Rio, Silva-Sobolewski and Ward expressed concerns with the continued trends of flat or declining academic results and spending and tax increases despite continued enrollment declines.

The slate of Devereux, Kerr, Porter and Thommes were not concerned with the trends and lauded the direction the district is currently going. Devereux said there's "not a runaway

property tax burden."

U-46 hiked spending by \$40.2 million to \$559.1 million and added 54 new positions this year while enrollment dropped by 633 students and it expects to increase spending again next year while projecting another loss of 1,329 students. The district has lost 1,915 total students since 2014 but spending has increased by nearly \$100 million, over \$70 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator.

At the same time, academic scores have been flat or declined and have lagged behind the state average according to the state board of education's annual report card.

Budget projections show enrollment could drop 13.1 percent but spending rise by 36.3 percent from 2012 to the 2021-2022 school year.

The district has continued to increase its tax levy by the maximum amount allowed under the law and also lobbied for the 32 percent increase in the state's personal income tax rate and 33.3 percent increase in the corporate tax rate to pay for the new so-called "evidence-based" school funding formula. Illinois residents have the highest total tax burden in the nation according to an analysis by the financial website WalletHub, and the state's debt is currently at \$159.4 billion and rising according to usdebtclock.org.

Ward contacted the winning candidates on election night to congratulate them and spoke to a room of supporters thanking them and her family as well as the Lord Jesus Christ "for the opportunity to serve on this board for the past four years."

"I'm grateful that Tina, Ina and Dan decided to run and put their lives on hold for six months to do this.... They were the best teammates ever," Ward added.

Hancock and Rio also addressed the room thanking them for their support. Hancock said he spoke to many residents during the campaign who "were definitely upset with the school district and wanted to see some changes in it," and "taxes were an issue with them."

Ward said her slate knocked on over

5,000 doors and reached many others through mail and other media outlets.

"There is nothing that we could have done that we didn't do, so I am grateful for all of you and we gave it our all," Ward said. "These guys are tough to beat."

Over her four-year term, Ward listed as accomplishments and elevation in the "dialogue about curriculum and diversity of thought" as well as on taxpayers as well as achieving more school choice, most notably with the district's first charter school opening this year. She also noted there was increased transparency after a state law was unanimously approved clarifying local elected officials had a right to access previous closed session recordings, that law coming after the U-46 board majority violated Ward's

civil rights by denying her access to such recordings.

Asked if she plans to stay involved in U-46, Ward told *The Examiner*: "My children are in this school district and you bet I care what happens here. So yes, I plan on staying involved."

Adding on social media, Ward wrote: "Going forward I will, as I have the last four years, continue to advocate for academic freedom and diversity of thought, parental choice, privacy and safety for all students, and respect for the taxpayer, as a citizen and parent of two precious daughters in U-46."



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Connections Poplar Creek Public Library

Hanover Park Building Code Q&A
Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

Are you thinking of a spring project on your home or business? Some may require a permit. Join Hanover Park Code Enforcement Supervisor Dan Hoffman at the main library as he discusses compliance with required codes to ensure that all the work on your spring projects are completed correctly. Questions? Call 483-4910.

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.

Egg Hunt, Bake Sale and More!
Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m.

Children are invited to search for candy with the Easter Bunny at Rahlfs Woods located across the street from the main library (see schedule below). Be sure to bring a basket or a bag. Stop in the library afterwards for a picture with the Easter Bunny while purchasing a sweet treat from the Streamwood Woman's Club annual bake sale! Event run by the Streamwood Park District, Streamwood Woman's Club and Poplar Creek Library. No registration necessary!

Egg Hunt Schedule

3 years and under: 11:10 a.m.
4 to 6 years: 11:20 a.m.
7 to 8 years: 11:30 a.m.

Recycling and Sustainability
Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2/3

Learn tips for everyday composting and recycling and discuss what can and can't be recycled. You are encouraged to bring used keys, vinyl records and/or CDs and DVDs to the program for donation! Presented by Kay McKeen from SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). Register online or call 483-4910.

Student Trustee Wanted!

The Poplar Creek Public Library is looking for a high school student to join our library board as Student Advisory Trustee. To download the application, and to view the Student Trustee Policy, please visit our website at www.pclib.org. Deadline is April 15. Questions? Contact our Teen Services Coordinator Hannah Sloan at hsloan@pclib.org or call 630-483-4941.

Trivia Night at Tap House Grill
Tuesday, April 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us at the Tap House Grill located 7600 S. Barrington Road in Hanover Park for a fun, casual night where teams will compete in several rounds of trivia. Be there for a chance to win prizes and bragging rights. Register online or call 483-4910.

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.

Sabres baseball splits four in opening UEC schedule

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team opened Upstate Eight Conference play with a series win over West Aurora.

Rallying from a three-run deficit with five runs over the final three innings, the Sabres took the opener 5-3 on Monday, April 1 in Aurora. Colin Bielinski hit a solo home run and both Max Alanis (RBI) and Anthony Caruso (double) were 2-for-4 to lead the comeback effort.

Connor Johnson (3-for-4) hit a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning in Game 2 of the series for a 5-4 victory on Tuesday, April 2 at Streamwood. The Sabres trailed 4-0 when they scored four in the bottom of the sixth to tie it and offensive contributors included Scott Wolfard (2-for-4, RBI), Alanis (2-for-3), Caruso (2-for-4) and Bielinski (RBI).

"I really liked how we competed against West Aurora," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "We were down in the first two games but found a way to fight back and take it in the end. Anytime you can win a series against a quality team like West Aurora we will take it. It is definitely something that we can build on moving forward."

AJ Reyna (six hits, two earned runs,

two walks, five strikeouts) went the distance in earning the first win, and Johnson (two hits, one strikeout) got the win in relief in the second. Bielinski (two hits, one walk, five strikeouts) and Johnson both tossed four innings in Game 2 and did not allow an earned run as the Sabres overcame eight errors.

West Aurora salvaged a win in the series finale defeating Streamwood 5-0 on Wednesday, April 3 in Aurora. Bielinski and Tyler Jones (double) both went 2-for-3, and Caruso suffered the loss on the mound.

"I really liked how we pitched in all three games of the series," Lasota said. "All the pitchers were able to limit the damage and wiggle out of some innings for us. We limited the walks and made quality pitches when we needed to, especially Game 2 where we had several errors. This gave us a chance to chip away and stay in the game. If we can continue to pitch like this, we should be able to compete on a daily basis."

Streamwood did go onto drop a 6-1 UEC game to Glenbard South on Saturday, April 6 at Glenbard South. Caruso drove in a run, and Reyna suffered the loss.

The Sabres are now 4-4 overall, 2-2 in the UEC.

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Local partnership provides career insights

Forty Streamwood High School students spent their spring break learning about possible careers in early childhood education, business and precision manufacturing through the Streamwood Career Exploration Program (SCEP). Now in its fifth year, SCEP is a partnership between the school and several local businesses

that hosted students and assigned them projects to work on throughout the week. The students presented their ideas at a concluding luncheon attended by parents, representatives of participating businesses and members of the village's Community and Economic Development Commission that sponsors the program.



Instructor Mat Erbach and his students examined an engraving at BBS Automation.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Business track students listened to a presentation about career planning at Elgin Community College.



Chelsea Smith, left, from Heidner Property Management/Gold Rush Gaming reviewed students' initial marketing plan with Quetzally Aguirre and Karina Adan at the high school.



Hannah Jenig, in the early childhood education segment, asked children at the Elgin Boys and Girls Club to raise their hands in preparation for making 'elephant toothpaste.'



Eric O'Brien, Director of Business Development at Streamwood Behavioral Healthcare Systems listened to ideas from students participating in the business track.

Next county recycling event to feature electronics, books



Recycling event scheduled for April 13. (Courtesy photo)

According to Kane County Recycles it is hosting a recycling event for electronics and books between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, April 13, at the Kane County Branch Court office at 540 S. Randall in St. Charles. That is just north of Illinois Route 38 and south of Illinois Route 64 across from the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Wait time is likely to be less than five minutes for this event. There is no need to arrive early!

This event is for electronics and books only. It will not include document shredding or paint. The next shredding and paint event will be on Saturday, May 11.

Electronics collection will include free recycling of computers, laptops, stereos, DVD players, printers, key-

boards, mice, phones, electronic games, holiday light strings and more. TVs (of any size, and any age) and computer monitors will also be collected, but they have a cost. Books are also free to drop off.

The cost for recycling television sets and computer monitors, measured diagonally is \$25 for screens under 21 inches, and \$35 for screens 21 inches and over. You can pay onsite with cash or card.

Electronics are collected and recycled by eWorks Electronics Services, a non-profit whose mission is to employ individuals with developmental disabilities to sort and disassemble the electronic equipment. Payments for TVs and monitors go directly to them.

Books of any age or condition, and both hardcover and paperback, are free to drop off. They are sorted and redistributed by Pacesetter Books, a church-based non-profit that assesses books for reusability and recycles those that cannot be redistributed.

You can also bring pre-shredded documents to the book recycling area for recycling, please bring them in a paper bag, stapled or taped shut!

Kane County also has two Electronics Recycling Drop-off locations that are open Monday through Friday every week, except for holidays.

For questions contact Kane County Recycling Coordinator, Jennifer Jarland at 630-208-3841, or go to recycle@countyofkane.org.

847-931-0563.

Hosanna! Lutheran Church Community Care Center Food Pantry has been serving area families in need for several years. Stocked by generous donations from parishioners, scout troops, businesses and others; the Pantry is open on the first Monday of the month from 6:30 until 8 p.m. and the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo ID is required in order to receive two prepackaged bags of food once a month per address. For more information please contact the church office at 630-584-6434, email to Welcome@HosannaChurch.com or visit their website at www.HosannaChurch.com. Hosanna! is located at 36W925 Red Gate Road (entrance just east of Randall Road) in St. Charles.

The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of church, which is open for drop-offs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon or Monday through Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Fox Valley Wildlife Center in Elburn, a wildlife hospital serving the needs of orphaned, injured, and sick wildlife from Kane County and surrounding areas, receives almost 2,500 animals per year! Donations of supplies are always appreciated. A current wish list of needed items can be found on the center's website at fvwc.org. Items can be dropped off at the center, located at 45W061 Illinois Route 38, Elburn, approximately one mile west of Illinois Route 47 inside the Elburn Forest Preserve. The center is operating on spring hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day in April. You can reach the Fox Valley Wildlife Center at 630-365-3800 or contact@fvwc.org.

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veterans and their families. Give to those who gave a lot! Check out their website at <http://asalutetoorheroes.com/>.

The St. Charles Public Library is pleased to announce an exciting new service available to St. Charles-area book clubs. The Book Club Service makes it easy for members of book clubs to select titles and run a thought-provoking discussion. With advance notice, the library can provide enough copies of a title for an entire book club. One member of the book club must be a St. Charles Public Library cardholder. Titles can be chosen from a list of recommended titles, or can be customized. Library staff can create discussion materials for book clubs that contain questions and supplemental information such as author biographies, book reviews, and additional background information to enhance the book club experience. More detailed information can be found on the library's website at www.scpld.org or by calling 630-685-0076, ext. 224. The St. Charles Public Library is located at One South Sixth Ave., in St. Charles.

The South Elgin Food Pantry, at 400 W. Spring St., will be open two evenings a month, the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in addition to its morning hours, 9:30 a.m. to noon the same first and third Wednesdays. Visitors to the food pantry only need to show proof of residence in South Elgin or the Valley View area of St. Charles to obtain food. Clients may now enter through the double doors facing the parking lot, making entry to the food pantry handicapped accessible. People who have difficulty or the inability to use stairs can use the elevator at the facility. For help in using the elevator, call 847-931-0563. For further information, visit cumcsouthelgin.com, email cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net, or call

The Examiner Asked

On Friday, April 5, students at Clinton Elementary School's student dance:

What would you do with a million dollars?"



Madison Crossberg: "I would buy a whole lot of American Girl stuff."



Joshua Crossberg: "I would spend a lot of it on video games."



Lexi Torres: "I'd like to get lots of animals, especially donkies, and a big farm for them."



Liam Torres: "A bunch of puppies - a LOT of puppies!"



Olivia Hoppe: "I think I would just play with it! Because I've never seen so much money!"



Zayden Prager: "I would get a great big mansion to live in."



Kayden Trickey: "I would buy things for poor people, like clothes and shoes that don't hurt like mine."



Carrie Prathan: "I would give it to world hunger."



Jordon Rhodes: "I would buy a Rolex watch and watch it all the time."

(By Juli Schatz)

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WACO Offers Three Scholarships to College-Bound High School Seniors in Chicago's Northwest and Western Suburbs

By: Mollie Mills Cole

Schaumburg, Illinois--April 1, 2019--The Woodfield Area Children's Organization (WACO) is accepting applications for its annual college scholarship program. The application deadline is April 30, 2019.

Each year, WACO awards three college scholarships to area college-bound high school seniors attending public and private schools in the District 211, District 214 and U-46 service areas.

WACO established the scholarship in recognition of three community leaders who through their continued efforts, furthered its mission to enhance the quality of life for children living at and below the poverty level in Chicago's northwestern and western suburbs. The John Bestmann Memorial Scholarship, Michael J. O'Malley Memorial Scholarship, and William A. Kelly, Sr. Memorial Scholarship are awarded to deserving graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2019.

Qualifying students demonstrate a commitment to helping those in need, are in good standing at their high school, and can establish acceptance at an accredited four-year college or university for the calendar year 2019. WACO will award a total of \$6000 to three students.

Apply online at www.waco4kids.org. For more information about the awards contact WACO at info@waco4kids.org.

Since 1979, the Woodfield Area Children's Organization (WACO) has been dedicated to creating positive childhood memories, providing basic needs, along with educational support for children living at or below the poverty level in Chicago's northwest and western suburbs. The Woodfield Area Children's Organization is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports seven local agencies through fundraising and charity drives to ensure that children have an opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

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Education groups hold ‘call to arms’

Meeting to plot plan for effort to boost kids’ early learning

By: Rafael Guerrero



Thirty book baskets are to be distributed at Friday’s meeting to plan ways to get Elgin children ready for kindergarten. Businesses will put them out to be read by children as they and their parents wait for service or to be assisted.

Elgin-area groups will meet Friday to plot out their plan for a “2,000-day Commitment,” a communitywide effort to create traditional and unorthodox ways to get local children ready for kindergarten and learning.

The 2,000 days refers to the time between a child’s birth and when they enter kindergarten at age 5, the period in which experts say the brain is forming and creating the foundation for all future learning.

Amber Peters, executive director of Elgin Partnership for Early Learning, called it a communitywide project designed to not only boost children’s readiness for their first year of school but also lay the groundwork for their futures. The session is open to the public and will be held at 8 a.m. at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin.

“We’re coming together as a community because everyone in the community has to do their piece to have these kids ready to go to school,” Peters said.

And the push is more important now than ever, she said. The results of 2017 Kindergarten Individual Development Survey showed only 10 percent of District U46 kindergarten students were ready to attend school based on 55 academic measures, including the ability to interact socially, play productively, and exhibit letter and word knowledge.

The goal is to get families, businesses, educators and nonprofit organizations to join together on a plan to reach preschool children and get them socially, mentally and academically ready to learn, she said.

Peters called the Friday meeting a “call to arms” for the Elgin area. Representatives from the library, District U46 and the Alignment Collaborative for Education have committed to attend.

“The only way to make that impact (and change those results) is to go get everyone involved,” Peters said.

The commitment doesn’t have to be expensive or ambitious, Peters said. Simple things, like the Language in the Laundromat program — Elgin Partnership for Early Learning’s effort to put children’s books and materials for parents in two east side laundry facilities to be read while laundry is being washed — is small but can be effective, she said.

And it’s something other businesses can do as well by having baskets of children’s books available in waiting rooms or lobbies, providing educational activities at places where children must wait with their parents and having early childhood education information easily accessible to parents.

“I think it’s hard sometimes for people (to see) how they fit (into early childhood education),” Peters said.

“We want to talk to them over how they do fit in. Everyone helps children one way or another.”

Jennifer Bueche, director of the Gail Borden library’s KidSpace department, compared Friday’s meeting to the education summit Mayor Dave Kaptain convened in 2013, in which education was named as one of the city’s main concerns. The meeting is a redoubling of efforts to improve the education of children on a citywide basis, she said.

Children who are prepared for school can provide long-term benefits for the city, Bueche and Peters said.

Children reading at their grade level are less likely to drop out of high school years later, they said, and kindergartners who are ready for school are more likely to develop into a more skilled workforce in the future.

“I think it just goes to show there are areas to improve,” Bueche said. “I think that’s what the meeting is all about Friday. As (Peters) has said, together we can change these families’ lives. ... Let’s go and do it.”

Organizers will hand out 30 book baskets at Friday’s meeting for businesses and organizations to set up at their locations, Peters said. A “big win” will also be announced at the meeting, she said.

3 District U46 schools mark April milestones

2 elementaries, Elgin High have big anniversaries

By: Rafael Guerrero



Students gather outside Channing Elementary School in Elgin on the first day of school in 2015. The school is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is one of 25 buildings that will be showcased in Open Elgin.

Elgin High School may be getting the bulk of the attention, but two other District U46 schools are also celebrating big anniversaries this month.

Channing Elementary School, 63 S. Channing St., marks its 50th year, and Bartlett Elementary School, 111 E. North St., is turning 90.

Parents and teachers of Bartlett Elementary will commemorate their school — which opened in 1929 and was the only school in Bartlett until 1970 — with a Friday night Spring Fling party.

Friday's festivities at the school begin at 5:30 p.m. and include a raffle, silent auction, canvas painting, bingo, a memorabilia room, and a 90th anniversary program with a video and dedication. The school is currently for kindergarten through sixth grade with more than 560 students.

For more information, go to www.u-46.org

Channing, also a K-6 building with 460 students, was built in 1968. It's one of the 25 buildings that will be showcased in the Elgin's third Open Elgin event, which celebrates the city's architecture and history. The school will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. April 27 for free student-led tours, and there will be a presentation in the multipurpose room and crafts for children.

The building is known for blending functionality and aesthetics in a wooded hillside environment, a District U46 news release said. For more information on the Open Elgin event, go to www.openelgin.com.

Elgin High School's 150th anniversary celebration will culminate Saturday with an all-class reunion at the current high school, 1200 Maroon Drive, and the former high school, 355 E. Chicago St. Both buildings will be open to visitors from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by a free program at the current high school auditorium at 2 p.m.

The high school band will perform an arrangement by band director Robert Sanchez written exclusively for Saturday, according to the event announcement. A granite marker from Elgin Granite Works will be unveiled outside the auditorium's doors and the high school choir will sing "Alma Mater."

Refreshments will be served in the high school field house. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at <https://sites.google.com> .

Elgin High School opened in 1869 with just 12 students attending classes in a small schoolhouse at Kimball and Center streets.

The school moved to the Gifford Street in 1911 and to the Maroon Drive building in 1972. It currently has an enrollment of about 2,700 students.

"It is wonderful to celebrate our long and rich history," District U46 CEO Tony Sanders said in news release. "

This is an extraordinary opportunity for us to come together as a community, including our alumni, our current students, our staff past and present, to recognize the generational impact of public education."

SPORTS

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Girls soccer: Batavia stays hot, shuts out Bartlett

By: Kevin McGavin

The insurance came fast and furious for the Batavia girls soccer team in its nonconference match against Bartlett Tuesday afternoon.

Clinging to a goal lead -- courtesy of Abby Zipse with 30 seconds remaining in the opening half -- Batavia scored three times in a 14-minute span as the second half wound down to secure a 4-0 victory over the Hawks at Streamwood.

"They definitely finished the match well," Batavia coach Mark Gianfrancesco said after his squad improved to 7-1-2 on the season. "The second half we played pretty well."

Batavia dominated the match with its ball possession in the Bartlett half of the field.

The Bulldogs' goal lead was doubled with 14 minutes and 28 seconds to play when Grace Salyers scored off a rebound.

Batavia was not content with a 2-0 lead.

With exactly five minutes to play, the Bartlett keeper had no chance to stop a collaboration between Zaira Solis and CeCe Hamann.

The former lofted a perfect cross to her senior teammate, who headed the ball into a wide-open net.

"I was expecting it," Hamann said of the Bulldogs' third goal. "The coaches were telling us at halftime to look for the ball. I'm glad I was able to use (my head) for good use."

Bartlett (3-3-2) could barely make forays into enemy territory for much of the second half as the Bulldogs continually controlled the ball for extended stretches.

The match was long decided as the final minute ticked away.

But Anna Holcombe would have a lasting and defining moment in the Bulldogs' shutout victory.

Perched out of bounds with a free kick, Holcombe lofted a flawless right-to-left floater that found the back end of the Hawks' net with 43 seconds to play to account for the final score.

"She scores a lot of goals like that," Gianfrancesco said of Holcombe.

"The goalie was out of place, and I shot it," Holcombe said. "I really put it hands down on that one."

Batavia keepers Aubrey Hahn and Hailey Flannagan both made 1 save.

Bartlett coach Vince Revak was still smarting over the goal his team allowed as the first half was in its final half minute.

"It killed us," Revak said of the Zipse score. "We were holding on for the half. Any goal in the last five (minutes) of either half is harmful to your momentum."

Girls soccer: Short-handed Geneva stops South Elgin

By: Allen Oshinski

An uneven effort by Geneva was good enough.

Missing several starters, the Vikings scored 2 first-half goals and made them stand up in a 3-1 defeat of South Elgin at Millennium Field in a game marred by a serious injury.

South Elgin's Sarah Boghossian went down late in the first half and remained on the field for more than 30 minutes while an ambulance was called. Storm coach Laura Snow said she was being treated at a local hospital for a dislocated knee.

Prior to that, the Vikings had jumped out to a 2-0 lead. Jenna Dominguez got Geneva on the board in the fifth minute, taking a beautiful cross from Sydney Gratz and burying it in the wide open net.

Just before the stoppage, Geneva (5-1-1) took a 2-0 lead on an own goal by South Elgin. Chloe Frison was the only Viking in the vicinity.

After intermission, the Storm seemed to come back with renewed intensity. Although Ava Geen's goal following a scrum in front of the net made it 3-0, the Storm pushed up more aggressively, generating several scoring chances in the process.

"I told my team that they came out in the second half and overcame a lot of adversity," Snow said. "It's hard to respond and come back in a game after seeing a teammate go down like that."

The effort finally paid off when Katrina Barthelt knifed through the defense and beat Geneva keeper Paige MacRitchie from point-blank range.

"It was a bit of a frustrating game for us," said Geneva coach Megan Owens. "I think we lacked consistency across the board and that's just something we need to learn from, to have the same effort level consistently throughout the 80 minutes."

MacRitchie turned in a solid, 6-save performance after the Vikings' regular keeper received stitches following the Vikings' previous game against Wheaton Warrenville South.

Owens lauded several other individual efforts.

"Sidney Gratz did a great job for us," Owens said. "Jenna Dominguez's effort up top, Lindsay Ferris and Ava Geen out there were a spark for us."

Megan McClure was solid in the net for South Elgin, making 7 saves, including a leaping effort to rob Gratz early in the game.

Barthelt was everywhere for South Elgin with at least 7 scoring chances. MacRitchie made a diving save on one effort. She had a chance to draw South Elgin within 1 on a late breakaway, but defender Kaitlyn Cannon broke it up.

Police Reports

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★ At 9:24 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Fieldcrest for a fraud complaint.

★ At 10:21 p.m., police responded to McCloud Services, 1635 N. Lancaster Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

Friday, March 29

★ At 2:44 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Franklin for a report of an overdose or poisoning.

★ At 10:02 a.m., police responded to an unspecified address for a report of criminal sexual assault.

★ At 2:07 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of Asbury for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 7:22 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of South McLean and West Spring for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.

Saturday, March 30

★ At 5:37 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Hamilton for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 9 a.m., police responded to the 0 block of Lexington for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 10:03 a.m., police responded to the 1400 block of River for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 12:33 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Fulton for a report of a vehicle taken without the owner's consent.

★ At 2:24 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Juli for a report of a battery in progress.

★ At 2:28 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ann for a 911 investigation.

★ At 4:42 p.m., police responded to Thornton Oil, 900 N. LaFox, for a failure to pay complaint.

★ At 9:15 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Collins for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 10:03 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of North LaFox for a loud music complaint.

★ At 11:19 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of South Collins for a 911

investigation.

Sunday, March 31

★ At 2:18 a.m., police responded to the 1600 block of River for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 3:20 a.m., police responded to the 1700 block of River for a report of burglary to a motor vehicle in progress.

★ At 8:25 a.m., police responded to Hamby Blast and Seal Co., 501 N. LaFox, for a report of a domestic in

progress.

★ At 8:46 a.m., police responded to the Martin West Implements, 420 Nolen Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 11:07 a.m., police responded to Vision Works, 384 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 12:34 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Vernon for a threats complaint.

★ At 2:15 p.m., police responded to

Hawks baseball sweep Royals, edged by Blackhawks

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team earned a three-game sweep over Larkin to open the Upstate Eight Conference. The Hawks opened with a 10-6 win on Monday, April 1 at Larkin.

Nathan Gargano (double, three RBI) and Blake Oliver (double, two RBI) both went 2-for-3 and Frankie Gherardi (two RBI), Sam Mallinas (RBI) and Geno Frieri all doubled. Nick Kantzavelos added an RBI, Liam Gallagher and Michael Vaca each had three stolen bases and Frieri got the win in relief.

Bartlett followed with a 14-9 win on Tuesday, April 2 at Bartlett. Matt Angelone and Matt Lewandowski both went 3-for-4 with three RBI to lead the effort, but admittedly Angelone said his hardest hit ball was on his only out.

"Even though I didn't hit the next three as hard as the first one, they dropped," Angelone said. "That's what happens in baseball. You've got to love [it] when it happens."

Nathan Euliano (two RBI) tripled, both Oliver (2-for-3, RBI) and Vaca (RBI) doubled, Gargano was 2-for-4 and Mallinas went 2-for-5.

Kantzavelos got the win on the mound. Bartlett used three pitchers in both of the first two games in the series.

"Pitching-wise, we need to throw more strikes but under the conditions

it was tough," said Bartlett coach Devin Rosen. "We're trying to play everybody we can here early to make up for the lost games."

Bartlett capped the series with a 13-0 win in a five-inning, 10-run rule game on Wednesday, April 3 at Larkin. Gargano (four innings, one hit, one walk, four strikeouts), who got the win, and Max Lewis (one inning, two strikeouts) combined for the one-hit shutout.

Mallinas (3-for-4, double, two RBI), Angelone (3-for-4, double, two RBI), Kevin Vesta (2-for-3, two doubles, four RBI), Lewandowski (2-for-2, double), Oliver (2-for-4, two RBI) and Vaca (RBI) led the offense.

In a nine-inning nonconference game ended because of darkness, the Hawks finished in a 4-4 tie against Wheaton North on Friday, April 5 in Wheaton. Vaca (3-for-3, RBI), Oliver (2-for-4, home run, two RBI), Lewis (2-for-4), Angelone (double, RBI), Mallinas (double) and Vesta (double) led at the plate.

Bartlett went on to drop a 5-4 UEC game against West Aurora on Saturday, April 6 at Bartlett. Vesta (3-for-4, double, RBI), Vaca (double) and Gargano (RBI) contributed offensively and Lewis suffered the loss on the mound.

The Hawks are now 4-1-1 overall, 3-1 in the UEC.

Bartlett softball remains winless during 0-3 week

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett softball team dropped its Upstate Eight Conference opener in extra innings, a 7-6 loss to Streamwood on Friday, April 5 at Streamwood.

Tied 6-6 in the bottom of the eighth inning, Streamwood scored the game winner with one out off Hawks pitcher Nicolette Campo.

Abby Tomillo went 2-for-4 to lead the Hawks seven-hit attack, Charlotte Linnartz hit a two-run home run, Riley Scrivner (two RBI) and Vanessa Rincon both doubled and Anna Tomillo drove in a run.

Although still searching for its first win, Bartlett is young and hopes to see growth as the season continues.

"Talent is there and we've got good speed, but we've got a whole bunch of kids who it is their first time playing varsity softball," said Bartlett coach

Jim Wolfsmith.

Bartlett went on to drop two games in the Huntley triangular, a 6-2 loss to Elkhorn (Wisconsin) and 14-4 loss to Huntley in a six-inning, 10-run rule game on Saturday, April 6.

Rincon hit an RBI double and Abby Tomillo drove in a run in the Elkhorn loss. Linnartz doubled, Scrivner hit a two-run single and Rincon an RBI single in the loss to Huntley.

The Hawks have suffered some injuries early on and have been playing without ace pitcher Lizzie Jacoby and returner Gianna Campo.

"It's been a rough start to the year," Wolfsmith said. "We've got some injuries to key people."

Wolfsmith added: "I think we've played some good softball against some good softball teams. We've got to find our stride to get some wins. I like the way we're progressing."

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Wayne police planning discussed at meeting

By Joe Hyland

At the Wayne Village Board's annual long range plan meeting, held Saturday, March 23, Police Chief John Naydenoff suggested that department staffing levels would remain fairly constant.

"My only thought is I would probably add two more part-timers this year," said Naydenoff.

Naydenoff said that the part-timers were generally retired officers from other departments who would not be added to the department's pension plan according to a new state law designed to prevent double dipping on pensions. Naydenoff cautioned that a 401(k) plan would have to be provided. He said this could be problematic as it is very difficult to find one that would accept just one person. He said he was hoping that some entity would

be developing a plan that would cover small numbers of personnel, although he did not know of one at present.

Trustee Pete Connolly, who chairs the public safety committee, suggested projecting a full-time officer for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

"There's no way the chief can operate with all part timers," Connolly said.

Naydenoff said he was asking for a 7 percent increase for part time salaries in order to make it easier to attract new personnel.

"I think that would put us somewhere around the average for the market," Naydenoff said.

Naydenoff went on to say that the current climate of hostility towards police officers coupled with a booming economy, made it harder to attract new personnel. He said that the village needed to be competitive with

other departments.

"They're advertising like they never had before," Naydenoff noted. "Some departments are really hurting; they just don't have the people."

Naydenoff said he didn't see the current level of hostility going away.

"I think you're going to see more of that," Naydenoff said. "I think the public perception of that is not on our side."

Naydenoff suggested that the department continue paying membership

fees in the DuPage County Felony Task Force.

"It's money well spent," Naydenoff said, noting that membership in the task force gives the department access to its technological resources.

Naydenoff said that only thing that might affect the department's equipment costs would be a body camera requirement.

"There may be a day that's mandated by the state, and then we would have to address it," Naydenoff said.

Wayne Board discusses vehicle sticker program

By Joe Hyland

The subject of Wayne's vehicle sticker program came up for discussion at the Village Board's Tuesday, April 2 meeting. It was noted that some municipalities, such as Yorkville, have done away with the stickers altogether, spreading the amount of money raised over the whole population by tacking it on residents' water bills. Since the village has no water bills, it was obvious that such a solution would not be feasible.

Additionally, Trustee Pete Connolly noted that some households buy more than one vehicle sticker.

"We have a large portion of the population that does not buy just one, but often buys three or even four," said Connolly, who recommended keeping the current ordinance and fees the same.

Since the program's inception, the number of stickers sold has steadily declined. Connolly said that the police will be buying a list of vehicles registered in the village from the Illinois Secretary of State's office, to be used to identify those who don't buy stickers and who can then be contacted for enforcement actions.

"And hopefully that will swing the vehicle sticker collections back up to where they were a couple of years ago," Connolly said.

Trustee Mike Anastasio said that the current system isn't working very well.

"I do think the process is fundamentally unfair," Anastasio said. "I think

too many people are getting away with not doing it."

Village President Eileen Phipps agreed.

"We have to do something," Phipps said. "If we're not going to enforce it, then we should just drop it."

Trustee Ann Tigges reminded the board that the program had originally been rolled out after a failed property tax referendum to help plug a budget hole. She suggested that some residents might just need a history lesson.

"Maybe we try a carrot first instead of a stick," Tigges said. "Perhaps we just need to reinvigorate that."

Village Treasurer Howard Levine had a question about the stick part.

"What is the penalty if you don't have it?" Levine asked.

Connolly said the citation was \$50, going up to \$150 after 14 days. In the case of non-payment, it could be turned over to the courts or collection agency.

"And that's on top of buying your sticker," Connolly added. "What we're looking for is compliance, voluntary compliance."

Anastasio suggested that the village set up an auto-pay option via its new online payment system, possibly offering some kind of discount for those who choose that option.

"I think more people would pay if it was easier to pay," Anastasio said, noting that a lack of enforcement reflected badly on the integrity of village government. "There has to be a better way."

South Elgin softball falls to Geneva, tops Warriors

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team was unable to overcome Geneva's offense as the Storm fell 10-4 in nonconference play on Tuesday, April 2 at Geneva.

Geneva outhit the Storm 15-6 to rally after falling behind in the third inning. South Elgin scored four in the top of the third inning to grab a 4-1 lead, but Geneva tied it in the bottom half of the inning and grabbed an 8-4 lead in the fourth.

Sidney Strama suffered the loss allowing five runs on seven hits and a hit batter in 3.1 innings of work. She struck out two.

"We just didn't pitch very well, and we didn't catch it well," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "My hats off to Geneva. I thought their pitcher kept us off balance."

South Elgin did all of its scoring in that third-inning rally which included an RBI double by Casey Brennan and run-scor-

ing singles by Kaylie Humes, Samantha Jimenez and Geneva Pollman.

"These kids don't know who Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is so I had to teach them who that is," Reynard said. "It's a long season, and we can't take any of these teams for granted."

The Storm did bounce back with a 10-3 nonconference win over Waubonsie Valley on Wednesday, April 3 at Waubonsie Valley.

Pollman had a huge game going 5-for-5 and finishing a double shy of hitting for the cycle as she homered and tripled while driving in five runs and scoring three times. Cara Cruthers (three RBI) also homered, Sami Koss (2-for-4, RBI) doubled and McKenna Eichholz drove in a run.

Sophia Salazar earned the win tossing six innings allowing three runs on seven hits and a walk, and she struck out seven.

The Storm are now 5-4 overall.

Village church to hold bell dedication event

According to Immanuel United Church of Christ in Bartlett it will hold a Church Bell Dedication, and ring the

bell for the first time in over a year, on Palm Sunday, April 14, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.



Church member Del Parsons, church buildings and grounds chairperson in the bell tower with the soon-to-be dedicated bell. (Courtesy photo)

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sents 65.7 percent of a budgeted \$90.1 million whereas at the same time last year they were at 46.6 percent of the previous budget, and expenditures were at 57.8 percent of a budgeted \$101.6 million while last year they were at 41.2 percent at the same time.

The largest category, the general fund, showed \$16.8 million in revenues (75.3 percent of \$22.3 million budgeted) and \$17.3 million in expenditures (71.9 percent of \$24 million budgeted).

The largest major revenue categories in the report were property taxes with \$8.8 million (80.7 percent of a budgeted \$10.9 million), water charges with \$7.4 million (74.9 percent of a budgeted \$9.9 million),

sewer charges with \$3.7 million (75 percent of a budgeted \$4.9 million), income taxes with \$2.9 million (79.6 percent of a budgeted \$3.7 million) and sales taxes with \$1.8 million (76.2 percent of a budgeted \$2.4 million). The remaining revenues ranged from \$20,077 from the electric utility tax to \$837,605 from the MFT among eight remaining categories.

The golf fund came in with a net income of \$81,509 (\$1.8 million in revenues, \$1.7 million in expenditures) while the village budgeted a net income of \$50,063 for the fiscal year.

Regarding the sales tax, Dowden said: "We received \$221,276. It was just about even from the same time last year."

On the MFT, Dowden said: "We received \$89,502. That was down \$1,500 compared to the prior year, same month."

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South Elgin defeats Streamwood, Geneva



Christian Ayar setting for a Storm teammate during South Elgin's match against Streamwood on Tuesday, April 2.



Anthony Viscuso of South Elgin rising above the floor and the net during an extended volley with the Sabres. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

For the second time in three days, the South Elgin volleyball team defeated Streamwood this time in the Storm's Upstate Eight Conference opener on Tuesday, April 2 at South Elgin.

The Storm had defeated Streamwood 25-22, 25-17 at the U-46 Invite. In the rematch, they earned a 26-24, 25-18 victory.

Most of the match, South Elgin led but Streamwood battled especially in Game 1. The Storm faced three

brief one-point deficits early in the first set but a Vince Miszkiewicz (seven kills, block) followed by back-to-back aces from Raul Correa gave them the lead for good at 7-5.

Miszkiewicz had a pair of kills and Christian Ayar (14 assists, two digs) three straight aces during a 5-0 run to take the Storm's largest lead at 21-13, but Streamwood rallied eventually tying Game 1 at 24-24. Mandeep Sangha placed one of his game-high 13 kills and a Streamwood error ended the set.

"Streamwood, I love to watch how they play," said South Elgin coach Adam Plach. "They're a scrappy team, and they don't let a ball die. It gets frustrating, but we were able to pull through."

Outside of a 1-0 deficit, the Storm led throughout Game 2 and built a 16-9 lead. Ahead 18-16, the Storm went on a 6-0 run

for a 24-16 lead and a Sangha kill eventually ended the match.

Eugene Gueco had 10 assists, Daniel Skrzypchak eight digs and David Long three kills.

Despite not being fully healthy, the Storm have had plenty of contributors so far this season.

"I don't think we've shown our full lineup yet," Plach said. "Thankfully, we've shown some depth with the players out there even though we still haven't had everyone healthy."

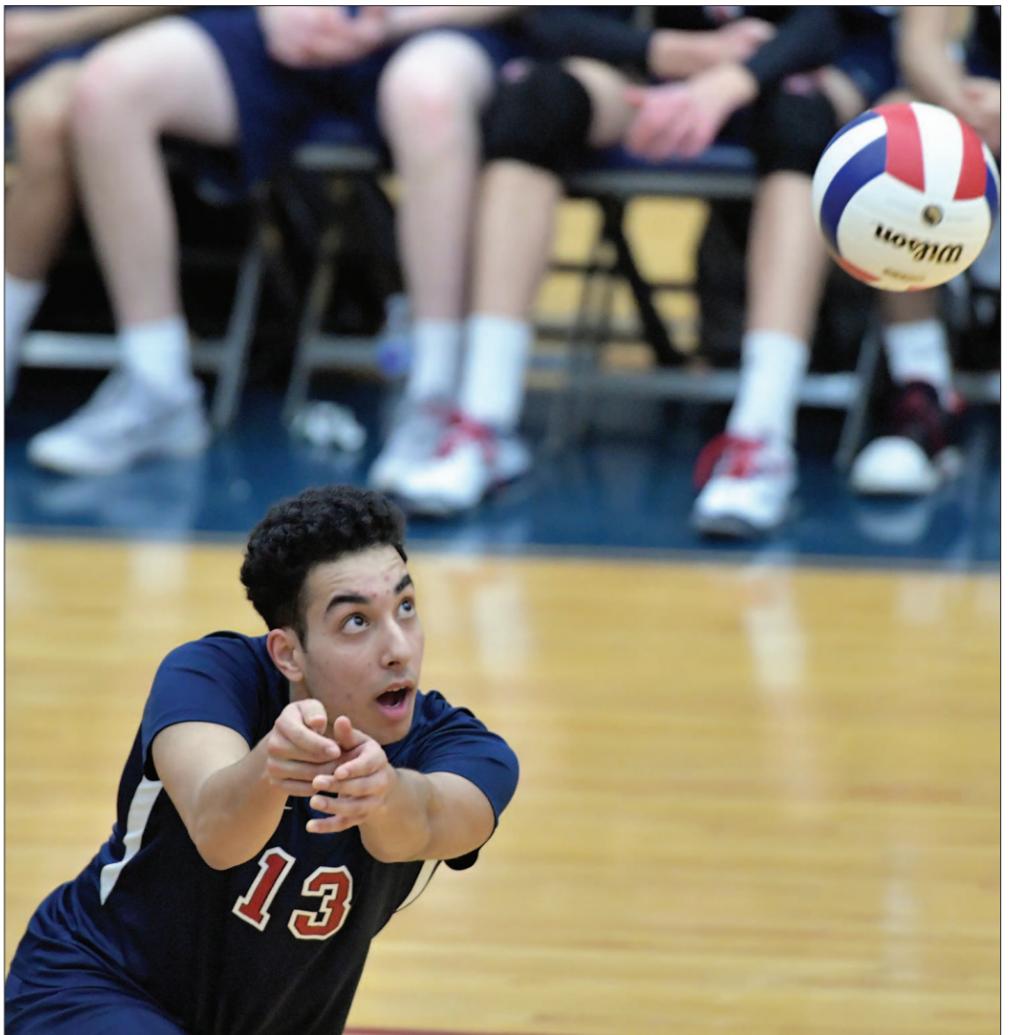
South Elgin went on to defeat Geneva 25-21, 25-20 in a nonconference match on Thursday, April 4 at South Elgin.

The Storm are now 5-2 overall. Still early in the season, Plach said some areas that need improvement are siding out and serve-receive.

"It's in all factions," Plach said. "It's passing sometimes, it's sometimes our hitters. We need to cut down on our opponents runs and improve our side out."



Raul Correa of South Elgin delivering a kill shot against the Sabres.



Mandeep Sangha keeping a volley alive for the Storm in Game 2 against Streamwood.

Scrappy Sabres bow to Storm in straight sets



In the match against Bartlett, the Sabres' Carlos Jasso worked to keep a volley alive.



Abrahan Martinez of Streamwood attempting to handle a kill shot from the Hawks. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team showed some fight but dropped a 26-24, 25-18 match in its Upstate Eight Conference opener against South Elgin on Tuesday, April 2 at South Elgin.

The Sabres held three brief one-point leads early in Game 1 but found themselves trailing 21-13. Streamwood rallied with an 11-3 run behind four kills from Joey Huizar (seven kills) to tie it at 24-24, but the host tallied the next two points for the win.

Carlos Jasso (seven assists) opened Game 2 with a kill, but that was Streamwood's only lead as South Elgin built a 15-8 lead. The Sabres rallied to within two points, 18-16, before South Elgin ended the match with a 7-2 run.

"The boys came out with a lot of fire and enthusiasm tonight," said Streamwood coach Jonathan Bacheller. "We worked on reading their middle hitters better and trying to limit their points against us with the middle attack. We fought hard the first game."

Bacheller added: "The same intensity was there the second game, but we made some uncharacteristic mistakes, getting called for a few net violations and hitting the ball out of bounds."

Abraham Martinez added 17 digs in the effort.

Streamwood had dropped a 25-22, 25-17 match against South Elgin just a few days prior at the U-46 Invite, but Bacheller said he saw some growth. He said his team

committed no service errors but did commit some errors at the net.

"I thought this game played out a little differently because we kind of knew what to expect," Bacheller said. "We didn't have as many kills, but we played smarter and closed out some blocks."

Bacheller added: "I think it's coming with time. We've had some guys who have been in our system a long time and we have some newbies who are still a little green. Every time they go out there, they're getting better which is great to see."



Joseph Huizar delivering a kill shot winner.



Roberto Sanchez setting for a Sabres teammate against South Elgin.

Storm fall to Raiders 3-1, rebound for a 3-2 week

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team ran away with a 14-0 win over Elgin in a five-inning, 10-run rule Upstate Eight Conference game on Saturday, April 6 at South Elgin.

Griffin Allen (two doubles, four RBI) and Austin Doty (double) both went 2-for-3, Grant Baker (RBI) and Cody Gallagher (RBI) both doubled, Shane Bonner and Garrett Wano drove in two runs each and Marc Guerrero had an RBI. Starting pitcher Patrick Roy tossed a one-hitter with a walk, a hit batter and seven strikeouts.

The win capped a 3-2 week in which the Storm averaged over 10 runs in the victories but only three total

in the two losses. They committed just one error in the wins and eight total in the losses.

"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," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating.

South Elgin opened a three-game UEC series against Glenbard South with a 3-1 loss on Monday, April 1 at South Elgin. Logan Romasanta drove in the Storm's run, and Joey Haslam suffered the loss on the mound.

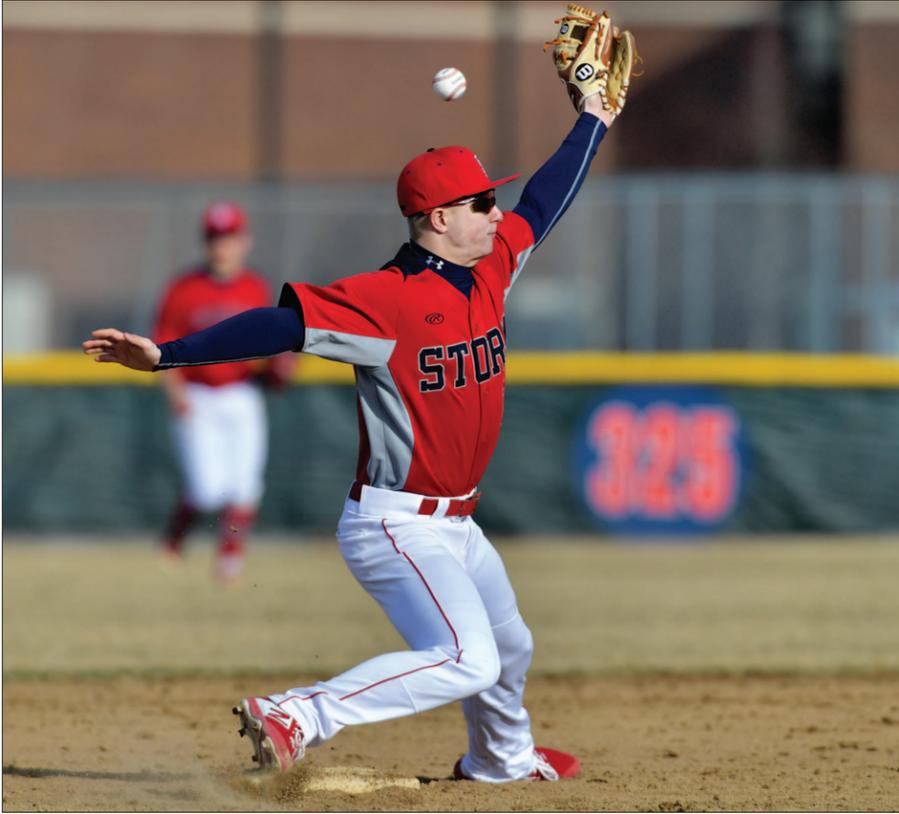
The Storm rallied for the series win with a 9-4 victory on Tuesday, April 2 at Glenbard South and an 8-1 win on Wednesday, April 3 at South Elgin. Robert Zagorski and Romasanta were the respective win-

ning pitchers.

Patrick Keaty (2-for-4, home run, RBI), Doty (2-for-5, double), Anthony Nalbono (three RBI), Romasanta (double, RBI), Wano (double) and Ben Hetelle (RBI) led the Storm offense in Game 2. In the finale the Storm were led by Doty (2-for-4, double, RBI), Nalbono (2-for-3), Keaty (RBI), Wano (RBI), Romasanta (RBI), Hetelle (RBI) and Gallagher (RBI).

South Elgin went on to drop a 9-2 nonconference game against St. Charles East on Friday, April 5 at South Elgin. Wano doubled and both Allen and Hetelle drove in a run for the Storm's offense, and Zagorski suffered the loss on the mound.

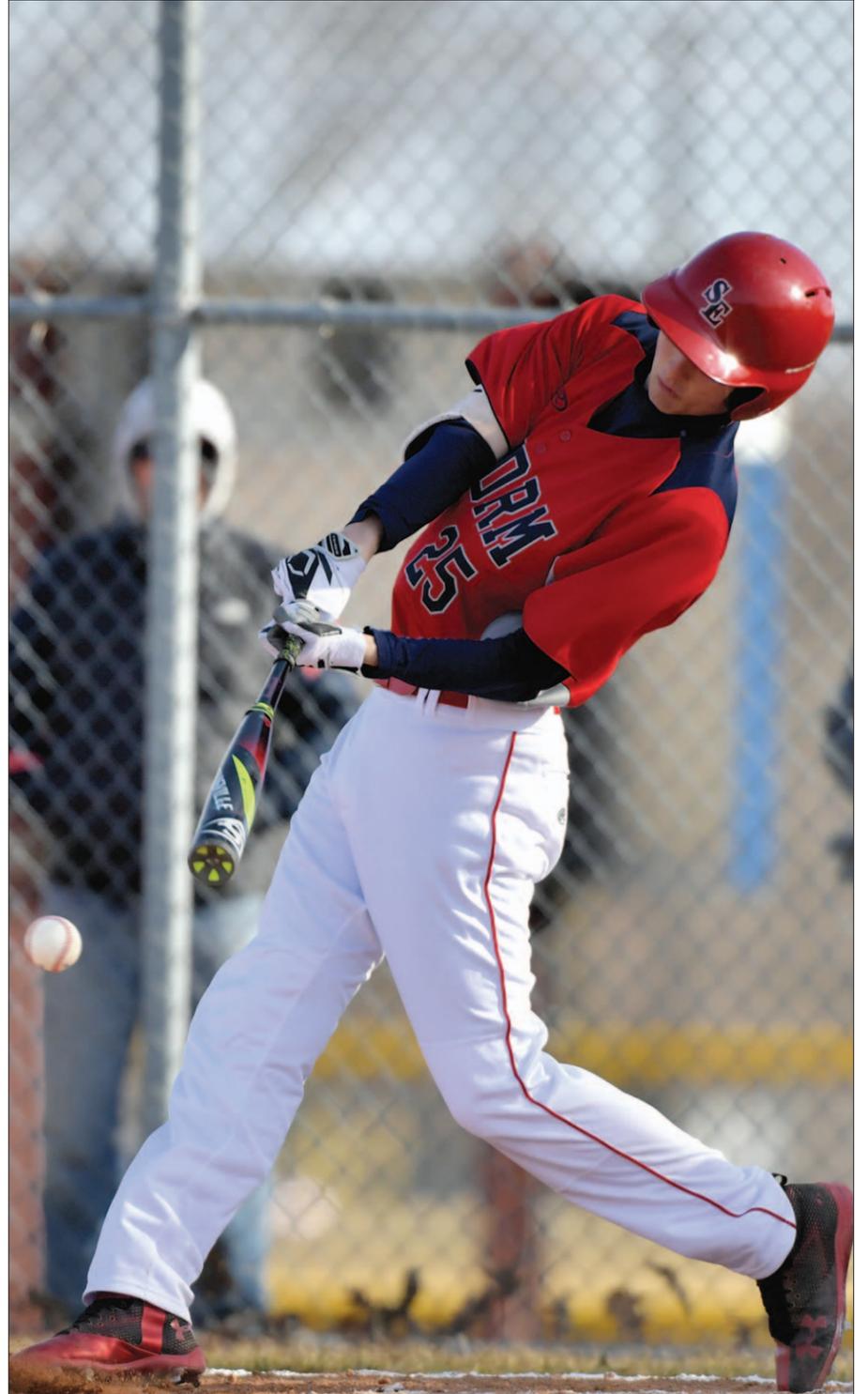
The Storm are now 5-2 overall, 3-1 in the UEC.



On an attempted Raiders steal, South Elgin shortstop Patrick Keaty was unable to secure the throw from his catcher as it sailed in center field.



Logan Romasanta releasing a pitch to a waiting Glenbard South hitter on Monday, April 1. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Storm's Ben Hetelle making contact against Glenbard South.



The Storm's Cody Gallagher sliding in safely at second with a stolen base well ahead of a throw being corralled by Glenbard South shortstop Logan Barnick.

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Incumbent trustees retain board seats

By Seth Hancock

The three incumbents in the April 2 election for the Village Board of Trustees retained their seats with relative ease.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting in Cook and DuPage counties, Adam Hopkins was the top vote getter with 1,820 while Kristina Gabrenya (1,812) and Raymond Deyne (1,448) followed. It was Gabrenya's first election for the office as she was appointed to her current seat in 2017 to fill the remainder of her mother T.L. Arends' term after she passed away in office.

No votes for the office were regis-

tered in Kane County.

Of the new candidates Guy Papa garnered 639 votes, Balwinder Chhokar-Sahota 509 and Columbus Montgomery 486.

With reelection Hopkins said during the campaign he wants to make sure the transition to Lake Michigan water is "on schedule and under budget" and he would like to see "an overpass or underpass on West Bartlett Road" constructed to help alleviate issues because of heavy train traffic.

Gabrenya said she wants "to enhance services that contribute to the healthy productive lives our residents desire for themselves and their families, to

attempt to minimize financial burden on families while providing acceptable level of services to residents, to continue to provide the same or greater level of safety to residents in our unpredictable world, and finally, to inspire a sense of community among residents amidst our ever-increasingly fast-paced society."

Deyne said he wants to maintain the tax levy and the village's bond rating and hopes to see more development including seeking a new grocery store, auto dealership and hotel to come to the village.

There was a board meeting on the same night as the election and Deyne raised a concern from the campaign, that being improper placement of candidate signs as he said: "We were literally carpet bombed with the signs."

Deyne said village staff had to remove signs on several occasions and "we're paying for that, and I think that's wrong." He said after signs were re-

moved the village would return them to candidates who in turn improperly placed them again and suggested in the future signs should be destroyed rather than returned to candidates when they are improperly placed.

A resident during the town hall suggested candidates be assessed a fine and Village President Kevin Wallace suggested the village look into changing its ordinance regarding signs.

Bryan Mraz, village attorney, said: "That is a First Amendment right that you're potentially impinging on, and when it's political speech it's even more protected."

Mraz, who said he didn't disagree "from a commonsense standpoint," stated the village had looked at court cases to develop its current ordinance. He said he would look to see if there have been any changes from more recent cases, "but understand we have restrictions on us because of those Constitutional rights."

House uninhabitable after home garage blaze



Fire damaged home on Prescott Drive.

(Courtesy photo)

According to the Bartlett Fire District, on Sunday, April 7, at 6:33 a.m., the district responded to a report of a fire in the 100 block of Prescott Drive. The first fire district crews arrived on the scene at 6:38 a.m. and reported fire from the garage of a two-story, single-family building. The first fire crews pulled a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire from the exterior, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant. Firefighters also searched the smoke-charged building for any trapped occupants. The fire was declared under control at 6:54 a.m.

Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and perform salvage and overhaul activities within the garage. This fire was contained to the garage due to a closed interior door between the house and garage area.

One civilian suffered smoke inhalation attempting to extinguish the fire before firefighters arrived. No firefighters were injured in the fire, which

left the building uninhabitable. Damage estimates are not yet available and the fire remains under investigation by the fire district investigators.

The fire was fought by 23 firefighters, staffing four fire engines, two ladder trucks, and two ambulances which responded to the scene along with four command officers and two fire investigators. Units from the South Elgin and Streamwood fire departments were among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. Bartlett Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The fire district reminds everyone about the "Close Before You Doze" campaign; closing your bedroom doors when sleeping can save your life. This Bartlett Fire District encourages everyone to take a moment and learn more about "Close Before You Doze" safety message, which can be found at <https://closeyourdoor.org>.



Controlling the ball and outcome

Serena Salvato bringing the ball across midfield for the **Hawks** against the Rockets while being pursued by Burlington Central's Kirsten Wyse. For story and more photos see page 11.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Village Board provided with latest financial update

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees was updated on Bartlett's finances as Todd Dowden, finance director, presented the treasurer's report as of January 2019 at the board meeting on Tuesday, March 19.

Dowden also gave an update on the

motor fuel tax (MFT) revenues for the month of December and sales tax revenues for the month of November.

Total revenues to the village were at \$59.2 million and total expenditures \$63.8 million. The revenue side repre-

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Hawks topple Rockets, finish fourth at tourney

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team had to settle for fourth place after a pair of one-goal losses in the St. Charles Invite hosted by East and North. All of the Hawks games were played at St. Charles East.

In the third place match, the Hawks were defeated 3-2 by Cary-Grove on Saturday, April 6.

Bartlett opened the tournament strong with four unanswered goals in the second half to defeat Burlington Central 5-2 on Monday, April 1.

With a howling wind in Burlington Central's favor, the Hawks fell behind 2-1 by halftime but with the wind advantage on their side they ran away with the win producing three goals from at least 30 yards out. Less than a minute into the second half, Mikayla Brown put away a 32-yarder off a Morgan Myers feed and a Brown corner kick with 26:11 left to play was headed in by Paige Bednarke for the go-ahead tally.

"At halftime, our coaches were

telling us that it's not like we have an automatic win," Bednarke said. "We still needed to use the wind to our advantage."

"It was something we didn't plan on being that direct with it," said Bartlett coach Vince Revak. "Once we got a couple in, we knew it would be a great advantage, and I think the girls realized that the wind definitely was a major factor adding to the force of their kicks."

Tessa Evans put away a 30-yarder with 19:57 left to play and Bednarke netted a 40-yard free kick about two minutes later for the final score. Brown scored Bartlett's first half goal off a Bednarke free kick.

The Hawks had plenty of other scoring opportunities including Evans hitting a post while Serena Salvato, Maddie Donnelly, Rachel Helgesen and Kaley Kowal all had attempts. Bartlett keepers Caitlin Yurkovich (two saves) and Jessica Hill (four saves) split time in front of the net.

"I think we definitely stepped up,"

Brown said. "Burlington Central, they're a good team, but we were mentally in this game. We showed our heart, and we kept playing hard right to the end."

The Hawks went on to drop a 2-1 game against host St. Charles East on Thursday, April 4. Salvato scored Bartlett's goal.

Bartlett is now 3-2-2 overall.



The Hawks' Tessa Evans streaking down a sideline deep in the Rockets end of the pitch while shadowed by Burlington Central's Emma Kerr.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Following a Bartlett corner kick, Burlington Central keeper Kyla Butler was unable to secure the ball as the Hawks' Paige Bednarke scored Bartlett's go ahead goal against the Rockets while Reagan Oiler of Burlington Central absorbed the brunt of the Bednarke tally effort.



Bartlett's Maddie Donnelly executing a header against Burlington Central during the Hawks Monday, April victory over the Rockets.

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