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Village Board approves proposals, bills listing

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved of five proposals pertaining to police or public works as well as a list of bills at its meeting on Tuesday, May 7.

Included was a resolution approving the purchase of up to 1,300 tons of road salt at a total cost of \$107,848. The purchase would be with Compass Minerals America, Inc. through a DuPage County Joint Purchase Program.

The cost is \$82.96 per ton, up from \$67.15 last year. According to a memo from Dan Dinges, director of public works, the village expects to be over a

budgeted \$150,000 for salt with an additional purchase planned.

"Due to the extreme winter weather felt throughout the nation this previous winter, salt prices have increased, which may impact the previously budgeted amounts for salt," Dinges wrote. He added: "We also will be procuring up to an additional 1,200 tons through the State Joint Purchase Program, which Staff also suspects will also increase from the previous year's \$48.23 per ton. Our total cost for salt this year was budgeted at \$150,000 for 2,500 tons, but with the increase in the cost of salt, it may reach

up to \$185,000."

Two proposals with Currie Motors Fleet in Frankfort were approved for the purchase of vehicles.

Included is an all-wheel drive, V-6 engine vehicle for the police department which will cost \$36,397, slightly below a budgeted \$37,000, which is being purchased through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.

"The police department would like to purchase a replacement 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicle as budgeted to be assigned to the patrol division," wrote Chief of Police Patrick Ullrich in a memo to the board.

The other vehicle being purchased is a sewer televising van, a 2019 full-sized Ford transit van, through a co-operative of state municipalities. The price per specifications in \$21,748 with a final delivery price of \$28,789, and the remainder of a budgeted \$45,000 is also planned to be used on the van.

"The additional costs of upgrading include both High Rook and Extended Wheelbase Options which allows personnel to operate equipment and stand upright, inside the vehicle," Dinges wrote in a memo. "The remaining \$16,220.00 will be used to install necessary equipment inside of the vehicle."

An agreement with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) costing \$47,449,

below a budgeted \$50,000, was approved.

"We have completed the majority of the public sanitary sewer maintenance improvements in the area north of the railroad tracks and east Oak Ave. and we are ready to move to a new area," Dinges wrote in a memo. "This contract is for flow monitoring of two areas of our sewer system that we have been experiencing high flows during rain events. The area covers the majority of homes south of Devon Ave. and north of the Com Ed ROW."

Dinges said the village has worked with EEI "on our sanitary sewer system rehabilitation and would like them to help us with this new area."

The board also approved an ordinance to accept public improvements made by developer Muirfield West, LLC at its building off Schiferl Road in the Brewster Creek Business Park.

"The public improvements consist of an extension of the Village's water main system," wrote Bob Allen, village engineer, in a memo. He added: "This water main has been operational and functioning successfully for more than 12 months."

The approved bills list totaled \$1.4 million with the water (\$712,958), municipal building (\$244,899), general (\$199,293) and central services (\$122,889) funds making up the largest portions.

License, permit requests ratified by village board

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved three requests for licenses or permits at its meeting on Tuesday, May 7.

Included was an open burn request made by the Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, for a flag retirement ceremony at Bartlett Park. This is the 19th straight year the post has held the event according to Joey Dienberg, administrative intern.

The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. and "will last approximately 15-30 minutes in which time the flags will be retired," Dienberg wrote in a memo. An open burn permit is required and the Bartlett Fire Protection District is aware of the event.

The board also approved a Class D liquor license request made by Arts in Bartlett for an event at Bartlett Park on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23.

"The Class D liquor license allows for the retail sale of alcohol for a special event" for no more than 12 hours in a single day and during the hours of 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday according to Sam Hughes, senior management analyst.

A parade permit was also approved by the board for BAPS Charities which for its annual walkathon which raises funds for the Bartlett Park Foundation, the Hanover Township Foundation and the Nature Conservancy. The walkathon will take place on Sunday, June 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The route begins at Bartlett Park, proceeds to the Bartlett Library and back to Bartlett Park.... BAPS anticipates 800 walkers for this year's event and plans on utilizing street parking around the park, as well as the Metra parking, with village permission," according to Dienberg.



Royal couple

The 2019 Bartlett High School prom king, Chris Emmett and queen, Paige Cannata at the annual event on Saturday, May 18. For story and more photos see pages 9 and 10. (Examiner photo by Gabrielle Wilson)

May officially designated as Bike Month in village

By Seth Hancock

This month has been declared Bike Month in Bartlett by Village President Kevin Wallace.

The League of American Bicyclists sponsors the month and has designated May as National Bike Month since 1956.

Trustee Michael Camerer, who chairs the Bike and Run Plan Advisory Committee, read a proclamation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, May 7.

Camerer said that bicycles have been a part of American life for over a century.

"Today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling be-

cause it is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness and provides quality family recreation," Camerer said.

According to Camerer, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is working with both Bartlett and Streamwood in creating a multijurisdictional bike plan while developing an inventory of current facilities, both bike and pedestrian, through its Local Technical Assistance program.

"The inventory will identify key gaps, prioritize new bike paths and connections, maintain existing bike infrastructure and promote biking throughout

both villages," Camerer said.

Camerer said the village's bike and run committee "promotes safe bike and pedestrian activities on the village's bike path system," and Ride Illinois provides information and safe and proper use of bikes at bikesafetyquiz.com.

"The Village of Bartlett, the Bartlett Park District and the DuPage County Forest Preserve and independent cyclists throughout our village are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operations and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities for all," Camerer said.

Pet of the Week



This Wrangler needs a new homestead

Wrangler is a neutered, 6-year-old Great Pyrenees mix that has ridden the range as a stray. Now he has set up camp at DCAS and he's looking for a homestead to call his own. Wrangler is really a gentleman at heart and he loves to love. When Wrangler arrived at the shelter he was such an easy boy that staff wanted to put him on the adoption floor immediately, however it turned out, on his journey Wrangler ended up heart worm positive So, he'll be needing a home that can keep him calm during his heart worm treatment (all taken care of by DCAS). Wrangler is uncomfortable with forward dogs so he benefit from being the only dog in the home or to live with a quiet dog that will let him be. Staff suspects that Wrangler may have been an outside only dog so his foster or adopter will have to take their time and help him adjust to living in a home. For more information please call 630-407-2800 or email animlaservices@dupageco.org.
(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

U-46 students honored for work at state events

By Seth Hancock

A group of students in School District U-46 were recognized for their accomplishments at various state events from last month at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 20.

South Elgin senior Sarah Richardson was recognized for winning the broadcast news category by producing an audio news clip under a deadline at the state journalism competition at Heartland Community College in Pontiac.

The Storm finished 11th as a team at state which included senior Samantha Prus and junior Derryl Barnes Jr. teaming up to finish fourth in the video news category and junior Mia Ackermann taking fifth in newspaper design.

"I'm so excited that our publication classes were able to collaborate with Beacon Academy to pull together a very strong journalism team for the IHSA sectionals and state competition," said Kari Botkin, one of the team's coaches, for a district press release. "Sarah performed very well, under deadline, at both sectionals and state."

Five high school seniors, three from South Elgin and two from Streamwood, were recognized for first place finishes at the state manufacturing competition with Skills USA. The students will travel to Louisville, Kentucky next month for the national competition.

South Elgin's Hailey Harden won CNC Turning, Brian Kulpa won CNC Technician and Dylan Loerwald won CNC Milling. Streamwood's first place finishers were Jacob Pierce and Andrew Pfeifer in Additive Manufacturing.

"I am very proud and impressed with each student's commitment to honing their precision manufacturing skills to become college and career ready," said South Elgin's manufacturing teacher Russ Bartz for the press release. "Their achievements are tangible proof that our precision manufacturing program sets up students for success."

Zach Meyer and Michael Solomon from South Elgin and Angel Acosta, Juan Ayala, Aditya Patel and Christopher Piotrowski from Streamwood all placed at the competition in various events.

Six middle school students were honored for first place finishes at the state's Science Olympiad. Jazib Ahmed and Patricia Savioa-Cooley from Bartlett's Eastview won in the roller coaster event, and from Elgin's Abbott two sets of students earned top honors with Nolan Chansophy and Joshua Dinh in disease detective and Jesse Dinh and Kate Gillespie in water quality.

"I am so proud of our Science Olympiad teams and grateful for the dedication of each team's coaches, students and parents," Deb McMullen, the district's science coordinator, said for the release. "Science Olympiad provides students with valuable STEM experience that allows them to explore their interests and prepares them for a career in STEM."



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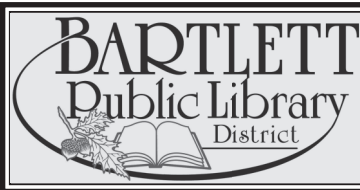
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Just a reminder, the Bartlett Public Library District will be closed all day on May 26 and 27 due to Memorial Day.

Throwback Crafternoon Saturday, May 25, 2 p.m.

Adults need crafty time, too! Stop by the library for our Throwback Crafternoon where we will be making grown up versions of children's crafts. There will be four stations – friendship bracelets, grown up finger painting, button making and shrinky dink accessories. No registration is required for this program, but supplies are limited.

Libby and OverDrive

Libby and OverDrive host an eMedia collection featuring downloadable eAudiobooks and eBooks for Bartlett Public Library District cardholders. All you need is your library card number and PIN. eBooks and eAudiobooks can be downloaded to your computer and exported to a portable listening device such as a Nook, iPod or MP3 player.

Adult Chess Club Wednesday, May 29, 6 p.m.

Interested in chess or simply love the game? Come enjoy an informal evening of chess in a fun and welcoming environment! Players of all skill levels are encouraged to attend and all boards and pieces will be provided.

TumbleBook Library

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book, which you can read, or have read to you.

Friday Afternoon Book Discussion Friday, May 31, 12:30 p.m.

Titles are available at the Adult Services Desk one month prior to the discussion.

Ben's Bubble Show Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.

All ages. Ben's Bubble Show is a unique visual delight sure to please people of all ages. You will see beautiful, humorous, and mind boggling soap bubble sculptures, giant bubbles, bubble magic, people inside bubbles, and much more. Come and find out why bubbles aren't just for kids anymore.

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The following programs and services are provided by Bartlett Park District, some require advance registration. For more information, call 540-4800 or visit www.bartlettparks.org.

Sunday Brunch at Villa Olivia

A weekly Sunday Brunch is held at Villa Olivia from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. featuring a carving station, a variety of breakfast and lunch selections, soup and salad bar, dessert table. Coffee, tea, juices and milk are included. Reservations are recommended but not required. To make a reservation please call us at 289-1000.

Memorial Day Hours Monday, May 27

Bartlett Community Center Registration Desk Closed
Bartlett Nature Center Closed
LIFECENTER Health & Fitness Club open 5:30 to 11 a.m.
Splash Central open 5:30 to 11 a.m.
Bartlett Aquatic Center open 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Off is good: May 1 to Aug. 31. Resident: \$100; Regular: \$145; *Add on: \$75 Includes: Health club, track, indoor pool, and group fitness classes. *Add on option can only be applied if someone in your household has an individual or family Elite membership in place. Good for three months from date of purchase. No refunds. Limited one per person.

Swim Lesson Demo Day Sunday, June 2, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our trained swim instructors will

demonstrate our swim lesson program. Children and adults are welcome to participate in a free ten minute instructional sessions to sample what our program has to offer. Participants will receive a coupon to be applied for a summer 2019 session of swim lessons. The Bartlett Aquatic Center is located at 620 W. Stearns Road. Daily fees apply; free to BAC pass holders.

World Women's Golf Day at Villa Olivia:

Tuesday, June 4, 6 to 8 p.m.

Ages 16 and over are invited to celebrate World Women's Golf Day at Villa Olivia, located at 1401 W. Lake St. Tee times start at 4 p.m. Special rate for women nine holes walking \$13/nine holes with cart \$23. Social event from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration required by June 1.

Turbo Turtle Race

Thursday, July 4 at 4 p.m.

Support the Bartlett Parks Foundation with the sponsoring of a turtle at the annual Turbo Turtle Race. \$10 includes you as a sponsor of a numbered turtle. Turtles are sent down the tube slide at Bartlett Aquatic Center and when they cross the finish line; the first 50 turtles win a prize. First place is \$1,000 cash, second place \$250 cash, and the remaining prizes are wonderful recreational outings, restaurants, sporting apparel, and more. Tickets are available at the Bartlett Community Center, from any Foundation trustee, at the Fourth of July Festival, and 30 minutes prior to the race at BAC. For more information 540-4824.

U-46 supports changes to Hanover Park TIF

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was mostly supportive of an extension and expansion to a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district in the Village of Hanover Park during a discussion at its May 6 meeting.

Hanover Park will be holding a public hearing regarding a redevelopment amendment in front of a joint review board on Thursday, June 20 at its Village Hall.

"Among other matters, the amendment extends the term of the Village Center Redevelopment Project Area from 23 years to 35 years and adds additional territory," the notice of public hearing states.

Jeff King, U-46's deputy superintendent of operations, said he was a member of the joint review board and was seeking guidance on how he should vote from the U-46 board, which did not have to take any official vote.

In March, 2018, the previous U-46 board approved of a letter in support of extending the TIF 12 years. That vote was 4-2 with Sue Kerr, the board's current president, and former board member Jeanette Ward voting no.

In 2018, Hanover Park stated in a resolution that the TIF was "set to expire in six years and will not achieve its development goals without the extension," and the TIF was "running a deficit of \$6.6 million as of the 2016 reporting period."

For the current discussion, King said the only difference from what the U-46 board approved last year was additional land being added to the TIF which adds "about 6 acres of property to the TIF which is all Metra parking on the south side of the tracks. It's already tax-exempt property so we don't collect any taxes from that property, and there's a little bit of Liberty Street that's included in that."

King said that Hanover Park needs access to underground utilities for upgrades but won't be able to use TIF funds to perform those upgrades without adding the additional land onto the TIF. He added that "the addition of the property really is a moot point because it's tax-exempt."

Board member Melissa Owens asked why it was tax-exempt to which King said "it's Metra's property." U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the district was opposed and did not plan on bringing the discussion to the board until finding out the additional land was tax-exempt.

Kerr said she was opposed last year and "I continue to oppose it" stating that this sets a precedent of continuing to extend TIFs at will.

Owens said she was supportive of the extension but agreed with Kerr saying "now we're finding ourselves in a situation where something's being incrementally added." She said last year that she supported the TIF

extension because Rodney Craig, Hanover Park's mayor, is a "supporter of U-46."

Board member John Devereux replied: "I'm not sure it sets a precedent. We have the option to say this one's ok and a future one isn't."

Board member Donna Smith said she agreed with the TIFs expansion saying "it won't really effect what we've already agreed on," and board members Veronica Noland and Eva Porter concurred. Porter's husband, Herb Porter, is a Hanover Park trustee and supporter of Craig.

U-46 resident Tracy Smodilla spoke during public comments and said she opposed the expansion on principle but also said there's been a lack of transparency. The public knows that King is a member of the joint review board because he brought this discussion to the board, but the public may largely be in the dark according to Smodilla.

Smodilla said there are no meeting minutes from the last joint review board meeting on Nov. 13 and nothing is posted on who is a member of the board or how they were put onto the board, and "I think that there's been a lack of transparency in how this request has actually been presented."

In the Village of Bartlett, Smodilla said she's served on the Economic Development Commission for eight years and she's philosophically opposed to TIFs that appear more akin to cronyism rather than free market competition.

"I've already been to the dance a number of times (in Bartlett) on TIF requests, and I think unfortunately they've become just a vehicle for private investment at the expense of the local community," Smodilla said

Regarding this specific TIF, Smodilla said she's frequently driven through this TIF area in Hanover Park and "it's not blighted. As a matter of fact, that's a district that stands to benefit from not just the I-390 extension but the proposed improvements to transportation there."

Last year, Craig claimed the I-390 (Elgin-O'Hare tollway) should help increase business activity in this TIF which should allow them to meet the original goals of the TIF with the extension. He also cited the personal and corporate tax cuts from the federal government under President Donald Trump will also increase business activity.

However, in Illinois the state government has done the opposite increasing its personal income tax rate by 32 percent and its corporate tax rate by 33.3 percent.

Illinois also continues to see its population decline according to Internal Revenue Service data. The state has dropped from the fifth most populated state to the sixth according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Memorial Day Walk scheduled for Monday

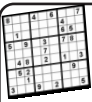
On Monday, May 27, the Village of Bartlett will be honoring its veterans who died serving our country with a Memorial Day Walk and Remembrance. At 10 a.m., Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 will host a flag retirement ceremony at Bartlett Park. At approximately 10:30 a.m., veterans, scouts, civic groups, residents, village officials, and bagpipers will begin to line up on North Avenue and N. Eastern Avenue for the Memorial Day Walk, which steps off at 11 a.m. Participants will walk west-

bound on North Avenue to Bartlett Cemetery. At the cemetery, the Memorial Day Remembrance continues with a brief program and a cannon salute to honor the Bartlett's local heroes.

The Bartlett Police Department will be providing traffic control assistance along North Avenue between N. Eastern Avenue and Oliver Street for the Memorial Day Walk. Motorists traveling in the area of the Memorial Day Walk might experience slight traffic delays.

Top U-46 graduates recognized at ceremony

By Seth Hancock
A ceremony for the top 2 percent of graduating seniors was held in School District U-46 on Monday, May 13 at South Elgin High School.
Social worker Karen Osborne was also recognized for being named the 2019 Kane County Student Support Personnel of the Year by the Kane County Regional Office of Education.
Osborne is a 1981 graduate of Streamwood High School and has been a social worker in U-46 since 1988 according to a district press release. She has been at South Elgin's Fox Meadow Elementary School since 2016.
"I tell the students that my job is to help out them, parents, and teachers with any kind of problems that they are having," Osborne said for the press release. "There is nothing so awful you can't tell someone, and everyone has a right to feel safe all of the time."
Osborne added: "When you can connect with a student as young as 5 years old and see them using strategies that you taught them to calm themselves, it is amazing."
There were 30 students from high schools in *The Examiner* editions area recognized in the top 2 percent ceremony.
From Bartlett High School the students include Amy Chen, Harsh Chheda, Aaron Farabaugh, Aakash Nagarapu, Rushi Patel, Zain Sattar, Rohan Shah, Nimesh Tailor, Theresa Videckis and Tessa Wanthal.



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From South Elgin High School the students include Carli Allen, Nicole Allen, Hannah Anderson, Sarah Boghossian, Bridget Bondi, Madison Caliendo, Abigail Culloton, Madeline Kordecki, MacKenzie Molina, Sara Pfeil and Jace Warrick.
From Streamwood High School the students include Jakub Adamek, Victoria Bajorek, Mary Chung, Nikky Jordan, William Morgan, Anna Rataj, Nicole Rataj, Marcos Villarreal and Brianna Yi.
"Congratulations to our top 2 percent of the Class of 2019," said Lela Majstorovic, assistant superintendent, for the release. "We are proud of their dedication to academic achievement and grateful to the teachers, friends and family who have supported them as they achieve this milestone."
Graduation ceremonies for all seniors will take place at the Sears Centre on Saturday, May 25 starting at 8 a.m. for Elgin, 11 a.m. for Bartlett, 2 p.m. for Larkin, 5 p.m. for Streamwood and 8 p.m. for South Elgin.

IDNR hunter, boating safety classes forming

Register now for Hunter Safety Education and Boating Safety Education courses from the IDNR. Spring classes are being scheduled. Check the IDNR website for class dates and locations: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/VolunteerServiceCoordinator.s.aspx>.



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While you can't plan for every eventuality that may befall your vehicle on the road, such as a water pump failure, you can arm yourself with knowledge before venturing out. And in some cases, just knowing whom to call for help is the best option. At **ROYAL COACH**, we've had years of experience in helping our friends and neighbors here in Bartlett when they've suffered a vehicle emergency. High standards, friendly faces, ASE certified technicians, and expertise in our field are the trademarks of our company. *Quality before quantity.*

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



Teachers, staff and police officers with the Hilltop Elementary School D.A.R.E. graduates. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)

The final Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) graduation of the 2018-19 school year took place at Hilltop Elementary School on Friday, May 17. Nearly 70 students in the school's three, fifth-grade classes received their certificates of completion of the 12-week program which educates children on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, and addresses tobacco, bullying, building self-esteem and making positive choices.



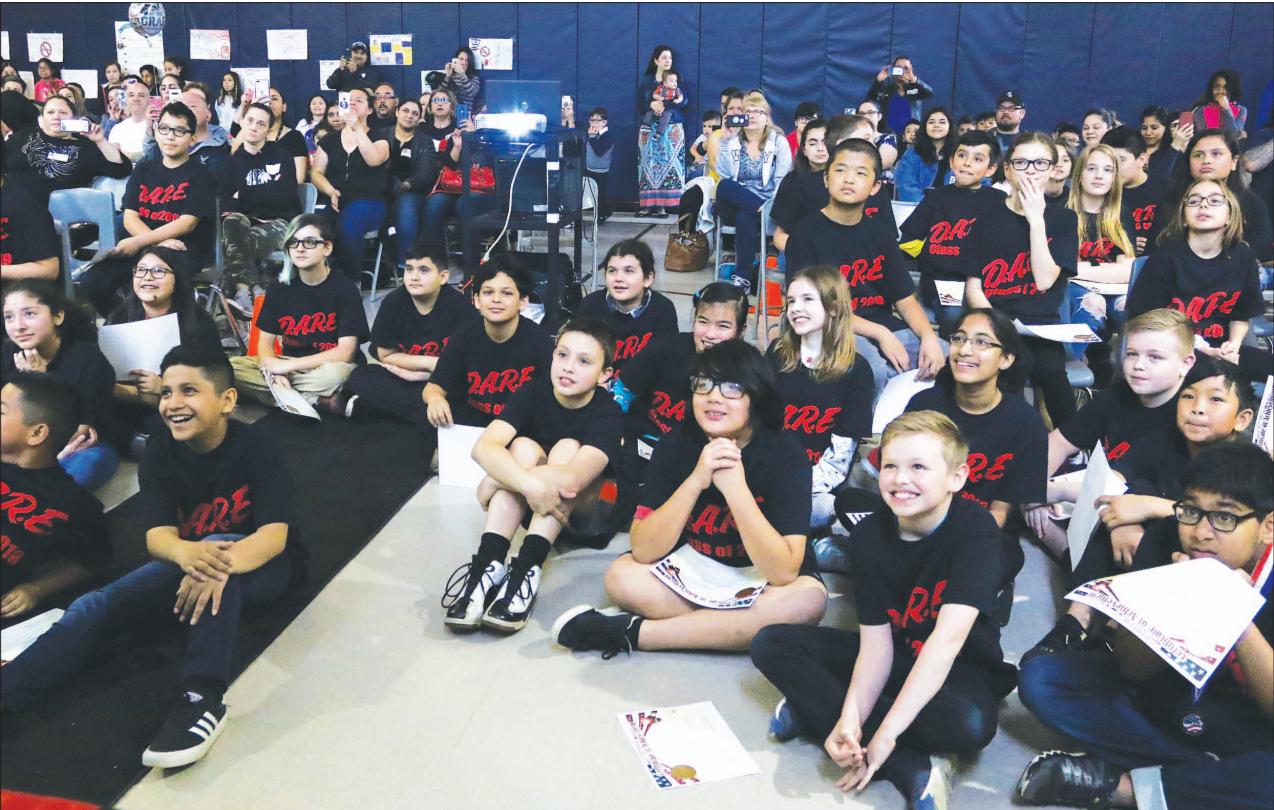
Carolina Robles reading her D.A.R.E. essay.



Tyson Riley and D.A.R.E. Officer Ed Polaski demonstrated the sprinkler dance he learned during the course.



Chief of Police Daryl Syre reminded how important it was to carry the lessons they learned in D.A.R.E. throughout their lives.



Students watched a slide show of photos that D.A.R.E. Officer Ed Polaski took throughout the 12-week program.

Bartlett High holds annual prom ritual

On Saturday, May 18, Bartlett High School hosted its annual prom that included over 450 guests in attendance. The event was held at the Belvedere Banquet Hall in Elk Grove Village and the theme of the night was “Rustic Summer Nights.” A photo booth was available to guests and a DJ

provided the music for the night. The prom court consisted of Paige Bednarke, Alyssa Bowler, Paige Cannata, Chris Emmett, Trent Johnson, Max Lewis, Bella Lowry and Jason Schuberth. Paige Cannata and Chris Emmett were announced as prom king and queen.



Prom attendees enjoyed dancing the night away on the dance floor.



Amber Fiedler with Tim Cheatham and Frenki Shyti under the garden trellis.



Jasmine Leyva and Elizabeth Prestegui on the dance floor.



Nicole Littlefield, Katie Mundorf, Annie Walinder and Rachel Montesano posed in the photo booth.
(Examiner photos by Gabrielle Wilson)



Victoria Martynko, Alexandra Matuszewski and Patricia Urbonaite chatted in the lobby before dinner.

Large student crowd enjoys festivities



Kendra Payne along with and her friends Zaria Milledge and Amari Foster were happy being together.



Bella Coates and Alex Mueller rested a bit during evening's activities



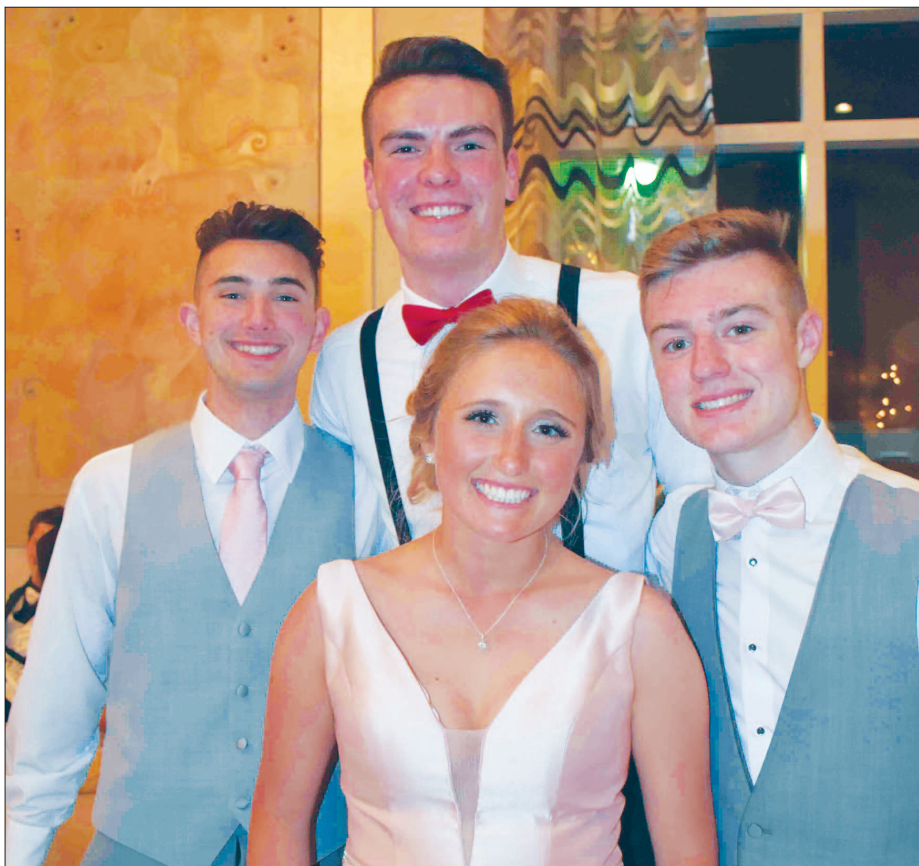
Jake Robin couldn't contain his happiness with being at prom with Jelianne Merza.
(Examiner photos by Gabrielle Wilson)



The members of the prom court: Paige Cannata, Chris Emmett, Bella Lowery, Jason Schuberth, Paige Bednarke, Trent Johnson, Alyssa Bowler and Max Lewis.



Junior class officers Urja Patel, Anna Zaborowski and Jocelyn Alba counted the ballots for prom king and queen



Anna Tomillo knew the perfect place to be was to be surrounded by Anthony Castrovillari, Jacob Bush and Cody Rivelli.

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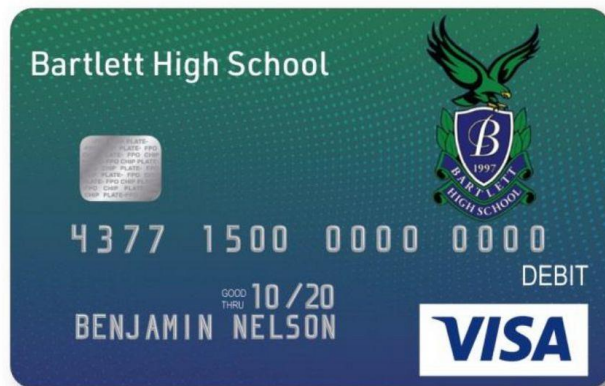
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Credit, debit cards supporting U-46 schools to launch this fall

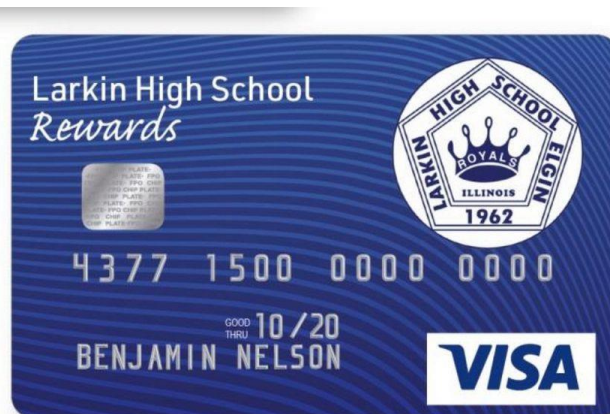
By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



COURTESY OF U-46The U-46 Educational Foundation in partnership with the Kane County Teachers Credit Union this fall will roll out "affinity cards" aligned with each of the district's five high schools. The cards will generate an estimated \$25,000 for the foundation in the first year based on current cardholders served through KCT.



COURTESY OF U-46The U-46 Educational Foundation will receive a portion of fees collected from merchants with each credit or debit card transaction made with affinity cards.



COURTESY OF U-46"Affinity cards" aligned with each of Elgin Area School District U-46's five high schools will be rolled out this fall by the Kane County Teachers Credit Union as a means of generating funding for the U-46 Educational Foundation.

Parents, teachers and community members seeking to support Elgin Area School District U-46 and its high schools can do so with new debit and credit cards.

Through a partnership with [Kane County Teachers Credit Union](#), the U-46 Educational Foundation will roll out "affinity cards" aligned with each of the district's five high schools next school year. The cards will bear each school's logo and color, and there also will be cards bearing U-46's logo.

The foundation will receive a portion of fees collected from merchants on each credit or debit card transaction made with these affinity cards -- 20% of fee income for debit cards and 25% of fee income for credit cards. Some credit card holders also can donate their rewards to the foundation.

The partnership aims to leverage school pride among high school families, alumni and community members while generating roughly \$25,000 for the foundation in the first year based on current cardholders served through KCT. Roughly 2,700 people associated with U-46 are members of KCT, representing 2,539 debit and credit cards.

Cardholders would have to convert their existing cards into affinity cards. There's a debit card, credit card and a credit card with rewards for each high school.

Over five years, the program is estimated to generate nearly \$400,000 for U-46 schools with no cost to the district, the foundation or cardholders, said Mike Lee, KCT Credit Union president and CEO.

"It's a wonderful way to raise money for a foundation," said Lee adding, the cards will help market and create more community awareness of the educational foundation.

The U-46 Educational Foundation, established in 2006, has raised and distributed roughly \$500,000 to district schools, supported student scholarships and teacher innovation grants. The foundation board is working to generate more resources to support innovation and enhance student learning and well-being, President Bud Wilson said.

The U-46 school board Monday night approved the affinity card program, which has been used successfully by other districts, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said.

KCT Credit Union partners with East Aurora District 131, West Aurora District 129 and Geneva Unit District 304 on affinity cards.

"U-46 is not a guinea pig," Lee said. "Proof of concept is there. The program works. We are starting to give them checks."

Lee said the credit union is committed to the financial wellness of district teachers and employees and was chartered for that purpose as a not-for-profit by the district in 1937.

It was named U-46's Partner of the Year in 2017-18 and donated \$5,000 in 2018 to the Superintendent Scholarship Program. Its ATMs are installed at all the high schools, the district office and transportation center "as a way to give back to the community," Lee said.

People who don't use KCT Credit Union for banking can apply for the U-46 affinity cards at its three Elgin locations and Aurora, Geneva and South Elgin branches or online.

"We solicit all the employees but we also solicit the community," Lee said. "We will actually highlight this in all of our branches to try to get the community to support our school district."

U-46 board honors students for state contest wins

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



Six Elgin Area School District U-46 middle school students were honored by the school board Monday for placing first in the Illinois Science Olympiad in April.



South Elgin High junior Sarah Richardson, a student in the Beacon Academy of Media and Digital Arts, was honored Monday for winning the broadcast news category at the IHSA state journalism competition last month.



South Elgin High School senior Hailey Harden, right, took first place last month in a statewide manufacturing competition sponsored by SkillsUSA, a school-industry partnership group promoting job skills training. Harden won in the CNC (computer numerical control) turning category. Two other South Elgin seniors, Dylan Loerwald and Brian Kulpa, and Streamwood High School seniors Jacob Pierce and Andrew Pfeifer also placed first in the contest.

The Elgin Area School District U-46 school board Monday night recognized 12 students for earning first place in several statewide competitions -- the SkillsUSA Illinois

Championship, the Illinois Science Olympiad, and the Illinois High School Association state journalism finals.

South Elgin High School seniors Hailey Harden, Dylan Loerwald and Brian Kulpa and Streamwood High School seniors Jacob Pierce and Andrew Pfeifer captured first place last month in a statewide manufacturing competition sponsored by SkillsUSA, a school-industry partnership group promoting job skills training.

Each competition was designed to test students' knowledge and ability using CNC (computer numerical control) machines and other manufacturing technologies. It comprised multiple skills tests lasting four to six hours.

Harden won in the CNC (computer numerical control) turning category, Loerwald in CNC milling, Kulpa in CNC technician, and Pierce and Pfeifer in additive manufacturing. The students earned a June trip to Louisville, Kentucky, where they will represent Illinois at the SkillsUSA national competition.

South Elgin students Michael Solomon and Zach Meyer and Streamwood student Christopher Piotrowski finished in second, third, and fifth place, respectively, in the CNC milling competition. Streamwood students Angel Acosta, Juan Ayala and Aditya Patel finished third place in the team-based automated manufacturing technology.

"Their achievements are tangible proof that our precision manufacturing program sets up students for success," said Russ Bartz, South Elgin High manufacturing teacher.

Six middle school students also were honored Monday for earning first place in the Illinois Science Olympiad in April.

Science Olympiad is a before- or after-school enrichment program covering areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Abbott Middle School in Elgin placed fourth overall in its division. Its team comprising 23 students earned 10 medals at the state competition. Eighth-graders Nolan Chansophy and Joshua Dinh earned first place in "Disease Detective" and Jesse Dinh and Kate Gillespie placed first in water quality.

Eastview Middle School in Bartlett placed 10th overall in its division. The team of 21 students received six medals. Eighth-graders Patricia Savioa-Cooley and Jazib Ahmed earned first place in the roller coaster competition. A team of 12 students from Canton Middle School in Streamwood won five medals at the state competition, placing 15th in its division.

"I am so proud of our Science Olympiad teams and grateful for the dedication of each team's coaches, students, and parents," said Deb McMullen, U-46's coordinator of K-12 science and planetarium. "Science Olympiad provides students with valuable STEM experience that allows them to explore their interests and prepares them for a career in STEM."

South Elgin High junior Sarah Richardson, a student in the Beacon Academy of Media and Digital Arts, was honored for winning the broadcast news category at the IHSA state journalism competition last month. It marks the second time the school won a state championship for broadcast news.

Also, South Elgin junior Derryl Barnes Jr. and senior Samantha Prus earned fourth place in video news, and junior Mia Ackermann placed fifth in newspaper design. South Elgin's team placed 11th out of 70 schools competing.

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Citizens council wants more safety training, info on bullying

By: Rafael Guerrero



The U46 Citizens' Advisory Council presented two end-of-year reports to the School Board Monday evening on safety and community engagement.

School District U46's council of parents and community members this week recommended the district look into training students about online safety and provide more data to the public about bullying and harassment in schools.

As the school year draws to a close next week, members of the U46 Citizens' Advisory Council presented two end-of-year reports to the School Board on Monday evening. The reports focused on school safety and community engagement efforts by the council.

Megan Larson, a member of the advisory council's student safety committee, unveiled a list of recommendations regarding safety in the schools. The advisory council's student safety committee formed in the 2017-18 school year to attempt more engagement and understanding of the district's student code of conduct.

"We actually did a lot this past year," Larson said, thanking the district's student safety and culture director John Heiderscheidt and his team for working with them.

Larson said they recommend more presentations and training on online safety, harassment, teen dating and violence, and vaping, among other topics.

Larson stressed the importance of training students about online safety. She said the district's gradual expansion of its one-device-per-student technology initiative means more students are online more frequently and consistently. Students are vulnerable online to threats like trafficking, radicalization, and bullying, their recommendation stated.

Larson noted only a few people attended an online safety presentation they gave earlier in the school year, despite its timely and "disturbing" messages for children and adults alike about online dangers.

“If we’re giving them this technology, we should also give them the tools to protect themselves,” she said.

The safety committee also recommended the district share more data with the public about bullying in schools, focusing on sexual harassment, assault and stalking incidents.

She reminded those in attendance at Monday’s school board meeting it was the Citizens’ Advisory Council that helped bullying reporting become more accessible and visible on the district’s website. The bullying reporting system on the website now includes a mechanism to report any sexual harassment or assault incidents.

“You don’t know how big the problem is if you’re not paying attention to it and having the numbers,” Larson said.

Community engagement was a recurring theme as Larson and fellow advisory council member Phil Novello presented the two end-of-year reports. Novello’s presentation focused on the council’s family and community engagement committee.

“We are lacking a lot of engagement in the district...we need more parents involved, we need more community members involved,” said Novello. “We need more people to know what’s going on in the district.”

Novello noted the fifth annual real estate professionals breakfast continues to grow.

U46 seeks input on proposed high school magnet academies

By: Rafael Guerrero



School District U46 seeks public input on its proposed high school magnet academies via an online survey.

School District U46 is seeking input from students, staff, parents and residents on the five high school magnet academies being proposed as part of the switch to a career pathways approach to education.

The online survey — available in English and Spanish — will be available at the www.u-46.org website until May 29 and seeks feedback on possible curriculum changes and the existing high school academies make the transition to more academically challenging magnet academies.

As things stand right now, Elgin High School houses the gifted and talented academy, Larkin High School has the visual and performing arts academy, Bartlett High School is home to the science, engineering and technology academy, Streamwood High School

has the world languages and international studies academy and the BEACON academy of media and digital arts is at South Elgin High School.

The survey specifically focuses on the Bartlett and South Elgin programs, which may see changes to their STEM and languages/international studies themes, the release said. Respondents also are asked to rank the importance of 21st century skills and potential new themes for the Bartlett and Streamwood academies.

One example of things found in the survey asks for people to offer their opinions on what skills are important for students to gain through an involvement in a magnet academy.

“U46 is committed to creating learning environments that prepare students to be college and career-ready,” Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools Instruction and Equity Lela Majstorovic said in a statement.

“The data gathered through this survey will guide the district as it transitions the current Bartlett and Streamwood High School academies to magnet academies.”

The other three high school academy programs are already undergoing the transition to magnet programs. Elgin’s program will seek to add International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and be IB certified. Larkin’s visual and performing arts theme will stay as is but its curriculum will be updated, the release said. Board members approved a curriculum update for the South Elgin academy last year.

Survey results for the Streamwood and Bartlett programs will not impact current students or the incoming group of freshman students this fall, the release said.

The magnet programs are part of the district’s larger plan to have all high school students on a career-focused educational pathway as early as the 2021-22 school year.

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More than 2,700 U-46 students set to graduate Saturday, May 25

By: kanecountyconnects



More than 2,700 students will mark the end of their high school careers on Saturday as School District U-46 leads five high school graduation ceremonies at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates.

The U-46 Board of Education, Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools Instruction and Equity Lela Majstorovic, many other district administrators and principals will join families and friends in recognizing the Class of 2019.

“This is our time to celebrate the hard work of our graduating seniors,” Sanders said. “We look forward to celebrating these graduates with the families and staff members who have supported them along this journey.”

The graduation schedule Saturday, May 25, is as follows:

- 8 a.m. Elgin High School
- 11 a.m. Bartlett High School
- 2 p.m. Larkin High School
- 5 p.m. Streamwood High School
- 8 p.m. South Elgin High School

Dual Credits



For the second year, the district will be honoring seniors who enrolled in the full-time Dual Credit program on the campus of Elgin Community College.

These students, who must demonstrate certain college readiness benchmark scores for acceptance, take all of their courses at ECC. They earn both high school and college credit for each class in the program, which the district plans to expand to include both high school seniors and juniors in the 2020-21 school year.

The district expects to see its first group of students conferred with both their high school diploma and associate's degree graduate in the Class of 2022.

During the first semester, the Dual Credit students earned a cumulative GPA of 3.42 (eight students earned straight A's during the first semester) and earned a total of 626 college credits.

For graduation, they will be wearing special stoles and they will participate in an end-of-the-year recognition ceremony at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 22 at ECC.

“Over my year at Elgin Community College, I have learned a great deal of lessons that will only help me in the future as I pursue a degree in bilingual elementary education,” said Jennifer Robillard, a Streamwood High School senior enrolled in the Dual Credit program. “I want to make a difference in the world as soon as possible, and enrolling in this program provided me with a head start.”

Forty-six graduates rank among the top 2 percent of their graduating class within the five high schools. These students will attend top universities including Northwestern University, the University of Michigan, University of Southern California, Purdue University, Notre Dame, and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Showcasing Students

The top 2 percent graduates are being showcased daily through the month of May and June on the district’s Facebook page and all profiles also appear on the **Class of 2019 website page**.

For the third year, U-46 will also issue a special honor to graduates who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. One hundred and sixty-six members of the Class of 2019 will earn the State of Illinois Seal of Biliteracy and 315 students the Commendation, given to students who have demonstrated significant progress toward achieving a high level of proficiency.

Scholarship Winners



The Class of 2019 graduates include 40 Superintendent’s Scholarship recipients who earned a \$1,000 scholarship and are the first in their family to attend college.

Watch a video about the recipients here: <https://youtu.be/KnUstZzm3Ms>

The district’s four-year graduation rate of 84 percent remains in step with the state’s average of 85 percent. The majority of U-46 graduates attend Illinois colleges or universities with Elgin Community College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and University of Illinois at Chicago ranking as the top three choices.

More than 20,000 people attended last year’s ceremonies at the Sears Centre. In order to continue to run five smooth and efficient high school graduation ceremonies, School

District U-46 is requesting students and families ride together in the fewest possible number of vehicles to the Sears Centre, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway in Hoffman Estates.

Graduates, families, and guests are also asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to their graduating ceremony. More details about the graduation ceremonies can be found on the **U-46 website**.

Graduation Facts



Total number of graduates: 2,738

- Number of Bartlett High School graduates: 595
- Number of Elgin High School graduates: 558
- Number of Larkin High School graduates: 465
- Number of South Elgin High School graduates: 644
- Number of Streamwood High School graduates: 476

Graduates in the Dual Credit Program

- Bartlett High School: 5 students
- Elgin High School: 8 students
- Larkin High School: 9 students
- South Elgin High School: 15 students
- Streamwood High School: 7 students

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

- Spanish: 161 students
- Polish: 3 students
- French: 1 student
- Chinese: 1 student

Commendation Toward Biliteracy

- Spanish: 260 students
- French: 28 students
- Polish: 13 students
- Japanese: 7 students
- German: 4 students
- Chinese: 1 student
- Hindi: 1 student
- Russian: 1 student

SPORTS

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Girls soccer: Cary-Grove overcomes conditions, Hononegah

By: Allen Oshinski

The volume of shots on goal doesn't always matter. Cary-Grove put just 3 shots on the net against Rockton Hononegah but the Trojans made them count.

Maddie Jannusch scored early and Jenna Stayart added an insurance goal late as the Trojans beat the Indians, 2-0, to advance to the final of the Class 3A Rockford Guilford sectional.

Cary-Grove will face Barrington at 5 p.m. Friday for the sectional title.

Jannusch scored on the game's first shot, about 10 minutes in. Kailyn Sheehan set her up in great position with a corner kick right in front of the net, and Jannusch headed it in.

"I saw it go right across the goal and I thought, that was a beautiful ball, I need to get there," Jannusch said. "So I tried my best to get there and I was in the right place at the right time."

The Trojans had some chances thereafter but couldn't put another shot on goal until the final minute as the wind wreaked havoc with passes and shots alike.

Cary-Grove finally got some breathing room in the final 30 seconds when Stayart knifed through the defense and came in alone on Hononegah keeper Anjelica Ortiz. Ortiz stopped the initial shot, but the rebound popped right back to Stayart, who put it in.

"I think we had a lot of chances and, especially in the first half, we just couldn't finish," Stayart said. "In the second half, we did a really nice job of pressuring down here, it was

just really hard to get the ball across the goal with the wind, but it was really nice to finally score another goal and finish it off."

Avery Nielsen had a couple of nice runs up the right side in the late going but, with the wind acting like an extra defender on almost every play, couldn't connect on the crosses.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Makenna Sheehan and the Trojans defense kept the Indians at bay. She adeptly handled the tricky conditions.

"Some of the shots they would take from the top were just so hard to judge," she said. "And then the ball would take a bounce and you didn't know which way it would fly to."

Sheehan appeared to have a shot by Hononegah's Abby Hawes lined up perfectly, but the ball just kept sailing. Sheehan had to punch it at the last second as it bounced harmlessly off the football crossbar.

In the second half, she made a sliding stop on a breakaway by Lauren Wagner.

"I just saw (Sheehan) stepping up and doing a job she's very proud of," said Cary-Grove coach Ray Krystal. "She's a very good-quality goalkeeper, and making saves like that shows her abilities."

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As good as Gould

Senior outfielder singles in 10th to lift Larkin past Elgin in regional

By: Paul Johnson



Larkin's Jeremy Gould connects for the game-winning hit in the 10th inning Monday against Elgin in a Class 4A Dundee-Crown Regional quarterfinal.

All Larkin's Jeremy Gould wanted was a chance.

In a pitcher's duel featuring few scoring opportunities, Gould finally got his wish in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Javier Cervantes drew a walk and Thomas Woodruff followed with a single Monday as the Royals put together a two-out rally in a Class 4A Dundee-Crown Regional quarterfinal at Trout Park.

That ended up setting the stage for Gould. The senior outfielder broke a scoreless tie with an RBI single to center to give the Royals a 1-0 victory.

Larkin (5-25) plays Barrington at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the regional semifinals at Dundee-Crown.

“It was just a lot of focus,” Gould said. “I knew I needed to make contact. I knew we needed one hit and it would do the job.

“I wanted to be in that position, but two outs is usually a struggle for me. I was able to come through. I needed this game to be over.”

The game-winner was redemption for Gould. He came up with a two-out single in the bottom of the eighth but was thrown out by John Palmer trying to reach third on Max Anderson’s single.

“That’s been Jeremy all year — just smooth, up the middle,” Larkin coach Niko Morado said. “He’s a base-hit guy, doesn’t try to do too much, stays within himself. He was able to line one up the middle and Javy was running hard.”

The winning run came without either starting pitcher still in the game, but both made a huge impact.

Anderson had a 19-strikeout game against Elgin during the regular season. He struck out 14 in 9 1/3 innings Monday before hitting his pitch count.

“He’s had some tough breaks where we kicked it around a little bit defensively behind him, but that’s Max,” Morado said. “Any time we have a big game, Elgin-Larkin, he gets up for it.”

The pitch count also thwarted Kyle Coates, who started for Elgin (1-29) and struck out 11 in 8 1/3 innings.

“That was a true testament to high school pitching right there,” Elgin coach Cody Beck said. “Both of them dug deep and were keeping every hitter on their toes, on both sides.

“Anderson did a great job. Coates did a great job. Every hitter on both sides seemed fooled.”

The Royals face a tough test Wednesday in top-seeded Barrington, but the win over Elgin was a welcome moment.

“It’s big for this group,” Morado said. “For the year that we’ve had, to be able to come out and really put together a team win and grind this out, it’s a good feeling. It’s nice to keep playing playoff baseball.”

Bartlett soccer falls to regional host Spartans

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team saw its season come to an end but not without a fight in the Class 3A St. Francis Regional semifinals on Tuesday, May 14 at Wheaton College.

The No. 8 Hawks were facing No. 9 host St. Francis, which won the Class 2A state title last year, and senior Paige Bednarke got her squad off to a big start scoring on a free kick from midfield just 30 seconds into the match for a 1-0 lead.

However, St. Francis went on to outshoot Bartlett 21-10 on the way to a 4-2 victory. The game looked set to go into halftime tied 1-1 but St. Francis made it 2-1 with 1:45 left before the break.



The Hawks' Tessa Evans, left, battling with the Spartans Hannah Rittenhouse for possession of the ball as Bartlett attempted to mount offensive pressure against St. Francis. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

"That was a dream start for us," said Bartlett coach Vince Revak. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to capitalize off it. If anything, it might have hurt us because we were up and we kind of took our foot off the pedal a bit."

Bartlett didn't go away quietly. Bednarke said she told her team at the break "it might be the last time I talk during a halftime," and her team responded by netting an equalizer and playing hard to the end.

Just five minutes into the second half, senior Mikayla Brown fed sophomore Serena Salvato who made it 2-2. After St. Francis made it 3-2 midway through the half, Brown had a narrow miss on an attempt moments later before the host scored the final goal with 14:38 left to play.

"I knew that we had the potential and the fight in us," Bednarke said. "I know the scoreboard reads 4-2, but I don't read that in my heart or in my mind. We came out and never gave up."

Senior goalie Jessica Hill finished with eight saves for the Hawks.

Revak called it a "bittersweet" end as his team will lose 11 seniors, but he



Bartlett's Christina Mondelli in pursuit of the ball in front of the St. Francis goal as the Hawks attempted to add to its early 1-0 lead.

knows a lot of young players got a lot of quality experience which included nine underclassmen. He noted freshmen Tessa Evans, Sabrina Fowler and Madison Neer who were "thrown into a situation and they absolutely stepped up."

Bartlett ends the season 7-13-2 overall. Although below .500, the Hawks lost eight games by a goal with a brutal nonconference schedule and their defense posted seven shutouts, and both Bednarke and Brown feel they

are leaving the Hawks in good hands for a bright future.

"People are going to have to watch out for Bartlett soccer," Bednarke said.

"Our freshmen, they have so much potential," said Brown, a Wisconsin-Stevens Point recruit. "They have made a huge impact on our team already."

The Hawks other seniors include Jocelyn Carlos, Amber Fiedler, Abigail Hawes, Rachel Helgesen, Kaley Kowal, Jasmine Mendez, Morgan Myers and Kelsey Sniatynsky.

Hawks baseball finishes regular season in style

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team will enter the postseason with some momentum winning 10 of its last 11 games prior to the Willowbrook Regional where the No. 15 Hawks open with No. 17 Addison Trail in the quarterfinals.

The run started by avoiding a series sweep against Upstate Eight Conference champs South Elgin with a win in Game 3. The streak has all been in UEC play as the Hawks are now 18-10-1 overall, 16-10 in the UEC.

"We just want to keep the momentum rolling," said Bartlett coach Devin Rosen. "We want to see some consistency, and when we are playing at our best we can compete."

Bartlett opened the final week of the regular season with a 9-0 victory over East Aurora on Monday, May 13 in Aurora. Michael Vaca (2-for-4, triple, double), Frankie Gherardi (2-for-4), Kevin Vesta (2-for-4), Matthew Angelone (four RBI), Blake Oliver (double) and Sam Mallinas (RBI) led the offense while winning pitcher Matt

Ande (no hits, one walk, one hit batter, four strikeouts) and Max Lewis (one hit, four walks, four strikeouts), who got a save, both tossed three shutout innings.

Against West Chicago, the Hawks completed a pair of wins in suspended games for a three-game series sweep with a 9-8 win and a 7-5 victory on Tuesday, May 14 at West Chicago. Nick Kantzavelos and Vaca were the respective winners on the mound.

The Hawks went on to split a pair of games against Glenbard East with a 5-0 loss on Wednesday, May 15 and a 4-3 win on Friday, May 17 both at Bartlett. Geno Frieri suffered the Game 1 loss on the mound and Bartlett was held to one hit while Kantzavelos was the winner in the second game and Frieri, Mallinas, Vesta and Matt Lewandowski had an RBI to lead the offense.

"We just need to keep working hard," Vaca said. "We know we can hang with any team, and we can beat quality teams."

Storm defeat McHenry, host to win regional crown

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team captured the Huntley Regional title in a defensive, overtime thriller as the No. 4 Storm defeated No. 5 Huntley 1-0 in the championship match on Saturday, May 18.

The evenly matched teams, Huntley finishing with a 7-6 edge in shots on goal, went scoreless through 80 minutes thanks in large part to strong goalkeeping, including Storm junior goalie Megan McClure who finished with seven saves including some big stops on pointblank attempts in the team's 10th shutout of the season.

Heading into the extra time, Storm coach Laura Snow's message was "keep playing our game," and three minutes into overtime freshman Katrina Barthelt netted the game's only goal and South Elgin held Huntley scoreless the remaining seven minutes of play.

"That's what I told them, I said don't panic because

the mental side of us is probably going to win this game," Snow said. "I said before the game it might be a one-goal difference, and here we are."

Sophomore Madeline Freitag setup the game winner making a feed to Barthelt who had a breakaway to earn the goal.

South Elgin improved to 14-3-3 overall and will advance to the Guilford (Rockford) Sectional where it will take on top-seeded Barrington (18-1-1) in the semifinals. The Storm are fresh off an undefeated, 7-0-2, Upstate Eight Conference season as they earned the program's first conference title.

"This year we picked up a conference title, which we've never done before," Snow said. "I said that's only the beginning. That doesn't matter unless we go grab this one."

In the regional semifinals, Barthelt scored four goals on the way to a 5-0 win over No. 13 McHenry on Wednesday, May 15.

It just took 50 seconds of play for the Storm to take the lead for good with Barthelt's first goal. Barthelt went on to earn a natural hat trick with the first three goals before junior Isabella Tusa made it 4-0 before the break.

"That's a great way to start the postseason," Snow said. "In practice all week, we talked about how important it was to come out strong and creating chances in the final third. They did a good job with that."

The Storm offense kept up the pressure throughout, Barthelt finishing the scoring in the second half, while McHenry struggled to create any chances all game. The score could have been even more lopsided as South Elgin's offense on multiple occasions hit the crossbar or side posts.

"We never gave up," Barthelt said. "Even when we hit the post, we just kept going trying to get another."



South Elgin's Haley Molidor, left, on the edge of the McHenry goal in pursuit of the ball being cleared by the Warriors' Madison Fray.



Katrina Barthelt scoring the Storm's first goal of the match against McHenry. Barthelt notched the tally of the contest. The score was the first of four goals for Barthelt in the match. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

South Elgin finishes strong, wins three straight

By Seth Hancock

With a win over Streamwood and two more against East Aurora, the South Elgin baseball team clinched the Upstate Eight Conference title as the Storm, who are seeded third in the Glenbard West Sectional, prepare for the Schaumburg Regional.

Against Streamwood, the Storm came out strong and held on for a 6-5 win on Monday, May 13 at South Elgin.

Logan Romasanta (2-for-3, double, RBI), Marc Guerrero (2-for-3, two RBI), Garrett Wano (two RBI) and Austin Doty (RBI) led the Storm at the plate helping them build a 6-0 lead over the first three frames.

After that, it was all Streamwood which rallied within a run eventually stranding the tying run at third base to end the game.

“Streamwood’s a scrappy team, and you give them a chance they’ll take it,” said South Elgin coach Jim Kating.

Romasanta started on the mound and earned the win after tossing five innings allowing two runs, one earned, off of two hits and two walks, and he struck out 11.

Streamwood went on to load the bases with one out in the sixth inning off reliever Grayson Downing who walked in a run as the visitors pulled



Logan Romasanta made the start for the Storm against Streamwood on Monday, May 13.

to 6-3. Joey Haslam then came in and got a double play to stop the damage at a run.

Haslam, who allowed two hits and hit one batter, got in trouble in the seventh inning as Streamwood quickly put runners at second and third with no outs. Those runners both scored and the tying runner was 90-feet away with two outs when Haslam got a strikeout to complete the save.

“We made it interesting at the end,” Kating said. “We started off strong in the first three innings, but we didn’t add on.”

Kating added: “I’m very disappointed in



The Sabres’ AJ Reyna swinging and missing the final pitch of the game as Storm catcher Marc Guerrero secured strike three.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

that our energy level went down and their energy level went up. From that aspect, I’m not happy but I’m happy with the final result.”

Patrick Roy went on to be the winning pitcher in a 14-2 win in a five-inning, 10-run rule game against East Aurora on Wednesday, May 15 in Aurora, and Joseph Teschke was the winner in an 8-0 victory against East Aurora on Friday, May 17 at South Elgin.

Patrick Keaty (2-for-3, double, four RBI), Griffin Allen (2-for-2, triple, double, three RBI), Ryan Kuchta (home run, two RBI), Grant Baker (double, RBI), Cody Gallagher (RBI), Romasanta (two RBI) and Guerrero (RBI) led the offense in the first game. Downing (3-for-4), Guerrero (3-for-4, two RBI), Wano (2-for-2, two RBI), Haslam (double) and Romasanta (double) led in the second.

South Elgin is now 24-5 overall, 22-4 in the UEC.

Storm topple Hawks, gain share of UEC title

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team had a big senior day defeating its Upstate Eight Conference rival Bartlett twice on Monday, May 13 at South Elgin.

The Storm, who clinched a share of the UEC title with Glenbard South lat-

and senior Sami Koss (RBI) contributed in the second.

“It’s always great to win against your rival and on senior day,” Pollman said. “I feel like more of a role model this year. I had some great role models when I started, and it’s been fun helping lead the younger players this year.”

“We’re definitely getting hits,” Cruthers said. “I think everyone is coming through with hits which is what we need at this point in the season.”

Gianna Campo added an RBI for Bartlett in the first loss while Vanessa Rincon was 2-for-3 and Campo had an RBI in the second game. Rincon suffered the loss



Bartlett shortstop Charlotte Linnartz applying a tag to South Elgin’s Casey Brennan who was retired after rounding second and trying to get back to the bag.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

er in the week, earned a 4-2 win before finishing a suspended game. South Elgin led 3-0 in the fifth inning when the suspended game was resumed, and it finished with an 8-1 victory.

Senior Sidney Strama (seven strikeouts, four walks, one hit batter) tossed 6.2 innings in the 4-2 win and had a no-hitter through five before Abby Tomillo (RBI) and Erika Rosberg tallied the Hawks only hits in the final two frames. Sophia Salazar finished with all seven innings in the 8-1 win allowing one run, unearned, off five hits, five walks and a hit batter and she struck out 10.

“Anytime you can beat Bartlett twice in one day, you’ll take it,” said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard.

Cara Cruthers (RBI) hit a leadoff triple off Bartlett pitcher Kaitlyn Edwards to start a two-run second inning for a 3-0 lead which gave the Storm enough in the first win. She added a triple and a solo home run when play resumed in the second victory.

Sammy Jimenez (3-for-3, double), senior Geneva Pollman (2-for-4), Strama (RBI) and senior Casey Brennan (RBI) contributed in the 4-2 win. Pollman (2-for-2, two RBI), Kaylie Humes (2-for-3, RBI), Strama (double, RBI)

in the second game.

The games represented a look at both team’s opening Fremd Regional foes when the No. 4 Storm take on the No. 13 Hawks.

Despite the losses, Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith has been pleased with how his team has played of late which included a regular season finale win 11-1 over Glenbard East in UEC play on Tuesday, May 14 at Glenbard East. The Hawks (9-21, 7-10 UEC) outthit the host 16-3 and had four multi-base knocks.

“This was a learning experience,” Wolfsmith said of the South Elgin games. “We got the chance to see every pitcher (Reynard) can throw at us.”

Wolfsmith added: “Right now, I like what I’m seeing. We’ve gone through some trials and tribulations with some injuries lately, but the team has been playing better softball as of late.”

For the Storm, they enter the postseason on an eight-game winning streak after suffering its only UEC loss to Glenbard South, who they later beat in a second matchup, to start the previous week. South Elgin (25-6, 17-1) earned two four-inning, 15-run rule wins in UEC play with 15-0 victories over East Aurora on Tuesday and El-

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Sabres fall to Storm, end week sweeping Royals

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team rallied from a six-run deficit but came up short in a 6-5 loss to Upstate Eight Conference champs South Elgin on Monday, May 13 at South Elgin.

The Sabres entered the top of the seventh inning trailing 6-3 when they got

runners at second and third base with no outs starting with a leadoff double by Scott Wolfard. Max Alanis had an RBI single and Anthony Caruso drove in a run on a groundout to pull to 6-5, but with two outs and a runner at third the tying run was stranded after a strikeout ended the game.

"We're not big on the moral victories, but there's a lot of positives we can take away," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota.

Lasota added: "I'm really happy with the way we battled back from down 6-0. We did a good job chipping away."

Tyler Jones went 2-for-3 with an RBI, and Justin Gonzalez drove in two runs.

South Elgin went to work early off Connor Johnson scoring six runs, four earned, over the first three frames for a 6-0 lead. Johnson eventually found a rhythm to go the distance allowing eight hits, walking one, hitting a batter and striking out two.

"He settled in," Lasota said. "He started getting his off-speed stuff over the plate for strikes. With a whole bunch

of games this week, we needed him to go out and get some innings for us and he did that."

In extra inning, the Sabres dropped an UEC game against Elgin which drove in the winning run off Dillon Skelnik in the 10th for a 3-2 final on Tuesday, May 14 at Streamwood. Colin Bielinski (2-for-5) and Wolfard (double, RBI) led the Sabres.

Streamwood finished the regular season with a three-game UEC series sweep over Larkin starting with a 10-2 win on Wednesday, May 15 at Streamwood. Tyler Fencil got the win and Caruso a three-inning save while the Sabres were led at the plate by Bielinski (3-for-4, triple, double, RBI), Johnson (2-for-4, double, three RBI), Jeremy Lunz (2-for-3, RBI), Caruso

(home run, three RBI), Skelnik (double, RBI) and Wolfard (double, RBI).

Bielinski (one hit, three walks, six strikeouts) tossed four shutout innings for the win in a 7-0 victory on Friday, May 17 at Streamwood. Johnson (two RBI) homered, Jared Martinez doubled and Wolfard drove in two runs to lead at the plate.

Johnson (two hits, nine strikeouts) tossed five shutout frames in a 9-0 win for the sweep on Saturday, May 18 at Larkin. Caruso (2-for-3, double, RBI), Jones (2-for-4, three RBI), Wolfard (2-for-3), AJ Reyna (2-for-3) and Bielinski (two RBI) led the offense.

Streamwood is 18-14 overall, 16-11 in the UEC, entering the Grant Regional where the No. 5 Sabres open with No. 3 Grant.



Connor Johnson releasing a pitch during his Monday, May 13 start at South Elgin.



Streamwood first baseman Anthony Caruso stretching to take a throw to just nip the Storm's Austin Doty a first.



The Sabres' Colin Bielinski diving back safely to second base on a pick-off play as South Elgin second baseman Cody Gallagher took the throw from his pitcher.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Pet of the Week

This Wrangler needs a new homestead

Wrangler is a neutered, 6-year-old Great Pyrenees mix that has ridden the range as a stray. Now he has set up camp at DCAS and he's looking for a homestead to call his own. Wrangler is really a gentleman at heart and he loves to love. When Wrangler arrived at the shelter he was such an easy boy that staff wanted to put him on the adoption floor immediately, however it turned out, on his journey Wrangler ended up heart worm positive So, he'll be needing a home that can keep him calm during his heart worm treatment (all taken care of by DCAS). Wrangler is uncomfortable with forward dogs so he benefit from being the only dog in the home or to live with a quiet dog that will let him be. Staff suspects that Wrangler may have been an outside only dog so his foster or adopter will have to take their time and help him adjust to living in a home. For more information please call 630-407-2800 or email animlaservices@dupageco.org.

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Huntley shot barrage ends season for Sabres



Melanie Ramirez of the Sabres taking the ball from Huntley's Braidy Ceh.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team's season came to an end in the Huntley Regional semifinals as the No. 12 Sabres fell 9-1 to No. 5 Huntley on Wednesday, May 15.

Huntley finished with an 18-5 advantage in shots on goal and built a 7-1 lead by halftime.

The game got away from Streamwood during an eight-minute stretch in the first half when Huntley had several breakaways leaving Sabres freshman keeper Emina Cousevic (nine saves) with little support despite giving a strong effort all night making several solid stops.

With 25:57 left in the first half, Huntley netted its first goal starting a barrage of goals as the host led 4-0 just over three minutes later and made it 5-0 four minutes after that.

"We just had gaps in our defense," said Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy. "They found

their way through our holes, and we just couldn't slow them down at that point."

Streamwood did finish with a 5-2 advantage in corner kicks and scored off one with 13:28 left in the opening half when freshman Jasmin Perez headed in a corner kick from freshman Diana Herrera making it 5-1.

Herrera, senior Paulette Carranza, sophomore Madison Rivera and senior Josett Perez all had a shot on goal in the game for Streamwood which kept battling after falling behind 5-0.

The Sabres end the season 5-15-1 overall with a young squad that included 10 underclassmen. Streamwood will lose five seniors which also include Melanie Ramirez, Leslie Ortiz and Brianna Yi.

"They played hard all game long," Duffy said. "They didn't give up. We have a young team, so hopefully they can build off this season."



Streamwood's Diana Herrera executing a header in front of the Red Raiders' Emma Vasquez.



The elevated pair of Streamwood's Alex Meza, left, and Huntley's Avery Fitzgerald competing for possession of the ball late in the first half.



Huntley's Alyssa Xanos in the process of scoring the match's first goal as she vaulted past Streamwood keeper Emina Cousevic who made an initial stop, however, Xanos who was able to pick up a rebound for the tally.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)