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"IF I WERE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER OR A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CHOOSE THE LATTER." THOMAS JEFFERSON

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Participants enjoy
21st annual 'Stride'
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Village Hall project
change approved
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U-46 Board to vote on curriculum proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on four curriculum proposals at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 17. The items were presented on June 3.

Included is a world languages proposal for a curriculum framework and resources for French, German and Spanish levels one through four classes at all five high schools which will eliminate honors world language courses. The standards used for the curriculum come from the American Council on Teaching Foreign Language.

"The rationale is to provide a guaranteed and viable standards-based curriculum at all of our schools that is well resourced and that meets the needs of our students," said Jacob VandeMoortel, coordinator of world languages.

The district hopes to fully implement levels one and two in the 2019-2020 school year and all four levels by 2020-2021. The resources are projected to cost \$628,862, and professional development will cost \$5,900.

The text for French is "D'Accord" (\$150,288), for German is "Prima Plus" and "Neue Blickwinkel" (\$50,773) and for Spanish "Entre Culturas and Tejudos" (\$427,801).

VandeMoortel said the courses will teach three language modes: interpretive, interpersonal and presentation.

"These three modes are assessed in these proficiency benchmarks... from

novice-low... and they work their way up to distinguished," said VandeMoortel who said students are expected to reach the intermediate-low level for interpretive and interpersonal and intermediate-mid for presentation by the end of the courses. He said students will be able to seek the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy through the courses.

Hallie Furtak, the student advisor to the board, said she's taken four years of Spanish which was reading and writing focused, and she asked if these courses will be speaking focused. VandeMoortel said it will be a "balance."

Furtak noted that middle school students can take Spanish 1 and asked if they can receive high school credit and Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, said no because the middle school teachers aren't high school credentialed.

Board member Melissa Owens asked why the Spanish resource was the most expensive to which VandeMoortel said the company is a "relatively new player in the field.... I think the newness allows them perhaps to charge a little more."

Sue Kerr, the board's president, asked if these courses will be designated as honors and VandeMoortel said it's "not designated as such, but we do believe these are more rigorous."

"I'm a little concerned that could cause certain students to take less language if they're interested in honors options and this is no longer one of

them," said board member John Devoreux and Kerr said "monitor it I guess." U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the instructional council was not concerned.

Kerr said the instructional council encouraged "more job-embedded professional development," and Shrode said the plan is to have ongoing, in person and online, professional development.

"We have to be mindful that they have to have ongoing job-embedded professional development.... This isn't just a tweaking of the old, this really is about changing practice," Shrode said.

A resource proposal for the district's current Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish language and culture course is projected to cost \$93,816 for the Temas and Supersite resource which includes six-year licenses for online resources. According to the proposal, the College Board changed its AP test for the course in 2014, and U-46's current resources predate that.

Another resource proposal, mostly coming from McGraw Hill, is expected to cost \$105,972 to purchase Spanish edition textbooks for current civics, AP U.S. government and politics and macroeconomics courses as

the dual language program expands to high school.

"Our outcomes would be that every 10th grade dual-language social studies student would receive high quality curriculum support in Spanish for their civics, AP gov and AP macro courses," VandeMoortel said.

Included are some free online sources and board member Veronica Noland asked if those resources are downloaded in case the websites go down and VandeMoortel said they already have been downloaded onto a hard drive.

Board member Kate Thommes asked if the courses will be at all five high schools. VandeMoortel said it's an option at all five but they project running just two courses at Elgin High School.

Another resource proposal is for English as a second language (ESL) classes. The projected costs are \$194,147 for My Perspectives textbooks and \$77,188 for Life by National Geographic Learning Cengage texts.

Owens asked if there were ESL resources for math and science courses. Annette Acevedo, ELL director, said those subjects are taught by ESL certified teachers and Patricia Makishima, ELL coordinator, said its hard to find ESL math resources.

Police officer takes oath at village board meeting

Story and photo By Kristin Carreno

Juan Acosta was sworn-in as a Streamwood police officer by Village

with the Streamwood Police Department in May 2018.

"He successfully completed all of his probationary employment requirements and tonight by taking the oath of office becomes a permanent sworn-in police officer with the Streamwood Police Department," said Roth.

Acosta previously worked at the Wauconda Police Department as a dispatcher for police, fire and emergency medical services, according to Roth.

According to Chief of Police Daryl Syre, he is happy to officially welcome Acosta to the team after doing "a phenomenal job" at the academy and using that time to learn the basics of the job.

"You want to be able to determine if an officer is able to do the job and that's why we have the probationary [period]," Syre said. "Every

time he was asked to step up to a situation he did. He understands the mission and role of a police officer and I know he's got a great career ahead of him. I'm not going to say it's going to get any easier. It's going to get harder. But he's definitely proven up to this point that he's up to it."



Officer Juan Acosta.

(Courtesy photo)



An artistic achievement

Nicole Rayyan showed her completed picture to her mom at Messy Art Monday on June 3. For story and more photos see page 12.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Clerk Kittie Kopitke during the Village Board meeting on Thursday, June 6.

Acosta's mother, Ophelia, did the official traditional pinning following his being sworn.

According to Village President Billie Roth, Acosta is a Chicago Police Academy graduate and began his career

Dist. U-46 Board hears CAC committee report

By Seth Hancock

The family and community engagement (FACE) committee of School District U-46's Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) gave a report at the May 20 Board of Education meeting.

Phil Novello, co-chair of the FACE committee, said the group's work in the 2018-2019 school year focused on two initiatives both in their fifth year, developing a parent group network among groups like PTOs and booster clubs as well as hosting a realtor breakfast.

The FACE committee tries to "help get parents, community members involved in our schools," Novello said.

"We need more involvement, and we try to put out programs to get that involvement."

Regarding the parent group network, the CAC committee report states: "The goal is to better equip all schools in the District to improve the quality of education for our students and to increase opportunities for parent groups to meet their individual school goals. These goals include fundraising, volunteer recruitment and general support of the school."

Novello said the committee held two networking events during the school year, one at Elgin High School last November which had 19 attendees and

another in February at the district's educational services center in Elgin which had 25 in attendance.

The committee's recommendation regarding the networking events is receiving continued support from the district "by providing complete transparency on U-46 guidelines and policies as they apply to the parent groups," Novello said, and encouraging board members to attend.

A realtor breakfast was held in March at U-46's food and nutrition wellness center in Elgin, and 39 realtors attended this year's breakfast. The point of the event is to provide propaganda for realtors to sell to potential homebuyers as Novello said it is "to promote the district in the best possible light" and "to get information about the district, the good programs that we have, financing and everything else."

"The better they sell houses in our district, the better our property is going to go up," Novello said. "It just makes good sense for everybody."

Novello said the CAC recommends continuing the breakfast annually and holding it in "early March to capture the busy spring homebuying season" and to host it "in different areas of the district annually to expose real estate professionals to the size of the district and its variety of offerings."

The FACE committee received "really nice feedback from our realtors," Novello said, and the report claims that the breakfast helps clear up "misconceptions" of the district, like poor academic results. Board member Melissa Owens said: "When they have accurate information, it just benefits all of us."

According to this year's report card from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), U-46 saw a continued trend of flat or declining academic results which continue to lag behind the state averages.

According to data released in April

by the U.S. Census Bureau, Illinois saw its fifth straight year of worsening population loss in 2018. For the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin metropolitan area, which includes U-46, it was the fourth straight year of population loss which included 83,891 residents leaving to domestic migration.

U-46 specifically has seen its enrollment decline four straight years, and the district has lost 1,915 total students since 2014's enrollment of 40,487. The district lost 633 students this past school year to fall to 38,572, yet U-46 hiked spending by 7.8 percent (\$40.2 million) to \$558.1 million and revenue by 10.2 percent (\$52 million) to \$561.1 million.

The ISBE's data shows U-46's spending has increased nearly \$100 million since 2014 which is over \$70 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator.

The enrollment declines are expected to continue according to U-46's budget projections. If the district's projections are realized, there will have been a 13.1 percent drop in enrollment from 2012 to the 2021-2022 school year while costs are expected to rise by 36.3 percent over the same period.

Current year licenses now available

Illinois fishing, hunting and sportsman combination licenses for 2019 are now available from DNR Direct license and permit vendors throughout Illinois, or online through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

The new license year in Illinois begins on April 1, and are valid through March 31, 2020.



Park Bench

...have a seat and we'll fill you in

Camp

Rapid Recreation in the Parks

SEPR's Rapid Response Recreation program is a drop-in program held at various parks in town for children ages 5 to 10 years old. Participants will enjoy crafts, games, and water play. Parents must bring their children to the park on their first day to fill out a registration form. This program is held on Mondays at Stowell Peddy Park from 9 to 11 a.m. and Jim Hansen Park from 12 to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at Blackhawk Park from 9 to 11 a.m. and River Ridge Park from 12 to 2 p.m. The program will run June 10 to Aug. 9. There is no cost for this program.

Kid's Cooking Network Camp

Do your young chefs love watching cooking shows on TV? In this exciting camp, young chefs will work together in cooking challenges inspired from favorite cooking TV shows such as "Master Chef Jr.," "Cupcake Wars," "Chopped Jr." and "Cutthroat Kitchen!" We will learn how to use different cooking equipment and techniques, explore flavor pairing, and create tasty mouthwatering recipes from scratch each day. Young chefs will get their creative juices flowing in this awesomely fun and delicious cooking adventure! Recipe Teaser: Hawaiian rainbow watermelon poke bowls + steamed rice + wonderful watermelon soda Spanish red pepper croquetas + creamy garlic sauce + fruity infused juice. This class will be held Monday to Friday, June 24 to 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Eastside Recreation Center in Elgin. The cost is \$320 for residents and \$330 for non-residents.

Six Flags Tickets

South Elgin Parks & Recreation Discounts Days is here! From June 29 through July 7, tickets are only \$43! Tickets are valid only during the above days for a single day visit. Purchases are only available at Village Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are non-refundable and do not include Hurricane Harbor. For more information, call 847-622-0003.

Special Events

Fishing With The Fire Chief

South Elgin has some of the best local pond fishing in the area; we stock our ponds twice annually to ensure the youth of our community the opportunity of catching fish each and every time they visit one of our amazing ponds. Join the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District's Chief Steve Wascher or a member of the administration at the pond to spend one hour fishing with our local heroes. Please bring a fishing pole, however, your bait will be provided. We politely ask parents to remain on-site with their child. Registration is required. This event will be held Thursday, June 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Blackhawk Park Pond.

Tuna Kahuna

Saturday, June 15 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Blackhawk Park,

1479 Blackhawk Circle

Registration is at 8 a.m.

The event is open to children 15 years and younger, along with a guest group from Fox Valley Special Recreation Association. Participants will get a taste of fishing while having the chance to become the "Big Kahuna." Tuna Kahuna gives participants the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and learn to appreciate natural resources while having fun. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish in length in five categories: bass, blue gill, carp, catfish and other. Each winner will receive a rod/reel combo, tackle box, boat net, minnow bucket, minnow net, fishing line and trophy. There will be a DJ. Bait will be offered for sale and there will be concessions for purchase. Bring your own equipment and bait and come out for a great day!

Preschool Registration - Now Open

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

Fundation BBQ

Municipal Annex

June 19 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The FUNdation will be hosting its annual BBQ at the Municipal Annex on June 19 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased beforehand at Village Hall or from a FUNdation board member until June 14 at 5 p.m. Meals can be purchased the day of the event for \$15 on a first-come-first-serve basis, while supplies last. All door sales will be limited to available meat options. Meal includes: Chicken, pork chop, or combo, apple sauce, baked beans, coleslaw and a dinner roll with butter. Water and Dairy Queen treats can be purchased on site. 50/50 raffle tickets will be available for purchase the day of event. Dine-in at SEBA Park, carry-out or drive-through.

Martial Arts

Martial Arts classes are taught by National Karate. Register now for classes that begin the week of June 19. We are offer classes for 4 to 7 year olds at the Municipal Annex or for 8 years and older at National Karate. The cost is \$69 for residents or \$75 for non-residents. A uniform purchase is required for classes at National Karate.

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



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Public
Library
District

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Read! Learn! Connect!

For Kids

It's Showtime! is our summer reading program at the library for all ages from infants through adults. Read and listen to books and get prizes! St. Charles Library cardholders and children residing in the D303 school district are welcome. Registration is now open.

Drop-In Story Times for all ages are Mondays through Thursdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and Fridays from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Drop in for stories, music and movement. Each week focuses on a new theme.

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

Anime Night for grades six to eight is Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Middle schoolers now have their own night of anime. Watch a different anime each month, eat snacks and play games. Register to attend.

Family LEGO for all ages is Friday, June 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. Come free build with LEGOs and DUPLOs to display in the library. Drop in to attend.

The Truly Remarkable Loon is Monday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Prepare to be amused and entertained by juggling, balancing, spinning and a comedy routine in this remarkable show.

Bilingual Family Story Time is Tuesday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to this story time presented in both Spanish and English. Join us for 30 minutes of stories,

songs, nursery rhymes, finger plays and movement and 30 minutes of craft. Drop in for this event.

Stories at the Nature Center is Wednesday, June 19 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Children are invited to hear stories at the Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve. After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails. No registration is required.

STEAM Team for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver is Wednesday, June 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. Drop by the Huntley Meeting Room for some science exploration! Children can explore different science concepts with their own family teams. Older siblings are welcome.

The Friday Family Film for children and families is Friday, June 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Beat the heat at the library while watching a popular children's movie! No registration is required.

The **Stuffed Animal Sleepover** begins Friday, June 21. The stuffed animals go wild in their night at the library! Pick out the animal friend you can be without overnight. Come to the ASK ME Desk to drop off on Friday between 3 and 6 p.m. Join us on Saturday to view a slide show of all the overnight animal antics at 10 a.m. or pick up by 4 p.m.

Translation Error for grades three to eight is Saturday, June 22 from 3 to 4 p.m. Join us for a hilarious hour of potential misunderstandings as we play paper telephone, "what am I?" and have fun with Google Translate. Please register.

Eight proposals on tap for District U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock
The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on eight proposals with a total cost of \$845,042 at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 17. The items were presented on June 3.

Included is a proposal with Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company for defined contribution record keeping and third-party administration concerning U-46 employees 403b and 457 retirement investment providers.

Recently the board approved of a retirement committee which uses RVK to review changes and performance of investment plans to find one investment provider with multiple investment options rather than the current 52 vendors that district employees use for retirement investments.

“All of them charge a different fee for their services and a few aggressively sell higher priced investment products to our employees that may not be the best investment to meet their long term goals,” the proposal states, and the goal is to “significantly reduce the fees and any other costs to staff who invest their hard earned dollars in a retirement plan.”

The proposal states there’s a “con-

tinued cost moving forward for the services of RVK” paid for by taxpayers’ hard-earned money, but that cost was not provided in the proposal.

The largest expenditure bid is with Warehouse Direct costing \$329,228, to come out of the operations and maintenance fund if approved, to purchase paper, plastic and consumable products over the next three school years. Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said the cost is per year.

The purchase contract includes “paper, plastic and various consumables... to support the custodial program and provide essential building needs, such as hand soap, paper towels, and toilet paper,” the proposal states.

With Weaver Consultants Group, the district is proposing a three-year reinspection and management plan update costing \$124,602 (operations and maintenance).

“The Asbestos Re-Inspection and Management Plan update is required every three years by state and federal regulations,” the proposal states. “An independent third party consultant, licensed in the asbestos discipline,

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Board approves pact for school liaison officers

By Kristin Carreno
Trustees voted unanimously to approve an intergovernmental agreement with School District U-46 for school liaison officers at three Streamwood schools during the Village Board meeting on Thursday, June 6. The contract will run from Thursday, Aug. 1 through July 31, 2020 at a cost of \$207,873.

According to Streamwood Chief of Police Daryl Syre, School District U-46 pays \$69,291 per year for each liaison officer. The police department has provided school liaison officers for numerous years at Streamwood High School, Tefft Middle School and Canton Middle School.

“The school liaison program has been a cooperative between the village and School District U-46 with costs for salary and benefits of the officers shared between the parties,” said Syre. “There are no substantial changes in this proposed agreement from the previously executed propos-

als with District U-46.” According to Syre, the school liaison program has been a great benefit to the school district, the police department and the community.

“The assigned officers play a valuable role in our community-oriented public service policy,” Syre said.

Trustee William Harper asked if there had ever been an occasion when there was a need for more than one liaison officer on-site at a school.

“Not a liaison officer,” Syre replied. “There’s no need to have two at any of the sites every day. There have been occasions when we had to supplement the liaison officers with officers that are on patrol. So that’s what we do if something were to occur at any of the schools.”

According to Syre, all liaison officers have radios to communicate with dispatch.

“If they need more of our presence they can certainly ask for it,” Syre said.

Sabres baseball begin summer play with 6-4 loss

By Seth Hancock
The Streamwood baseball team saw some positives in its summer league opener despite a 6-4 loss to South Elgin on Monday, June 3 at Streamwood.

The Sabres out-hit South Elgin 8-7 and committed just two errors compared to four by the visitors. Streamwood led 2-0 after two innings and were tied 4-4 after five, but South Elgin scored two unearned runs off Eric Arroyo (two innings, one hit, three walks, one hit batter, one strikeout) for the win.

Justin Gonzalez and Scott Wolfard both went 2-for-4 with an RBI, Tyler Garza doubled, Kevin Lunz (hit) and Vinny Robles each drove in a run and Colin Bielinski and Tyler Jones each had a hit to lead the Sabres offense.

“I thought we looked pretty good,” said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. “We put together some quality at-bats and made some plays defensively.”

Lasota added: “We were able to have a lot of guys pitch to see the depth we have. The only negative I really saw was the number of freebies we gave South Elgin. We walked six and hit two. Tough to give another team that many in a game and win.”

Bielinski (no hits, no runs, one walk, four strikeouts) and Jeremy Lunz (two runs, four hits, one strikeout) both tossed two innings and Ryan Renkosiak (two runs, two hits, two walks, one hit batter, one strikeout) pitched one.

As the summer continues, Lasota said the goals are simple.

“I like to keep the goals pretty simple in the summer,” Lasota said. “I want the guys to embrace our offensive and defensive philosophies and become comfortable with what we are trying to do. Pitching wise I want them to be able to command the strike zone and become pitchers and not throwers.”



Connections

Poplar Creek Public Library

Reading-The True Superpower!

Summer Reading Challenge

June 3 to July 26

Join our all ages Summer Reading Challenge and receive your first prize just for signing up! Register online at www.pclib.org, in person, or download our app (search READsquared) in App Store (iOS) or Play Store (Android). Earn raffle tickets along the way for the chance to win one of our fabulous grand prizes! There are wonderful classes and programs going on all summer long, so be sure to check out our summer newsletter, or visit our website to view our online calendar.

New! VanMobile

Watch for our VanMobile which will be bringing children’s books to Streamwood and Hanover Park. Checkout and return books right from the van. For dates and locations, please visit our website at www.pclib.org.

Drop-in Craft

Seniors: June 12 from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Turn a small terracotta pot into a beautifully beaded wind chime to brighten up your home or garden. No registration but sign-up at the door. Supplies are limited.

Teen Painting Class

Thursday, June 13 at 1 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Practice drawing some of your favorite movie characters then choose your favorite to draw and paint using watercolor pencils under the guidance of artist Christine Thornton. Register online or call 483-4928

Movie at the Branch

Saturday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

Join us for a snack and children’s movie at the Sonya Crawshaw branch library located in Hanover Park. For movie details visit pclib.org or call 372-3131. No

registration necessary-just drop in!

Magic of Scott Piner

Tuesday, June 18

Main Library - 11 a.m.

Branch Library - 7 p.m.

Bring the family and join us for an evening of fun, storytelling, and magic! Registration is required. Register online or call 483-4910.

Microsoft Word

Tuesday, June 18 at 2 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

Learn the basic functions of the popular word-processing software, Microsoft Word. This hands-on class will focus on creating, formatting, editing, and saving text documents. Mouse and keyboarding skills are needed. Register online or call 483-4929.

Invite Nature to Your Yard

Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 2/3

Learn ways to reduce water run-off, increase wildlife habitat, and improve the soil in your yard by implementing techniques such as the use of rain barrels, rain gardens and native plants. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome!

Bingo!

Wednesday, June 19 at 2 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Enjoy a fun afternoon of Bingo and the chance to win a prize! For ages 18+. No registration necessary-just drop in!


Library Closures

The main and branch libraries will be closed on Sunday, June 16 in observance of Father’s Day.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park Ave., in Streamwood or Sonya Crawshaw Branch, 4300 Audrey Lane in Hanover Park, visit www.poplarcreeklibrary.org. Questions? Call 837-6800.

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Have you thought that you can’t afford travel soccer because you think it is way too expensive?

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# Variety of resolutions await U-46 board action

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on a series of resolutions at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 17. The items were presented on June 3.

Included is one annual resolution, that to establish prevailing wage rates for contractors who do work for the district, which has led to split votes by the board in the recent past with former board members Phil Costello, Cody Holt and Jeanette Ward all opposing it.

The past opposition stemmed from the fact the prevailing wages, which act as a minimum wage, are set by union forces coming from the Illinois Department of Labor (IDL) numbers rather than market forces thus causing a higher cost burden on taxpayers. Furthermore, Ward said last year: "This creates a lack of competition within the marketplace essentially cutting out local small businesses and minority contractors from being able to bid on a public works project."

There was no discussion by the new board on the resolution and all current board members have been endorsed by district and/or outside labor unions.

The former board members who opposed the prevailing wage rates advocated for U-46 doing its own survey of area vendors rather than using the IDL numbers which U-46 CEO Tony Sanders has previously said is allowed.

A Government Accountability Office report has found that prevailing wage laws lead to "a lack of transparency in the survey process" and benefit entrenched contractors and unions to force out competition. A 2015 Operational Employment Statistics report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that within U-46, the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin/Cook region, showed that the union-driven prevailing wage rates increase taxpayer costs by 39.7 percent.

The board will also vote on a list of authorized depositories, the companies that handle U-46's investment portfolio. Dale Burnidge, director of financial services, said the district is using the "same companies that we've used in the past" which include English Concepts d/b/a/ PMA Securities, Inc., the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund and JP Morgan Chase and Co.

This item was also questioned in the past by Costello who argued for a more competitive process which could lead to higher yields on the district's investments. The district has

consistently stayed with the same firms.

There was no discussion by the current board on the item.

The board will vote on a consolidated plan to follow new state requirements which Sanders said "merges all of the grant programs that the state runs, federal government runs. We have to submit now a consolidated plan where the state can see these things and how they intersect."

The proposal states: "Historically, the Specialized Student Services Department, English Language Learners Department and Curriculum and Instruction Departments have separately developed their grant applications. In February of 2019, we were notified that we would need to submit a consolidated plan before federal grant applications would be released. The goal of writing the consolidated plan was for the district to review how each department considers the specific students served under their grants and begin to examine how we may better work together to leverage federal grant programs in the future."

A resolution approving of hazardous transportation area designations in the district will be voted upon.

Sanders said the list, which includes 25 U-46 locations, "confirms that the hazardous transportation area designations previously approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation still exist, and that students that resided within the designated areas during the 2018-19 school year were provided free transportation services."

Sue Kerr, the board's president, asked if a parent believes that there is a hazardous area that is not on the list can request that it be considered. Jeff Prowell, director of transportation, said "they can certainly contact the transportation department" and the form process is "relatively simple for us to do that."

The board will vote on a resolution to authorize the transfer of interest earnings from the working cash fund to the operations and maintenance fund. Burnidge said a change from previous years is that it is going to operations and maintenance when previously the transfer went to the transportation fund "because we had a deficit balance" in that fund which no longer exists.

Also to receive a vote are resolutions authorizing participation in federal and state programs and authorizing the treasurer to make bond and interest payments.

solution allows Information Services staff to install and maintain district-approved applications on iPads, plus create and manage individual user profiles," the proposal states. "The management of user profiles is critical when working in an environment where the students share devices."

The district plans to purchase a new distribution center truck costing \$104,797 (education fund) from Trans Chicago Truck Group. According to the proposal it will replace a 2009 truck with 96,100 miles which has had \$15,844 in repairs over eight years.

With Warehouse Direct, the district plans to purchase epoxy floor application at a cost of \$35,403 (operations and maintenance) to replace loose floor tiles at Elgin's McKinley Elementary School. The district also plans to purchase gym floor refinishing supplies to be used at eight schools at a cost of \$31,618 (operations and maintenance) from Stalker Sports Floors.

# Pet of the Week



## Sergio is searching for new digs

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# Proposals

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## HIRING EVENT

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# Police Reports

## BARTLETT

### Sunday, June 2

★ At 10:58 a.m., a complainant in the 200 block of North Tatge Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle parked at the dead end of her street several times during the evening hours.

★ At 8:10 p.m., a complainant in the 900 block of Concord Drive reported excessive smoke coming from a fire pit and he believed was in violation of an open burning ordinance. Police spoke with the subject and confirmed that no violations had occurred. The subject agreed to extinguish the fire without incident.

**Monday, June 3**

★ At 8:01 a.m., Nasario Morales-Martinez, 55, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 1:46 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Peregrine Parkway reported that an unknown subject used her social security number for employment purposes.

★ At 4:23 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Sherman Court reported that his mailbox was damaged by unknown means.

★ At 6 p.m., a complainant in the 1300 block of Windgate Court reported a trail of cookies was left on his

doorstep leading to his driveway by unknown individuals.

★ At 8 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Butler Drive reported that an unknown subject opened a bank account using his information.

★ At 11:54 p.m., a complainant in the 400 block of Timber Ridge Drive reported that an unknown subject pounded on her front door and then ran away.

**Tuesday, June 4**

★ At 3:03 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Remington Drive reported finding a suspicious note in the bushes at her house.

★ At 6:22 p.m., a complainant in the 1100 block of Bittersweet Drive reported that an unknown subject removed tools from his work truck.

★ At 6:45 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Lincoln Drive reported three female subjects looking into the windows of his home.

★ At 9:30 p.m., William M. Czaja, 46, Carol Stream, was arrested and charged with improper lane usage, no insurance and DUI. He was released on an I-bond and faces a July 2 court date.

**Wednesday, June 5**

★ At 12 a.m., a complainant in the 1100 block of Preserve Trail reported that an unknown subject threw an egg at the hood of his car while he was

driving.

★ At 12:31 a.m., a complainant in the 1400 block of Snow Drift Circle reported a small structure fire due to an exterior Comcast cable box being struck by lightning.

★ At 10:08 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Dartmouth Drive reported a silver Lexus sedan has been speeding down his street.

★ At 11:16 a.m., a complainant in the 200 block of North Elroy Avenue reported receiving a voicemail stating that there is a problem with her social security number.

★ At 1:13 p.m., a complainant in the

800 block of Honey Locust Court reported that her phone was taken from her home during the morning hours and she received emails regarding her passwords being changed on her Facebook and Google accounts.

★ At 2:15 p.m., a complainant in the 1400 block of Polo Drive reported an unknown subject in a silver Lexus circling the area near her home.

**Thursday, June 6**

★ At 12:44 a.m., James A. Kenny, 30, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to DuPage County Jail to await bond call.

# Eight proposals on agenda for District U-46 vote

**By Seth Hancock**

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on eight proposals with a total cost of \$845,042 at its upcoming meeting on Monday, June 17. The items were presented on June 3.

Included is a proposal with Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company for defined contribution record keeping and third-party administration concerning U-46 employees 403b and 457 retirement investment providers.

Recently the board approved of a retirement committee which uses RVK to review changes and performance of investment plans to find one investment provider with multiple investment options rather than the current 52 vendors that district employees use for retirement investments.

"All of them charge a different fee for their services and a few aggressively sell higher priced investment products to our employees that may not be the best investment to meet their long term goals," the proposal states, and the goal is to "significantly reduce the fees and any other costs to staff who invest their hard earned dollars in a retirement plan."

The proposal states there's a "continued cost moving forward for the services of RVK" paid for by taxpayers' hard-earned money, but that cost was not provided in the proposal.

The largest expenditure bid is with Warehouse Direct costing \$329,228, to come out of the operations and maintenance fund if approved, to purchase paper, plastic and consumable products over the next three school years. Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said the cost is per year.

The purchase contract includes "paper, plastic and various consumables... to support the custodial program and provide essential building needs, such as hand soap, paper towels, and toilet paper," the proposal states.

With Weaver Consultants Group, the district is proposing a three-year reinspection and management plan up-

date costing \$124,602 (operations and maintenance).

"The Asbestos Re-Inspection and Management Plan update is required every three years by state and federal regulations," the proposal states. "An independent third party consultant, licensed in the asbestos discipline, performs the required tasks, as mandated by applicable regulations. The information obtained from the asbestos reinspection helps to facilitate future repairs and renovations for construction projects at district owned buildings."

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"This mobile device management solution allows Information Services staff to install and maintain district-approved applications on iPads, plus create and manage individual user profiles," the proposal states. "The management of user profiles is critical when working in an environment where the students share devices."

The district plans to purchase a new distribution center truck costing \$104,797 (education fund) from Trans Chicago Truck Group. According to the proposal it will replace a 2009 truck with 96,100 miles which has had \$15,844 in repairs over eight years.

With Warehouse Direct, the district plans to purchase epoxy floor application at a cost of \$35,403 (operations and maintenance) to replace loose floor tiles at Elgin's McKinley Elementary School. The district also plans to purchase gym floor refinishing supplies to be used at eight schools at a cost of \$31,618 (operations and maintenance) from Stalker Sports Floors.

# New charge filed against former Bartlett teacher

On Friday, June 7, Kevin Kilgallen, 52, of Shawnee Correctional Center in Illinois, appeared at a Cook County bond hearing in Rolling Meadows, where he remained in custody. Kilgallen has been charged with one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

In 2004, Kilgallen was convicted in Cook County for predatory criminal sexual assault and two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse to a victim under the age of 13 years old. He was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for those offenses.

On Feb. 20, a woman reported to the Bartlett Police Department she was



Kevin Kilgallen

sexually assaulted when she was a 9 year old student at Bartlett Elementary School during the 2002-2003 school year. Police investigated the allegations that Kilgallen, her former teacher, had committed an act of sexual abuse.

Police worked closely with the Cook County State's Attorney Office and the Cook County Children's Advocacy Center for bringing charges against this defendant.

Bond was set at \$100,000 with 10 percent to apply and a court date set of July 5. Kilgallen remained in custody with the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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### **U-46 students excel in state Future Health Professionals competition**

**Submitted by: Elgin Area School District U-46**

Twenty students from the Elgin Area School District U-46 HOSA -- Future Health Professionals team composed of Streamwood, Bartlett, and South Elgin high schools are advancing to the international competition in Orlando, Fla.

These students placed in the top three of their category at the HOSA Illinois state competition in March, where they competed against more than 1,200 other students.

HOSA-Future Health Professionals is an international service and leadership organization focused around health care related competitions at the state and international level.

Students can compete in more than 50 areas, including sports medicine, pharmacy science, and CPR/first aid. Students are able to showcase the knowledge gained in their coursework at these competitions, to which more than 8,000 students qualify and compete in each year.

"HOSA's values of learning, leadership, service, and innovation serve to prepare students for both college and career," said Lela Majstorovic, assistant superintendent of secondary schools, instruction and equity. "Being a part of this organization gives students the type of real-life opportunities that motivate them and help them envision themselves as leaders in the health care industry."

The U-46 International HOSA team is coached by Bartlett High School teachers Susan Hoch and Valerie Putek, South Elgin High teacher Patrick Doranski, and Streamwood High School teacher Jackie Gordon.

The team will travel to Orlando to compete in the HOSA International Leadership Conference which runs June 19-22.

"The HOSA competitions give students hands-on experience that empowers them to become leaders in the medical field at an early age," Doranski said. "Our students have been diligently preparing themselves to compete and we are excited to see how they perform on the international stage."

A list of the U-46 International HOSA Team members and the category they are competing in is below:

#### **South Elgin High School**

- Alissa Farmer, CERT Skills
- Eviana Giardina, Health Career Display
- Toni Herz, CERT Skills

- Kylee Hunter, Original Medical Innovation
- Jordan Lenox, Original Medical Innovation
- Eileen Lopez, Health Education
- MacKenzie Molina, Sports Medicine
- Shruti Patel, Original Medical Innovation
- Tulsi Patel, Health Education
- Margaret Pavilk, Medical Reading
- Kaitlyn Petratos, Health Education
- Karolina Terlikowski, Health Career Display

### **Bartlett High School**

- Anuj Ghandi, CERT Skills
- Sahithi Manne, Knowledge Test: Transcultural Healthcare
- Jhil Patel, Prepared Speaking
- Esha Sachdev, CERT Skills

### **Streamwood High School**

- Gabriella Bongiovanni, Extemporaneous Writing
- Monica Voravong, Extemporaneous Writing
- Reeya Patel, Community Awareness
- Archana Patel, Community Awareness



# BHS community grieving loss of teacher, coach

By Seth Hancock

Bartlett High School is grieving the loss of Brad Hunt, a long-time teacher and athletics coach at the school.

Hunt passed away on Tuesday, June 4 after suffering an apparent heart attack at his South Elgin home. He was 43.

The Bartlett boosters have created a fundraising page on its website at [bhsboosters.org/hunt-memorial](http://bhsboosters.org/hunt-memorial). All donations will go to Hunt's family, his wife of nearly 17 years Emily and two elementary school children, son Brady and daughter Madison.

A visitation was held on Saturday, June 8 at Laird Funeral Home in Elgin and a celebration of life on Monday, June 10 at Bartlett High School. Hunt's funeral was on Tuesday, June 10 at Federated Church in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Hunt was a 1994 graduate of West Lafayette High School in Indiana and earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 2001 and master's degree from Concordia University in 2011. Since 2005, he was a physical education teacher at Bartlett and also coached girls basketball, football and softball in some capacity during his entire career at the school.

"Brad was loved by so many," said Bartlett's athletics director Jeff Bral. "He was a passionate man that cared deeply about his family, his students,



**Brad Hunt embracing his son Brady following the Bartlett girls basketball team's regional victory over Wheaton North in February.**  
(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

his players in both basketball and softball and the Bartlett High School community. He was a wonderful teacher who connected with kids on a deep level because he was able to share life experiences with them. He loved Bartlett High School in so many ways, and so many in this com-

munity loved him. This is a tough hit to our staff and students."

Bral added: "Even though he is now not with us physically, he is teaching us lessons like never take anything for granted. Let people know how you feel about them. Take a step back and self-reflect. Realize what is im-

portant in life. Be the person you want to become. Never give up on kids. We need to be there for his family and the Bartlett community in this difficult time."

This year, Hunt was named the Region 5 Head Coach of the Year in girls basketball by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association after guiding the Hawks to a 29-5 record with a sectional title game appearance and an Upstate Eight Conference title with a 17-1 record in the league.

Hunt was the head girls basketball coach the past two seasons after being an assistant coach under the program's first head coach Denise Sarna and under Dave Mello, who was the head coach in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons. He was also an assistant varsity coach for the Hawks softball team for 13 years.

After the news of Hunt's passing came out, current and former players who played under him shared their memories on social media as did other coaches at Bartlett and other area schools.

"Words seldom fail me, as you often remarked. I have so much to say but I can't even find the first word to start. Friend, colleague, co-conspirator... I will miss your passion, your love for students. I will miss you my friend. RIP Coach Hunt," wrote Bartlett's head softball coach Jim Wolfsmith.

## South Elgin baseball wins first three summer games

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team rallied from an early two-run deficit to earn a 6-4 win in its summer league opener on Monday, June 3 at Streamwood.

The Storm were outthit 8-7 and trailed 2-0 after the second inning, but they posted two-run frames in the third and fourth innings to take a 4-3 lead. Tied 4-4, South Elgin added two more runs in the sixth.

Returning from the spring varsity squad, now senior Shane Bonner had two hits and two RBI to lead the offense and senior Anthony Nalbono

got the win on the mound.

South Elgin returns several players from the spring including seniors Grayson Downing, Ryan Kuchta, Joey Haslam, Marc Guerrero, Andy Jachim and Samuel Miller as well as juniors Clay Kapraun and Robby Gilman and sophomores Ben Karpowicz and Jackson Bessette.

Storm coach Jim Kating has said previously the goal in the summer league is for coaches to evaluate players, especially the newcomers, and to see some growth.

"It's good to see a mix of guys play-

ing," Kating said. "There's a lot of work to be done in the summer, and we're just trying to evaluate and see who we have coming up."

South Elgin went on to earn a doubleheader sweep over Conant on Wednesday, June 5 at South Elgin.

In both games, the Storm rallied late

to earn the wins despite being outthit 17-14 on the day. The Storm trailed 9-6 in the opener when it posted a four-run bottom of the third inning for the 10-9 lead which held up as the final score, and they also used a four-run fifth inning to take a 6-3 lead which also held up as the final.

## CBA free call in program to be available Saturday, June 15

According to the Chicago Bar Association, attorneys with the association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, June 15, as part of an ongoing legal public service program offered by the CBA. Calls will be accepted from 9 a.m. to noon at 312-554-2001.

Citizens may call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service during the week for a referral to an attorney in the appropriate area of law.

The CBA's Lawyer Referral Service has more than 200 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law that offer their services to the public. When contacting the LRS during normal business hours

Monday through Friday, callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in numerous areas of law including:

Domestic Relations, including divorce, custody, support and other family law matters); personal Injury (including auto accidents, slip and falls, products liability, wrongful death, malpractice and other types of injury cases; estate planning, including will and trust drafting, probate and will contest; real estate, including buying or selling real estate, foreclosure defense and landlord/tenant issues; and employment law, including wrongful termination, harassment and discrimination.

Additionally, the CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides callers' access to attorneys in three different areas of law at any time after normal business hours. Citizens can reach a lawyer 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by also calling 312-554-2001.

## Bartlett baseball defeated in summer opener 10-2

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team opened the summer league with a 10-2 loss against Hoffman Estates on Monday, June 3 at Bartlett.

Tied 2-2, Hoffman Estates took the lead for good with a two-run fifth inning.

Bartlett had five hits including four doubles coming from Blake Oliver and Nathan Gargano, both of whom are returning from the spring varsity season, and Ryan Nelson (RBI) and Josh Schuberth, both who are new to the varsity squad. Cole Sprester, also a newcomer, added a single in the effort.

Hawks coach Devin Rosen got the chance to see four pitchers take the mound including returning varsity hurler Nathan Euliano who went 4.1 innings in a start. He allowed four runs, three earned, off seven hits and a hit batter, and he struck out five.

George Betevis (two hits, one walks, one strikeouts) and Sajan Patel (six unearned runs, three hits, one hit batter, one strikeouts) both tossed an inning of relief and Connor Baggot (one hit) tossed two thirds of an inning in relief.

For are baseball coaches, the summer league serves as essentially spring training for next spring's season as

Rosen has previously stated the goal is to see growth and see new players on the field.

"We want to see steady growth from the whole team during the summer," Rosen said. "Some guys will do that faster than others and that's a good thing. You want to see guys compete for varsity spots in the summer."

## Civil War event scheduled for June 15, June 16

Spend Father's Day weekend at Lincoln Log Cabin's annual Civil War Weekend June 15 and 16 and learn about the men who answered President Lincoln's call for troops in 1861.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Visitors can meet with re-enactors portraying Union soldiers in their encampment, then watch mounted and dismounted drilling exercises, and attend a Civil War Ball on Saturday evening.

The site is located eight miles south of Charleston near Lerna. Call 217-345-1845 for more information.



# Hawks volleyball trio named to all-UEC squad



At the net, Toiyon Walton trying to end a volley for the Hawks against West Chicago during an early May match.

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Bartlett volleyball team was loaded with talent in 2019 which included three all-conference recipients from the Upstate Eight Conference champion Hawks.

Seniors Carter Burzlaff (setter), Garrett Jurina (right side hitter) and Toiyon Walton (middle) were all named all-conference players after the Hawks finished 25-6 overall, 6-1 in the UEC.

Burzlaff, who will play at Lewis University next year, was named the Hawks MVP after leading in assists (668), aces (61) and kill efficiency (.370).

“Carter was a true leader on the court,” said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. “He was our only setter in our 5-1 offense. At 6-foot-5, he was a real presence at the net, could pick and choose his hitters well or just tip/dump the ball over when the other team was out of position.”

Walton is a three-time all-conference recipient and was Bartlett’s MVP the last two years, and he will play at Benedictine University next year. He led Bartlett in kills (176), blocks (64) and block kills (52) while finish second in kill efficiency (.351).

“An unbelievable talent,” Schwantz said. “Supremely athletic, fun to watch, dominant at the net. He worked on his craft from the second he walked onto the varsity court as a sophomore until the final point. His presence will definitely be missed next season.”

Jurina, who also played basketball, was an all-conference honorable mention last year and earned all-conference honors this season after finishing second for the Hawks in blocks (39) and block kills (38) and third in kill efficiency (.326).

“Two-sport athlete who just got better every point,” Schwantz said. “Strong, dominant, imposed his will on defending players, hit like a Mack truck. He brought an enormous amount of energy onto the court and was always ready to get his teammates pumped up when they were feeling down.”

Bartlett will lose all but two players from this year’s squad also losing seniors Patrick Biedrzycki, Jacob Bush, Sohumi Desai, Andrew Kylyushyk, Martin Radomski and Matt Tomasek.



Carter Burzlaff setting for the Hawks during a match at St. Charles North this past season. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

# Storm volleyball has two named to all-UEC team



Vince Miskiewicz executing a successful kill shot against Hoffman Estates during a late April match. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

**By Seth Hancock**  
The South Elgin volleyball team finished the 2019 season with a 20-12 record, 4-3 in the Upstate Eight Conference, and two players led the way on offense.

Senior Vince Miskiewicz and junior Mandeep Sangha both earned all-conference honors after the outside hitters combined for 70 percent of the Storm’s kills this season.

“Most of our offense ran through these two guys,” said South Elgin coach Adam Plach. “Even with teams knowing they were going to see a majority of the sets they were still able to be very efficient with their hits.”

Miskiewicz, also a basketball player, had a team-high 254 kills and finished with 38 blocks, 14 aces and a .416 hitting efficiency. He’ll play basketball next year in San Antonio, Texas at the University of the Incarnate Word.

“Vince is going to go play Division I basketball in Texas, but if he wasn’t I am sure we would be able to get him a lot of interest from some schools who have volleyball programs,” Plach said. “To start he is 6-foot-7 with an outstanding vertical. And even though the only time of year he touched a volleyball was during our season, he is such a gifted athlete that he was able to get into the swing of things pretty quickly.”

Plach added: “We will be looking to a few different guys next year to collectively contribute to fill the hole he is leaving.”

Sangha finished the year with 250 kills, 62 digs, 13 aces, 12 blocks and a .285 hitting efficiency.

“Mandeep has continued to make great strides the past two years on varsity,” Plach said. “He has developed into an almost complete outside hitter with the ability to pass, hit and play defense. I cannot



Mandeep Sangha delivering a lob shot against the Sabres during the District U-46 tournament this season.

wait to see what he is capable of and does next season.”

Plach added: “We will look to him next year for a lot of leadership. I believe that with some continued work and fine tuning he can be a player that would get some interest to play at the college level. Even though we are losing Vince, we are breathing a little easier knowing that we have Mandeep returning next year.”

South Elgin will lose just two seniors, Miskiewicz and Jack Dullum, with nine juniors comprising the bulk of its roster.



# Sabres well represented on all-conference team

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood softball team had its best season in recent history posting its most wins and the first winning record under Sabres coach Will Shogren after going 15-10 overall, 11-7 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

Helping to lead that success were seniors Taylyr Crocilla and Laura Dietrich as well as sophomore Tessa Freedman who were all named to the UEC all-conference team and senior Corrine Angle who was an honorable mention.

Crocilla was the Sabres ace pitcher as she went 11-7 in the circle tossing 103.2 innings with 168 strikeouts, a 2.57 ERA and a 1.26 WHIP along with a .921 fielding percentage. She also had a huge year at the plate with a .488 batting average and .533 on-base percentage with 40 hits, 31 runs, 22 RBI, 16 doubles, three triples and a home run.

“When Taylyr was in the circle she was always a competitor. Her ability to make hitters swing and miss helped SHS have a successful season,” Shogren said. “Taylyr batted three for us all year and was an impact player when she was at the plate. It seemed like every other game she was hitting a double to the gap. Taylyr led the team in runs scored as well which was a huge help. She is truly a talent.”

Dietrich, in the outfield, had a .958 fielding percentage, and at the plate she was moved from leadoff to cleanup because of her power as she finished with a team-high four home runs. She batted .446, had a .544 on-base percentage, 33 hits, 27 RBI, 23

runs and 13 doubles.

“We needed to have her up with runners on,” Shogren said. “On the bases she was able to score over 20 runs due to her base running ability. Defensively, Laura was a sure glove in center field and could track down any ball hit. She saved more than a few runs with her abilities in the field.”

Shogren said there wasn’t a “better glove” than Freedman, the Sabres first baseman the last two years, who had a .990 fielding percentage. She had 38 hits, 29 RBI, 29 runs, eight doubles, three triples, two home runs, a .494 batting average and a .571 on-base percentage.

“She was our team’s MVP this year and was a clear choice for that honor,” Shogren said. “Tessa finished in the top one or two spots in just about every offensive category on our team. It didn’t matter who we played or was pitching, Tessa was going to have a good at-bat. She led the team in RBI’s and did so from the leadoff or two spot which isn’t easy to do.”

Angle, a third baseman, moved behind the plate and caught this year and finished with a .987 fielding percentage and at the plate batted .288 with a .402 on-base percentage. She had 21 hits, 16RBI, 13 runs, four doubles, two triples and a homer.

“Last year, we graduated an all-conference catcher (Rebecca Roncone) so we were in need of someone to fill that hole,” Shogren said. “Corinne stepped in to the role of catcher with very limited experience which is an extremely difficult thing to do at the varsity level.”



Tessa Freedman making a catch of a foul pop at the fence off the bat of South Elgin’s McKenna Eichholz during a season contest at Streamwood.

# Jasso named all-UEC for Streamwood volleyball

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team finished its 2019 campaign with a 10-21 record, 1-6 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

Leading the way for the Sabres this year was senior setter/ right side hitter Carlos Jasso who earned all-conference honors. For Streamwood coach Jonathan Bacheller, Jasso was a Jack of all trades willing to play whatever position was needed.

“Setter, outside hitter, middle hitter, libero, whatever position he can do it all,” Bacheller said. “The rest of our team could not have had the success we did if not for No. 7’s hands. Everything had to run through him, he craved better passes, better focus and more energy from his teammates. He

required it and let them know.”

Jasso is a two-year varsity player and the Sabres’ co-captain this year. He had 310 assists, 105 kills and 27 blocks.

“Carlos has a quiet energy about him, but when he would get a kill or fake the opponent out, his roar came out and our energy level instantly was higher,” Bacheller said.

Seniors Joey Huizar (outside hitter) and Abraham Martinez (libero), both two-year varsity players, garnered honorable mentions. Huizar finished the year with 172 kills and Martinez 284 digs.

Streamwood will also lose senior defensive specialist Kobe Brown, but the Sabres had four juniors and two sophomores who gained valuable experience this year.



Laura Dietrich lashing out a double that drove in a run against Bartlett this past season.



Taylyr Crocilla in the circle delivering a pitch against Bartlett during a Streamwood win over the Hawks in April.



Carlos Jasso keeping a volley alive against Bartlett during an April match this past season.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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