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### **Next walkout draw mixed responses**

Some suburban districts won't support protests planned for Friday

BY MARIE WILSON

Students planning to join a second nationwide walkout Friday to protest gun violence may find school administrators drawing a tougher line than they did a month ago.

Officials in some area districts say they won't support Friday's walkout while others say students who leave class without parental permission will receive detentions.

Others say they're working with students to plan activities that don't involve walkouts. Still others say students haven't expressed interest in boycotting classes after participating in such a demonstration on March 14 -- a month after a gunman shot and killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

The [National School Walkout](#), planned to mark the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado, is expected to involve students from 2,400 schools nationwide and is being coordinated through the Indivisible Project, a coalition of progressive groups.

Students at roughly 25 schools across the region are listed as participating, although administrators overseeing two of the high schools -- Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South -- say they've heard of no such plans.

The planned demonstrations range from a 20-minute session for prayer, speeches or letter-writing at Benet Academy in Lisle to a five-hour event scheduled at Rotary Hill in Naperville, across from Naperville Central High School.

"We're trying to make it so that our schools don't have to become prisonlike with metal detectors upon entrance and everyday searches and personnel roaming the halls fully armed," the student organizers of a walkout planned at South Elgin High School wrote on Twitter, @SehsWalkout. "Why would we opt for that when we can simply just push for legislation that makes it harder for a dangerous individual to obtain a weapon?"

Some participating students, however, could face disciplinary action.

In Palatine Township Elementary District 15, Superintendent Scott Thompson sent an email to parents Monday saying walkouts "would be a disruption to learning and an unnecessary strain."

"Consequently," he said, "future walkouts will not be supported by the administration."

Glenbard High School District 87 is taking a neutral stance. Even with walkouts planned at Glenbard West and Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn, spokeswoman Peg Mannion said the district will adhere to its regular schedule and handle absences according to the student handbook.

Naperville Unit District 203 is taking a middle ground. Walkout absences will be considered excused if parents call in advance, Naperville Central High School Principal Bill Wiesbrook

said in an email to parents. But students who leave class will not be permitted to gather on school grounds. And those whose parents don't call will be considered truant.

The walkout planned by Central students is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., with organizers asking participants to peacefully protest, write letters to legislators and conduct a voter-registration drive until 3:10 p.m. If they do -- and if they miss more than three class periods without parent permission -- Wiesbrook said they could be in line for a four-hour Saturday detention.

If students walk out in Indian Prairie Unit District 204 in Naperville and Aurora, Superintendent Karen Sullivan said she plans to follow the same policy. She said an estimated 5,000 students at seven middle schools and three high schools walked out March 14, but she hasn't heard any students planning to do so Friday.

"They took it seriously and did a good job," she said.

Unexcused absences will be in store for students in Elgin Area School District U-46 if they leave during instruction, spokeswoman Mary Fergus said. Elgin, Larkin and South Elgin high schools are listed as participating in the National Student Walkout.

"We are trying to make it so that these recent mass shootings and everyday gun violence happening all across America becomes a rarity," South Elgin organizers wrote on Twitter. "We're just trying to keep innocent people from dying."

## SPORTS SECTION

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### **Bartlett grad Maestranzi lands Guilford job**

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BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

Coaching is Antonio Maestranzi's renewed purpose, the former **Bartlett** and Northern Illinois basketball player said Wednesday.

Maestranzi, 33, will be the next boys basketball coach at Rockford Guilford High School, pending approval of the Rockford School Board, RPS District 205 announced.

"I'm unbelievably excited," said Maestranzi, who intends to relocate from Bartlett to Rockford. "I definitely have a passion to coach. The past couple of years I've been doing some AAU and training with some high school players. I just have a real passion for coaching at that level. This is the age and this is the level where you can influence kids the most. I feel like I have a good ability to coach because of my experience. It's what I want to do long term for the rest of my life. It gives me purpose and I have a real passion to do it."

Known as Anthony when he was named honorary captain of the 2001-02 Daily Herald All-Area Boys Basketball Team/Fox Valley, Maestranzi went on to play for coach Rob Judson and assistant Carl Armato at NIU. He finished a four-year college career with 166 3-pointers, good for fourth on the Huskies' all-time list.

Undrafted out of NIU, the 5-foot-9 point guard was approached by an agent who got him into an exposure camp for the Italian Basketball Federation.

Maestranzi traveled to Italy, landed a two-month contract and played well enough to earn two more months.

A good season led to a contract for another. Then another. In all, he played six years in Italy for four teams between 2006-2012.

Upon returning to the United States, he went to work for his family's knife sharpening business in Schaumburg: A. Maestranzi Sons Knife Services.

Meanwhile, he began working for a development program for elite Chicago-area players and became an assistant varsity coach at Marmion.

Last year, he became a full-time AAU coach, following in the footsteps of his father, John Maestranzi, who helped develop several Division-I players as coach of the Illinois Wildcats, including Illinois guard Dee Brown and former Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds.

Last year's AAU season was Antonio Maestranzi's first as a head coach. He directed the Kessel Heat U-16 team to a successful campaign.

When the Guilford job opened after an 11-17 finish in 2017-18, Maestranzi was given the heads up by Armato, a Guilford assistant who will remain an assistant under Maestranzi.

"Coach Maestranzi brings a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to this position," Guilford High School athletic director Augie Toldo said. "He's hungry to help rebuild the program with our students on the court, in the weight room, in the classroom and community."

Guilford's new head coach said his lack of sideline experience will be mitigated by a strong understanding of what goes on between the lines.

"I have a unique background because I got to play at a high level overseas. It's high-level basketball," Maestranzi said. "They use a lot of spacing and things of that nature. I'm grateful I have an opportunity to implement that stuff with these kids."

"But our No. 1 focus is going to be the culture, how we do things, our work ethic and our leadership qualities. I want to build an environment that develops young men on and off the court. That's number one. We want to create an environment where players have a better chance to succeed on and off the court because they were involved with our program. I believe this is a platform to develop kids and prepare them for life, business, relationships, college, all of the above. With that focus we're going to make them hard workers, mentally tough, and we're going to build leaders. I believe success comes as a result of focusing on those things."



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"And I don't think when that decision was made I was on the board yet, but wouldn't there have been a cost analysis? I mean typically a lease payment is higher than what you would pay for a capital loan. The cost of the bus is wrapped up into the lease. So,

one way or another you're paying for a bus. It just depends on who you're paying," Owens said.

Smith said: "It costs us."

Ward responded: "I believe that savings were about \$6 million for the life of that consideration. That took that into account."

Regarding Owens' assertion of a "decision was made," no public decision was ever made. All discussions of the First Student RFP with the board were done in closed session.

Former board member Cody Holt told *The Examiner* after losing his reelection bid that a "straw poll" was used on the First Student RFP in closed session which is ethically and legally questionable as the Illinois Open Meetings Act states its purpose is to "ensure that the actions of public bodies be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly."

While the First Student RFP stated \$3.9 million in savings to the U-46 taxpayers over three years, Holt said those savings would have been far greater according to the administration with savings "around \$8 million" with First Student likely because of the lack of needing to purchase buses which was not included in the RFP.

## Village Board approves street work initiatives

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, April 5, trustees voted unanimously in favor of four resolutions for phase 3 street improvements. These included two proposals from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc., (HLR) for engineering services for North Avenue and East Avenue street improvements and two intergovernmental agreements (IGA) with the State of Illinois for appropriating funds for both projects.

The first proposal discussed from HLR was for professional engineering services at the intersection of East Avenue and Irving Park Road.

According to Director of Public Works Matt Mann, there is currently one lane allowing traffic to proceed either southbound or westbound through the intersection and an existing left turn lane for traffic to proceed eastbound. A dedicated right turn lane would help facilitate traffic heading westbound in a timely manner and reduce congestion.

"I'm happy to report that phase 2 has been approved by IDOT," said Mann. "The construction project will bid out by the end of April for the East Avenue turn lane."

According to Mann, the agreement with IDOT requires the village to fund a portion of the phase 3 engineering to maintain eligibility for Surface Transportation Program Urban (STP) funds.

The estimated cost is \$71,500. The village will be reimbursed about \$61,000 by the State of Illinois.

"HLR has worked for the village on similar projects in the past and we are recommending them for this project," Mann said.

The other proposal from HLR was for the North Avenue right turn lane. According to Mann, there is only one lane for North Avenue traffic to proceed either eastbound or westbound onto Lake Street. As a result, there are traffic backups and many vehicles use the shoulder to turn right onto east-

bound Lake Street. A right turn lane will help ease congestion, facilitate traffic heading eastbound in a timely manner and reduce shoulder repairs. The North Avenue corridor will also benefit from a right turn lane at this location.

"It's the same situation as the East Avenue turn lane," Mann said. "We're not sure who the contractor will be," Mann said. "The state actually bids that out. This is considered a state project."

According to Mann, the estimated cost is \$120,000. The state will reimburse the village about \$100,000.

"We need this IGA approved so we can go forward."

An IGA with the state for appropriating funds for East Avenue right turn lane was discussed. The IGA with the State of Illinois appropriating funds for the East Avenue STP construction project was also discussed and approved.

The village entered into an agreement with IDOT for improving the intersection of East Avenue and Irving Park Road by adding a right turn lane using STP funds. According to Mann, funding from the federal government is about 80 percent for phase 3. The village and IDOT are responsible for the remaining 20 percent of the phase 3 cost. The estimated remaining cost of the project including engineering is \$715,600. The village's share of that cost is about \$120,550. These funds must be appropriated by passing a resolution for the required local match. Funds for this project are included in the 2018 street improvement budget.

According to Mann, for the project to move forward and utilize federal funds, IDOT requires an intergovernmental joint funding agreement acknowledging the division of cost and attesting that funding for the local share is available. This project is scheduled to be bid out by the state in late April and be substantially completed this year.



### Practical break

Kinasha Brown, Director of Career and Technical Education at District U-46, gave a Career Education Exploration program overview and introduced its business partners, that took part over spring break. Brown was instrumental in launching the program four years ago. For story and more photos see page 5. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



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## Streamwood baseball drops series with Larkin

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team came up short in its rubber game of a three-game Upstate Eight Conference River Division series with Larkin as the Sabres fell 4-3 on Thursday, April 12 at Larkin.

The Sabres, who led 3-2 after a three-run third inning, saw Larkin pull ahead 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth. Cody Motykowski hit a leadoff single and stole second base in the top of the seventh, but he was stranded there.

"I like the way we competed down the stretch," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "Anytime you can finish a game getting ourselves in position where you have the tying run at second base, I'll take that."

An AJ Reyna double started Streamwood's third inning rally, and Tyler Jones followed with an RBI double and Max Alanis (2-for-3) later hit a two-run double.

On the mound, Daniel Kuehl tossed five-plus innings allowing four runs, two earned, off of four hits, two walks and an hit batsman. He struck out five.

Larkin's first two batters of the sixth inning reached when Kuehl's game ended and Alanis came in for relief. Alanis struck out two and did not allow anyone to reach, but a wild pitch allowed the go-ahead run to score.

"They had a couple bleeders here, a couple hit 'em where we're not type of at-bats," Lasota said. "[Kuehl] pitched great for us and deserved a better fate."

Streamwood dropped Game 1 of the series 5-2 on Tuesday, April 10 at Larkin. Alanis tripled and drove in a run and Jones had an RBI to lead the Sabres offense, and Michael Pawlikowski (five innings pitched, four strikeouts) suffered the loss allowing five runs, four earned, off of six hits and four walks.

The Sabres defeated Larkin 5-3 on Wednesday, April 11 at Streamwood. Colin Caminiti (six innings pitched, one run, four hits, three walks, four strikeouts) was the winner and Reyna (2-for-3, double, RBI), Jones (two RBI) and Caminiti (RBI) led at the plate.

Streamwood is now 6-3 overall, 1-2 in the UEC.

## Village Board approves asphalt paving suppliers

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, April 5, trustees voted unanimously in approval of authorizing the low bid and the secondary bid for the supply of asphalt paving materials.

According to Director of Public Works Matt Mann, the 2018 street program includes the in-house resurfacing of the Willow Pond and Sterling Oaks and Autumn Chase subdivisions as well as various streets. This hot mix asphalt supply is required for this resurfacing work.

"Our goal this year as usual is to get six miles of streets paved," said Mann.

Two bids were received, Mann noted. The low bidder was Arrow Road with a bid of \$583,998. The secondary bid was from Plote Construction at \$595,149. Arrow is the primary supplier and Plote is the secondary supplier. The bids came in under the budgeted amount of \$600,000.

"We always have an alternate supplier just in case we can't get our mix from our primary supplier," Mann said.

According to Mann, there's going to be significant amount of construction on U.S. Route 20 and Illinois Route 59.

"It's a good year that Arrow gave us a good price," Mann said.

## Fire Department purchases 32 thermal imaging cameras

The Streamwood Fire Department has announced the recent purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) for each firefighter. Each TIC is incorporated into the firefighter's self contained breathing apparatus also known as SCBA. The cameras utilize state-of-the-art technology which allows firefighters to "see" through smoke. The cameras can be used to assist in the search for victims. They also can be used to help firefighters find their way through smoke-filled rooms and to find "hotspots" in walls when extinguishing fires.

Prior to this purchase only one firefighter would have the availability of a TIC. Now each firefighter has the ability to see the changes in a room's temperature and can better "visualize" their surroundings. Although firefighting is inherently dangerous, this technology increases firefighter safety.

The purchase of 32 thermal imaging cameras was made through the Streamwood Foreign Fire Tax Board. The board utilizes funds for the benefit, maintenance, and use of the Streamwood Fire Department. The total cost of the purchase was \$31,800, and was made through Air-One Fire Equipment of South Elgin.

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# Students attend special spring break event

Thirty students from **Streamwood High School** took part in the Career Education Exploration program during their spring break. The week-long program introduced students to careers with an emphasis on work ethic, management and career opportunities. Local businesses and partnered with **School District U-46** and the Village of Streamwood to provide support, funding, and projects for the teams to work on.



Students went over their presentations one last time at Village Hall before the luncheon. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Students in the Precision Manufacturing track toured several local factories, such as here at Weiler Engineering.



All 30 students who participated in Career Education Week.



Roberto Perez and his team were tasked with finding a possible parking solution at Fiesta Market. Perez explained several of the points of their plan, which Fiesta management agreed was feasible.

# Pet of the Week



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# Sabres soccer survive to PepsiCo bracket semifinal

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Streamwood soccer team continued to see success in the PepsiCo Showdown. The Sabres, who opened the tournament with their first win of the season, made it to the semifinals of their bracket where they fell 5-2 against Pritzker on Thursday, April 12 at Pritzker. Kaila Ford scored both of Streamwood's goals with assists from Paulette Carranza and Kristina Kellogg. Despite the loss, the game represented another strong offensive performance in the tournament from the Sabres, who were unseeded in the event, who defeated fourth-seeded Waukegan 4-0 on Tuesday, April 10 at Waukegan. "I think our offense is growing," said Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy. "We

are performing well with finishing the ball." Streamwood was locked in a scoreless tie at halftime against Waukegan when Ford stepped up to net a hat trick to build a 3-0 lead. Lesley Jimenez, Brian-na Yi and Michaela Gundersen each added helpers for Ford. Gundersen capped the scoring with a penalty kick goal. Duffy said the wins are a "big confidence booster" for a young team. "Our performances have been going really well in the PepsiCo tournament," Duffy said. Streamwood went on to drop a 7-1 match against Geneva in Upstate Eight Conference River Division play on Friday, April 13 at Geneva. The Sabres are now 2-5 overall, 0-2 in the UEC River Division.



# Sabres edged by Storm in three-set match

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team struggled in the clutch as the Sabres fell 19-25, 25-16, 25-23 against South Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference crossover play on Tuesday, April 10 at Streamwood.

In the third set, the Sabres never led early but also kept close allowing them to eventually pull ahead. A kill by Jack Maybrun (six kills) gave Streamwood its first lead at 22-21 and a South Elgin error later gave them a 23-22 lead, but the Sabres were unable to pull out the win.

“I had players playing who don’t normally start,” said Streamwood coach Sheryl Hettinger. “I can’t take anything away from them.”

Streamwood built a 15-6 lead in Game 1 and led for good eventually winning the set on a Sam Enno (18 assists) ace, and the Sabres kept things close early in Game 2. Juan Adan and Maybrun each had a pair of kills early as Streamwood just trailed 14-13, but South Elgin ended on an 11-3 run.

In the final two sets, the Sabres struggled to sustain rallies and Hettinger felt there were some questionable calls.

“I thought the refs changed the momentum a few times in the game,” Hettinger said.

Jakob Kellermann had six kills, Roberto Sanchez five kills, Abraham Martinez seven digs and an ace and Carlos Jasso an ace.

“We just have to control our side of the net better,” Hettinger said. “I’m proud of them tonight. We just need to learn from this. Each game, they’re gaining more experience.”

Streamwood went on to drop a 25-17, 25-11 nonconference match against Wheaton Academy on Wednesday, April 11 at Streamwood.

At its own Sabre Invitational, Streamwood took eighth place to end the week on Saturday, April 14. The Sabres did pick up their first win of the season with a 25-21, 18-25, 15-10 victory over Elgin. The Sabres are now 1-13 overall, 0-3 in the UEC.



The Sabres’ Jakob Kellermann extending to execute a winning kill shot against South Elgin.



The Sabres’ Joshua Araga making an effort to dig a South Elgin kill shot that wound up a Storm winner. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Abraham Martinez of Streamwood receiving a deep South Elgin serve during the Storm’s comeback three-set win on Tuesday, April 10.



Carlos Jasso keeping a volley alive for the Sabres against South Elgin.



Sam Enno setting for a teammate during a Sabres rally against the Storm.



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The administration responded: "Yes."

Board member Melissa Owen, who was not on the board when U-46 considered outsourcing with First Student, agreed with Kerr and Smith and implied the district would still need to at least lease buses, which the district would not have had to do as the buses would have been owned, operated and maintained by First Student.

"And I don't think when that decision was made I was on the board yet, but wouldn't there have been a cost analysis? I mean typically a lease payment is higher than what you would pay for a capital loan. The cost of the bus is wrapped up into the lease. So, one way or another you're paying for a bus. It just depends on who you're paying," Owens said.

Smith said: "It costs us."

Ward responded: "I believe that savings were about \$6 million for the life of that consideration. That took that into account."

Regarding Owens' assertion of a "decision was made," no public decision was ever made. All discussions of the First Student RFP with the board were done in closed session.

Former board member Cody Holt told *The Examiner* after losing his reelection bid that a "straw poll" was used on the First Student RFP in closed session which is ethically and legally questionable as the Illinois Open Meetings Act states its purpose is to "ensure that the actions of public bodies be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly."

While the First Student RFP stated \$3.9 million in savings to the U-46 taxpayers over three years, Holt said those savings would have been far greater according to the administration with savings "around \$8 million" with First Student likely because of the lack of needing to purchase buses which was not included in the RFP.



### Fish Friday

Gary Diehs, left, and Doug Scheaffer fried hundreds of pounds of smelt and french fries on Friday, April 13 at the South Elgin Lions Club ninth annual Smelt Fry For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

## National Volunteer Week proclaimed in village

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, April 16, Village President Steven Ward proclaimed that Sunday, April 15 through Saturday, April 21 is National Volunteer Week in the village.

Ward read from a proclamation that formally recognized the week: "Communities across the nation will participate in National Volunteer Week cele-

brating the value of volunteering. Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week focuses national attention on the impact and power of volunteerism and service as an integral aspect of our civic leadership."

"I especially thank one of South Elgin's most valuable assets, the many volunteers who serve on village committees, commissions and other civic organizations," Ward added.





# A View from the Cheap Seats



## Life Aflame

By Rich Trzupek

On June 10, 1963 Buddhist monk Thích Quang Duc changed the course of history, for better or for worse. He was 65 years old at the time. By all accounts he lived his life as a devout and peace-loving man.

On that day 55 years ago, Quang Duc quietly assumed the classic Buddhist lotus position perched atop a cushion placed at the intersection of Phan Dinh Phùng Boulevard and Lê Van Duyet Street in what was then the city of Saigon in South Vietnam. A colleague doused him with five gallons of gasoline, while hundreds of Buddhist monks and nuns formed a circle around Quang Duc.

In June 1963 South Vietnam was in the midst of what would become known as the "Buddhist crisis." The residents of South Vietnam, a former French colony, were predominantly Buddhist, but a Catholic minority ruled the nation. Ngô Đình Diem, a Catholic, was president and many Buddhists felt that Diem both unfairly favored fellow Catholics in the government and military and simultaneously suppressed Buddhists.

Quang Duc reflected on the Buddhist crisis in a note that constituted the last words he would communicate to his fellow human beings on this temporal stage:

"Before closing my eyes and moving towards the vision of the Buddha, I respectfully plead to President Ngô Đình Diem to take a mind of compassion towards the people of the nation and implement religious equality to maintain the strength of the homeland eternally. I call the venerables, reverends, members of the sangha and the lay Buddhists to organize in solidarity to make sacrifices to protect Buddhism."

Quang Duc struck a match, dropped it on himself and was immediately consumed by flames. Associated Press correspondent Malcom Browne captured the moment in a photograph. The word "viral" was not yet used to describe public impact, but had it been Browne's photo and others taken on that fateful day would have fully qualified for the label.

Quang Duc did not only light himself on fire, he set his nation aflame as well. His last words suggest that he did not intend to do so, but – whatever his intentions – he did. The Buddhist crisis grew. Diem floundered

and was soon deposed in a US-backed coupe and was then assassinated. The long, hard road to the Vietnam War and all the changes to follow had been opened.

To me, suicide is about the saddest act that a fellow human can commit. Life is such an amazing, wondrous gift. It's a gift we can never truly understand. I cannot begin to imagine the degree of despair that would motivate someone to willingly throw that gift away. Please understand that I do not mean to vilify in any way those who choose that course. Quite the opposite: I am overwhelmed by the thought that anguish can run so painfully deep.

Perhaps Quang Duc's suicide is not the most famous or the most impactful in world history, but it's up there. While I cannot believe that there is any cause that demands suicide as a solution, I do believe that Quang Duc sincerely believed that his self-sacrifice would help create a better world to come. He killed himself, in other words, not to escape personal despair, but to try to improve the world, however misguided his method.

There can be no doubt that 60-year-old attorney David S. Buckel was tremendously despondent before he chose to commit suicide by lighting himself on fire in a moment reminiscent of Quang Duc's. All of us, as human beings who care for and hope for the lives of our fellow human beings, should grieve for Buckel's decision to make an early departure from this life. Clearly, the hurt of continuing to exist outweighed the wonder of existence. That's deeply depressing.

Buckel's suicide note was equally depressing. He wrote: "Pollution ravages our planet, oozing inhabitability via air, soil, water and weather. Most humans on the planet now breathe air made unhealthy by fossil fuels, and many die early deaths as a result — my early death by fossil fuel reflects what we are doing to ourselves."

Sadly, Buckel's final lament was an excuse, not an explanation. Clearly he was a troubled man, who – as his life neared twilight – searched for a way to justify ending the pain. His suicide did not do anything to save a planet that is in pretty damn good shape. It rather highlighted how much fear-mongering environmental activists can dupe the masses.

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## North Stars baseball takes series against Geneva

By Seth Hancock

The North baseball team, winners of four straight conference titles, started its pursuit of capping its run in the Upstate Eight Conference River Division with another title before joining the DuKane Conference next year with a series win over rival Geneva.

The first two of three games went to the North Stars and the third ended in a 3-3 tie in eight innings on Thursday, April 12 at North. Ryan Thiesse (3-for-3), Thomas Nelsen (2-for-4, RBI), Nicholas DeMarco (RBI) and Erik Larson (RBI) led in the finale.

The North Stars took the opener 5-4 despite being held to just two hits on Tuesday, April 10 at North.

Trailing by 3-1 after three innings and 4-3 entering the bottom of the seventh, North took three straight walks to start the frame and an error led to a pair of runs for the walk-off win. Egon Hein, who drove in a run off a sacrifice fly earlier in the game, was credit-

ed with a pair of RBIs on the error.

"I just told my kids that if you want to win championships, you've got to win games like that," said North coach Todd Genke. "It doesn't have to be pretty, but if it goes in the win column that's all that matters."

Genke added: "There's no lead that's safe at our place. It's because we believe we're going to win every time."

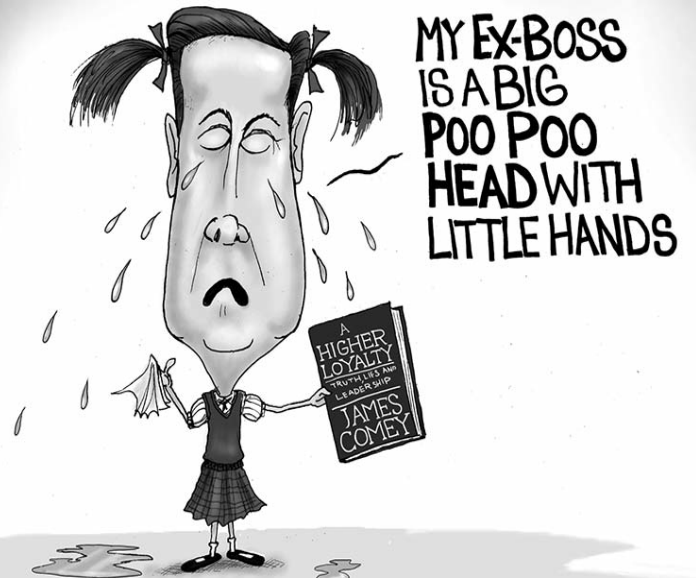
Steve Hamer had an RBI single for a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning before Geneva scored three in the third off starter Nick Skurka who allowed four hits, walked two, hit a batter and struck out four in four innings of work. Lucas Heflen won in relief allowing a run off two hits, and he struck out three in three innings.

North beat Geneva 2-0 in the second game on Wednesday, April 11 at Geneva. Hamer on the mound and Thiesse, an underclassmen, at the plate carried

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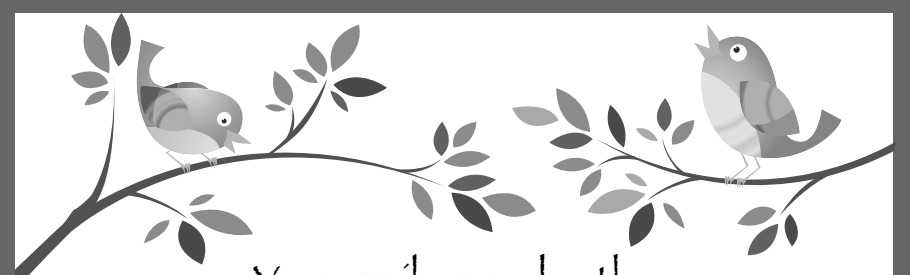
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# Storm edge North Stars to end successful week

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team got clutch pitching and timely hitting as the Storm defeated North 6-4 in Up-state Eight Conference play on Wednesday, April 11 at North.

Storm pitchers Sidney Strama (four innings, three runs, seven hits, one walk, two strikeouts), who got the win, and Geneva Pollman (three innings, one run, six hits, one walk, four strikeouts), who earned a save, faced runners in scoring position in each frame but came through under pressure to preserve the lead the entire game after taking a 2-0 lead in the top of the third.

"I just need to have tunnel vision under pressure," Pollman said. "I just

have to focus on what I'm doing."

The Storm took a 4-0 lead in the fourth after a two-run triple by Casey Brennan (2-for-4), and Alivia Doyle (2-for-4, three RBI) provided a needed two-run double in the seventh to turn a one-run game into a 6-3 lead. Pollman added a triple and McKenna Eichholz an RBI in the game.

Facing the North Stars ace Jillian Waslawski (complete game, eight hits, two walks, one hit batter, five strikeouts), Brennan said the key was waiting for a pitch to hit.

"She painted the corners well," Brennan said. "I just went up looking for that one pitch to hit, and when you see that perfect pitch you've got to swing."

Alyssa Eby (4-for-5, double), Grace Sobieski (3-for-4), Ashlyn Jozefowicz (2-for-4), Olivia Osborne (two RBI) and

Sydney Eby (RBI) led North's offense.

"We got beat by a team that played better than we did," said North coach Tom Poulin. "They played better defensively, and they had the timely hits."

South Elgin coach Brad Reynard called the game the first in a "murderer's row" of UEC games which the Storm (6-5, 4-0 UEC) swept with a 4-2 win over East on Thursday, April 12 at South Elgin and a 12-5 victory over Geneva on Friday, April 13 at Geneva.

Strama won and Pollman got the save against East, and the Storm's offense was led by Doyle (3-for-3, double). Julianna Battaglia (3-for-4, double, four RBI) and winning pitcher Pollman (two RBI) homered against Geneva.

The Storm opened the week with a 23-0 UEC victory, Pollman the win-

ning pitcher, over Elgin on Tuesday, April 10 at South Elgin. Sami Koss (double, three RBI) and Eichholz (two doubles, three RBI) were both 4-for-5.

North (5-2, 2-1) had two UEC wins on the week, an 8-5 victory over Bartlett on Tuesday at Bartlett and a 15-0 win over East Aurora on Thursday in Aurora. Waslawski was the winner at Bartlett, and Gracee Ellis tossed a one-hitter against East Aurora.

Jozefowicz (2-for-3, two RBI), Grace Quinn (2-for-4, RBI), Laine VandeHei (2-for-4) and Mary Webb (2-for-3, double, RBI) led against Bartlett. Against East Aurora the North Stars were led by Sydney Eby (3-for-5, triple, double), Lindsay Sawicki (3-for-4, double, three RBI), Danielle Trumbo (3-for-4, RBI) and VandeHei (3-for-4, double, two RBI).



Geneva Pollman making a seventh inning pitch to a North Stars hitter on her way to picking up a save in the Storm's Wednesday, April 11 win over North.



South Elgin second baseman Kaylie Humes making a catch of a North pop fly for the third out of an inning with two North Stars stranded in scoring position.

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# South Elgin soccer rally falls short in 3-2 loss

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team rallied but came up short in its Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division opener, a 3-2 loss to West Chicago on Tuesday, April 10 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

The Storm trailed 2-1 at halftime, West Chicago taking the lead for good with a score with 2:07 left before the break, but their offense heated up in the second half.

Isabella Tusa and Abigail Roy had a solid attack early in the second half and Nicole Peeters had a shot go just wide as the Storm sought the equalizer, but with 19:05 left to play West Chicago took a 3-1 lead.

“I thought we just started to break through in the

game too late,” said South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja. “The game started off really slow for us, and it took too much time for us to start gaining some momentum.”

Roy scored the Storm’s first goal with a free kick at the top of the box which knotted things up at 1-1 with 12:44 left in the first half, and with a two-goal deficit she had three shots on goal as South Elgin attempted to rally. Camille Angela Defensor also had a shot on goal, and Kaleigh LaRue preserved the 3-1 score with a defensive save.

With 2:11 left to play, Tusa had a breakaway which led to the game’s final goal.

“I thought we did a lot of good things,” Szwaja said.

“A couple of my players had their best games of this season. We just need to learn not to waste our opportunities when we have them.”

Storm goalie Megan McClure made eight saves in the effort. Madeline Freitag had a solid scoring chance.

South Elgin went on to drop a 4-0 match against Lake Zurich on Friday, April 13 in the Prospect tournament. The remainder of the tournament was cancelled due to weather.

Lake Zurich led 3-0 by halftime and had a 9-6 advantage in shots on goal. South Elgin keeper Ashley Kopczyk had five saves.

The Storm are now 0-5-2 overall.



The Wildcats’ Evelyn Hernandez, left, and South Elgin’s Camille Angela Defensor battling for possession of the ball along a sideline.



South Elgin’s Kaleigh LaRue dribbling while being pressured by West Chicago’s Barbie Castellanos.



Abigail Roy of South Elgin heading a ball deep in West Chicago’s end of the pitch between the Wildcats’ Alex Alcantar, left, and Vanessa Montenegro.



In open space, the Storm’s Fatima Bustamante battling to control a loose ball against the Wildcats.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# South Elgin rallies to top Sabres in three sets



South Elgin's Daniel Skrzypchak going down low to receive a Sabres serve during the Storm's comeback, three-set win over Streamwood on Tuesday, April 10. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team overcame some sloppy play to defeat Streamwood 19-25, 25-16, 25-23 in Upstate Eight Conference crossover play on Tuesday, April 10 at Streamwood.

The Storm fell behind 15-6 in Game 1 and trailed the entire set but rallied in the final two.

In Game 3, Streamwood took its first lead late at 22-21 when Mandeep Sangha (four kills) tied it with a kill. Down 23-22, Vincent Miskiewicz tallied a kill to tie, a Streamwood error made it 24-23 for South Elgin and another Miskiewicz kill finished it.

"When we play with a lot of energy, we play well as a team," said Miskiewicz, who led the Storm with 11 kills. "We had that energy in the clutch and were able to finish it off."

South Elgin led just 14-13 in Game 2

when it finished on an 11-3 run, a kill by Jacob Ozga (four kills, three aces) forcing the third set.

Christian Ayar finished with 27 assists and Daniel Skrzypchak three aces.

Storm coach Adam Plach said the energy came late but was there in the clutch. He also said his squad had to overcome 33 unforced errors.

"I thought it definitely started to come there near the end," Plach said. "We didn't have it as much at the start."

Plach added: "The word grit comes to mind. We had a whole lot of errors, but learning how to win even if it isn't pretty is really important."

South Elgin went on to earn a non-conference win over Glenbard North on Friday, April 13 at South Elgin.

The Storm are now 6-4 overall, 1-1 in the UEC.



The Storm's Mandeep Sangha elevating to block a shot by Streamwood's Sam Enno.



Christian Ayar setting for the Storm against the Sabres.



Vince Miskiewicz South Elgin keeping a volley alive against Streamwood.

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# U-46 expense proposals slated for board vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will be voting on several expenditure items totaling just under \$2 million at its upcoming meeting on Monday, April 23. The proposals were presented on April 9.

Among the items are two math related contract and license renewals listed on the agenda as “summer program resources” which will be paid for out of the education fund if approved. The items include FASTT Math from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (\$75,000) and ST Math from Mind Research Institute (\$149,643).

Both proposals stated the products are “the best math intervention to support our elementary students.” ST Math has been used in Title I schools in the current school year and the proposal said that early “data review for this year saw a marked increase in math scores for schools that used ST Math with fidelity” and the district is seeking to renew it for Title I schools and purchase for the remaining schools.

Board member Sue Kerr asked a clarifying question that the items were not only for summer programs, and the administration responded: “Yes, FASTT Math and ST math are renewed in the summer for the coming school year. They can be used during summer programming.”

Board memo Melissa Owens asked if the board could be given the supporting data which the administration said it would prior to the next meeting.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked how the prices compared to last year. Amy Ingente, math coordinator, said they were the “same value” with a slight price drop for Title I schools for ST Math.

Another proposal is a three-year contract renewal with Raptor Technologies (\$88,740, education fund) which is visitor/volunteer tracking software. Owens asked if the entire cost is paid up front and Bruce Phelps, senior business official of business services, said “we’ll get invoiced every year.”

Another proposal the district is seeking to purchase 120 iPads along with 3-Year AppleCare+ with from Apple Computer Inc. (\$59,760, education fund). The iPads, if approved, will initially be placed in public libraries over the summer.

Kerr asked who is responsible for the

iPads while at the public libraries.

The administration said the “iPads are used by students in the summer reading program at each of our libraries while under the direct supervision of teachers” and they “are then distributed to each elementary school library where they can be used under the supervision of our library (para-professionals) and the classroom teacher and can be checked out by the classroom teacher for use in their classroom.”

Owens asked if the iPads will go back to the libraries each summer to which Trisha Shrode, director for curriculum and instruction, said “we’re kind of bringing new each year and adding.”

Two proposals would be paid for by the nation’s taxpayers if approved, a \$79,181 proposal with Key Coe Media through career and technical education improvement grant funds and a \$41,298 with Custom Education Solutions through Title III funds. The Key Coe Media proposal would go towards infrastructure and equipment updates for the BEACON Academy at South Elgin High School, and Custom Education Solutions proposal states it’s “to expand the Spanish resources available at the school libraries of the 28 dual language elementary sites.”

A \$180,052 proposal with DELL Marketing LP (education fund) is for replacing “10 physical servers” located at the district’s “main data center.”

A \$143,000 proposal with Trico Mechanical, Inc. (plant operations fund) would go towards renovations to the locker rooms at Millennium Field at Streamwood High School.

A two-year contract renewal with Catalogic Software (\$51,422, education fund) for an eight terabyte backup system was proposed as were a pair of food and nutrition fund items: A \$845,183 proposal with Muller-Pinehurst Dairy, Inc. to purchase milk products and a \$35,000 proposal with Equipment Depot to purchase a used fork lift for the commissary.

The board will also be asked to renew the district’s membership with the Illinois High School Association allowing athletes to compete in IHSA sanctioned events as well as a final plat for a Bartlett subdivision known as Jacaranda next to Hawk Hollow Elementary School which will allow the district to auction off and sell land it currently owns.

# Bartlett baseball edges Batavia to win UEC opener

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team rallied for a 4-3 victory in its Upstate Eight Conference opener over Batavia on Friday, April 13 at Batavia.

The Hawks tallied the game’s first run in the top of the first inning before Batavia took a 2-1 lead in the bottom half of the frame, but Bartlett scored three times over the fourth and fifth to grab a 4-2 lead.

Joseph Tomazin led the Hawks offense with a 2-for-3 performance including an RBI, and Andrew Fehr also drove in a run. Bartlett was able to produce despite just four hits, Joey Allen and Geno Frieri each tallying a single.

“Our timely hitting has gotten a little better,” said Bartlett coach Devin Rosen who is hoping his squad, like all other area teams, can start getting more consistent trips to the plate when weather complies allowing a more favorable playing environment.

Rosen has called the team’s pitching the Hawks’ “biggest Achilles’ heel” which had allowed just under 10 runs

per game, but against Batavia it was Bartlett’s pitching that led the way with a one-hitter.

Matthew Ande got the win allowing three runs, one earned, off of one hit, four walks and a hit batsman in six innings of work, and he also struck out two. Frieri picked up the save with a scoreless seventh allowing a walk and striking out one.

Bartlett is now 2-5 overall.

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# Lions pancake breakfast tradition sustained

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Henry Higdon pointed out the raffle prize he wanted to win, a basket full of Fuzzy Friends stuffed animals.



Village President Kevin Wallace got pancakes and sausage from Val Proce and Ray Deyne.



Carrie and Matthew Sypherd came by mid-morning for their all-you-can-eat breakfast.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)

## South Elgin soccer rally falls short in 3-2 loss



In open space, the Storm's Fatima Bustamante battling to control a loose ball against the Wildcats.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team rallied but came up short in its Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division opener, a 3-2 loss to West Chicago on Tuesday, April 10 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

The Storm trailed 2-1 at halftime, West Chicago taking the lead for good with a score with 2:07 left before the break, but their offense heated up in the second half.

Isabella Tusa and Abigail Roy had a solid attack early in the second half and Nicole Peeters had a shot go just wide as the Storm sought the equalizer, but with 19:05 left to play West Chicago took a 3-1 lead.

"I thought we just started to break through in the game too late," said South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja. "The game started off really

slow for us, and it took too much time for us to start gaining some momentum."

Roy scored the Storm's first goal with a free kick at the top of the box which knotted things up at 1-1 with 12:44 left in the first half, and with a two-goal deficit she had three shots on goal as South Elgin attempted to rally. Camille Angela Defensor also had a shot on goal, and Kaleigh LaRue preserved the 3-1 score with a defensive save.

With 2:11 left to play, Tusa had a breakaway which led to the game's final goal.

"I thought we did a lot of good things," Szwaja said. "A couple of my players had their best games of this season. We just need to learn not to waste our opportunities when we have them."

Storm goalie Megan McClure made eight saves in the effort. Madeline Freitag had a solid scoring chance.

South Elgin went on to drop a 4-0 match against Lake Zurich on Friday, April 13 in the Prospect tournament. The remainder of the tournament was cancelled due to weather.

Lake Zurich led 3-0 by halftime and had a 9-6 advantage in shots on goal. South Elgin keeper Ashley Kopczyk had five saves.

The Storm are now 0-5-2 overall.



South Elgin's Kaleigh LaRue dribbling while being pressured by West Chicago's Barbie Castellanos.



The Wildcats' Evelyn Hernandez, left, and South Elgin's Camille Angela Defensor battling for possession of the ball along a sideline.



# Storm edge North Stars to end successful week

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team got clutch pitching and timely hitting as the Storm defeated St. Charles North 6-4 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, April 11 in St. Charles.

Storm pitchers Sidney Strama (four innings, three runs, seven hits, one walk, two strikeouts), who got the win, and Geneva Pollman (three innings, one run, six hits, one walk, four strikeouts), who earned a save, faced runners in scoring position in each frame but came through under pressure to preserve the lead the entire game after taking a 2-0 lead in the top of the third.

"I just need to have tunnel vision

under pressure," Pollman said. "I just have to focus on what I'm doing."

"Strama and Pollman have that experience you need in those situations," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "They're calm and cool when the pressure is on."

The Storm took a 4-0 lead in the fourth after a two-run triple by Casey Brennan (2-for-4), and Alivia Doyle (2-for-4, three RBI) provided a needed two-run double in the seventh to turn a one-run game into a 6-3 lead. Pollman added a triple and McKenna Eichholz an RBI in the game.

Facing North's ace, Brennan said the key was waiting for a pitch to hit.

"She painted the corners well," Brennan said. "I just went up looking for that one pitch to hit, and when you see that perfect pitch you've got

to swing."

Reynard called the game the first in a "murderer's row" of UEC games which the Storm swept with a 4-2 win over St. Charles East on Thursday, April 12 at South Elgin and a 12-5 victory over Geneva on Friday, April 13 at Geneva. Strama (six innings, nine hits, one walk) got the win and Pollman (one inning, one walk, one hit batter, one strikeout) the save against East, and Pollman was the winner against Geneva.

Doyle (3-for-3, double), Eichholz (2-for-3, double) and Strama (2-for-3) led against East. Julianna Battaglia (3-for-4, double, four RBI) and Pollman (two RBI) both homered against Geneva and the Storm also had production from Brennan (2-for-4, double), Eichholz (2-for-4, three RBI),

Sami Koss (2-for-4, double, RBI) and Kaylie Humes (double).

South Elgin, now 6-5 overall and 4-0 in the UEC, opened the week with a 23-0 conference victory in a five-inning, 10-run rule win over Elgin on Tuesday, April 10 at South Elgin.

"Our kids are starting to swing the bats pretty well," Reynard said.

Four pitchers combined for a one-hitter, Pollman getting the win while adding a 3-for-3 with a triple and two RBI performance at the plate. Eichholz (4-for-5, two doubles, three RBI), Koss (4-for-5, double, three RBI), Battaglia (3-for-3, double, four RBI), Brennan (3-for-3, two doubles, triple, two RBI), Samantha Dietz (2-for-2, RBI), Humes (2-for-3, double, two RBI), Doyle (double, three RBI) and Daisy Fuentes (two RBI) contributed.



Geneva Pollman making a seventh inning pitch to a North Stars hitter on her way to picking up a save in the Storm's Wednesday, April 11 win over North.



South Elgin second baseman Kaylie Humes making a catch of a North pop fly for the third out of an inning with two North Stars stranded in scoring position.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



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**Wednesday, April 18, 3:30 p.m.**  
Grades one to four. The DuPage County Farm Bureau-Agriculture In the Classroom will be here to share information and fun activities related to dairy cows. Kids will learn how we get the milk we drink and then make their own butter. Registration required.

**Adult Chess Club**  
**Wednesday, April 18, 6 p.m.**  
Interested in chess or simply love the game? Come learn and play in a friendly, welcoming environment. All boards and pieces will be supplied.

**Toddler Time**  
**Thursday, April 19, 11 a.m.**  
This interactive storytime is just right for your tot! Bond with your two to three year old with 20 minutes of stories, songs, and verse, ending with a “read together” from a favorite board book. Siblings are welcome.

**Sweet and Savory Ramadan: 30 Nights of Foods That Nourish**  
**Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m.**

Yvonne, a food writer and home chef, introduces you to all things related to halal cooking, eating, and living. She shares cooking tips, lifestyle inspiration, and global recipes to enjoy any day of the week. Registration required.

**Be Creative Day**  
**Friday, April 20, 10 a.m.**  
Come explore painting activities in the Art Room available just for these

special days. Children under age eight must be accompanied by a caregiver.  
**Hooray for Bollywood - Let’s Dance!**  
**Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m.**  
Program Director Deepthi Chiruvuri-at from Bolly DanceFit Institute will introduce the beauty of the Bollywood dance and music through this interactive program. Open to adults and teens 15 years or older.

**Stories and More**  
**Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m.**  
Kindergarten through 3rd grade gather to enjoy stories, play games and make a small craft.

**Jazz: America’s Classical Music**  
**Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m.**  
Vocalist Layni Katz and pianist Deane Myers will explore the history of jazz. Please join us for songs and stories from the 20s through swing and bebop to the present day. This program is presented in cooperation with WDCB 90.9fm Jazz Radio, as part of its series “Jammin’ in the Stacks.”

**Chess Club**  
**Monday, April 23, 4 p.m.**  
Grades two to 12. Everyone is invited to play chess with us! Beginners are welcome, but should know how the pieces move.

**Death in DuPage**  
**Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m.**  
Dig into historic death culture of DuPage County. Explore codes of dress, mourning traditions, and the way death and dying were understood by the people of the past. This presentation invites visitors to take a look at the material culture left behind.

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into the receptacles, including controlled substances, pet medications, drug samples, vitamins, liquids and creams. For safety reasons, needles, thermometers, IV Bags, bloody waste and hydrogen peroxide cannot be accepted and should not be deposited into the receptacles.

The initiative is another step in the state’s effort to reduce opioid-related deaths in Illinois by 33 percent in three years.

“Our teams are working hard to combat the opioid crisis and get people the help they need,” said Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti who co-chairs the Governor’s Opioid Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force. “Members of our Opioid Task Force have toured this state and listened to people who are impacted by these dangerous drugs. More than 2,200 people have called our Opioid Helpline since its launch in December, and our Prescription Monitoring Program is limiting peoples’ ability to get access to more prescription medicine than they need.”

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# Hawks softball registers 1-3 record in week of play

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Bartlett softball team was unable to overcome St. Charles North in its Upstate Eight Conference opener as the Hawks fell 8-5 on Tuesday, April 10 at Bartlett.

The high-scoring game was locked in a 4-4 tie in the top of the sixth inning when North got a three-run double with two outs off losing pitcher Janelle Ulaszek.

It was the Hawks first game in over two weeks because of weather, and their defense showed some rust as five runs by North were unearned.

“It was like the start of the season, part two,” said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. “Realistically, we haven’t been on a field practicing either for a while.” Wolfsmith added: “There were some physical and mental errors that we’ve got to clean up if we want to beat teams at that level.”

Annamarie Bucaro (3-for-5, triple, double, RBI), Charlotte Linnartz (2-for-5, two doubles), Riley Scrivner (2-for-2), Amber Pagan (double, two RBI), Taylor Rotondo (RBI) and

Ulaszek (RBI) led the Hawks.  
The Hawks would go on to finish 1-3 on the week in UEC games ending with a 12-8 victory, Pagan the winning pitcher, over Batavia on Friday, April 13 at Batavia. Pagan (2-for-5, two RBI), Linnartz (solo home run), Bucaro (double), Rotondo (RBI), Scrivner (RBI) and Danielle Kleeman (RBI) led the offense.

Bartlett fell 9-2 against St. Charles East on Wednesday, April 11 in St. Charles. The host handed Ulaszek the loss using a seven-run third inning to take a 9-1 lead.

Rotondo went 2-for-2 for Bartlett, which had just three hits as a team, with solo homers in the second and fourth innings.

“She saw the ball well,” Wolfsmith said. “I wish the rest of our team saw the ball well.”

Bartlett also dropped a 4-3 game against Geneva on Thursday, April 12 at Bartlett. Rotondo was 2-for-3 and Anna Tomillo had two RBI to lead the offense, and Pagan suffered the loss.

The Hawks are now 6-6 overall.

## Tidbits

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will be experienced gardeners on hand to answer your gardening questions. For additional information, please contact Wally Groble at 497-1958 or Sandy Swenson at 837-0281 or visit: [www.trivillagegardenclub.org/wordpress](http://www.trivillagegardenclub.org/wordpress).

The Bartlett 4th of July Committee is calling on non-profit organizations to be a part of the Bartlett 4th of July event. Please call Peggy at 830 8407 or download a participation form at [www.bartlett4thofjuly.com](http://www.bartlett4thofjuly.com).

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](mailto: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.

West Suburban Patriots Patriots Breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 until 11 a.m. at Wheaton Bowl banquet room in Wheaton. There is no charge to attend their meetings. An a la carte breakfast is available for a nominal fee. Wheaton Bowl is located at 2031 N. Gary Ave. For more details, see [westsuburbanpatriots.com](http://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

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

Do you suspect food rules your life? Overeaters Anonymous (OA) may be the answer for you. It is not a diet club, but a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. OA offers mutual support at its weekly meeting at Living Lord Lutheran Church on Fridays at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1044 Congress Drive. For more information or directions, contact Dwayne at 433-0656.

Attention parents! If you are looking for a fun and affordable summer activity for your elementary and middle school age children ages six to 13, check out the Summer Day Camp offered by Wayne/Winfield Area Youth/Family Services (WAYS) in West Chicago. Camp runs for 12 weeks May 29 to Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday with extended hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. available for an additional fee. The full fee per child is \$70 per week and income-based sliding scale scholarships are available. Children may attend any or all weeks. Call 231-7166 to set up your appointment.

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# Lone goal edges Bartlett in shutout by Geneva

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team came up short against Geneva as the Hawks dropped a 1-0 Upstate Eight Conference crossover game on Thursday, April 12 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

The game's only goal came early in the second half just moments after the Hawks had threatened.

With 31:59 left to play, a Jenna Dombrowski feed nearly led to a chance in the Geneva box that was narrowly stopped before a shot could be taken, and 20 seconds later the visitors went down the field and netted the lone goal.

Despite the loss, Bartlett took some positives from the game including a solid defensive effort against a team that has averaged three goals per game.

"I thought we really came out ready to play today," said Bartlett defender Miranda Hedeem. "We know that Geneva is a really, really good team and I feel with the exception of their goal we did a nice job limiting them tonight."

The Hawks had a solid chance to tie late in the game. Paige Bednarke blasted a 40-yard free kick with 10:49 left to play that nearly found the top of the net but was punched over setting up a Jessica Mirsky corner kick that led to a solid scoring chance by Maddie Donnelly.

As the season has continued, Bartlett coach Victor Marquez said his team has done a good job defensively and a good job attacking on offense, but the Hawks need to improve on their scoring chances as they near the opposing net.

"We just need to find ways to score," Marquez said. "I think game after game we've seen the defense get better and better. Offensively, we just need to create more opportunities in the final 20."

"We need to do a better job with our possession," said Bartlett senior Alyssa Modugno. "We have a lot of girls who are scoring threats, and when we possess as a team we create more chances for those girls."

Teagan Noesen made six saves in front of the Bartlett net.

Bartlett bounced back with a 6-0 win over McHenry in the Prospect tournament on Friday, April 13. The remainder of the tournament was cancelled due to weather.

The Hawks are now 5-5-1 overall.



The Vikings' Stephanie Howe climbing up the back of the Hawks' Makenna Hughes in an effort to execute a header.



Geneva's Annalise Spindle, left, and Bartlett's Mikayla Brown battling for possession for the ball along a sideline.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Hawks' Jessica Mirsky playing a ball off her body in front of the Vikings' Lauren Albrecht.



Alyssa Modugno of Bartlett shielding Geneva midfielder Kaitlyn Cannon front the ball while trying to maintain control of the elevated ball.



Bartlett's Jocelyn Carlos looking back over her shoulder at the header effort of Geneva's Caitlin Farrell.