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Board committee hears two bar permit requests

By Seth Hancock

A pair of special use permit requests from bars in Bartlett were heard by the Village Board of Trustees at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, May 21.

Bannerman's, off of Illinois Route 59 in the Bartlett Commons Shopping Center, wants to create an outdoor beer garden, and the Bartlett Tap, located off Railroad Avenue, is asking permission for "live entertainment (indoor only) utilizing a small amplification device," according to a memo from Roberta Grill, planning and development services director. Both requests have been moved onto the Plan Commission for further review and public hearings.

In a letter from Said Maqsood, owner of Bannerman's, he said he hopes to open the beer garden this summer and added: "The outdoor beer garden is an exciting opportunity for the town, and it is an exciting opportunity for us as we look to continue to be an active and contributing business in the community for years to come."

The plan would be to convert an existing fenced-in area behind the building, which originally was going to be used by a daycare for a play area, into a beer garden seating up to 40 people with 10 tables. It could include televisions as well as games, like darts and chess, as well as occasionally acoustic music with no amplification.

The current fencing would be replaced and Said plans to keep the beer garden open during normal business hours. Bannerman's closes at 11 p.m. on Sunday through Tuesday, 12 a.m. on Wednesday, 12:30 a.m. on Thursday and 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Surrounding the bar is commercial to the east and south and residential to the north and west.

Grill said the nearest residential neighbor is about 185 feet away from the proposed beer garden when questioned by Trustee Raymond Deyne.

"I will let the Plan Commission address that, but the concern that I have is that if we have any outside music and whatnot, the TV's going, and it maintains the same hours as the operation of the current liquor license we may have some feedback from the closest neighbors," Deyne said.

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya stated she would find it "unreasonable" if she lived next to the beer garden, and Deyne said previous outdoor concerts put on by Bannerman's have led to

concerns in the past. Bryan Mraz, village attorney, said the board can set conditions on the permit which could include shortening the hours of operations for the beer garden.

Trustee Adam Hopkins asked about another beer garden in the village which Grill said the nearest residential neighbors are further away and it closes earlier. Grill said she was not aware of any complaints from that beer garden when asked by Trustee Aaron Reinke.

Hopkins asked if another daycare were to move into the shopping center, could the board stipulate that any outdoor play area not be allowed next to a beer garden.

"I don't think that would be too appropriate to have an outdoor daycare facility or playground next to a beer garden," Hopkins said.

"I think that's something that can be done, but it affects the owner of the shopping center who's trying to rent out the other spaces," said Mraz who

added the village would have to make them aware of such regulations if they were put in place.

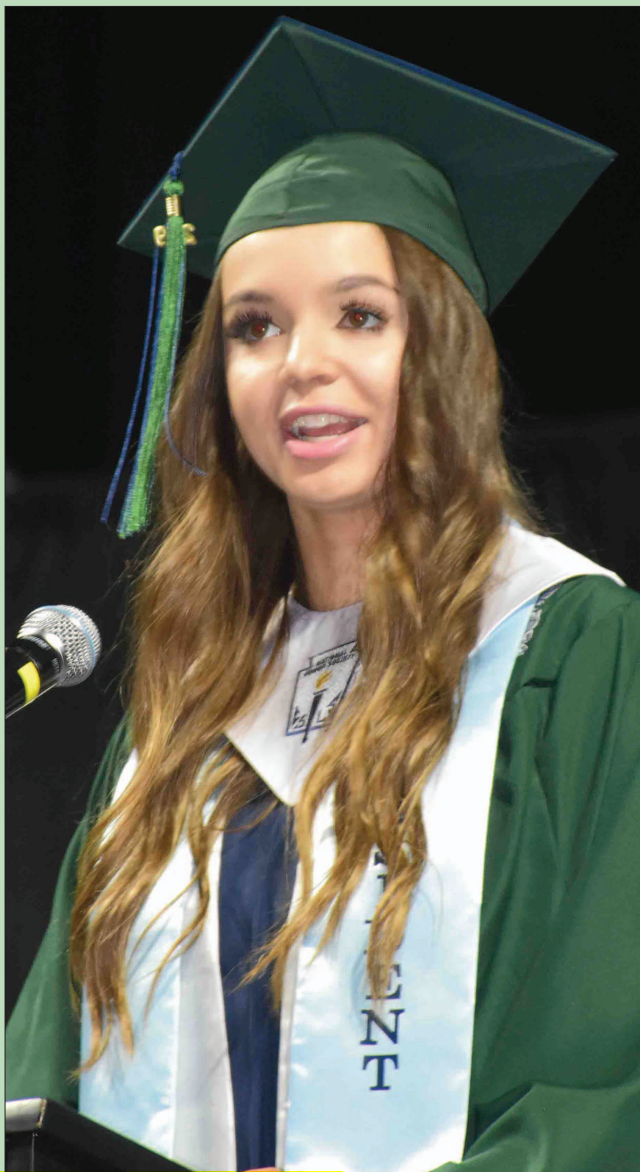
The Bartlett Tap request came from owner John Castilla who recently opened the bar and grill.

"The Bartlett Tap is excited to finally be open to the public and has received tremendous support," Castilla wrote in a letter. "During my initial rehab I had built a stage in the corner... to en-

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South Elgin High School valedictorian Bridget Bondi urged her fellow graduates to apply the things they had learned over the past four years, on Saturday, May 25 at the Sears Centre Arena. For story and more photos see page 10. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



Bartlett High School senior class president Anna Monson, made two commencement speeches during the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 25, at the Sears Centre Arena. For story and more photos see page 11. (Examiner photo by Andrea Kohl)

Graduation keynote speakers

Park Dist. Board finalized, officer assignments made

By Joe Hyland

The Tuesday, May 14 meeting of the Park District Board of Commissioners was actually three meetings in one.

The first act was a public hearing on the annual budget.

"This is a public hearing," said Commissioner Steve Eckelberry. "This is your chance to be heard,"

As no one showed up to express an opinion one way or the other, the hearing was closed in short order.

"Thank you all for being here," Board President Susan Stocks said. "There will be a 15 minute recess until the next meeting."

The second act was the board's annual meeting, the first part being the swearing-in of re-elected Com-

missioner Dale Ann Kasuba and Ted Lewis as well as newly-elected Commissioner Jody Fagan.

Stocks did the honors.

"Ted's done this seven times, so he can probably do it without me," Stocks said.

"Now we've got to get to work," Lewis said, following the ceremony.

Stocks did so.

"Our next item is election of officers," Stocks said.

Park District Executive Director Rita Fletcher took over as President Pro Tem until the new Board President was elected. That turned out to be Eckelberry, who was elected unanimously. He then took over the meeting for the remainder of the election process.

Commissioner Lori Palmer was unanimously elected as Vice President. She then nominated Commis-

sioner Diana Gunsteen as treasurer, who was also elected unanimously.

Fletcher was nominated as secretary and elected unanimously. In addition, she was appointed as the district's representative to the Northwest Special Recreation Association board.

Attorney Steven Adams of Robbins Schwarz was approved as the district's corporate attorney by the new board, which also approved its 2019-20 meeting schedule.

Finally, the new board then approved the annual budget and appropriation ordinance, giving its okay to the district's \$15,756,552 budget for 2019-20.

The annual meeting then adjourned, and the board began its committee workshop meeting for the third segment.

U-46 Board discusses, set to vote on proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on \$841,030 in expenditure proposals as well as several other items at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 3. The items were presented on May 20.

The board spent a majority of the time discussing concerns over the district choosing the lowest bidders to how to redistribute more taxpayer dollars to social programs that the government school is not required to provide.

One of the items is \$173,838 to the Boys and Girls Club which, if approved, would be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through Title I funds. This would go towards eight weeks of summer camp for 125 students deemed "low-income" or "at-risk" based on being in a Title I designated school.

The camp would include "academic and social and emotional enrichment opportunities," according to the proposal.

Board member Melissa Owens expressed concerns with "equity of access" as it only applies to students at Title I schools and there are poor kids in other schools according to her.

"So any student that is in a building that is not a Title I school does not have access to these even if they are, would be considered low-income or at-risk?" Owens asked.

"Correct, we only service Title I schools with Title I dollars," said Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, who said federal requirements are that the district target funds to schools with 75 percent or higher low-income students, but "we actually drop that percentage in U-46 all the way down to 60 percent to continue to pick up additional schools."

"I thought that the federal threshold was 40 percent. It's higher than that?" asked Owens who also asked: "We cannot provide targeted assistance to students that are outside of those Title I buildings?"

Shrode said 75 percent is the requirement and 40 percent is what a district can drop to, "but we also have to keep the amount that we give to our current required schools at the same level and so we couldn't service all of our schools all the way down to 40 percent which is what federal government now allows it, doesn't require but allows, because we wouldn't be able to continue consistent funding in the buildings that we're required to serve."

Owens said she's "not at all disagreeing with the principle" of stripping parental authority from some families, but "we have pockets of poverty all throughout this district."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "low-income" students in non-Title I students are more privileged than those at Title I schools and "the equity really comes into play when you're talking about schools that don't have, they have such a concentration of poverty that it's just not likely" those students will have access to summer camp.

Owens asked how students will be selected to which Shrode said the Boys and Girls Club will select the 125 students it feels are most in need. Shrode said "there is transportation" as well to the Boys and Girls Club facility when asked by board member Veronica Noland.

Also, to be voted on is a \$168,337 (operations and maintenance fund) with Rogers Flooring, Inc. for carpet tile and VCT floor installation as well as some moisture mitigation at 10 district schools. There were two bids, the other coming in at \$356,432.

Noland claimed she received calls with concerns about the bids and said: "The winning bid is more than half the cost. Concerns brought to my attention were how could they be so dramatically different... but also recommendations and the process."

Owens and board member Kate Thommes were also concerned that the taxpayers would be paying for a lower bidder.

"This vendor in particular is a qualified vendor," said Sheila Downs, director of plan operations, who noted Rogers does pay prevailing wages and certified payroll is given to the district. "We verified that, but we've also done work with them in the past"

Owens said: "If we've found them to be a credible bidder then that's fine, but what is our recourse... if a vendor comes in, does the work that we've asked them to do and it fails sooner than it should have failed?"

Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said that "by the vendor accepting the bid, they're accepting our terms" and there is "legal recourse" if the work is not done properly.

Owens continued: "But what if a problem presents itself after the job is completed?" Phelps said "there's a warranty period" and Downs adding "both workmanship as well as product warranties" and the district has done "substantial work with Rogers, and they stand behind their product."

Phelps had to note that U-46 does not operate this private business and "each company has a different profit margin" and "we only are required that the vendor pays prevailing wage and that applies benefits to their employees" as Thommes continued to press the issue.

The board will also be asked to vote on a \$40,000 (education fund) expenditure to renew membership with the lobbyist group Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) which has been a controversial item under the previous board. Both former board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward have opposed the membership because of little value seen from the group.

Sue Kerr, the board's president, noted that they can have two legislative updates a year from the IASB which Sanders said: "Because of the size of U-46, they have offered to at least present twice a member of their staff's government relations department."

From the education fund are a two-year contract renewal with Futures in Rehabilitation Management, Inc. costing \$175,000, a \$23,000 increase, criminal background checks for personnel as well as a contract renewal with HERO by School mint costing \$64,458, up \$233, for student behavior tracking.

Three items from the operations and maintenance fund are \$138,497 with Stalker Sports Floors for gym floor sanding and finishing at Bartlett and South Elgin high schools and South Elgin's Kenyon Woods Middle School and two asbestos abatement projects with Cove Remediation at Bartlett's Eastview Middle School (\$45,000) and Elgin's McKinley Elementary School (\$35,900).

The board will vote on the physical education exemptions terms and conditions for the 2019-2020 school year, a resolution for the display and public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020 Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System (NKCRVS) budget and a U-46 retirement committee charter. The NKCRVS budget will be presented on June 17, a public hearing will be July 15 and a final vote is scheduled for Aug. 12.



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Consent agenda used to ratify varied U-46 items

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved \$7.4 million in expenditure items as well as two curriculum proposals with a projected cost over \$3 million at its meeting on Monday, May 20.

Without discussion or debate, the

board voted 6-0 for the expenditure items all under the consent agenda as well as for the two curriculum proposals and \$8.3 million in itemized bills as separate items under discussion/action. Board member John Dev-ereux was absent.

The largest expenditure approved

ministration would be a better idea. Information from the Taxpayer Education Foundation was noted in this letter: <http://www.taxpayereducation.org/2019/04/fixing-illinois-infrastructure-with-user-fees/>. State Representative Allen Skillicorn

The devastating effects of the progressive income tax proposal

Dear Editor, The Illinois House took a vote to move Gov. J.B. Pritzker's progressive income tax amendment to the ballot. If this amendment passes, it would allow for the nation's highest income tax on businesses and create a bridge to tax hikes on middle-class Illinoisans. Recently, the House Revenue and Finance Committee voted 9-6, along party lines, to pass Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 1 to eliminate Illinois' flat income tax protection. Lawmakers need a three-fifths majority, or 71 votes, to pass the amendment. The House vote is the final step before the amendment could be put before voters in November 2020. At that point, 60 percent of those who vote on the amendment, or a majority of Illinoisans voting in the election, must vote "yes" in order for the amendment to take effect. After that, Illinois lawmakers would only need a simple majority to change or raise tax rates. Background: Fifty local government leaders and advocacy groups have signed on to an Illinois Policy petition opposing the progressive income tax.

Two Democratic state representatives have already voiced public opposition to the progressive income tax, citing need for property tax relief.

Polling results reveal voters do not approve of Gov. Pritzker's proposal in key districts held by Democrats, including Reps. Mary Edly-Allen, Jonathan Carroll, Katie Stuart, Karina Villa, Monica Bristow, Sue Scherer and Terra Costa Howard.

Lawmakers face a looming May 31 deadline to pass a budget for 2020 and to finalize other important legislation. A progressive income tax would not take effect until the 2021 fiscal year and lawmakers have until May 3, 2020 to pass it onto the ballot.

Typical property tax increases alone would wipe out Pritzker's proposed income tax relief in the first year his plan would be allowed to take effect. In addition, tax hikes from Gov. Pritzker's \$41.5 billion capital plan would eliminate any potential savings from a progressive income tax.

Pritzker already walked back his promise to bring relief to 97 percent of taxpayers through his proposed tax rates, and refused to guarantee the middle class will not face tax hikes. He's now facing a federal criminal investigation for not paying his own fair share in taxes.

Gov. Pritzker claims the new tax structure would raise an additional \$3.4 billion. But Illinois Policy Institute estimates found Pritzker's actual revenue would fall at least \$1 billion short of his projections. Revenue from the new tax would hardly make a dent in Illinois' billions in debt, let alone fund billions in new spending. No independent group has been able to recreate Pritzker's revenue estimates.

In order to fully fund Pritzker's promised spending, the typical Illinois family would be on the hook for a tax increase of up to \$3,500, hitting middle-class Illinoisans with yet another tax hike.

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was \$4.1 million with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., to come out of the transportation fund, to purchase 48 buses.

According to the proposal, the bus purchases align with the district's age and obsolescence plan.

"The buses are being purchased to replace buses that have met the requirement for replacement as outlined in the 2019 Age and Obsolescence Plan. These buses will replace buses that are being traded in. This purchase, with trade-ins, will reduce the fleet from 351 buses to 350 buses.... The district will be current with the Age and Obsolescence Plan if this current proposal is approved by the Board," the proposal states.

Two items from the food and nutrition fund were approved including \$1.2 million with Prairie Farms, Rockford for milk and \$1 million with Alpha Baking Company, Inc. for fresh bread.

Three proposals from the operations and maintenance fund were approved including \$212,000 with Kandu Construction Inc. for replacement of bathroom partitions at three schools, \$185,046 with Twin Supplies, Ltd. for lighting upgrades to LED at 11 schools and \$91,775 with CertaPro Painters of the North Shore for painting Streamwood High School.

An approved expenditure of \$146,426 with CDW-G, from the education fund, will go towards renewal of Microsoft licenses.

The nation's taxpayers will pay for three approved expenditure items through grant funds including \$144,000 with Northern Illinois University for professional development for the English Language Learner and English as a Second Language staff, \$112,500 with Golden Apple for professional learning community professional development and \$76,590 with

Roosevelt University for the Dual Language Teacher Leadership program.

The approved curriculum items included a K-6 literacy proposal to "integrate literacy, content area and social emotional standards," according to the proposal, as well as a Honors Spanish Language Arts II course proposal.

The literacy proposal estimates a cost of \$2.6 million for additional resources (Houghton Mifflin's "Kids Discover," Pearson's "myWorld Interactive," McGraw Hill's "Discovering Our Past") as well as \$331,177 for Second Step resources. The Spanish course is expected to cost \$103,086 for resources.

Pheasant

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years). The PF&QF outreach coordinator will expand outreach efforts while helping the IDNR and other partners develop and implement the Recruit, Retain, and Reactivate (R3) concept to create new participants or increase participation rates of current or lapsed outdoor recreationists.

Using seeding standards and mes-saging for expanding pollinator habitat through partners including Ameren and IDOT, the outreach coordinator will continue to promote and educate the public about brood rearing and nesting habitat for pheasants. The Pheasant Fund grant will cover 60 percent of the cost of the outreach coordinator position for a two-year period. Matching funds are provided by Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever (\$45,867.48) and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever chapters (\$16,000, plus \$35,300 in-kind).

Tidbits

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site you visit. More than 600 participants from Bartlett alone take part in this free program sponsored by the Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association. The Bartlett resident that visits the most sites between May 1 and Aug. 31, will be awarded the Mayor's Medallion at a village board meeting. Residents have until Sept. 14 to register their name and site total for medallion consideration at Bartlett Village Hall. For additional information visit villageofbartlettmuseums.org.

The Bartlett High School Fine Arts Booster Club is looking for crafters for its fourth annual craft show on Saturday, Oct. 26. For information or applications please contact Yvonne at bhsartcraftshow2016@gmail.com or call 213-0183.

Bartlett VFW Post 11018 has its monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at Clare Oaks just off West Bartlett Road and east of Illinois Route 59. Men and women who have served in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters may be eligible for membership. A DD-214 is required, plus citizenship and honorable service. Your fellow comrades welcome you!

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 meets the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested in learning more, please email BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com.

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the

month at the Bartlett Log Cabin located at North Avenue and Oak Street at 7 p.m. We are looking for veterans who are interested in serving their community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

In the days before the American Revolution, patriots would gather in local taverns to discuss the issues of the day and consider remedies to their grievances. Continuing on this tradition, West Suburban Patriots invites you to Patriots' Pub. This is a casual get together with no guest speaker or structured program, just an opportunity to gather with like-minded citizens. Cash bar and pub food available for purchase. Patriot's Pub Nights will be held every-other-Tuesday at Chrissy's, 552 N. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream from 7 to 10 p.m. For more details, see westsuburbanpatriots.com.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, KMR-kitten replacement milk, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

Looking for a Job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join their career networking email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see their job board; check out the materials that cover topics such as resume writing and interviewing help; stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

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Questioning the rush

Dear Editor, I question why Illinois is rushing toward an infrastructure plan while discussions at the federal level for the most ambitious infrastructure plan in U.S. history are still ongoing. The federal plan could be anywhere from \$1 to \$2 trillion. Illinois stands as a major cross point for rail and roads connecting east to west, and with the fifth highest GDP in the nation, Illinois would be a vital part of any plans the federal government finally decides upon.

However, the talk emanating from Springfield gives the impression that there are not any national infrastructure spending plans at all. Gov. Pritzker and the Democrat majority appear intent on cramming bills into the next nine days that could tax everything from plastic bags, internet streaming and cigarettes, to doubling gas taxes and raising fees on electric vehicles up to \$1,000 dollars annually to fund transportation. These actions would make you think Illinois has not made any progress in maintaining infrastructure, but it has. According to the Federal Highway Administration, in 1992 18 percent of the state's bridges were considered structurally deficient. That dropped by 50 percent in 2017 to less than 9 percent. In addition, the roughness index has dropped 35 percent since 1995, with rural interstate dropping 65 percent and urban interstate dropping 48 percent, overall making the ride 20 percent smoother in 2017 than in 1995.

Disdain for President Trump by our Governor and the Democrat majority have them 'going it alone,' pushing massive tax hikes onto the backs of Illinois families who already bear the crushing burden of the highest overall taxes in the nation. While there is no doubt that, as usual, dollars will be allocated in this year's budget to maintain our infrastructure, there is no need to rush headlong into massive tax and fee increases based on the hype that has been created regarding it. Sitting down with the Trump Ad-

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Dist. U-46 Board approves code changes

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved changes to the Student Code of Conduct among others items at its meeting on Monday, May 20.

All votes on the evening were 6-0, board member John Devereux was absent.

The code has created controversy recently, but the item was approved under the consent agenda with no debate.

The 60-page document had changes made to 35 pages according to a memo from John Heiderscheidt, director of safety and culture.

Included in the code was language identifying when and where the code applies to students which includes at home and off school grounds according to Heiderscheidt who said it “applies to social media comments” despite there being no objective standards cited in the code to define what social media activity could be deemed worthy of consequences.

A lack of any clear standards led to a split vote last year when changes were approved as former board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voted no. Ward said at the time the code is full of “undefined, subjective terminology and unaccompanied by objective academic standards.”

Last year via memo, the district stat-

ed that “equity” is their guide in making changes to the code, and Heiderscheidt said the code uses a “positive discipline philosophy” with an emphasis on “relationships and community above rules and regulations.” The district also continues to divide students by subgroups with consequences to actions possibly being based on one’s group rather than a student’s action.

In opposing last year’s changes, Ward said: “Justice should be color-blind. If a student does the crime, they should do the time regardless of what color they are otherwise chaos will ensue.... Bullying should be prohibited period without the necessity to call out every disparate group of people.”

Costello said: “When we talk about violence or notable student actions, whether it’s good or bad, I would prefer that they not be gender-based or any other based. We’re putting them in boxes, and I find that a little bit taking a step backwards as opposed to we’re all created equal.... I think that we should really focus on what they’re producing rather than... their backgrounds. Ethnicity in one case, religious beliefs or whatever, what they’ve accomplished and what their potential is and address that rather than who they are.”

Despite the controversial aspects,

South Elgin soccer beaten by Broncos at sectional

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team saw its season come to an end in the Guilford Sectional semifinal as the No. 4 Storm fell 2-0 to No. 1 Barrington on Tuesday, May 21.

Barrington entered the match with an 18-1-1 record with an average of 4.3 goals scored and 0.45 goals allowed per game. It netted a goal midway through each half for all the scoring.

Junior goalie Megan McClure kept the Storm in the game with several big saves, and she and the Storm defense finished with 10 shutouts on the season.

Despite the loss, it was a strong year for the Storm who finished 14-4-3 overall and captured the program’s first conference title with a 7-0-2 mark in the Upstate Eight. This comes after finishing with just one win overall last year and one conference victory over the past two seasons.

“We have a wall of conference championships at school, and I’m really

happy to know we’ve added to it,” said junior midfielder/defender Danielle Kucharski.

“Instead of just being a close-knit team, we’re more like a family,” said freshman forward Katrina Barthelt. “We help each other through any hard times. We keep each other going, and we’re together on and off the field.”

The Storm were young this season led by Barthelt who scored 33 goals in her inaugural varsity campaign, but it was a team effort which included seven seniors including Ashley Kopczyk, Nikki Nguyen, Bridget Bondi, Madeline Kordecki, Julia Wafford, Isabelle Zabat and Sarah Boghossian.

“When people read or see our results, it’s easy for some to think Katrina carries us but we’ve got seven seniors, eight juniors, some strong freshmen and sophomores,” said South Elgin coach Laura Snow. “You ask Katrina, and she’s always thanking her teammates, or Megan always thanks the defensive line. They play as a team.”

Hawks volleyball bow out to host at regional final

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team saw its season come to an end in a tough 17-25, 25-21, 25-21 loss in the St. Charles North Regional finals as the No. 3 Hawks took on No. 6 St. Charles East on Wednesday, May 22.

After controlling the first set from nearly start to finish, Bartlett fell behind early in both Game 2 and Game 3 and had to play catchup the rest of the night.

The Hawks fell behind 9-3 at the start of the second set and then 6-0 in the third. Bartlett pulled no closer than two in either set and was as close as 20-18 in Game 3 before St. Charles East finished.

“Spotting St. Charles a 6-0 lead in the third game was just too much to overcome,” said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. “We played so well in the first game, but give East credit be-

cause they regrouped and played with a ton of energy. Hats off to them.”

Seniors Toiyon Walton (10 kills, seven blocks), Garrett Jurina (11 blocks), Jacob Bush (nine kills) and Carter Buzlaff (30 assists) led the Hawks.

In the regional semifinals, the Hawks defeated No. 19 Addison Trail 18-25, 25-14, 25-16 on Tuesday, May 21.

Despite the early exit, it was a strong year for the Hawks who finished 25-6 and won a share of the Upstate Eight Conference title with a 6-1 record in the league, tied with Glenbard East.

“A 25-6 record is nothing to scoff at,” Schwantz said. “This loss is a tough pill to swallow and will sting for a while.”

Bartlett’s squad will lose all but two players to graduation. The remaining seniors include Patrick Biedrzycki, Sohum Desai, Andrew Kylyushyk, Martin Radomski and Matt Tomasek.

parents can’t opt out of the code the district stated: “Parents and students must agree to such rules.”

The board also approved a renewal of an intergovernmental agreement with the Elgin Police Department allowing them access to live video feeds from district schools. A change to the agreement now allows the police access to archived video footage as well.

According to a memo from Heiderscheidt, the police can access video if police assistance was asked for by a school, if the police “receive a call from any person regarding suspected criminal activity on or around the school,” if there’s an active alarm, if there’s a report on school property of a hazard (human or natural) and to “facilitate a tactical advantage view due to police response to a potentially dangerous situation.”

The board approved of a plan from the Kane County Teacher’s Credit Union to create an affinity card pro-

Hawks beaten by Storm in Fremd Regional play

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett softball team battled but came up short in the Fremd Regional semifinals as the No. 13 Hawks fell 10-4 to No. 4 South Elgin on Tuesday, May 21.

Senior Charlotte Linnartz got the Hawks off to a strong start with a two-run home run in the top of the first inning, and the 2-0 lead held through three innings before South Elgin tied it in the fourth. Senior Anna Tomillo drove in a run in the top of the fifth inning to retake the lead, 3-2, before South Elgin took the lead for good with a three-run bottom half of the frame.

“I thought we played a heck of a game,” said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. “I think that final score doesn’t indicate how close that game was.”

Down 5-3, the Hawks pulled within a run in the top of the sixth inning when Lizzie Jacoby hit a leadoff double and Erika Rosberg (2-for-3) later hit a two-out RBI single. Senior Gianna Campo added a single in the game.

Jacoby went the distance in the circle allowing nine hits and walking six,

gram which will offer “debit and credit cards aligned to each of our five comprehensive high schools. These proposed cards, called ‘affinity cards,’ will carry each high school’s logo and school color,” according to a memo from Mary Fergus, director of school and community relations.

Fergus added: “This partnership aims to leverage school pride among current high school families, alumni and community members while also generating approximately \$25,000 for the Foundation within the first year, based on current U-46-related cardholders served through KCT and past historical data on such arrangements. Over the course of five years, that estimate increases to nearly \$400,000.”

The board also approved a resolution allowing the district to intervene in commercial property tax appeals as well as a personnel report and worker’s compensation cases which included two new positions.

and she struck out one. Four of those walks came in the sixth inning when South Elgin put the game out of reach with a five-run frame.

The previous week, Bartlett lost a pair of games to South Elgin, one the completion of a suspended game earlier in the season.

“These girls all know each other really well, and we had them for a while,” Wolfsmith said. “Lizzie pitched a great game but had just one bad inning. Credit them because they have a good offense.”

Bartlett ends the season 9-22 overall. The Hawks had a young and inexperienced team this season but will lose nine seniors including some regulars like Campo, Linnartz and Tomillo.

“I’m really happy with what those seniors gave us and the leadership they provided us and what they did today, and the seniors in the dugout were cheering the team along all the way,” Wolfsmith said.

Other seniors include Emily Baggot, Briana Battaglia, Lillian Cano, Kaitlyn Edwards, Vanessa Rincon and Kira Tyra Wetterman.

IDNR announces approval of Pheasant Fund grants

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has announced the approval of more than \$193,000 in grants for two pheasant habitat projects through the Illinois State Pheasant Fund Special Wildlife Funds Grant Program. The program aims to enhance game and non-game wildlife habitat through projects developed by not-for-profit organizations and governmental entities.

Funding for the Illinois State Pheasant Fund Special Wildlife Funds Grant Program comes from the sale of habitat stamps to sportsmen and sportswomen. This spring The Illinois State Pheasant Fund Advisory Committee approved \$193,198 in funding for two grant projects:

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever (PF&QF) \$100,397.24 for a state coordinator position (two years).

The PF&QF state coordinator plays a key role in partnering with the IDNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife (USFWS PFW), the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and other

agencies, non-government organizations and private sector partners on expanding and enhancing habitat.

Projects across the state support the implementation of the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP), which works on public and private lands with the intention of increasing restored acres of grassland especially beneficial to pheasants and their multi-seasonal needs.

The coordinator also supervises a five-person Habitat Strike Team that conducts habitat projects on private lands enrolled in the Illinois Recreational Access Program, and on state-owned Wildlife Management Areas and Heritage sites.

The Pheasant Fund grant will cover 60 percent of the cost of the state coordinator position for a two-year period. Matching funds are provided by IDOT (\$78,000 in-kind), USFWS PFW (\$1,950 in-kind), and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever (\$66,931.49).

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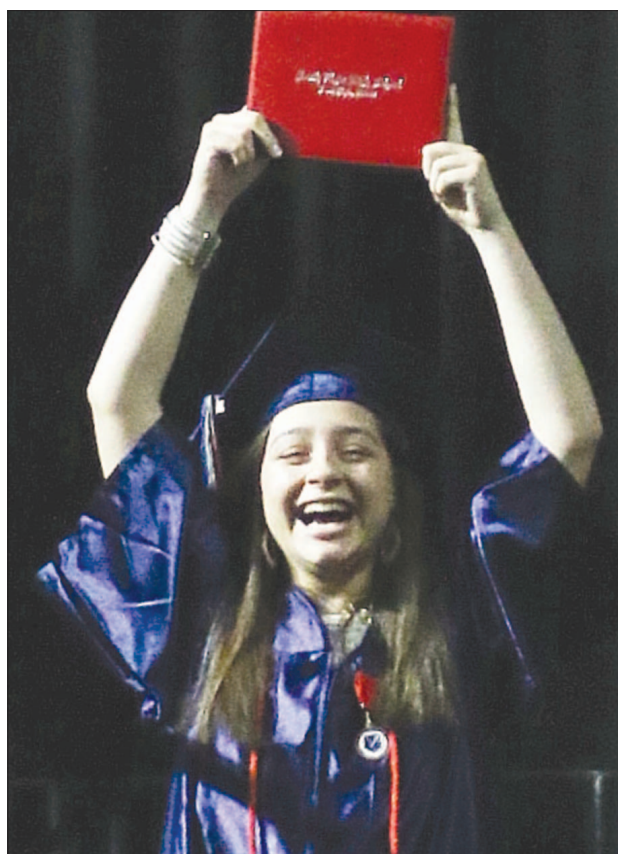
South Elgin celebrates its Class of 2019



Principal Brian Moran welcomed students and their families to the ceremonies.



Garrett Murray was all smiles at the ceremony.



Michelle Garcia held her diploma high in triumph.

More than 650 seniors graduated from South Elgin High School on Saturday, May 25 at the Sears Centre Arena which was packed with family members and friends of the graduates. Valedictorian Bridget Bondi and salutatorian Hannah Anderson addressed their fellow graduates.



Mortar boards went flying as seniors were officially graduated.



Michelle Garci celebrated her graduation.



Soon-to-be graduates filed into the arena floor as the band played 'Pomp and Circumstance.'

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Israel Tiempos gave a thumbs up as he lined up to proceed into the arena.

Bartlett's Class of 2019 honored at ceremony

On Saturday, May 25, the Sears Centre Arena hosted all five of School District U-46 graduation ceremonies with Bartlett High School being the second of the day, with a graduating class of almost 600 students. The Bartlett High School band, under the direction of Eric Hollaway performed before and during the ceremony. Senior Anna Monson spoke to the graduates through her speech, "Grey Areas" and senior Brianna Romero addressed the graduates through her speech "Our Last Day." The top 10 students were recognized before diplomas were distributed. After the ceremony, the celebration continued outside where the graduates met up with their families.



Patrick Stephen looked at his family after he received his diploma.



Jessica Dudek took her turn at the photographer's station for her graduation picture.



Kelly McGee standing next to her twin sister Laura McGee during the graduation ceremony.

(Examiner photos by Andrea Kohl)



Graduate Jonathan Torres celebrated his special day with his brothers Joshua Torres, Jack Kennedy and Nathan Torres.



Brianna Romero quoted "High School Musical" in her speech "Our Last Day."



Bartlett High School's last graduate of the afternoon was Ethan Zubik.



Zaina Ahmed, Elizabeth Castro and Asra Mir were happy to show off their hats after the ceremony.

Streamwood celebrates its Class of 2019

On Saturday, May 25, the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates hosted all five of School District U-46 graduation commencements throughout the day. This year, Streamwood High School's ceremony was slated to be the fourth one of the day, with a graduating class of almost 450 graduates. The Streamwood High School band, under the direction of Zach Gellar, performed before and during the ceremony. Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders, Principal Michele Chapman, led the procession of graduates which also included members of the U-46

school board and Bartlett High School teachers. Both Sanders and Chapman congratulated the parents as well as the graduates during their inspirational speeches. Valedictorian William Morgan was recognized along with the salutatorian before Morgan delivered the commencement speech to the graduates. After the presentation of the graduates to the board, the students crossed the stage to receive their diplomas. After the ceremony, the celebration continued outside where the graduates met up with their families.



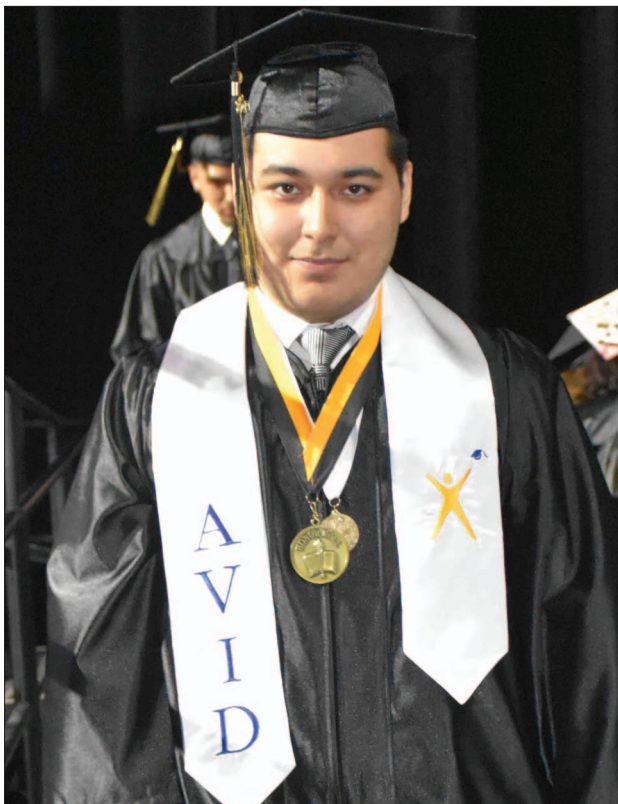
Daniel Cardenas and Juan Almanza showing off their diplomas.



Reeya Patel revealed off her career aspiration that she is heading to nursing school to her cousin Poonam Grinash. (Examiner photos by Andrea Kohl)



Stephanie Montoya demonstrating her diploma to her family after she received it.



Alejandro Gaytan wore his medals and stole over his gown.



A happy Danielle Defeo pointing to her just received diploma.



Farley Cuellar made it clear to all that he was heading to the Marine Corp. after graduation.



The new graduates filed out of the arena after the ceremony.

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Retiring teachers reflect on end

The careers of 54 educators set to come to a close Wednesday

By: Rafael Guerrero

Karen Brhel jokes she will be done moving her items and possessions from South Elgin High School “soon.”

It’s not easy task, after all, when you’re packing up a teaching career after 29 years.

“I promise to get everything moved out by Aug. 11,” Brhel said. That’s one day before classes start up again after summer break.

Brhel, an orchestra and choir teacher, is one of 54 teachers retiring from School District U46 this week, after school lets out for the summer Wednesday.

“I will miss watching (students) get hooked on the music as they start to feel the passion for it. That’s by far the biggest thing I will miss,” said Brhel, who spent almost half of her career at South Elgin, joining the staff in 2005 when the building first opened.

In her time at the high school, Brhel oversaw 15 musicals and two U46 summer theatrical productions. While she “loved them all,” she said, two recent productions — “The Addams Family” and “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” — stand out as highlights.

“It’s such a powerful story,” she said of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.” “I think about everything people deal with now, what students here deal with, the Americans with Disabilities Act in our country, and the inclusiveness of all — that’s exactly what that story was about.”

Like so many U46 staff members, Brhel attended U46 schools before returning to her alma mater to teach. She graduated from Elgin High School in 1973 — the first graduating class from the then-new school.

She taught at 13 different schools during her U46 career, and loved being at South Elgin for its inaugural year, she said. That meant “starting at the bottom” for many of the things need to put on a show, she said

“People were making costumes, I was making costumes, I got some parents to make costumes,” Brhel said of the early days of the high school’s theater department. “We learned how to buy things cheaply just to get started.”

Some teachers retiring this year with the longest tenures include:

Janie Kidd, a U46 educator for 35 years. She began as a learning disabilities teacher at Highland Elementary School and in her current job is as a third-grade teacher at Wayne Elementary School.

Kathryn Olivarez, a music teacher of 33 years. She has spent the last 24 years as a choir teacher at Bartlett’s Eastview Middle School.

Pamela Tonyan, an orthopedic impairment educator for last three years and 32-year veteran of U46 schools. Among the jobs she's held over the years were learning disability resource teacher and elementary school teacher.

Kym Ek, an elementary school teacher at South Elgin's Fox Meadow Elementary School. She taught second-, third -, and fourth-grade classes at the school for 23 years.

Jonathan Bast retires at the end of the school year as well, having taught music for 33 years at the school district. Prior to his arrival to the Elgin-area district, he taught for four years of middle school and high school music elsewhere.

"When I taught high school, a lot of the kids were like, 'I'm too cool for that.' The enthusiasm (in younger students), they were just open to all kinds of ideas," said Bast, who taught at Hillcrest and Channing elementary schools in 2018-19.

The children he taught and the district's music department were the main reasons he stayed at the district for so long, he said.

There is room for improvement in the district's music programs — they could use more music teachers, bigger budgets and a return of music to the kindergarten classes — but overall, Elgin-area schools were good to him, Bast said.

"I feel lucky that after 37 years of teaching, I get to retire knowing I'm still happy with my choice of becoming a teacher," he said. "I always bad for people that aren't happy in their jobs. There are so many people who see their job as just a job. I got to teach kids and help them grow."

SPORTS

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Stubbs' hub: Hurdler takes second

UIC recruit becomes Larkin's first state medalist since 1991

By: Rick Armstrong



Larkin's Jahari Stubbs clears a barrier in his preliminary heat of the 300 hurdles at the state meet Friday in Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Ill. — It's been a while.

Larkin senior Jahari Stubbs finished second Saturday in the 300 intermediate hurdles, becoming the program's first state medalist in track since 1991, when Ellis Dotson finished sixth in the 1,600.

An Illinois-Chicago recruit with higher aspirations, though, Stubbs was left wondering.

"I thought I got out slow," he said. "It's not what I hoped for."

Stubbs finished in 38.76 and trailed Springfield's Robert Williams by .62 of a second.

"I ran in the 110 highs down here last year, was 14th and didn't make the finals," he said. "I felt like I had a lot left in me after (Friday's preliminary) race."

Stubbs gave up attending Larkin's graduation ceremony to represent the Royals in the finals. While standing on the podium after receiving his second-place medal, he was presented his diploma.

"Maybe it will give other kids something to chase," Stubbs said.

He was in good company, joined by three other runner-up finishes from Elgin-area athletes at Eastern Illinois' O'Brien Field.

St. Charles East's 3,200 relay of Bennett Melone, Luke Schildmeyer, Mitch Gansemer and Charles Murphy finished in 7:46.16, second only to Naperville Central's 7:45.03.

In 2A, Burlington Central's 3,200 relay of Tommy Zettl, Logan Andersen, Anthony Farmer and Adam Kries finished in 7:56.07 and was runner-up to Dixon (7:55.20).

And in 1A, St. Edward senior Zachary Olenek earned two medals, taking second in the triple jump at 46-1 and fourth in the long jump at 22-2 1/2 .

Murphy, the anchor for St. Charles East, knew the group would be challenged when he saw Naperville Central switched its lineup to include Thomas Shilgalis as its anchor.

"I had to have a different gear because he was going to be coming on," Murphy said of Shilgalis. "I was waiting for him to come on and he ended up getting the better half of the race."

Shilgalis, who also won the 800 and qualified for the 1,600 final but settled for 12th, caught Murphy with about 300 meters left.

"We really had a team mentality coming into state," Murphy said. "We wanted to win a title as a team."

Burlington Central's relay qualified Friday in 8:10.36, then turned it on in the finals by finishing 14 seconds faster.

The Rockets' Connor Wagner had three fourth-place finishes, individually in the 110 high hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles and with Zac Schmidt, Zettl and Adam Kries in the 1,600 relay.

"We had the second-best sectional time," Wagner said. I was pretty pleased with the hurdles but wish we could have done a little better in the 1,600."

In 3A, Dundee-Crown's sprint relays took third in the 400 and fourth in the 800. The 400 included twins Jason and Alex Miller, Meante Foster and Dylan Becker, with Trevor Fed subbing in for Foster in the 800.

"The Millers keep us loose," Becker said. "They're characters, for sure. Brothers and twins at that, there's the rivalry and arguments. We have fun."

Sabres softball succumb to Schaumburg at regional

By Seth Hancock
The Streamwood softball saw its season come to an end as the No. 8 Sabres fell 14-9 against No. 9 Schaumburg in the St. Charles East Regional semifinal on Wednesday, May 22.

Schaumburg took command in the top of the second inning scoring eight runs off senior Taylyr Crocilla to take an 8-1 lead. Crocilla went five innings in the circle allowing 13 runs, 12 earned, off of 13 hits and three walks, and she struck out 10.

Despite the deficit, which stood at 13-4 after five innings, the Sabres kept battling eventually stranding the bases loaded with all seniors in the seventh inning. Senior Laura Dietrich (2-for-2, double) hit a three-run home run in the sixth inning, and in the seventh Crocilla (3-for-5, three doubles, RBI) hit an RBI double while senior Ariana Wolfard (2-for-4) drove in a run to close the gap.

“Obviously, you want to win that game, but if you’re going to lose that’s the way you want to go out,” said Streamwood coach Will Shogren. “They battled right to the end. Everybody battled out there.”

The high scoring game saw a com-

bined 29 hits which included a home run and a double by sophomore Tessa Freedman (2-for-3, RBI).

Senior Corrine Angle and sophomore Hannah Jenig (RBI) both had a hit for Streamwood, and junior Gabriella Cardinale had an RBI.

“Offensively, what they did really well is they did a good job with their pitch selection and waiting for the right pitch,” Shogren said. “To Schaumburg’s credit, they did the same thing and scored a few more runs than us.”

Despite the loss the Sabres had a strong year finishing 15-10 overall. Streamwood only once lost two games in a row.

Streamwood will lose five seniors including Alayna Levey.

“Definitely proud of the season that we had and the success we had,” Shogren said. “They’ve fought the whole season.”

Shogren added: “The seniors have meant everything to us. They have been our run producers, they have been our leaders. Luckily, we have some young talent that show some of the same qualities, but those seniors meant a lot to us.”

Police reports

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Wheaton, was arrested and charged with no registration light, driving while license suspended, interfering with a municipal officer, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Monday, May 13
★ At 11:42 p.m., Steven W. Berke, 29, Winfield, was arrested and charged with DUI and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, May 14
★ At 3:14 p.m., Ruth M. Major, 68, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, no insurance and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Wednesday, May 15
★ At 3:29 p.m., Gianna K. Torterella, 26, Roselle, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis and speeding. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Friday, May 17
★ At 4:05 p.m., Regina N. Weston, 31, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear, driving while license suspended and seat belt violation. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Saturday, May 18
★ At 4:19 a.m., Walter Lee Crenshaw II, 55, Bolingbrook, was arrested on warrant and charged with contempt of court. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ Nathan Swapsy, 39, Milwaukee, was arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver, posses-

sion of a controlled substance, aggravated driving while license revoked and obstructing identification. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 11:52 p.m., Angelica Delatorre, 31, Milwaukee, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, and failure to appear for driving while license suspended. She was transported to DuPage County Jail.

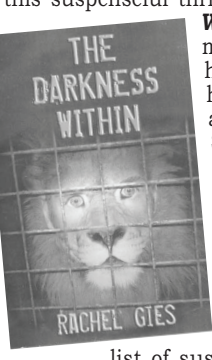
Sunday, May 19
★ At 12:57 a.m., David Roberson, 42, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with DUI, no insurance, signal violation, improper lane usage, failure to signal and moving violation. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Wednesday, May 22
★ At 3:18 a.m., Derrick C. Whitehead, 44, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 10:20 a.m., Miguel A. Alfaro, 41, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with aggravated driving while license revoked. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Friday, May 24
★ At 11:29 p.m., Latajia M. Jackson, 30, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, improper lane usage and disobeying a traffic control device. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

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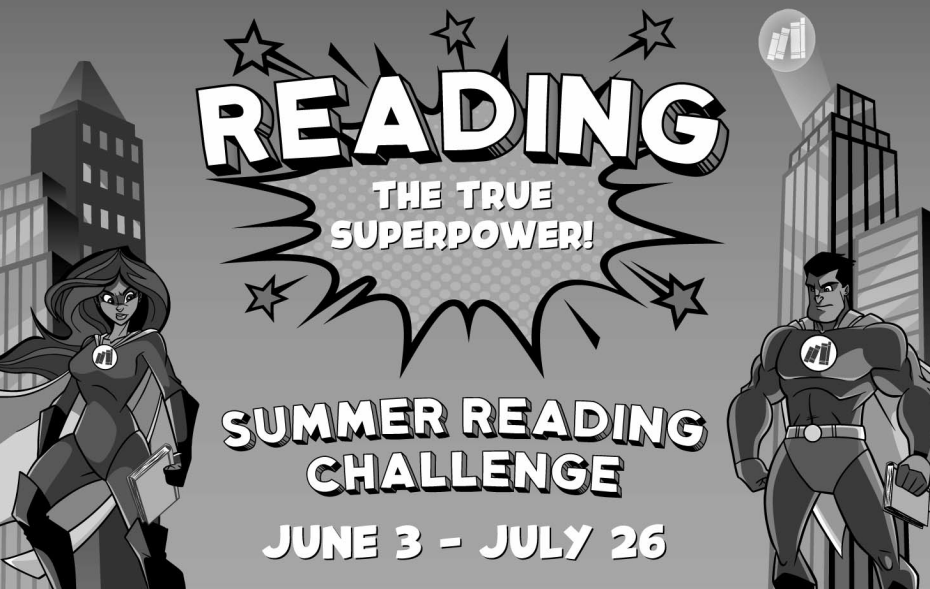
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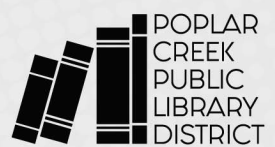

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BARTLETT

Sunday, May 19

★ At 4:38 a.m., Sofie R. Awad, 21, St. Charles, was cited for possession of cannabis. She faces a June 19 hearing date.

★ At 5:23 a.m., Gustavo Campos, 26, Elgin, was arrested and charged with speeding, improper lane usage, failure to signal and DUI. He was released on an I-bond and faces a June 5 hearing date.

★ At 2:49 p.m., a complainant in the 1200 block of Spaulding Road reported receiving a letter from National Recovery attempting to recover debt for ComEd for an address where he had never resided.

★ At 7:29 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of East Taylor Avenue reported receiving text messages from an unknown subject.

Monday, May 20

★ At 9:23 a.m., a 17-year-old Hanover Park juvenile and a 17-year-old Carol Stream juvenile were cited for smoking tobacco nicotine products on school grounds. They face a June 19 hearing date.

★ At 9:23 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Timberline Drive reported that he was contacted by CitiBank regarding a purchase made at an Apple Store that he did not authorize. Estimated loss \$1,770.

★ At 1:02 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Pinoak Drive reported that she believed multiple bills were stolen from her mailbox.

Tuesday, May 21

★ At 12:26 p.m., a 16-year-old Bartlett juvenile was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces a June 19 hearing

date.

★ At 2:18 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Carillon Drive reported that an unwanted subject showed up for a marketing event. The subject left without incident upon police arrival.

Wednesday, May 22

★ At 4:34 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of south Main Street reported falling in a grassy parkway due to a large hole in the ground.

★ At 4:55 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Hillcrest Lane reported receiving a check in the mail after responding to a job advertisement.

Thursday, May 23

★ At 2:37 a.m., a complainant in the 400 block of South Main Street reported receiving a call from his bank after fraudulent charges were made to his account by an unknown subject.

★ At 4:38 p.m., a complainant in the area of Cove Court and Newport Boulevard reported that an unknown subject in a white SUV followed her after she got off the school bus.

Friday, May 24

★ At 8:18 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Nicole Drive reported that an unknown subject in a red Chrysler was parked in front of her garage and appeared to look into the residence. The complainant advised that once the subject was confronted, he stated he used to live there and left the area.

Saturday, May 25

★ At 12:05 a.m., Nabor Ramirez, 47, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with DUI, no valid driver's license and an outstanding warrant. He was transported to bond call.

★ At 3:17 a.m., Hailee Marie Velasquez, 19, Bensenville, was arrested

and charged with resisting a peace officer, aggravated assault, domestic battery and criminal damage to property. She was transported to bond call.

★ At 6:47 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of apple Valley Drive reported two juveniles pulled into a driveway next to his home and videotaped him with their phone. The complainant advised that he asked them to leave multiple times before they complied.

★ At 4:11 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Summersweet Lane reported that an unknown subject broke her mailbox and several others on the street. Police advised the complainant to contact her homeowners' association.

★ At 5:51 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Amherst Drive reported receiving a bill from AT&T for two cell phones that he did not purchase. The complainant notified the AT&T Fraud Department of the incident.

CAROL STREAM

Monday, May 6

★ At 3:17 a.m., Joseph R. Burnham, 32, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with aggravated DUI, DUI, BAC over .08, driving while license revoked and illegal transport of alcohol. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Tuesday, May 7

★ Deon Kelly, 50, Chicago, was arrested on warrant and charged with failure to appear and DUI. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Saturday, May 11

★ At 6:24 p.m., Edward G. Quinslick, 47, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with possession of drug para-

phernalia, possession of cannabis and speeding. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 7:21 p.m., Thomas A. White, 35, Cary, was arrested on warrant and charged with parole violation and seat belt violation. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

Sunday, May 12

★ At 12:54 a.m., Todd A. Marske, 54, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with DUI, no insurance and disobeying a traffic control device. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 9:18 p.m., Charles Wilson, 23, Wheaton, was arrested and charged with no registration light, driving while license suspended, interfering with a municipal officer, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

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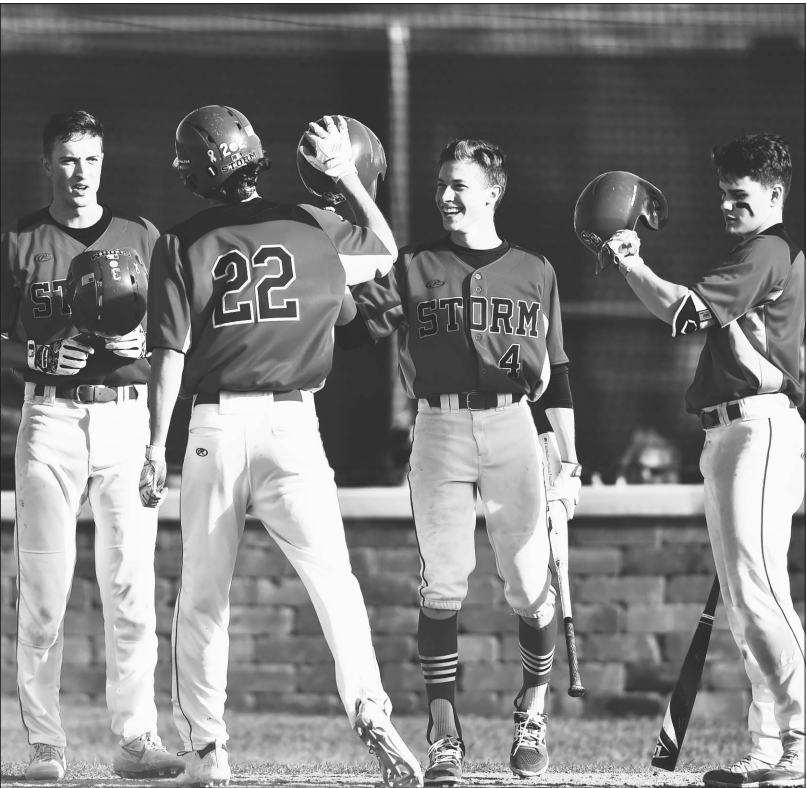
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South Elgin beaten by Lancers in regional final



Austin Doty crossing the plate and greeted by his South Elgin teammates following his home run against Schaumburg.

By Seth Hancock

A late rally from the South Elgin baseball team fell short as the No. 3 Storm fell 5-2 against No. 11 Lake Park in the Schaumburg Regional finals on Saturday, May 25 at Boomers Stadium.

Senior Logan Romasanta, who struck out five, allowed five runs, four earner, in his six innings of work allowing four hits, hitting three batters and walking two. Lake Park led just 2-0 when it scored three in the top of the sixth inning.

Senior Garrett Wano and Romasanta both drove in runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull to 5-2. In the seventh, the Storm loaded the bases but was unable to pull closer as Lake Park clinched the victory ending with a diving grab in the outfield.

"[Lake Park's pitcher] commanded the strike

zone, and we had a hard time keeping up with him and putting the ball in play," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. "We had our opportunity there at the end, but the left-fielder makes a great catch."

Austin Doty, one of 14 Storm seniors, went 2-for-3 to lead South Elgin's five-hit effort.

The Storm end the season 25-6 overall.

"My senior season was a blast," Doty said. "It was an amazing season overall. We got our 20-win season and we were successful. It just would have been nice to have pulled this out."

South Elgin advanced from the semifinals after defeating No. 16 host Schaumburg 10-5 on Wednesday, May 22.

After jumping to a 5-0 lead after three innings, the Storm kept finding an answer for any Schaumburg rally.

Schaumburg pulled to 5-3 in the top of the fourth inning when Doty hit a two-run home run to key a three-run bottom half of the frame, and the host added two more runs in the top of the sixth when Wano (2-for-3) hit a two-run single in the bottom of the inning.

"You have to do that in state baseball," Kating said. "I'm proud that they persevered. I'm proud that they scraped a little bit."

Junior Grayson Downing (RBI) and sophomore Clay Kapraun both tripled in the effort, seniors Grant Baker (two RBI) and Cody Gallagher both doubled and Romasanta drove in two runs.

Senior Joseph Teschke allowed three runs, two earned, off seven hits, two walks and a hit batsman, and he struck out four over four innings of work. Junior Joey Haslam allowed two runs off five hits and a walk, and he struck out three in three innings of relief.



The Storm's Matt Sweitzer arriving at third base with a triple via a sit down slide against the Saxons. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The ball coming off the bat of Grant Baker as he doubled to left to drive in the first two runs for the Storm in the first inning during his team's regional victory over Schaumburg on Wednesday, May 22.

Sabres oust host, but fall in regional final

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team saw its season come to an end in the Grant Regional finals after the No. 5 Sabres fell 12-2 against No. 2 Cary-Grove in a six-inning, 10-run rule game on Saturday, May 25.

Looking for the upset, Streamwood struck first in the second inning when senior AJ Reyna singled and junior Tyler Jones followed with an RBI double, and later sophomore Scott Wolfard drove in a run on a fielder's choice for a 2-0 lead.

Senior Jared Martinez added a hit in the game, but that would be the team's only other hit and Cary-Grove took the lead for good in the bottom of the fourth inning when it scored six off of Reyna.

Despite the loss, Streamwood ends the season with a solid 19-15 record which is the best under Sabres coach Ryan Lasota, who took over in 2013, and it was the first regional title appearance since 2011 when the Sabres advanced to a super-sectional. They will lose seven seniors including Anthony Caruso, Dillon Skelnik, Connor Johnson, Steve Williams and Nicholas Lunz.

"I've been waiting for this since I started coaching the team," Lasota said after advancing from the semifinals. "Playing for a regional title has been the goal."

The semifinal was a wild one as Streamwood defeated No. 3 Grant 12-9 on Thursday, May 23.

Streamwood was well in control with a 6-1 lead when a disastrous bottom of the sixth inning struck as Grant plated seven to take an 8-6 lead. The frame ended Colin Bielinski's game after 5.1 innings pitched.

In the top of the seventh inning, Streamwood wasted little time hitting back as Reyna (2-for-5, two RBI) singled and Jones (3-for-4, three RBI) doubled to start a six-run rally for a 12-8 lead. The Sabres had four hits and drew four walks in the frame, and junior Max Alanis drove in the go-ahead run with a single.

"They didn't give up," Lasota said. "That's been the talk all season long about always bouncing back whether it's after a loss or after a bad inning. They picked it up and got the energy going today."

Alanis had a huge game going 5-for-5 including a solo home run over the



Streamwood starting pitcher Colin Bielinski extending to tag the Bulldogs' Joey Califf during his head-first dive into first base following a bunt attempt. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

tall right field fence. Bielinski doubled in the effort and Caruso, Skelnik and Wolfard each had an RBI.

"We knew we couldn't give up," Alanis said. "After AJ's hit to start the inning, we knew we could rally."

Jones got the win after 1.2 innings of relief allowing three runs, one earned, off two hits and two walks, and he stranded runners at the corners in the seventh inning.

Bielinski gutted out 5.1 innings allowing six runs, five earned, off six hits, four walks and a hit batsman, and he struck out three. He stranded the bases loaded in the first inning, allowed just one run after the bases were juiced with no outs in the second and stranded runners at second in both the third and fourth innings.

"He pitched a whale of a game," Lasota said. "He was an absolute bulldog, and he wiggled out of some jams."



A key play in the Sabres semi-final win over Grant occurred when AJ Reyna was able to go from first to third base on a wild pickoff throw. On a very close play Reyna was ruled safe as Grant third baseman Henry Kusiak applied a tag as Reyna slid into the bag. The play helped extend the inning and Reyna scored moments later.



Max Alanis being met at the plate by teammates following his home run against Grant.



The Sabres game against Grant featured a lot of action on the bases, amplified by the 14 runs scored by the two teams in the game's final one-and-a-half innings. On this play, Streamwood's Tyler Jones slid in safely into second with a seventh-inning double ahead of a tag attempt by the Bulldogs' Joey Taylor.

Hawks edge Blazers, fall to host at regional

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team couldn't overcome one rough inning as the No. 15 Hawks fell 11-5 to No. 1 Willowbrook in the Willowbrook Regional semifinal on Wednesday, May 22.

Nearly all of Willowbrook's runs came in the second inning as it took a 9-0 lead with the first six being charged to starter Nathan Gargano. Bartlett's defense struggled as two runs in the inning were unearned, and three for the game.

Down 10-0, the Hawks did battle late scoring a pair on the fifth inning and three more in the seventh. Senior Frankie Gherardi was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Nathan Euliano had three RBI to lead at the plate.

The loss ends the Hawks season at 19-10-1 overall. To get to the semifinals, Bartlett earned a wild 2-1 win over No. 17 Addison Trail in the quarterfinals on Monday, May 20 at Bartlett. The Hawks were no-hit but scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for the walk-off victory.

"It feels great," said winning pitcher senior Michael Vaca. "We came together as a team."

Vaca entered the game in relief in the top of the seventh inning to get out of a jam, and in the bottom half a pair of walks and a wild pitch to start the frame setup the wild finish.

Senior Kevin Vesta drove in the tying run on a sacrifice fly and two walks later, one intentional, loaded the bases with nobody out. Courtesy runner Matt Lewandowski eventually scored the winner when the Addison Trail pitcher threw away a pickoff attempt.

"I just didn't feel like we'd go down one, two, three in the seventh," said Bartlett coach Devin Rosen. "The kids rose to the occasion. That was an exciting finish."

Senior Geno Frieri gave the Hawks six strong innings in the start allowing five hits, walking one and striking out seven. He stranded three runners in scoring position in the first two frames, but Addison Trail scored an unearned run in the third to take the 1-0 lead.

"Geno battled," Rosen said. "He didn't have any clean innings but he got out of some jams and kept us in the game by throwing strikes."

Senior Max Lewis started the top of the seventh inning but walked two and got a groundout to setup runners at second and third base with one out when Vaca entered.

Vaca coaxed a grounder and second baseman Gherardi threw out a runner at the plate to record the second out. An obstruction call ended the inning when the Bartlett catcher dropped a pop up after being bumped by an Addison Trail runner trying to score from third base.

"He throws hard, and his command is very good," Rosen said of Vaca. "He's our weapon."

"I just went in thinking about throwing strikes and trusting the guys behind me," Vaca said.

Bartlett will lose 12 seniors which include Matt Ande, Matt Angelone, Daniel Cahill, Caleb Ercoli, Sam Mallinas, Milan Patel and Jack Young.



Geno Frieri on the hill for the Hawks during his start on Monday, May 20 against Addison Trail where he limited the Blazers to a lone run.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Bartlett's Michael Vaca making solid contact up the middle against Addison Trail where a solid play deprived him of a base hit.

Storm topped by host in regional final contest

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team had its season come to an end in the Fremd Regional finals after the No. 4 Storm fell 9-1 against No. 5 Fremd on Saturday, May 25.

Fremd tallied five runs, three earned, off of starting junior pitcher Sophia Salazar over the first two innings and didn't look back.

Trailing 6-0 entering the bottom of the fourth inning, South Elgin was looking for a rally loading the bases with no outs. Freshman Sammy Jimenez followed with an RBI single, but Fremd's pitcher went on to record a strikeout and induce a double play to limit the damage to the one run.

South Elgin was out-hit 8-4 in the game. "We had an opportunity, but hats off to their pitcher," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "She kept

us off balance and got the big strikeout when she needed to."

Reynard added: "We didn't adjust very well, but kudos to Fremd. They made us pay every time. It just wasn't our day."

The Storm end the season 26-7 overall and they will lose five seniors: Casey Brennan, Sami Koss, Juliana Miranda, Geneva Pollman and Sidney Strama.

In the regional semifinals, South Elgin defeated No. 13 Bartlett 10-4 on Tuesday, May 21.

It was the third victory over the Storm's rival in a little over a week after defeating Bartlett twice eight days earlier in Upstate Eight Conference play. In this rematch, Bartlett made it a nail biter for five innings jumping to a 2-0 lead after the first and trailing just 5-4 entering the bottom of the sixth when the Storm ran away with a five-run frame highlighted by a three-run home run by Jimenez (2-for-4).

"We had to treat it like any other game," Jimenez said. "We just came in wanting to keep our season going."

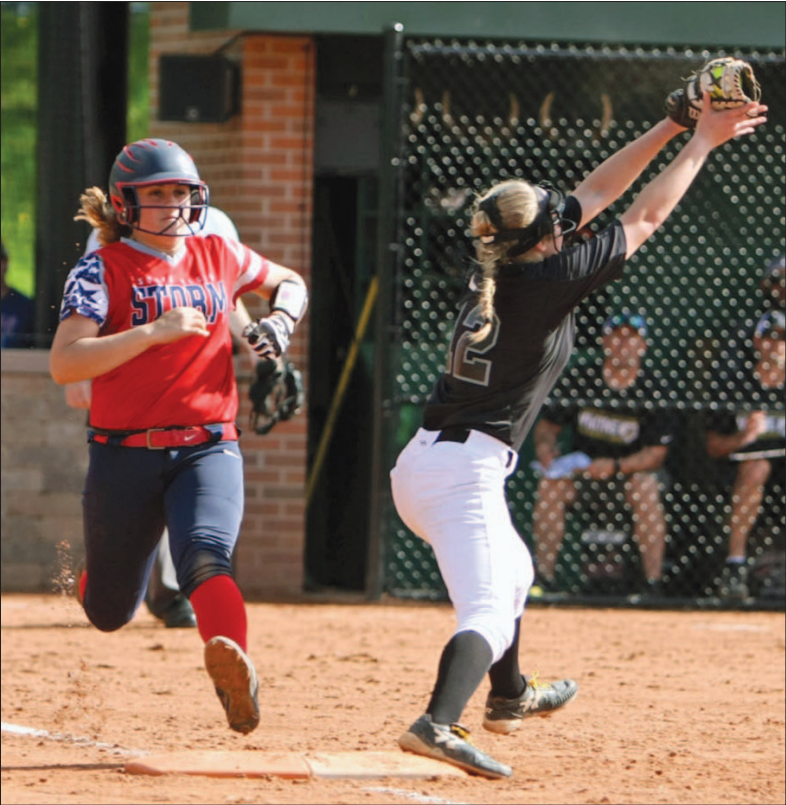
"It doesn't matter what the records are, Bartlett-South Elgin is going to be a good game," Reynard said.

Trailing 3-2 entering the bottom of the fifth inning, the Storm led off the frame with three straight hits starting with a Brennan single. Pollman (2-for-2) and junior McKenna Eichholz followed with RBI doubles and fresh-

man Cara Cruthers (2-for-4, three RBI) capped the frame with an RBI single for a 5-3 lead.

"We just kept carrying the momentum each at-bat," Eichholz said. "We were just looking to hit singles, and it ended up being a little bit more."

Koss drove in a run for the Storm and in the circle Strama got the win allowing three runs, two earned, off four hits and a walk in five innings, and she struck out three. Salazar earned a save allowing a run on two hits and striking out four in the final two innings.



The Storm's Sammy Jimenez retired by Fremd first baseman Regan Goluch.
(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)



While trying to steal second base, Fremd's Gianna Amieri was tagged out by the Storm's Sami Koss.