SEED event slated in village April 27 See Page 3

Sabres baseball capture two series See Page 7

U-46 consent agenda vote ratifies \$8M in expenses

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved over \$8 million in expenditure items under its consent agenda at its meeting on Monday, April 15.

The vote was 6-0, board member Jeanette Ward was absent. Ward, who noted her absence was due to a business trip, explained her opposition to one item that was approved.

Two contract renewals with the AVID Center, both to be paid for by the education fund, were approved costing \$55,042 to offer the AVID program and \$46,000 for professional development. Ward wrote she would have voted against the professional development contract because of its divisive and partisan nature of pushing racial and other subgroup divisions.

Part of the training included two sessions titled "Culturally Relevant Teaching," one with a teacher focus and the other a student focus. It describes the training as preparing "to conduct a self-examination and address issues of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and accountability through a growth mindset. The strand will provide a framework of effective methodologies that validate the culture of all students in the classroom and on the campus....Come ready to engage with colleagues in community-building activities and

critical conversations around race, gender, class, sexual orientation, ability, and language, as well as other culturally relevant topics."

For Ward, such conversations are not appropriate to be had with government workers but rather with family and friends.

"This is the dividing of people by different groups and focusing on what divides us instead of what unites us," Ward wrote. "Conversations about race, gender, class, and sexual orientation are best had in the home, with PARENTS present. AVID, by definition, 'Advancement via INDIVIDUAL Determination,' is supposed to be focused on individuals, not groups."

Ward added: "Conversations about race, gender, class, and sexual orientation are not relevant to encouraging students to apply and succeed in college, unless they are majoring in Community Organizing. The descriptions of these sessions are about advancing leftism and focusing on what divides instead of what unites us and I cannot support them."

Although opposed to the professional development, Ward noted her support of the idea behind AVID.
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"What a great idea, to challenge students to take responsibility for their own lives and encourage those who perhaps wouldn't have considered going to college, to go to college," Ward wrote. "As the first in my family to complete a Bachelor's degree, and then two Masters' degrees, I love encouraging students to achieve what might not have been possible in their families in previous generations."

The largest expenditure item approved under consent was 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.

A \$3.1 million proposal, from the education fund, over five years with Elgin Community College (ECC) was approved to expand its dual credit program. The district, which will pay the full tuition for students, expects 50 juniors and 50 seniors to take full-time classes at ECC by 2020-2021 as part of an early college program while expecting 1,500 students annually taking dual credit classes at U-46 high schools starting in 2019-2020.

Two parking lot paving proposals were approved, one at Bartlett's Na-

ture 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.

The board approved a two-year contract renewal with Micro Focus costing \$220,986 (education fund) for software renewal, a \$101,604 expenditure (education fund) to purchase secondary schools student planners over three years from Global Datebooks, a three-year contract renewal costing \$91,800 (education fund) for maintenance with Tableau Software, Inc., a \$51,050 proposal (education fund) with the College Board for Advanced Placement professional development and a \$29,580 renewal (education fund) of the district's visitor sign-in software with Raptor Technologies.

Also via 6-0 votes, the board approved a renewal of the district's membership with the Illinois High School Association and \$6.3 million in itemized bills.

Expenses, resolution approved by U-46 board

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved two expenditure items totaling \$55,800, neither of which were previously discussed, as well as a human resources (HR) resolution at its meeting on Monday, April 15.

All three items were approved by 6-0 votes, board member Jeanette Ward was absent on a business trip.

Included was a \$30,000 contract, to be paid for by the education fund, with Baragar Systems for a one-year software renewal. The 2018 contract was also \$30,000.

According to the proposal, the software is "utilized to perform enrollment projects, assist with teacher staffing, boundary proposals and planning tools for capital and functional space needs across all locations," and the "tools are essential in providing guidance to administration when planning space allocation needs at each school and across the district as well as supplying information regarding efficient staffing by site and long range boundary planning to optimize the utilization of space across the district."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: "We need to continue to utilize this software so we're asking for immediate approval by the board."

No explanation, however, was provided on why the proposal wasn't presented to the board at its previous meeting for discussion nor did any board member ask.

The board also approved retroactively a \$25,800 expenditure (operations and maintenance fund) with F.J. Bero and Company, Inc. for work that had already been completed in March. According to the proposal, it was an emergency repair for a water main replacement at Streamwood's Tefft Middle School.

The proposal stated that the water main had "broken previously in the same area and is in poor condition" and the district made a "temporary" repair which required a "replacement of the water main from outside the building, under the foundation and into the meter room, as the riser cannot be repaired again. If it breaks, operations at that facility will have to cease. The building also requires a reduced pressurization zone (RPZ) and a bypass to be brought up to code."

Board member Sue Kerr asked: "This had broken already and then it broke again, is that what happened?"

Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said: "It had broken further in the loading dock previously, and this time it broke in the interior of the loading dock.... This repair should hold because we replaced a substantial portion of that line."

The HR resolution that was approved was a reduction in force of educational support personnel.

Ann Chan, the HR assistant superintendent, said one staff position was impacted and "the position's going from a 12th month position to a 10th month position."



Rabbit reading

Across from Rahfl's Woods Park, the site of the annual egg hunt, the Easter Bunny greeted children at Poplar Creek Library where, he read the wish lists of Ryan and Liliana Lewis on Saturday, April 20. For story and more photos see page 12. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Pet of the Week



Holland lop in search of new lap

Phoebe is a 9-month-old, spayed, female Holland lop rabbit that came to DCAS when her owner could no longer care for her. Now she is seeking a brand new best friend! Phoebe's new very best bud will have a lap that's just the right size for her to snuggle into, plenty of room for her to explore, and a surplus of tasty greens for her to enjoy. For more information please call 407-2800 or email animalservices@dupageco.org.

(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

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It's Spring Cleaning Time!

Donate For Charity!

Derango Family Dental, is once again collecting gently-used Halloween costumes for sale during **Bartlett Days, September 6-8, 2019**. All proceeds will go to benefit the **Alzheimer's Association**. Please drop off your costumes at the address below.





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Police Reports

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Page County Jail on the warrant. **Wednesday, April 10**

★ At 10:14 p.m., Glenn Castillo, 23, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with DUI, improper stopping in roadway and illegal transport of alcohol. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, April 11

★ At 12:17 a.m., Daniel Labuda, 22, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to DuPage County Iail.

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★ At 2:33 a.m., Danica Renee Julia Garza, 28, Westchester, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, improper lane usage and driving while license suspended. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Friday, April 12

★ At 10:46 p.m., Thomas J. Townee, Jr., 53, Belvidere, was arrested and

charged with DUI, BAC over .08 and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Saturday, April 13

★ At 12:24 a.m., Sean W. Curry, 52, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 5:32 a.m., Thomas j. Shanahan, 22, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 8:04 p.m., Richard A. Meinke, 33, Batavia, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, failure to signal, and improper lane usage. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 9:57 p.m., Christopher J. Chapman, 29, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with DUI, improper lane usage, driving o shoulder, and endangering the life of a child. He was released on bond and faces an undeter-

mined court date.

★ At 10:04 p.m., Jose Antonio-Joaquin, 25, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with UI, BAC over .08 and transport of open alcohol. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:55 p.m., Juan Antonio Corona-Solano, 30, Chicago, was arrested and charged with DUI, no driver's license, no insurance and improper lane usage. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 10:59 p.m., Jaylen J. Walker, 19, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with speeding and possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date. Sunday, April 14

★ At 12:34 a.m., Jose L. Alonso-Sousia, 26, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, aggravated speeding, no insurance, no valid driver's license, expired tags and illegal transport of alcohol.

Monday, April 15

★ At 1:21 a.m., Luigi Nae, 30, Streamwood, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear and driving while license suspended. He was transported to DuPage county Jail.

★ At 11:30 a.m., Jonathan E. Cole, 59, Springfield, was arrested on warrant and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, improper lane usage and driving on shoulder. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Tuesday, April 16

★ At 10:16 p.m., Ricardo d. Posada, 32, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date. Thursday, April 18

★ At 7:35 p.m., Daniel Zepeda, 38, Bensenville, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ Kenyatta J. Smoot, 25, Glendale Heights, was arrested and charged with battery. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, April 10

★ At 12:08 a.m., police responded to PS Fuels, 14 Illinois Route 25, for a report of a drug law violation.

★ At 1:11 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of Concord for a disorderly conduct complaint.

★ At 8:13 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of South Gilbert for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 1:24 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of West Middle for a report of a domestic in progress. ★ At 2:05 p.m., police responded to the Waters Edge of South Elgin 418 N. Center, for a request to remove an unwanted subject.

★ At 3;44 p.m., police responded to Flolo Electric, 510 Stevenson Road, for a report of a violation of an order of protection

At 5:30 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Windsor for a fraud complaint.

★ Ât 5:38 p.m., police responded to Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a shoplifting complaint.

★ At 6:24 p.m., police issued a liquor law violation at Cash Cabana, 562 Randall Road.

★ At 6:48 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Silver Glen and Burr roads for a report of an obstruction in the roadway.

★ At 9:37 p.m., police responded to Best Buy, 424 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 10:58 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Richmond for a report of an activated alarm.

Thursday, April 11

★ At 5:58 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of North McLean and Sundown for a report of a hit and run in progress.

★ At 7:41 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Renee for a report of a domestic in progress.
★ At 9:13 a.m., police responded to

the 0 block of Persimmon for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 9:21 a.m., police responded to

Kenyon Woods Middle School, 1515 Raymond, for a juvenile complaint. ★ At 6:17 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Brookside for a stalk-

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Pregame ceremony honors former player

By Seth Hancock

Lindsey Stoefen's memory will live on with the Bartlett High School softball program.

Stoefen, who would have been a senior this year, passed away last year from a rare juvenile case of ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

At Bartlett as the Hawks squared off against rival South Elgin on Monday, April 22, Stoefen had her No. 17 jersey retired during a pregame ceremony which included releasing 17 balloons.

"Definitely an emotional day," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "It's been an emotional year for our softball community. Lindsey was a really great kid and the number of people that she touched goes far beyond those out here today."

"We were just proud to be a part of that ceremony," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "I know several of our girls knew Lindsey personally, and this was a good experience to be a part of."

ALS is a disorder that leads to muscle weakness and spasms and leads to the loss of voluntary movement, and it usually seen in older males.

According to WebMD.com, 60 percent of those diagnosed with ALS are male and it is "vary rare" to be seen before the age of 30.

"Her fight was fierce, she was a true

warrior," said Lindsey's mother Amy Stoefen. "It is important to create awareness that ALS is not only an older, male dominated disease, it is affecting our youth as well. We want to be able to thank our family, friends, teachers, coaches, school district, and community for surrounding us all with support and love."

Bartlett's football team held a ceremony at its first home game this year selling T-shirts and wristbands with #LindseyStrong and #FlyHigh raising \$5,500 which was donated to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital's Juvenile ALS and Neuromuscular Research fund.

Lindsey's mom said her daughter donated her cells for research and kept a positive attitude during her battle. Stoefen said Lindsey, who was an honor student and also played varsity tennis, showed signs of ALS in the fall of 2017 but wasn't diagnosed until July of 2018 and she passed away shortly after on July 31, 2018.

"She was known for her positive attitude and smile," Stoefen said.

Stoefen added: "Even during her brief illness and diagnosis she always had a smile on her face and would make all who knew her laugh and feel comforted. She was wise beyond her years."





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SPORTS

---The Daily Herald---04/24/2019 Baseball: West Aurora evens series with South Elgin By: Jerry Fitzpatrick

West Aurora senior first baseman Alex Diaz needed a bounce-back game like Tuesday's 7-5, eight-inning win at South Elgin.

So did his Blackhawks.

Upstate Eight Conference leader South Elgin opened 10-plus innings of action by first winning the continuation of Monday's suspended Upstate Eight Conference series opener 6-3.

The Storm led 4-2 in the top of the fifth when play resumed. Garrett Wano's single keyed a 2-run sixth-inning, and South Elgin reliever Grant Baker got Diaz to end it by inducing a line drive to center field with runners on first and second.

The loss dropped the Blackhawks 2 game behind the Storm in the loss column midway through the 27-game UEC schedule.

An o-for-3 performance with 2 strikeouts for Diaz meant his batting average slipped closer to .200.

West Aurora's No. 9 hitter would find redemption in the nightcap.

Diaz stepped to the plate against reliever Patrick Keaty in the eighth inning with no outs and a runner on third base, thanks to a South Elgin infield error and a passed ball.

Diaz tomahawked a high, first-pitch fastball, for a line-drive single that drove in the winning run and allowed him to exhale.

"That does feel pretty good," Diaz said. "Hopefully, that's a turnaround for me and gets the season going now."

Reliever Kyler Scroggins (4-0) allowed 1 hit and struck out 3 in 2 scoreless innings to earn a win that kept West Aurora (14-5-1, 10-3-1) within a game in the loss column of South Elgin (13-3, 11-2).

"We didn't want to take another loss from South Elgin after the first game," Scroggins said. "We wanted to show we can win, and we want to come back and win the third one."

South Elgin took a 5-4, sixth-inning lead when Cody Gallagher hit a one-out sacrifice fly to score courtesy runner Griffin Allen.

West Aurora forged a 5-5 tie in the seventh. With runners at first and third and one out, South Elgin coach Jim Kating turned to shortstop Keaty to close the ballgame on the mound.

Keaty got what he was looking for: a two-hop double-play ball to shortstop. However, the South Elgin second baseman double-clutched on the relay throw, allowing Adrian Ruiz to reach safely as the tying run scored.

Technically, it wasn't an error for South Elgin. The Storm made 3 of those, leading to 3 unearned runs.

"We couldn't turn a double play," Kating said. "We had opportunities to shut things down and do that but (Diaz) came through. We just came up short.

"We're learning from this. We need this. We need these types of games. This is a testing point to see where we are so far and I like how the kids have been resilient. We just made mistakes and they took advantage of them."

West Aurora starting pitcher Jake Smith lasted 6 innings. He allowed 5 runs (4 earned) on 9 hits and struck out 3 without a walk.

Ben Hetelle, Wano and Baker each had 2 hits for South Elgin, which travels to Aurora for the series finale Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Sabres softball blanks Elgin, go 2-1 at tournament

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood softball team used a 10-run sixth inning to earn an 11-0 Upstate Eight Conference victory over Elgin in a six-inning, 10-run rule game on Tuesday, April 16 at Streamwood.

The Sabres, who scored a run in the first inning, were led by senior Taylyr Crocilla who tossed a three-hit shutout with no walks and 14 strikeouts, and she hit three doubles and drove in two runs at the plate.

"Overall, I am happy with our team's performance," said Streamwood coach Will Shogren. "We had good pitching and defense and were able to score in the first inning which always helps. I'm also happy with the way our team responded late in the game after seeing some good pitching from Elgin."

Shogren added: "Taylyr did really well in the game. Her ball had good velocity and she was able to hit her spots. At the plate, she seemed to see the ball well and jumped on good pitches."

Senior Corrine Angle hit a two-run home run and Tessa Freedman was 2for-4 with two RBI.

It was Streamwood's senior day as it celebrated five seniors.

"Our seniors have been a big part of any of the success we have had over the past few years," Shogren said. "They are a group of talented players who want to win. I'm happy we have them in this program and it's fun to see them all play together in their final year at Streamwood."

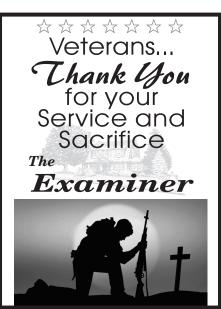
The Sabres went on to go 2-1 at the Larkin Slugfest to finish fifth on Saturday, April 20. Crocilla went 1-1 suffering the loss in the opener, a 9-2 game against Burlington Central, but earning the win in the fifth place game, an 18-5 win over Larkin, and senior Ariana Wolfard was the winner in a 24-0 victory in a four-inning, 15-run rule game against St. Edward.

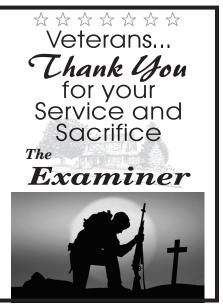
Freedman was 2-for-3, Crocilla tripled and Hannah Jenig doubled in the Burlington Central loss.

Freedman (3-for-5, triple, double, six RBI), Crocilla (3-for-4, double, three RBI) and senior Laura Dietrich (3-for-5, double, two RBI) all homered against St. Edward while Caitlin Randel (3-for-4) and Maya Mancera tripled and both Gabriella Cardinale (2-for-3, three RBI) and Jenig (2-for-3, two RBI) doubled. Wolfard was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Dietrich (3-for-5, double, six RBI) homered twice against Larkin. Freedman (3-for-5, double, three RBI), Wolfard (3-for-5, two doubles, RBI), Angle (2-for-5, double, RBI), Jenig (2-for-5, double, RBI) and Crocilla (2-for-5, RBI) all contributed.

The Sabres are now 7-4 overall, 3-2 in the UEC.







Connections

Poplar Creek Public Library

Funny Film Friday! Friday, April 26 at 2 p.m. **Meeting Room 1**

Come enjoy some laughs at the library with hilarious new and classic movies. Refreshments will be provided. No registration required—just drop in! For specific movie title, please call 483-4910.

Exercise Your Body and Mind April 22 to May 5

Join us for a variety of free classes/programs held at the main library that will help you live your best life possible! For every related program you attend you'll receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win one of many great prizes! Brought to you by the Poplar Creek Library, Streamwood Park District and Hanover Park Park District. Visit www.pclib.org for more information or to sign up for a class/program.

Zumba: April 24, 7 p.m.

Wellness Screening: April 25, 6 to 8

Relaxation Massage: April 25, 6 to 8

Yoga: April 30, 7 p.m.

Mind Games 2: The Science of **Curious Thinking** Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. Meeting Room 1

Packed with interactive mind games, William returns with the second edition of his popular program. He'll show us how our brains are hardwired to believe things that defy logic and facts and give ideas on how to overcome these innate biases. Recommended for teens and adult. Register online or call 483-4910. Walk-ins also welcome!

Essential Oils 101 Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. Meeting Room 1

Come learn the basics of essential oils and how they can help you achieve a healthy body and mind. Presented by doTERRA Wellness Advocate and Educator. Register online or call 483-

Power Employment Workshop Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

Bring your lunch to this all in one comprehensive workshop from Illinois workNet and discover how to set goals, use social media, get past applicant tracking systems, and interview effectively to land the job. To sign up through Illinois workNet, visit www.worknetncc.com or register on the library calendar. Questions? Call

Family Concert Series Presents: The Guys Who Gave Us Rock Music of the 50s and 60s Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m.

Skip Griparis, the powerhouse singer, guitarist, comedian, and impressionist takes you on a chronological journey of music from the 1950s and 60s. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome. 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.*





South Elgin softball enjoys perfect week in going 5-0

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team had a big week going 5-0 including 3-0 in the Upstate Eight Conference to improve to 14-5 overall, 6-0 in the UEC.

The week opened with a 7-1 victory over Glenbard East in UEC play on Tuesday, April 16 at South Elgin.

Sidney Strama, who drove in a run at the plate, was solid in the circle tossing a three-hitter with a walk and eight strikeouts, and the only run she allowed was unearned in the complete-game effort. Junior catcher McKenna Eichholz led at the plate going 4-for-4 with two doubles and an

"Eich has been so solid for us both offensively and handling our pitchers," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "She is really starting to heat up for us."

Reynard added: "Sidney Strama was really hitting her spots and making the ball dance. She did a good job keeping Glenbard East's hitters off balance and really had a solid performance for us."



Preschool

Preschool Registration - Now Open

Preschool registration for school year 2019-20 is now open. A \$35 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration along with a copy of your child's birth certificate. We offer preschool for 2 and a half, 3 and 4 year olds during the day and an evening program for 3 to 5 year olds. Your child must be the appropriate age by Sept. 1. For more information or class availability, call 847-622-0003.

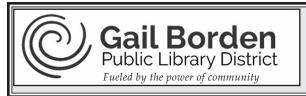
Youth **Cookies and Canvas**

Canvas painting is all the rage! If you are felling artsy come out and paint the town purple, blue, red and green. Each date is a different seasonal or holiday design so come to one or come to all. This class will be held Saturday, May 11 at the Municipal Annex from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.

Dance Classes Adult Dance Classes for Social Dancing

James and Mary Rees Freeman have years of ballroom dance experience that lends itself perfectly to teaching the basic ballroom dance skills needed so you have the confidence to get out on the dance floor at your next wedding or holiday party. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. We will warm up and review with Swing Steps! The next class will be held on Tuesdays, May 7 to 21 from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. at the Municipal Annex. It will be tango and swing. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents per couple.

For more information on these and other programs offered by South Elgin Parks and Recreation, please call 847-622-0003 our website www.southelgin.com-Parks & Recreation-Programs-Seasonal Brochure.



Read! Learn! Connect!

Device Advice

Need some Device Advice with your tablet or smartphone? Drop by the South Elgin Branch between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 with your device and your questions for one-on-one assistance. No registration is necessary.

Sign Language Club

Try something new and join our Sign Language Club at the Rakow Branch from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25. Kids who attend will learn American Sign Language and increase their awareness, knowledge and respect of Deaf culture. No registration is required to attend this program.

Lawyer in the Library

Need legal advice? Stop by the Main Library for Lawyer in the Library from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 25. Volunteer attorneys will be available for 15-minute meetings to assist you with legal coaching and questions, document review, referrals and e-filing for court documents. Bring paperwork that relates to your legal matters. There is no registration required for this drop-in program. This program is made possible through partners Kane County Law Library and Self Help Legal Center.

No-Shushing Movie Fridays

Enjoy a movie in a family-friendly, casual setting at No-Shushing Movie Fridays at the South Elgin Branch at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, April 26. All ages are welcome to join us for The Apple Pushers (2011, G). Chatting and snacks from home are welcome; no registration is required.

Open Elgin Architecture Tour

Tour buildings with unique architecture and fascinating histories with the Annual Open Elgin Architecture Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. Open Elgin features 30+ unique spaces such as the U-46 Planetarium and Observatory, old Gail Borden Public Library building and Channing Memorial Elementary School, which will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary! For more information about this free, self-guided architecture tour and the buildings that are included this year, please visit openelgin.com. Please email info@elginchamber.com or call 847-741-5660 if you want to volunteer at Open Elgin to welcome visitors to these unique buildings.

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls

Discover some of the 100 extraordinary women featured in Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls at the Rakow Branch from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. This book highlights extraordinary women from past to present such as Elizabeth I and Serena Williams through reinvented fairy tales and illustrations by 60 female artists from around the world. Students in grades three to eight are encouraged to register online, in-person or by calling 847-429-4597 to attend this fascinating storytime.

Fourth Annual Authors Fair

Meet and greet area authors at our fourth annual Authors Fair at the Main Library from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 28. These local authors are ready to meet and greet attendees. You might discover that somebody you already knew is a published author! There is no registration required to attend. Books will be available for purchase and signing, and refreshments will be served.

Geneva Pollman (2-for-3, double), Casey Brennan (2-for-4), Sami Koss (double, two RBI), Cara Cruthers (double, two RBI) and Sammy Jimenez (RBI) all contributed.

The game was decided early as the Storm took a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

"Overall, we are happy with any win," Reynard said. "We scored six in the first then kind of coasted to the 'W' instead of finishing off a team when we had chances."

The Storm earned a 7-6 UEC victory, Pollman the winning pitcher, against West Aurora on Wednesday, April 17 at South Elgin. Brennan (2-for-4, double, RBI), Eichholz (2-for-3, double), Morgan Meinicke (2-for-3, two RBI), Cruthers (double, two RBI), Jimenez (double, RBI), Pollman (double) and Eve Hartmann (RBI) led the offense.

In a five-inning, 10-run rule game the Storm defeated Elgin 10-0 in UEC play

with Strama (four strikeouts, two walks) tossing a two-hit shutout on Thursday, April 18 at South Elgin. Koss (3-for-3), Eichholz (2-for-3, two home runs, two RBI), Jimenez (2-for-3, home run, three RBI), Cruthers (2-for-3), Pollman (RBI), Strama (RBI) and Kaylie Humes (RBI) led the Storm.

South Elgin ended the week with a nonconference doubleheader sweep over Wheaton North on Saturday, April 20 at South Elgin. Sophia Salazar (six innings, one earned run, four hits, six walks, seven strikeouts) was the winner in a 10-2 victory, and Strama (six innings, one earned run, eight hits, one walk, seven strikeouts) picked up the win and Pollman a save in a 6-5 victory.

Jimenez (5-for-7, triple), Eichholz (4for-7, grand slam, double, eight RBI), Pollman (4-for-6, two doubles, home run, RBI) and Koss (4-for-7, double, RBI) led on the day.

House Republicans to oppose graduated state income tax

According to a Capital News Illinois, Republicans in the Illinois House on Friday, Feb. 22, they are unanimously opposed to Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposal to overhaul the state's income tax structure, a key element in his plan to close the state's long-term budget imbalance.

Pritzker has called for a constitutional amendment that would allow the state to adopt a graduated income tax, which would levy higher tax rates on income earned above certain thresholds. Currently, Illinois levies a flat 4.95-percent tax on all taxable income.

House Minority Leader Jim Durkin (R-Western Springs) issued a statement saying the GOP caucus would stand united against such a plan.

"Higher taxes won't solve our problems, nor have they ever as history has shown," Durkin said. "Higher taxes only lead to more spending and more government programs. Until our state learns to live within its means, we should not ask for another penny

from Illinois families, workers and businesses."

Both the federal government and most states that have income taxes use a graduated system. But the Illinois Constitution requires that income taxes be levied at a "non-graduated rate."

In his budget address to lawmakers, Pritzker said a graduated tax would generate the revenue needed in future years to pay down the state's unfunded pension obligations, pay off an \$8 billion backlog of unpaid bills and continue funding critical state servic-

A constitutional amendment requires passage by a three-fifths supermajority in both chambers of the General Assembly – 73 in the House and 36 in the Senate – followed by voter approval at a statewide general election. That means the soonest a measure could be placed on a ballot would be the November 2020 elections.

Democrats hold 74 seats in the House and 40 seats in the Senate.



St. Charles Public Read! Learn! Connect!

For Kids

Hidden Treasures for grades one to five is Friday, April 26 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. What treasures can be found in everyday households? Learn about artifacts from the past with Alison Costanzo from the St. Charles History Museum, then stay and create your own personal time capsule to be opened in the future! Please register to

Smelling Station for grades six to eight is Friday, April 26 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Put your sniffer to the test with a variety of different scents for your nose to make sense of! Find out how our noses pick out different smells. Drop in to attend.

Survivalist Gardening with Master Gardener Ruth Seney for grades four to eight is Tuesday, April 30 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. What do you do if the shelves in the supermarket are suddenly empty and there's nothing left in your pantry? Plant a garden! Join us with Master Gardener, Ruth Ann Seney, as she explores gardening tricks that you can do now to add spice to your life, before civilization collapses. Participants will learn how to care for an herb seedling, watch it grow, and eat it. This program was established by the William Russell Family in memory of Karen G. Russell, who had a love of cooking, gardening, arts and crafts. Please regis-

May the 4th be with You: Star Wars Day is Saturday, May 4 from 9 to 5 p.m. It's a worldwide day to celebrate Star Wars! Join us for Jedi training in the afternoon, out of this world crafts all day, and so much more. Costumes are encouraged, and bring a camera there will be lots of photo opportunities. Drop in any time during the day to enjoy the event.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time is Monday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. Join us for stories, songs, nursery rhymes and finger plays in English/Spanish. Drop in to attend.

Drop-In Story Times for all ages are Mondays through Thursdays at 10 to 10:30 a.m. from April 30 to May 16. Drop in for stories, music and movement. Each week focuses on a new theme!

Stories and Snacks Drop-In Story **Time** is Tuesdays from April 30 to May 14, 6:30 to 7 p.m. This program is filled with stories, music, movement and a special bedtime snack.

Sensory Story Time, a program filled with music, movement and interactive books, is Thursdays May 2 to 16 at 9:15 a.m. This story time is designed for children with sensory differences and welcome to all who love to wiggle! Drop in to attend.

Storm tie Sabres, then take lead in UEC race



South Elgin's Bridget Bondi executing a header in front of the Sabres' Diana Herrera as the teams battled to a scoreless draw on Wednesday, April 17.



Battling along a sideline, the Storm's Danielle Kucharski, left, attempting to physically ride Streamwood's Jennifer Voravong off the ball as the two team's fought to a 0-0 tie on Wednesday, April 17.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team had the better of play but walked out with a 0-0 tie against Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, April 17 at Millennium Field.

With a big wind advantage in the first half, the Storm put up a strong attack but created even more opportunities in the second half when the advantage shifted to Streamwood's side.

South Elgin's best first half chance came with 1:30 left when Madeline Freitag hit a side post. In the final two minutes of the second half, Katrina Barthelt had two solid shots on goal and Freitag one aided by a strong attack from Nikki Nguyen.

In the end, the Storm had several solid attacks stopped before a shot could be made as the Streamwood goalie came out of the net several times to end the threats.

"We played a good keeper who didn't back down," said South Elgin coach Laura Snow. "She created some adversity for us, and we need to do a little better job battling that adversity. I'd rather learn those lessons now than at the end of the season."

Isabella Tusa, Nicole Peeters and Kayla Mathis all had solid scoring



The Storm's Madeline Freitag playing a ball of her body along a sideline against Streamwood.

chances

Storm keeper Megan McClure wasn't called on often but did make three big saves late to preserve the tie.

"We had more opportunities and created more chances, but they had some chances as well," Snow said. "When they did, Megan took care of business."

Snow said her team has been battling some injuries, which included Tusa going down early in the second half, but her team has been playing well including finishing the week with a pair of wins to improve to 8-2-2 overall.

"We came out of the Prospect tournament with some momentum. Our only loss was in [penalty kicks]," Snow said. "Overall, I like what we're doing right now. I believe in the talent and the core of this team."

South Elgin defeated Jacobs 4-2 in nonconference play on Thursday, April 18 at Millennium Field. Barthelt netted a hat trick and Peeters scored a goal while Freitag, Nguyen and Danielle Kucharski had assists and McClure 10 saves.

The Storm went on to take the lead in the UEC race improving to 3-0-2 after a 2-0 win over Glenbard East, the two-time defending conference champs, on Saturday, April 20 at Glenbard East. Barthelt and Nguyen found the net, Freitag and Kucharski had assists and McClure made 12 saves.



Streamwood keeper Candy Nava making a save off a shot by the sliding Katrina Barthelt, one of South Elgin's strong first half scoring opportunities.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

North Stars beaten in straight sets by Bartlett



Ryan Forester of North elevating well off the floor to keep a volley alive against the Hawks.



The North volleyball team was unable to slow down Bartlett as the North Stars dropped a 25-17, 25-20 nonconference match on Thursday, April 18 at North.

Bartlett, which has now won 14 of its last 15 matches, controlled both sets opening Game 1 on a 5-0 run and leading by as much as nine. Outside of 1-0 lead to start Game 2, the North Stars trailed all night.

"They were a great team last year, and they don't miss a beat," said North coach Todd Weimer. "They keep improving, so hats off to them." Weimer added: "Bartlett was on a roll.

Everyone had a terrific night for them, and it was hard to stop them once they got going."

The visitor's used a 5-0 run in Game 2

to take the lead for good at 5-1, but the North Stars did battle back. Ryan Forester had four of his game-high nine kills to help North pull within one point twice in the second set, 13-12 and 17-16.

Ultimately, the North Stars gave up 14 points to Bartlett because of hitting or service errors, seven in each set.

"We made a few adjustments on of-



Ben McCurley of the North Stars diving in vain in an effort to dig a Bartlett shot.



Cameron Menini getting low to the floor as he received a Bartlett serve and set up a return for North.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

fense after Game 1," Weimer said. "We wanted to limit our errors and pass better in Game 2. Unfortunately, we just made a lot of errors, hitting and otherwise, in both games."

Kyle Gruber had nine assists and an ace, Cameron Menini four digs, Kyle Spence three kills and both Ryan Dela Merced and Mark Russell an ace for North.

The North Stars were coming off a

25-22, 25-19 win over Lake Park to improve to 2-1 in the DuKane Conference on Tuesday, April 16 at North. North is now 8-10 overall.

"We were just a shipwreck the first week of the season," Weimer said. "Against Lake Park, that was a big win for us. Over the course of the season, we've gotten a lot better and I firmly believe we're going to continue to get better."



1The North Stars' Marcus Janssen delivering a kill shot toward Bartlett's Matthew Tonasek.

Bartlett blanked in three losses during week

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team suffered its first Upstate Eight Conference loss in a 1-0 game against Glenbard East on Monday, April 15 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

After over 64 minutes of scoreless soccer, Glenbard East scored the game's only goal with 15:58 left to play. Mikayla Brown had three solid shots after that, including one that hit the crossbar with 8:50 left to play, looking for the equalizer, but the Hawks were unable to find the back of the net.

The last two seasons, the Hawks have shared a conference title with Glenbard East. It was the fourth loss for Bartlett by a goal.

"Bottom line is they should keep their heads up," said Bartlett coach Vince Revak. "It was a battle. Most of our losses have been one goal losses. We still have a lot of soccer left, including in conference."

Paige Bednarke, Maddie Donnelly and Serena Salvato were all involved in the Hawks attack for the game creating chances and taking shots. Bartlett goalie Jessica Hill finished with four saves.

Bartlett had come out strong control-

ling the game early but struggled to get solid shots off. Late in the first half, the game became more defensive with few chances by either side until Glenbard East broke up the shutout.

"It's hard to tell if it was tired legs or frustration because our chances weren't morphing into anything," Revak said. "It's kind of a shame because when we were moving the ball and making our passes, they did some really good things."

The Hawks went on to drop their two games of pool play in the Naperville Invitational, both games hosted by Barrington.

Bartlett has now lost seven of its last eight games to fall to 4-7-2 overall, 2-1-0 in the UEC.

"We're still looking to find our groove," Revak said. "The good news is the energy and effort is there every day. This is a good team, and some bounces haven't gone our way recently."

Undefeated Barrington defeated the Hawks 3-0 scoring a first half goal and two in the second half on Thursday, April 18. Burlington Central scored a second half goal to defeat Bartlett 1-0 on Saturday, April 20.



Maddie Donnelly getting off a long range shot for the Hawks against Glenbard East. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Bartlett's Paige Bednarke cutting across the filed in possession of the ball during the Hawks battle with Glenbard East on Monday, April 1.



Mikayla Brown straining to execute a header over the Rams' Jackie Baltazar.

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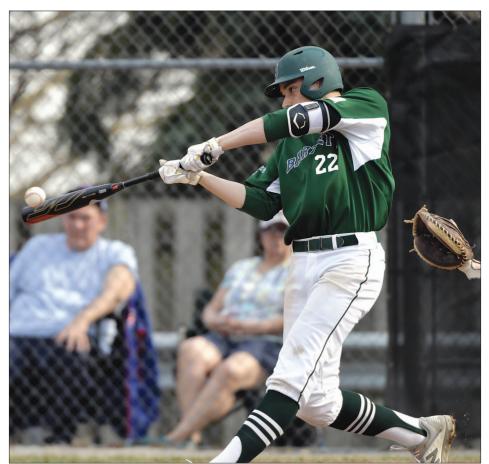


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Hawks shaky defense costly in three losses



Nathan Gargano made the start on the mound for the Hawks on Tuesday, April 16 against the Sabres. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Michael Vaca making contact on a base hit for Bartlett in the first inning to drive in a run and give the Hawks a 1-0 lead over Streamwood.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team dropped the rubber game of a three-game Upstate Eight Conference series, 7-2, against Streamwood on Tuesday, April 16 at Streamwood.

Michael Vaca (2-for-4, two RBI) drove in the game's first run on a double in the top of the first inning, but Streamwood took the lead for good with a two-run second and added a three-run fourth for a 5-1 lead.

The Hawks out hit Streamwood 10-3, but nine errors by the Bartlett defense proved to be the differ-

ence maker. Three pitchers for Bartlett, Nathan Gargano suffering the loss, issued six walks, but only one run allowed was earned.

"Our defense was very, very poor today," said Bartlett coach Devin Rosen. "Pitching wise, we did alright, but we've got to do a better job defensively." Frankie Gherardi was 3-for-3 at the plate and Matt Angelone 2-for-4 for the Hawks. Bartlett's offense stranded nine runners in scoring position.

In the series opener, the Hawks won with a clean defensive game.

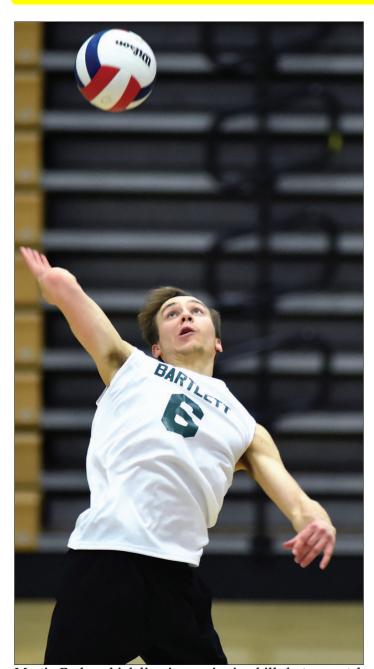
"We're a .500 team right now," Rosen said. "That's

the frustrating thing. You never know which team is going to show up on a given day."

Bartlett went on to drop two UEC games against Glenbard South on Saturday, April 20 at Bartlett. Geno Frieri took the loss in a 5-1 game and Matt Ande in a 6-1 game, and eight errors by the Hawks led to seven unearned runs on the day.

Blake Oliver and Kevin Vesta both doubled and Vaca drove in a run in the opener. Max Lewis hit an RBI double and Vaca also doubled in the second loss. The Hawks are now 5-7-1 overall, 4-7 in the UEC.

Hawks continue to roll, beat North in two sets



Martin Radomski delivering a winning kill shot on match point against the North Stars.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team showed its depth in a 25-17, 25-20 nonconference victory over St. Charles North on Thursday, April 18 in St. Charles

The Hawks were playing without Jacob Bush, who recently committed to play at Dominican University, but they showed they have plenty of options led by Benet University recruit Toiyon Walton (eight kills), Martin Radomski (seven kills, seven digs, ace) and Garrett Jurina (six kills).

Outside of a 1-0 deficit in Game 2, Bartlett led

throughout opening the match with a 5-0 run in Game 1 behind a pair of Walton kills and an ace from Carter Burzlaff (19 assists, two aces).

"Their team always plays pretty scrappy on the court, but my guys did a good job picking their spots," said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. "Our blocking in the first set caused them problems. They couldn't get anything going hitting wise. We made some mistakes in Game 2, but really they didn't let that affect them."

Bartlett built as large as a ninepoint lead in the opening set, and a Radomski ace ended the set.

In Game 2, the Hawks used a 5-0 run capped by a par of Walton kills to take the lead for good at 5-1. Bartlett did make some mistakes that helped St. Charles North pull within one point twice, but it never relinquished the lead and a Radomski kill eventually ended the match.

"Early on this season, there were a couple times guys got rattled," Schwantz said. "That's not happening anymore. They're able to bounce right back after a mistake."

James Balance had seven digs

and Sohum Desai four.

Bartlett was coming off a 25-16, 25-21 win over Larkin to improve to 3-0 in the Upstate Eight Conference on Tuesday, April 16 at Larkin.

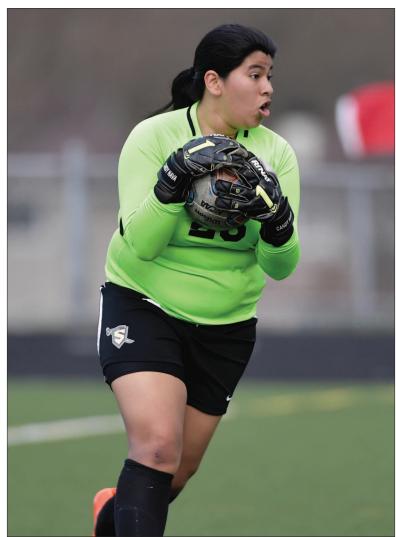
The Hawks, now 18-3 overall, have won 14 of their last 15 matches as they gain momentum going into the final stretch of the season with hopes of earning the UEC title and a regional title.

"No one's filling the stat sheet as that one go-to guy, everyone is contributing," Schwantz said. "We knew we'd be pretty strong this season, and now it's just a matter of winning some big matches."



Carter Burzlaff setting for the Hawks during the Thursday, April 18 match at St. Charles North.

Sabres forge scoreless draw with South Elgin



Streamwood keeper Candy Nava making a save against South Elgin. Nava had a busy match in front of the net in preserving a scoreless tie with the Storm.



After spinning off contact with the Storm's Katrina Barthelt, the Sabres' Melanie Ramirez came away in possession of the ball along a sideline.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team stayed strong in the back to finish in a 0-0 tie against South Elgin in an Upstate Eight Conference match on Wednesday, April 17 at Millennium Field.

South Elgin had the better of play throughout and a strong wind advantage in the first half, but the Sabres defense and goalkeeper Candy Nava kept turning away the visitors' chances. With 31:43 left in the game, Esther Cardnes made a big defensive stop

to stave off what could have been an open net chance for South Elgin.

While the defense was strong, Streamwood's offense struggled to produce chances even in the second half when the wind advantage went to its side.

"Defensively, I thought we played really well," said Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy. "Just creating any chances and scoring opportunities, that's where we struggled. We didn't have many legitimate chances at all."

Duffy added: "They just need to be a little more selfish and take more shots."

The Sabres did have a handful of chances, all in the second half, including two shots on goal off free kicks by Diana Herrera including a 40-plus yarder with 10:10 left in the game that nearly found the top of the net before being stopped by the opposing goalie. Jasmin Perez also had a shot on goal, and both Paulette Carranza and Josett Perez had solid attacks in the game.

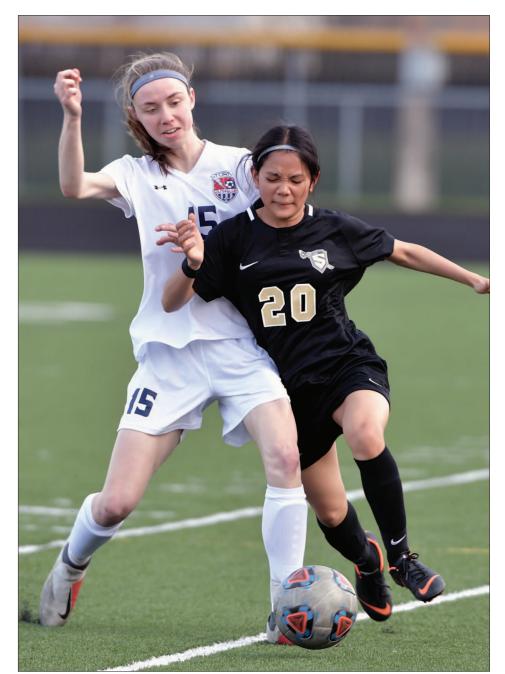
Nava was a big reason for the Sabres coming out with a tie finishing with six saves.

"She had a lot of great saves," Duffy said. "She had a lot of one-on-one chances, and she didn't back down at all."

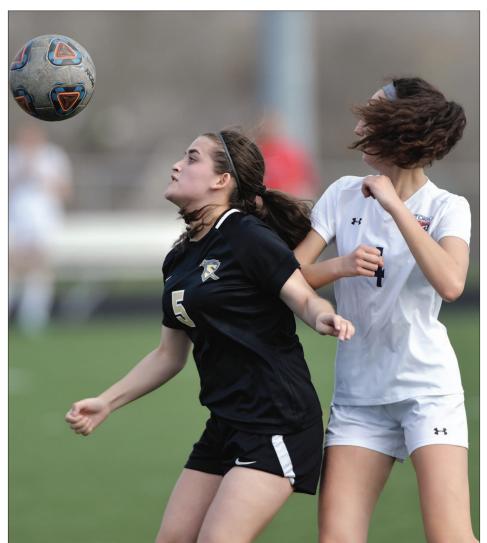
Streamwood was coming off a tough 2-1 nonconference loss against Lake Park on Monday, April 15. Lake Park, trailing 1-0 at halftime, netted the equalizer with about 15 minutes left to play and scored the winner right before the final buzzer.

Herrera, from 25 yards out, scored the game's first goal early in the match off a free kick. Nava made seven saves in the match including a stop on a penalty kick.

The Sabres are now 4-9-1 overall, 0-3-1 in the UEC.



Battling along a sideline, the Storm's Danielle Kucharski, left, attempted to physically ride Streamwood's Jennifer Voravong off the ball as the two team's fought to a 0-0 tie on Wednesday, April 17.



Streamwood's Lesley Jimenez, left, playing an elevated ball while screening South Elgin's Isabella Tusa. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Sabres take two series, top Bartlett and WeGo



Anthony Caruso on the mound on Tuesday, April 16 in his start against Bartlett.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team took advantage of Bartlett's errors to earn a 7-2 win in the rubber game of a three-game Upstate Eight Conference series on Tuesday, April 16 at Streamwood.

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the second inning, Scott Wolfard drove in a run on a fielder's choice and an error on the play allowed a second run to score as the Sabres took the lead for good. Streamwood ended up being outhit 10-3, but nine Bartlett errors proved to be the difference.

"We've been on the other end of some of those," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "It's been said before that good things happen when you put the ball in play. We made contact and took advantage of some of their errors."

Connor Johnson doubled in the game, Anthony Caruso drove in two runs and Colin Bielinski had an RBI

Caruso started on the mound and battled through four innings after twisting his ankle early and got the win allowing a run on six hits and two walks, and he struck out four. Tyler Jones (one run, four hits, one walk, one hit batter, four strikeouts) tossed three innings to earn a save.

The win gave Streamwood its second UEC series win as it battled back after opening with a loss to Bartlett.

down," Jones said.
"But we got that second win which picked us up. It feels pretty good to get the series against Bartlett."

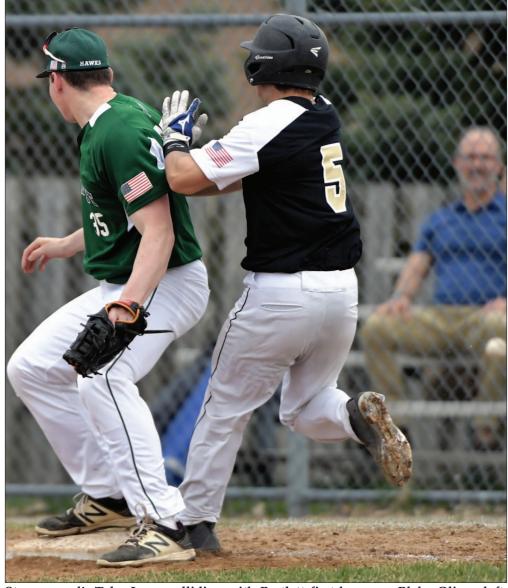
"After the first game, we wanted to come back and make a statement," Caruso said. "We worked our butts off, prepared and come back to win the series."

The Sabres made it three series wins taking two of three against West Chicago to improve to 9-8 overall,

7-5 in the UEC. Johnson (nine strikeouts, one walk, one hit batsman) tossed a complete-game, five-hitter in the opener allowing five runs, one earned, in a 13-5 victory on Wednesday, April 17 at Streamwood.

Justin Gonzalez (3-for-4, three RBI) and Caruso (2-for-2, two RBI) both homered, and Jones (3-for-4, three RBI) and Dylan Caruso both doubled. AJ Reyna finished 3-for-3, Max Alanis drove in two runs and Johnson had an RBI.

Bielinski (two earned runs, five hits, three walks, one hit batter, six strikeouts) took a tough loss in Game 2 going the distance in a 3-2 game on Thursday, April 18 at West Chicago, Jones (2-for-3, two dou-

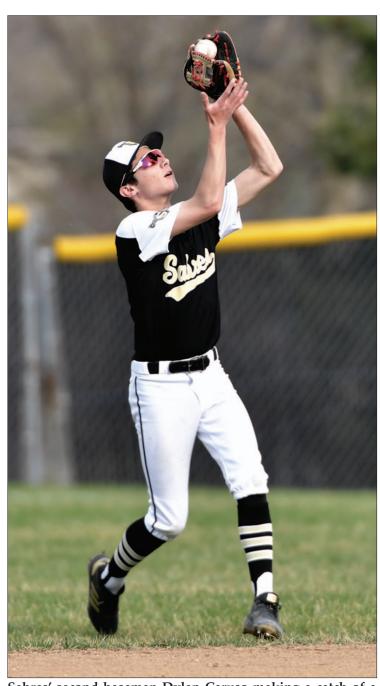


Streamwood's Tyler Jones colliding with Bartlett first baseman Blake Oliver, left, after he returned to the bag following a leaping attempt to catch a throw that wound up at the fence as Jones reached safely on the play. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

bles, two RBI) and Reyna (double) led at the plate. Streamwood won the rubber game 8-4, Reyna the winning pitcher, on Saturday, April 20 at West Chicago. Jones (2-for-4, two RBI), Reyna (double, two RBI), Alanis (double), Johnson (double) and Anthony Caruso (RBI) led the offense.



Streamwood shortstop Max Alanis coming across second base after forcing a sliding Nick Kantzavelos of Bartlett before throwing on to first to complete a 4-6-3 double play.



Sabres' second baseman Dylan Caruso making a catch of a Bartlett pop fly.