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From start to finish

South Elgin High School seniors don caps, gowns for grad parade at their Fox Meadow alma mater

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



South Elgin High School seniors high-five Fox Meadow Elementary School students Tuesday during a grad parade when the seniors visited the elementary school they attended. (Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News)

Amelia O'Neal started kindergarten at **Fox Meadow Elementary School** in South Elgin more than a decade ago.

On Tuesday, she and 19 of her **South Elgin High School** classmates returned to their alma mater dressed in caps and gowns.

Fox Meadow hosted the grad parade, in which graduating South Elgin seniors walk the halls of their former elementary school to the applause and cheers of students and staff. It was the second year the school hosted the event.

"We were all a mess last year," said Jenny O'Neal, who became a secretary at the school shortly after her daughter, Amelia, started there. It's hard not to get emotional, O'Neal said, especially with her daughter as part of the group.

"This will be the first time I'm seeing (Amelia) in her cap and gown," O'Neal said.

Fox Meadow Principal Sjoukje Brown said the event is inspiring for her students, who may be envisioning the day when they'll be returning just before they receive their high school diplomas.

"It's exciting for the graduates, but it's also exciting for our little guys," Brown said.

That was why Amelia O'Neal wanted to participate.

"I hope to be inspiring to the younger kids," O'Neal said.

Brown joked that “lots of Kleenex” was needed last year as teachers and staff had a chance to see the students they knew in elementary school. Jenny O’Neal was not the only parent whose child was among the graduates, she said.

Kelle Brieger, a physical education teacher at Fox Meadow, gave each senior a hug as they entered the gymnasium for a group photo. She has worked at the school for 22 years.

“I couldn’t put a name to the face (when they walked in), but I could once they came close,” Brieger said.

Similar events were being held at other elementary schools in the district, officials said. Later Tuesday, **Century Oaks Elementary** in Elgin was scheduled to welcome back its seniors, who are graduating from **Larkin High School** in Elgin.

“This is where it all began for them,” said South Elgin Principal Brian Moran, who accompanied the group to Fox Meadow. “It’s nice for the seniors to go back home.”

U46 graduates from all five high schools will participate in commencement ceremonies May 26 at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates.

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District U-46 honors top 2% of graduating seniors

Board also honors Fulin as Kane’s elementary school teacher of year

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



Students from Larkin High School in Elgin smile after being recognized Monday for being in the top 2 percent of the district’s Class of 2018. Students from all of School District U46’s high schools were honored for the accomplishment. (Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News Photos)

School District U46’s highest-achieving graduating seniors celebrated their accomplishments Monday night during a school board event at **South Elgin High School**.

The nearly four dozen in attendance were lauded as the Class of 2018’s top 2 percent, an honor students made an effort to receive in person even if it meant taking away study time from Tuesday’s Advanced Placement exams.

“How many of you have an AP exam tomorrow?” CEO Tony Sanders asked the students. Several hands went up as Sanders joked they would be at the reception for a while.

U46 board members and administrators devoted Monday’s meeting to celebrating the students as well as the accomplishments of second-grade teacher Mary Fulin, who was named Kane County Elementary School Teacher of the Year by the Kane County Regional Office of Education .

The students represented all of U46’s high schools — Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, Bartlett and Streamwood — and many are headed to colleges and universities in Illinois and around the country.

“All of you got here by really being honest, with great integrity,” Bartlett Principal Mike Demovsky said. “You have such a great responsibility. Please stay in the light, don’t go down the dark path — it’s not a Jedi reference, I swear to you. Please make the world a better place, because you all have the power to do it.”

The professions students plan to pursue were also announced, and included engineering, medicine, business, finance and teaching, the latter of which drew a big response from the U46 staff in attendance. Sanders said one of the perks in receiving a top 2 percent certificate from the district is a guaranteed interview should they return to the school seeking a teaching job.



Otter Creek teacher Mary Fulin, left, with School District U46 CEO Tony Sanders speaks after being recognized as the Kane County Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Fulin, who teaches second grade at Otter Creek Elementary School in Elgin, is one of those U46 alumni, having returned to the district 28 years ago.

“My husband and I were just reminiscing about when we were sitting in the audience as our daughter was honored as being in the top 2 percent of her class at Larkin High School,” Fulin said. “It’s a real wonderful event, and I congratulate everyone here tonight.”

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U-46 students perform national anthem at Boomers home opener

BY DAILY HERALD REPORT

The Schaumburg Boomers home opener Tuesday night was ushered in by 150 students from **Elgin Area School District U-46** performing the national anthem.

Band students from **Kenyon Woods Middle School** in South Elgin, plus **Clinton, Garfield, Fox Meadow, Nature Ridge, Willard, Wayne and Liberty elementary schools** took the field ahead of the Boomers' game with the Southern Illinois Miners.

The band of fifth- through eighth-graders were led by Sandra Smith, Becky Havel and Christie Zimmerman.

The Boomers also received their championship rings in a pregame ceremony. In addition to the 2017 title, the Boomers were league champions in 2013 and 2014.

Tuesday began a six-game homestand, which concludes with a 1 p.m. game Sunday against Traverse City.

SPORTS SECTION

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Baseball: Larkin takes opener over Elgin in 3-game set

BY SCOTT MILLER

It was a made-to-order performance for the Larkin boys baseball team on Tuesday night with a healthy helping of solid pitching, a side of flawless defense, and a few manufactured runs as a garnishment.

Those ingredients gave the Royals a 4-1 win in the first game of their 3-game crosstown series against rival Elgin at Trout Park.

"That is definitely a recipe for success," Larkin coach Matt Esterino said. "When you throw strikes, pick it up on defense, and put the ball in play to scratch out some runs good things are going to happen. It's real nice to get that first win in the series, but we can't get fat and lazy off one win. It's going to be a battle the next 2 games."

The game moved at a brisk rate finishing in just 1 hour and 48 minutes.

Larkin lefthander Max Anderson cruised through the Elgin lineup, scattering just 6 hits while striking out 7 and walking 2 batters in a complete game effort for the win.

"Everything was working and I just started cruising," Anderson said. "I was pounding the outside with my breaking stuff and busting it inside with my fastball. I could feel

when I was warming up. I just got into a real good tempo. This a big momentum boost for us."

Anderson evened his record at 3-3.

"It's nothing new to us," Esterino said. "We've become use to seeing this out of Max. He just fills up the strike zone and makes quality pitches when he needs them. When things get tight the game slows down for him in a good way."

Anderson helped himself at the plate with an RBI single in the third inning that scored Jackson Reuter, who had led off with a single, for the first run of the game. Anderson later added a sacrifice fly.

The Royals (8-15) added an unearned run in the fifth inning to make it 2-0.

Elgin (6-23) cut the lead in half with a run in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Cameron Kendall. However, the Maroons wasted an opportunity to score more. The first 3 runners reached base in the inning, but 2 were picked off to kill the rally.

"A team like us that struggles to score runs can't afford to make outs on the bases," Elgin coach Dave Foerster said. "Just a case of being too aggressive and trying to make something happen. It's unfortunate because that inning could have changed the game. What it came down to was they made the plays they needed to and we didn't. Their pitcher commanded the strike zone. I wasn't disappointed with our approach. We had some nice swings, but hit a lot of balls right at them and they were really good on defense."

The Royals tacked on an unearned run in the 6th inning and another run on Anderson's sac fly in the 7th inning. Both runs were a result of leadoff walks.

Matt Turner was the tough-luck losing pitcher for Elgin. He gave up just 2 runs in 5 innings.

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Baseball: South Elgin knocks off Bartlett

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

The South Elgin baseball team is heating up with the playoffs in sight.

The Storm won 11-4 at Bartlett Tuesday in the opening game of a 3-game Upstate Eight Valley rivalry series.

It was the third straight win and seventh in eight outings for South Elgin (11-7-1, 9-3), which begins IHSA Class 4A tournament play Monday at home against West Chicago. The Storm won 2 out of 3 games against the same Wildcats last week.

"We're finally getting on a roll and finally starting to play baseball the way we should be," South Elgin 12th-year coach Jim Kating said. "It's taken awhile to get there. We're starting to believe in ourselves a little bit. I'm happy with the progress we're making."

The Storm led 2-1 in the third inning when they erupted for 5 runs on 5 hits, ignited by a run-scoring single from junior cleanup hitter Logan Romassanta, who finished 2-for-3 with a walk.

Starting pitcher Joe Teschke made it stand up. The junior right-hander held Bartlett (9-16, 7-6) to 3 runs (1 earned) on 5 hits and 2 walks. He struck out 5 in 5 innings to improve to 2-1 and lowered his ERA to 1.78 in 19²/₃ innings.

"I was really locating my fastball and staying lower, which really helped me, and my curveball was really working," Teschke said. "My infield making plays behind me gave me a lot of confidence out there." The Storm turned a rare 6-3-5 double play in the third inning when first baseman Nick Poblocki made a putout and fired to third base to nail a runner trying to advance.

Senior right-hander Matt Sweitzer held the Hawks to an unearned run over the final 2 innings. His third strikeout ended the game.

South Elgin jumped to a first-inning lead on a run-scoring single by Nate Gomez. He later scored on Ryan Dominick's groundout.

Bartlett struck back in the second inning. No. 4 hitter Matt Angelone turned on the first pitch from Teschke and drove it over the left-field fence for his second home run of the season. The blast energized the Bartlett bench at the time, but South Elgin's 5-run, third-inning rally took the starch out of the Hawks.

"The biggest thing is we need to play with more energy," Bartlett coach Devin Rosen said. "I thought they played with more energy than we did and that shouldn't be. We have to come with more energy the rest of this series."

Garrett Wano staked the Storm to an 8-3, sixth-inning lead. The 6-foot-2 junior hammered an 0-1 pitch over the left-field fence for a solo home run.

The Storm added 3 runs in the seventh. Ben Hetelle's run-scoring double was part of a 14-hit attack. The junior went 1-for-3 with 2 RBI.

"I wasn't really seeing the ball that well, but I was able to put in two good at-bats and drive runs in," Hetelle said. "I'm just trying to do a job at the plate every time and not try to do too much."

Bartlett collected 8 hits and drew 2 walks. Shortstop Tyler Yang had 2 hits in 3 at-bats.

The series resumes Wednesday at South Elgin on Senior Night.

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Split U-46 vote expands dual language program

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved an expansion of the dual language program to the ninth grade level despite a tacit admission from the administration that they will be using biased resources in the classroom at its meeting on Monday, May 7.

The board voted 4-2, board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no, on the curriculum framework and resources for 10 ninth grade dual language classrooms for the Spanish language.

The resources include 54 individual titles (essays, biographies, chapter books, novels, short stories) at a cost of \$77,811. Other online resources to be used include Study Sync and Newsela (Spanish).

Ward has opposed the dual language program consistently stating it "prolongs dependence on Spanish," and she also had issues with the theme of the class which will be "Advocacy and Leadership" according to the presentation which also stated it wants to cre-

ate students who "lead and advocate for meaningful causes."

"First and foremost, it is not the role of public education to create activists as is the stated goal of this curriculum proposal," Ward said. "Secondly, I've spoken about my opposition to the dual language program previously. I have no problem with students learning other languages, but I believe the dual language program prolongs dependence on Spanish."

Ward also called the online resources, Study Sync and Newsela, a "treasure trove of biased information," and she cited examples. She said there are one-sided lessons and articles concerning man-made global warming theories as well as articles that were "decidedly anti-(President Donald) Trump."

One lesson also presents a video pushing one-sided views on climate change which has been debunked according to Ward.

"This does not teach students how to think, it teaches students what to think," Ward said.

Costello said "I don't think this is a

surprise to anyone," referring to Ward's objections as she has been opposed to resource and curriculum adoptions in the past for their one-sided lessons, and Costello asked the administration to address those concerns and if or how the resources present a "balanced approach."

Annette Acevedo, director of English Language Learners, did not deny that the resources were partisan and biased but said students can look for other resources on their own.

"My response would be that the resources outlined are just exactly that, resources," Acevedo said. "And when we talk about advocacy and leadership... we want students to have the opportunity to research a broad range of topics and present differing viewpoints."

Acevedo said students would "have an opportunity to look at alternate opinions as well," but that would be done on their own.

"Unless I've missed it in the list of resources, there aren't resources that present the opposing views," Ward said.

"Students will have access to looking at other resources on the internet for instance," Acevedo responded. "Their job is to research other resources."

"Well, it sounds like you're saying they can research those things on their own, which I agree and I help my own daughters do that, but that opposing views to these types of views is not presented," Ward replied.

Acevedo did not respond.

Board member Melissa Owens asked: "Teachers have the ability to find alternate resources as well, correct?"

Acevedo said "correct," and Owens said "exactly."

The board also approved, by a 6-0 vote, the purchase of property at 1019 E. Chicago St. in Elgin which will cost around \$4 million, coming from the education fund. The district also estimates an additional \$4 million in renovation costs.

The proposal states the district plans

to move the "welcome center/testing facility" from the central office to this building, and additional space could be "used for preschool classrooms or other purposes."

The proposal also states the district will be able to divert "some of the transportation buses down to that facility" eliminating some of its need to shuttle employees which the administration says will save the district an estimated \$1 million a year.

Prior to the meeting, Ward noted that the property is being sold "as is" and confirmed that the building has been inspected and asked if the district is "aware of any remediation" that will be needed. In a memo to the board, the district replied: "Yes, we have been through the site on multiple occasions and we have a good idea of what to expect as we proceed with the purchase."

Also unanimously approved that evening were seven additional expenditure proposals costing \$1.5 million as well as \$8.8 million in itemized bills.

Costello asked prior to the meeting for details concerning several lines in the itemized bills.

There was a \$4,246 expense to the Kane County Regional Office for Educator of the Year tickets. The district said: "This was to purchase 135 tickets for the Educator of the Year event held by the Regional Office of Education."

There was a \$4,800 expense to Robert J. Gartner. The district responded: "This vendor evaluates our phone bills and has saved us in excess of \$100,000 in the past year in phone charges and locating phone lines that could be eliminated in order to save additional funds."

There was a \$97,753 expense line to Franczek Radelet, the district's outside legal counsel. The firm worked on several cases concerning general school law, general labor and employment, construction liens, real estate transactions, real estate tax objections and construction easements, according to the administration.

Village Board approves purchase of truck gear

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, May 3, trustees voted unanimously to authorize the purchase and installation of truck equipment from Mark's Machine Shop, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois at a cost of \$38,787.

According to the Director of Public Works Matt Mann, the 2018 equipment replacement fund budget includes the replacement of various equipment and vehicles. Earlier this year the board approved the purchase of one new F550 Ford truck which was recently delivered.

"This is for all the equipment to make

the truck fully accessible," said Mann.

According to Mann, the extra equipment includes the dump body, electrical additions, hydraulic system, snow plow, salt spreader and hitch. The completed truck will replace a 2003 model used by the landscape department.

Mann indicated that a total of three bids were received. The highest bid was from Bonnell Industries, Inc., at a cost of \$42,670. Mark's Machine Shop was the low bidder.

"Our estimate was \$40,000," Mann said in comparing the cost to a budgeted estimate.

Board approves request to adjust property line

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, May 3, trustees voted unanimously in approval of an ordinance granting a re-subdivision of two lots in a C-2 commercial district to permit future expansion of existing use. The petitioner is an agent for the corporation that owns both pieces of property.

According to Community Development Director John Peterson, the first lot is located at 1101-1117 East Ave. It has a shopping center that includes a banquet hall, Lazzat Banquets. The second property is adjacent to the first and has a newly remodeled Amor Banquet facility located at 1300 E. Irving Park Road.

"Since the petitioner owns both pieces of property there's just kind of a 'no-man's land' between the two where there's 54 feet of property that's basically just grass," said Peterson prior to the board vote. "The issue before you is to actually move the property line between the two properties to

gain 54 feet for the Lazzat Banquet Hall property."

According to Peterson, Lazzat Banquets is looking to add a 3,280 square foot addition to the back of the current building. The property would require additional parking spaces for the increased square footage and occupant load.

"They're doing that to be able to have larger events in the banquet hall," Peterson added.

The owner is seeking a re-subdivision of the adjacent parcel to add approximately 54 feet of vacant property to their existing shopping center, according to Peterson. The existing shopping center can be used without a subdivision. However, expanding the existing banquet hall cannot be accomplished without the additional land to be used for parking.

According to Peterson, the Planning and Zoning board held a public hearing and supported the petitioner's request.



Student planning

From left, students Adriana D'Souza, Bryan Lopez, Tyler Baker, Ashley Rothenberg, and Samantha Fujise worked with Connor Littlejohn to develop a site plan at the village's annual Student Government Day on Tuesday, May 1. For story and more photos see page 5.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Expense proposals up for vote at U-46 meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on five expenditure proposals totaling \$1.9 million at its upcoming meeting on Monday, May 21. The items were presented on May 7.

Included is a three-year contract renewal with Ombudsman costing \$1.1 million and coming out of the education fund if approved. Ombudsman is an alternative program for at-risk students.

According to the proposal, the program is "used for students who are expelled and for students with behavior or attendance issues to which the normal school environment is not appropriate for their educational needs."

Along with expelled students, Ombudsman is used by students who "have dropped out of school" according to a memo to the board.

The district is asking to purchase 65 slots in the program, up from 61 this year, and it claims that with the three-year renewal U-46 will save \$46,410.

"We typically have a waiting list for Ombudsman slots. However, Ombudsman only charges for the days and the slots we use," the memo states.

Also to be voted on is a proposal with a total cost of \$67,298 between Konica Minolta (\$23,261) and Canon Solutions America (\$44,036) to purchase three copiers. The expense would come from the education fund.

According to the proposal, the purchase would replace copiers that are between 13 and 17 years old.

Board member Phil Costello asked what's being done to reduce paper consumption in the district and converting documents to electronic form. He said at the park district level, where he is a public administrator, there has been a big reduction in costs by moving away from paper and encouraged the district to "really strongly push" in that direction.

Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said "each front office building has a copier, and then the copy room has a copier" and "we don't go beyond that," and these copiers are multi-functional (scanner, fax machine, printer) which will reduce the number of machines needed. He added the secondary math curriculum recently adopted will be fully online and other such classes will move in that direction which will reduce the need for paper.

The board will vote on a \$313,356 expenditure for copy paper, to come from the education fund, with Veritive (\$288,834) for white copy paper and Office Depot (\$24,522) for color copy paper. The purchase would include 10,920 cases of paper over three years.

Board member Jeanette Ward said at her daughters' school parents have been asked to bring in copy paper, and

she asked why if copy paper is included in the budget.

The district stated in its memo: "Schools should not be asking parents to supply paper since they have been directed not to make such requests. Schools have made the requests in the past so they can expend their school budgets on other items."

Board member Sue Kerr asked how the paper is allotted to schools. Phelps said "each school has a paper budget."

The board will also vote on a \$60,200 item with Colfax Corporation to come out of the capital projects and life safety funds. The proposal is to replace mechanical equipment at Streamwood's Canton Middle School which currently contains asbestos materials.

With Stabilizer Solutions, the board will vote on a proposal costing \$338,080 (operations and maintenance

fund) to purchase Hilltopper Infield Mix to upgrade the softball fields at Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin and Streamwood high schools.

The dirt mix was donated to the district by DePaul University previously for use at South Elgin High School "as a beta test" according to the proposal.

"The results have been increased consistent playability, safety and less labor to get the field in playable condition on a daily basis," the proposal states.

Kerr asked if the work will include a total tear out of the infields to replace them with the new mix to which Chris Allen, director of plant operations, said that was "correct." Allen said it should reduce maintenance costs of the fields.

Ward asked why there was only one bid. Allen said the mix is patented and Stabilizer Solutions, out of Arizona, is the only supplier.

Sabres baseball ends skid with victory over Hawks

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team ended a seven-game skid with a 7-0 victory over Bartlett in Upstate Eight Conference play on Saturday, May 12 at Streamwood.

On the mound, Daniel Kuehl and Tyler Jones combined for a two-hitter and at the plate both Michael Pawlikowski and AJ Reyna (3-for-4, double) had three RBIs over the first two innings.

"It's been a while since we put a full game together," Pawlikowski said.

Reyna staked the Sabres to an early 2-0 lead with a two-run double in the first inning and Streamwood added another run for a 3-0 lead. In the second, Pawlikowski hit a three-run home run, his third of the season, to cap a four-run frame for the final 7-0 score.

"I looked at it, saw it right there and just put a nice swing on it," Pawlikowski said.

"That was big," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "We get that crooked number and it gave us a lot of energy on the bench. It's a lot more fun to play that way."

Colin Caminitti added a 2-for-2 performance at the plate with a double.

Kuehl issued two of his three walks in the first inning but got out of the jam and cruised the rest of his five innings on the mound. He allowed one hit and struck out seven in the winning effort.

"I just threw strikes, let them hit it and got out of the inning," Kuehl said. "I kept the same mindset the rest of the game."

Streamwood was coming off an 0-5 week in UEC play starting with an 8-5 loss to Batavia on Monday, May 7 at Batavia. Kuehl suffered the loss while Colin Bielinski (2-for-3), Cody Motykowski (2-for-2, RBI), Anthony Caruso (double, two RBI), Reyna (double, RBI) and Pawlikowski (RBI) led the Sabres offense.

In a three-game UEC River Division series against St. Charles East, the Sabres were swept by a combined score of 26-5. Reyna had four hits including a double and Caminitti had three hits including a double and three RBI over the series to lead Streamwood.

The Sabres then dropped a 10-0 game to St. Charles North in a five-inning, 10-run rule game on Friday, May 11 in St. Charles. Max Alanis suffered the loss.

Streamwood is now 11-15 overall, 5-14 in the UEC.

first half before scoring six unanswered in the second half.

The Sabres, now 3-10 overall and 0-5 in the UEC River Division, did hold their senior night as they lose Michaela Gundersen, Regina Alvos, Kaila Ford, Esmeralda Navarro and Alex Bonilla.

Streamwood, with an UEC crossover game against West Chicago and an UEC River Division match with Larkin this week, will focus on offense as it prepares for the postseason.

"We need to focus on offensive tactics," said Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy. "I think we just need to create more chances between everyone. We need to work more on offensive tactics."

Seeded 13th in the Rockford Guilford Sectional, the Sabres will face regional host No. 4 DeKalb in its postseason opener.

Streamwood soccer stunned by pair of powerhouses

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team ran into the top two teams in the Upstate Eight Conference.

Facing undefeated St. Charles North, which sits atop the UEC River Division and entered with a 14-0-1 record, the Sabres dropped a 9-0 game on Tuesday, May 1 in St. Charles. In UEC crossover play Streamwood dropped a 10-0 game to Glenbard East, which entered 12-3-3 and is tied atop the Valley Division with Bartlett, on Thursday, May 3 at Millennium Field.

St. Charles North game out on fire scoring five goals in the first 10 minutes and built the final 9-0 lead by the break, and it finished with an 11-1 advantage in shots on goal. Streamwood goalie Candy Nava had two saves.

Glenbard East built a 4-0 lead in the

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Saturday, May 19
9 a.m.

The Streamwood Park District invites the Streamwood community and friends to the 8th Annual Park Pride Day to help as we prepare our parks for Spring.

The Parks Department will provide the tools, flowers, and lunch. All you have to do is just join us with some hands ready to work!

During Park Pride Day, volunteers can plant flowers in our sign beds, pull weeds from the park, and pick up trash to prepare for a busy Spring and Summer.

Directly following, you are invited to join us at the historic Hoosier Grove Barn for a complimentary lunch.

Please reserve your park by 5/19 by contacting Park Manager Amy Vito at AVito@spdcare.com. Any size groups can be accommodated.



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Streamwood students take over government

On Tuesday, May 1, students from Streamwood High School participated in the village's annual Student Government Day, when they assumed the roles of village officials, department heads, support staff and the Streamwood Board of Trustees.

Students first toured a newly acquired park district property, then returned to Village Hall to create a proposed design and plan for the property. Following lunch, students shadowed their counterparts to learn about their jobs and responsibilities.

That evening, most of the 40 students, and staff, reconvened for a board meeting, to discuss and vote on several items, including some which will be considered by the official board in the coming weeks.



Student board members, from left, Jeremy Beeson, Lisette Hernandez, Sunny Patel, Brianna Roldan, Jordan Ramirez, Lauren Bacha, Karley Romero, Kevin Traznik and Alam Yha.



Ferhat Zerir of Goingko Planning and Design helped students begin the design/development process.



Students participated in the annual tree-planting outside of Village Hall.



Planning and Zoning Board members Ashley Rothenberg, left, and Daniel Dominguez, presented a students' proposed development plan for a new park district property.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)

Pet of the Week



Looking for a ride to a new home

Craig has been waiting for a home for quite some time as he has been in a shelter for 150 days. Craig is a pocket-sized 'pittie' that came to the shelter as a stray and is now looking for an active family that enjoys long walks and lots of play time, as well as learning new things (Craig is one smart cookie). He absolutely loves other dogs and would enjoy having a brother or sister that likes to wrestle and run! Craig is young (he's just two) and energetic. To help Craig move from the shelter to a home DuPage County Animal Services has put together a package that includes everything you need to set Craig up for success in a home! The package includes: pre-adoption counseling for potential adopters, a personalized training plan, three prepaid in-home training consultations, three months of post adoption phone/email consultation and more! Craig is neutered and up-to-date on vaccines. For more information call the shelter at 630-407-2800 or email at animalcontrol@dupageco.org.

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Meeting Room 1
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Sabres drop pair, last being on senior night



Streamwood keeper Candy Nava attempting to made a stop of a shot by Larkin's Valeria Sanchez that eluded Nava for a Royals goal. Arriving on the scene too late to prevent the score was the Sabres' Michaela Gunderson. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



The Sabres' Brianna Yi in front of her own goal intercepting a Larkin corner kick before clearing the ball out of harm's way in front of the Royals' Miriam Rojas.



Streamwood's Melanie Ramirez playing a ball off her body in front of the Royals' Osiris Leon.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team will enter the post-season off a pair of Upstate Eight Conference losses.

In their regular season finale, the Sabres fell 5-0 to Larkin in UEC River Division play on Wednesday, May 9 at Streamwood.

Streamwood will enter the DeKalb Regional with a 3-12 record, 0-6 in the UEC River Division, where the No. 13 Sabres open against No. 4 DeKalb. Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy said she hopes to see her team work on scoring and also getting healthy for postseason play.

"We're going to just keep working on offensive tactics, and we want to see everyone get healthy," Duffy said. "No more injuries."

Missing some players may have had its effect on the Sabres according to Duffy when her squad dropped a 4-3 UEC crossover game against West Chicago on Tuesday, May 8 at West Chicago.

Led by a goal and two assists from Paulette Carranza, Streamwood grabbed a 3-0 lead before West Chicago scored four unanswered in the final 23

minutes of play. West Chicago tied the game with 4:15 left to play and netted the winner with 2:26 on the clock.

"I thought our girls just got tired by the end," Duffy said. "We've got several girls out and had few girls to sub in."

The score was 1-0 at halftime with Carranza scoring off a Michaela Gundersen assist late in the half. Melanie Ramierez made it 2-0 with 36:13 left in the game and Kristina Kellogg 3-0 with 23:17 left to play, but West Chicago would net its first goal 19 seconds later.

Despite the loss, it was one of the Sabres best offensive performances of the season with Sonya Padilla and Lesley Jimenez also having solid scoring chances.

"We've been working a lot on offensive techniques in practice," Duffy said. "It was good to see them put what they've learned into play."

Streamwood keeper Candy Nava made 10 saves and made three big plays to stop West Chicago on one-on-one breakaway chances.

Streamwood struggles against UEC opponents

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood softball team was unable to get its offense going as the Sabres dropped a 7-0 game in Upstate Eight Conference play against St. Charles North on Tuesday, May 8 at Streamwood.

Sabres pitcher Taylyr Crocilla had St. Charles North guessing over the first four innings before the visitors finally broke the shutout with a three-run fifth. North added four more in the sixth.

"She moved the ball around well and changed locations effectively," said Streamwood coach Will Shogren. "Overall, she pitched well but they had some good hits in the end."

At the plate, Streamwood's best scoring chance came in the bottom of the seventh inning when Crocilla and Corinne Angle (2-for-3) led off the frame with singles. The pair eventually were stranded at second and third base.

Despite being held to just four hits, Becky Roncone adding a single, Shogren was happy with his team's approach at the plate which included some hard outs but ultimately frustrated by the lack of timely hits.

"We've got to score to win games," Shogren said. "That's what it comes down to."

Streamwood went on to lose three more straight UEC games all in five-inning, 10-run rule games. The Sabres were held to just one hit in two 10-0 losses against Geneva on Wednesday, May 9 at Streamwood and South Elgin on Thursday, May 10 at South Elgin, Ariana Wolfard suffering both losses.

Against Larkin, the Sabres fell 19-7 on Saturday, May 12 at Streamwood.

Streamwood did pick up an UEC victory by forfeit on the week from East Aurora.

The Sabres are now 6-15 overall, 4-9 in the UEC.



The Sabres' Corinne Angle taking a throw from the outfield off the bag that allowed Geneva's Samantha Keller to reach second safely.



Sabres first baseman Alayna Levey digging a throw out of the dirt to retire St. Charles North's Grace Quinn. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Streamwood's Ariana Wolfard was unable to secure a throw from the outfield as North's Ashlyn Jozefowicz was sliding safely into second base with a double.

Split U-46 vote expands dual language program

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved an expansion of the dual language program to the ninth grade level despite a tacit admission from the administration that they will be using biased resources in the classroom at its meeting on Monday, May 7.

The board voted 4-2, board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no, on the curriculum framework and resources for 10 ninth grade dual language classrooms for the Spanish language.

The resources include 54 individual titles (essays, biographies, chapter books, novels, short stories) at a cost of \$77,811. Other online resources to be used include Study Sync and Newsela (Spanish).

Ward has opposed the dual language program consistently stating it "prolongs dependence on Spanish," and she also had issues with the theme of the class which will be "Advocacy and Leadership" according to the presentation which also stated it wants to create students who "lead and advocate for meaningful causes."

"First and foremost, it is not the role of public education to create activists as is the stated goal of this curriculum proposal," Ward said. "Secondly, I've spoken about my opposition to the dual language program previously. I have no problem with students learning other languages, but I believe the dual language program prolongs dependence on Spanish."

Ward also called the online resources, Study Sync and Newsela, a "treasure trove of biased information," and she cited examples. She said there are one-sided lessons and articles concerning man-made global warming theories as well as articles that were "decidedly anti-(President Donald) Trump."

One lesson also presents a video pushing one-sided views on climate change which has been debunked according to Ward.

"This does not teach students how to think, it teaches students what to think," Ward said.

Costello said "I don't think this is a surprise to anyone," referring to Ward's objections as she has been opposed to resource and curriculum adoptions in the past for their one-sided lessons, and Costello asked the administration to address those concerns and if or how the resources present a "balanced approach."

Annette Acevedo, director of English Language Learners, did not deny that the resources were partisan and biased but said students can look for other resources on their own.

"My response would be that the resources outlined are just exactly that, resources," Acevedo said. "And when we talk about advocacy and leadership... we want students to have the opportunity to research a broad range of topics and present differing viewpoints."

Acevedo said students would "have an opportunity to look at alternate opinions as well," but that would be done on their own.

"Unless I've missed it in the list of resources, there aren't resources that present the opposing views," Ward said.

"Students will have access to looking at other resources on the internet for instance," Acevedo responded. "Their job is to research other resources."

"Well, it sounds like you're saying they can research those things on their own, which I agree and I help my own daughters do that, but that opposing views to these types of views is not

presented," Ward replied.

Acevedo did not respond.

Board member Melissa Owens asked: "Teachers have the ability to find alternate resources as well, correct?"

Acevedo said "correct," and Owens said "exactly."

The board also approved, by a 6-0 vote, the purchase of property at 1019 E. Chicago St. in Elgin which will cost around \$4 million, coming from the education fund. The district also estimates an additional \$4 million in renovation costs.

The proposal states the district plans to move the "welcome center/testing facility" from the central office to this building, and additional space could be "used for preschool classrooms or other purposes."

The proposal also states the district will be able to divert "some of the transportation buses down to that facility" eliminating some of its need to shuttle employees which the administration says will save the district an estimated \$1 million a year.

Prior to the meeting, Ward noted that the property is being sold "as is" and confirmed that the building has been inspected and asked if the district is "aware of any remediation" that will be needed. In a memo to the board, the district replied: "Yes, we have been through the site on multiple occasions and we have a good idea of what to expect as we proceed with the purchase."

Also unanimously approved that evening were seven additional expenditure proposals costing \$1.5 million as well as \$8.8 million in itemized bills.

Costello asked prior to the meeting for details concerning several lines in the itemized bills.

There was a \$4,246 expense to the Kane County Regional Office for Educator of the Year tickets. The district said: "This was to purchase 135 tickets for the Educator of the Year event held by the Regional Office of Education."

There was a \$4,800 expense to Robert J. Gartner. The district responded: "This vendor evaluates our phone bills and has saved us in excess of \$100,000 in the past year in phone charges and locating phone lines that could be eliminated in order to save additional funds."

There was a \$97,753 expense line to Franczek Radelet, the district's outside legal counsel. The firm worked on several cases concerning general school law, general labor and employment, construction liens, real estate transactions, real estate tax objections and construction easements, according to the administration.

Registration still open for IDNR ladies' workshop

Registration is open for the IDNR Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop on June 8 to 10 at the Lorado Taft Field Campus in Oregon, Illinois. These workshops are designed to provide introductory instruction and experiences in many outdoor-related activities and skills.

The cost per person is \$240, which includes meals, lodging, four instructional classes, use of class materials/supplies, transportation during the workshop and more. Registration materials can be downloaded from the BOW webpage at: www.dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/BO W. Register soon, as only a few reservations are left (there is a limit of 90 participants).



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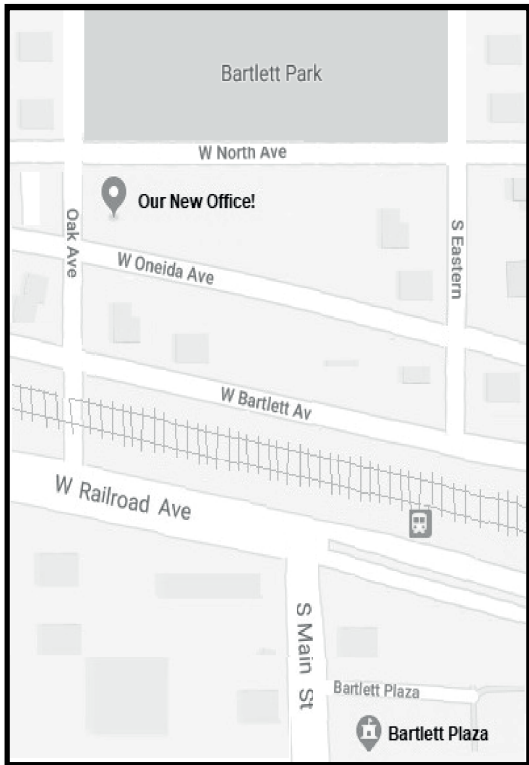
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Expense proposals up for vote at U-46 meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on five expenditure proposals totaling \$1.9 million at its upcoming meeting on Monday, May 21. The items were presented on May 7.

Included is a three-year contract renewal with Ombudsman costing \$1.1 million and coming out of the education fund if approved. Ombudsman is an alternative program for at-risk students.

According to the proposal, the program is "used for students who are expelled and for students with behavior or attendance issues to which the normal school environment is not appropriate for their educational needs."

Along with expelled students, Ombudsman is used by students who "have dropped out of school" according to a memo to the board.

The district is asking to purchase 65 slots in the program, up from 61 this year, and it claims that with the three-year renewal U-46 will save \$46,410.

"We typically have a waiting list for Ombudsman slots. However, Ombudsman only charges for the days and the slots we use," the memo states.

Also to be voted on is a proposal with a total cost of \$67,298 between Konica Minolta (\$23,261) and Canon Solutions America (\$44,036) to purchase three copiers. The expense would come from the education fund.

According to the proposal, the purchase would replace copiers that are between 13 and 17 years old.

Board member Phil Costello asked what's being done to reduce paper consumption in the district and converting documents to electronic form. He said at the park district level, where he is a public administrator, there has been a big reduction in costs by moving away from paper and encouraged the district to "really strongly push" in that direction.

Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said "each front office building has a copier, and then the copy room has a copier" and "we don't go beyond that," and these copiers are multi-functional (scanner, fax machine, printer) which will reduce the number of machines needed. He added the secondary math curriculum recently adopted will be fully online and other

such classes will move in that direction which will reduce the need for paper.

The board will vote on a \$313,356 expenditure for copy paper, to come from the education fund, with Veritive (\$288,834) for white copy paper and Office Depot (\$24,522) for color copy paper. The purchase would include 10,920 cases of paper over three years.

Board member Jeanette Ward said at her daughters' school parents have been asked to bring in copy paper, and she asked why if copy paper is included in the budget.

The district stated in its memo: "Schools should not be asking parents to supply paper since they have been directed not to make such requests. Schools have made the requests in the past so they can expend their school budgets on other items."

Board member Sue Kerr asked how the paper is allotted to schools. Phelps said "each school has a paper budget."

The board will also vote on a \$60,200 item with Colfax Corporation to come out of the capital projects and life safety funds. The proposal is to replace mechanical equipment at Streamwood's Canton Middle School which currently contains asbestos materials.

With Stabilizer Solutions, the board will vote on a proposal costing \$338,080 (operations and maintenance fund) to purchase Hilltopper Infield Mix to upgrade the softball fields at Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin and Streamwood high schools.

The dirt mix was donated to the district by DePaul University previously for use at South Elgin High School "as a beta test" according to the proposal.

"The results have been increased consistent playability, safety and less labor to get the field in playable condition on a daily basis," the proposal states.

Kerr asked if the work will include a total tear out of the infields to replace them with the new mix to which Chris Allen, director of plant operations, said that was "correct." Allen said it should reduce maintenance costs of the fields.

Ward asked why there was only one bid. Allen said the mix is patented and Stabilizer Solutions, out of Arizona, is the only supplier.

DuPage County releases road construction project list

The DuPage County Division of Transportation (DuDOT) recently announced upcoming road construction projects for the year.

The construction program focuses on improving the county's infrastructure. Improvements include pavement patching, resurfacing and traffic signal maintenance.

The county will patch and resurface 42 lane miles of county highways, improving the driving surface and extending the service life of the pavement. Roads to be resurfaced include County Farm Road from Jewell Road to Illinois Route 64 and from Army Trail Road to Schick Road; Schick Road from County Farm Road to Gary Avenue; 75th Street from Illinois Route 59 to Olympus Drive; and 63rd Street from Cass Avenue to Madison Street.

The county will leverage federal funding to perform capital projects that include congestion relief and operational improvements. Capital projects include widening 55th Street between Main Street and Fairview Avenue, providing left turn lanes, modernizing and interconnecting the traffic signals; resurfacing 55th Street

from Dunham Road to Williams Street; patching and resurfacing Greenbrook Boulevard from County Farm Road to Lake Street; and expanding the county's Central Signal System.

The Central Signal System allows DuDOT to remotely monitor and observe traffic operations and make adjustments to conditions, will be expanded to include an additional 97 signals and connect to the City of Naperville's system.

"DuPage County's transportation plan focuses on ways to reduce congestion and make roadways more passable, while ensuring the safety of motorists and residents," said Don Puchalski, chairman of the DuPage County Board Transportation Committee.

In total, the 2018 DuDOT construction program is \$22.3 million, which includes county funds, federal funds and grant funding.

For more information about individual construction projects or the Division of Transportation's 2018 construction program, go to <http://www.dupageco.org/dot/construction>.



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Fire Department Appearance Noon-4pm (if available)
Police Department Appearance Noon-2pm
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A View from the Cheap Seats



This and That: May 2018 Edition
By Rich Trzupek

West Suburban Patriots – Many thanks to West Suburban Patriots and their supercharged dynamo of a leader, Carol Davis, for affording me the opportunity to speak to them at their meeting last Saturday and to talk about my latest book, “America’s Journey: Underdog to Overlord, Regrets to Rebirth.”

It’s the second time I’ve talked in front of a West Suburban Patriots audience and it was an honor on both occasions. The WSP crowd is about as far as one can possibly get from the bitter, racist, hateful meme that the left uses to smear conservatives in general and tea-party organizations in particular.

These are good people – polite, considerate, thoughtful and open to respectful debate with others. The left routinely paints the tea party movement as dogmatic and insensitive. When one interacts with the individuals behind the movement, it’s impossible to maintain that false narrative.

Sam McCann Can – The stars apparently aligned and my visit to WSP gave me the chance to listen to Sam McCann, Conservative candidate for governor and current state senator representing the 49th District of Illinois.

I never thought I would find myself supporting a third-party candidate for any major office, but after listening to McCann and chatting with him, I am certain he is the real deal. I signed his nomination petition with pride and if any of you pathetic opposition lawyers challenges my particular signature, I’ll frigging sue you back. He’s in the race not out of any desire from personal gain, but because he believes he needs to be in the race – because the alternatives are so bad for Illinois.

And the alternatives are both ipecac to the state’s digestive system. (FYI: Syrup of ipecac makes you vomit). The reaction of the mainstream candidates tells you all you need to know. Democrat J.B. Pritzker welcomed McCann to the race as “another voice,” knowing that McCann would drain votes from the opposition - Rauner’s traditional GOP base. Rauner, on the other hand, flung as much mud as humanely possible in McCann’s direction, declaring that McCann was running for governor “to line his own pockets.”

It has been famously said that if the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail. As a businessman – and a very successful one (for which I applaud him) – Bruce Rauner and his team of PR profession-

als naturally tend to define any opposition in the terms that Bruce himself best comprehends: profit and loss. Bruce is about his bank account, so Sam must be as well – right? Whatever Sam McCann is or is not about, that’s not the case.

Is McCann a Madigan apologist as Rauner’s well-healed PR minions ridiculously claim? No. McCann is a Madigan realist – somebody who understands that as long as this deeply-entrenched politico dominates the Illinois legislature the best way to fix our problems is to back Madigan and his apologists (both well-meaning and cynical) into the best deal possible – the Jim Edgar solution – instead of futility attempting to bully them into 100 percent compliance – the Bruce Rauner non-solution.

Bottom line: Rauner wants things done his way – period. It’s his way or the highway. No further discussion is desired or accepted. On the other hand, McCann wants to accomplish as much as is realistically possible. The latter view reflects traditional conservative thought. The former is the pure vanity of a rich bully used to getting his way.

Eric Schneidermann Can’t
Democrat New York Attorney General Eric Schneidermann emerged as one of President Trump’s fiercest opponents and a champion of the #MeToo movement. He was, supposedly, a staunch defender of women, one whom TV personality Samantha Bee proclaimed a super-hero. Super-hero? Really?

Not so much.
Four women who claim to have had relationships with Schneidermann recently came forward to describe their relationships with this champion of women’s rights. Their descriptions ranged from deeply troubling allegations of physical and mental abuse to outright freaking scary in practically a horror movie sense.

According to the *New Yorker*, Schneidermann’s former girlfriend Tanya Selvaratnam, a Sri Lankan native, asked her to “call him Master, and he’d slap me until I did. [He] started calling me his ‘brown slave’ and demanding that I repeat that I was ‘his property.’”

Sweet.
Most of us can understand a bit of playful sexual role play. That’s OK. Abusive, demeaning demands and resultant belittling actions are not playful. That’s all just wrong. Purely, simply, unquestionably wrong.

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Bartlett baseball team drops three of four games

By Seth Hancock
The Bartlett baseball team couldn’t overcome its free passes as the Hawks fell 9-3 against West Aurora in the opener of a three-game Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division series on Tuesday, May 8 at Bartlett.

The Hawks pitching staff issued seven walks in the game, and Bartlett trailed the rest of the day after a four-run top of the third inning when West Aurora took a 4-2 lead. Nico Natali suffered the loss.

“I think what killed us more than anything was the seven walks,” said Bartlett coach Devin Rosen. “We can’t let guys get on that easily.”

Bartlett, which was outhit 11-9, was led by a 3-for-4 performance from Matthew Angelone. Ben Fisher, Sam Mallinas and Michael Vaca all drove

in a run.
The Hawks were unable to hold onto a 5-0 lead after two innings in the second game of the series as West Aurora rallied for a 9-7 win on Wednesday, May 9 in Aurora. Mallinas (3-for-3, double), Joey Allen (2-for-4, home run, RBI), Jacob Chowanec (2-for-4, two RBI), Angelone (RBI) and Andrew Fehr (RBI) led Bartlett’s offense while Fehr took the loss on the mound.

In the series finale, Bartlett salvaged a win with a 5-4 victory on Thursday, May 10 at Bartlett as Tyler Yang got the win and Chowanec a save. Allen (2-for-3), Fehr (two RBI), Chowanec (RBI), Fisher (RBI) and Vaca (RBI) led at the plate.

“We did the little things to win the

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Village Board approves appointments, pacts

By Seth Hancock

At its meeting on Tuesday, May 1, The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved of President Kevin Wallace’s picks for village officer appointments which will stay the same. Paula Schumacher will remain as village administrator, Bryan Mraz village attorney, Todd Dowden village treasurer and budget officer, Daniel Dinges director of public works, Brian Goralski director of building department, William Dettmer electrical inspector, Dewayne Burris plumbing inspector, Patrick Ullrick chief of police, Robert Allen village engineer, Thomas Bastian administrative hearing office and James Plonczynski Freedom of Information Act officer with Schumacher his fill-in when he is absent.

Plonczynski was also named zoning administrator. In a memo from Lorna Giless, village clerk, it states: “The Bartlett Zoning Ordinance does not expressly create the office of Zoning Administrator, but states that the Board designates them.”

The appointments are made annually

with the “advice and consent of the Board” according to Giless.

The board also approved of three service agreements with law firms.

An agreement with Bryan E. Mraz & Associates, P.C. will cost \$260,000. Dowden stated in a memo: “There are no increases in hourly rates charged. The terms of the agreement are the same as those approved in the past.”

An agreement with the Law Offices of Robert J. Krupp, P.C. will cost \$44,000. According to Dowden: “There is no increase to the semi-monthly court appearance rate and no increase to the hourly rate for in court time and out of court legal services.”

An agreement with the Law Firm of Storino, Ramello & Durkin will cost \$9,000. Bastian said, the firm, “acts as the Village’s Administrative Hearing Officer and presides at Village Administrative Adjudication Hearings for motor vehicle seizure and impoundments. There is no increase in the hourly rate charged,” according to Dowden.

Hawks soccer blanked 1-0 in regular season finale

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team ended the regular season with a 1-0 nonconference loss against Glenbard West on Saturday, May 12 at Glenbard West.

The loss sends the Hawks into the St. Charles North Regional with a 10-6-3 record and No. 8 Bartlett will open with No. 9 West Chicago, who the Hawks defeated 4-0 a few weeks prior. If they win, the Hawks would likely face top-seeded and undefeated host St. Charles North (17-0-1).

Despite a loss in their regular season finale, the Hawks will take some momentum into the postseason having gone undefeated over its previous eight games (6-0-2) including winning a share of the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division title, with Glenbard East, for the second straight season after a 1-0 victory over West Aurora on Saturday, May 5 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

Mikayla Brown’s unassisted goal in the 53rd minute gave the Hawks all

they needed to improve to 3-0-2 in the UEC Valley Division.

“I believe we are playing better and understanding that playing more to feet and connecting passes increases our chances,” Brown said. “I think we could’ve gotten more goals, but sometimes even one will do and thankfully we got it.”

Bartlett had a few quality chances to add to the lead later in the second half coming from Alyssa Modugno and Jenna Dombrowski.

Hawks goalie Teagan Noesen, who made two big saves near the end of the first half to preserve a clean sheet, helped her team earn its ninth shutout of the season along with Bartlett’s starting defense of Madugno, Paige Bednarke, Miranda Hedeem and Kaley Kowal.

“We came in knowing that we controlled our own fate (in conference) and we got the victory, the shutout,” Noesen said. “Once again the back line played strong, and I have to credit them for making my job easier.”

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concerns “were all answered from what I see.”

However, Smodilla told *The Examiner* she did not feel her concerns were adequately addressed.

In an email, Smodilla said this was a “creative” idea warranting some deliberation but “as stewards, we must also consider that it is not the job of government to create businesses or jobs, but rather to create the environment that makes setting up shop in our community desirable.”

Noting that property taxes continue to rise and the village just approved a new sales tax, Smodilla wrote that “consideration of these subsidies must be carefully deliberated with the taxpayer at top of mind” but she suggests “Bartlett has not always considered the taxpayer or local businesses.”

Smodilla said there was no demonstrable data showing that this program will have a “meaningful impact

to tax revenues to the Village” and “without it, the program could appear to be little more than corporate welfare.”

The eligibility for the program “appears to be subjective” according to Smodilla who said there is no way to make sure all businesses are given a fair shot at the funds. She said a select group of businesses have already been informed of the program meaning the “first-come, first-serve” makes the program unfair off the bat.

Baseball

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game,” Rosen said. “It was good to see that. It’s a nice, clean win for us.”

Bartlett went on to drop a 7-0 UEC game against Streamwood on Saturday, May 12 at Streamwood. Streamwood scored all seven runs over the first two innings handing Max Lewis the loss, and Yang’s 2-for-3 performance were the Hawks only hits.

The Hawks are now 9-15 overall, 8-9 in the UEC.



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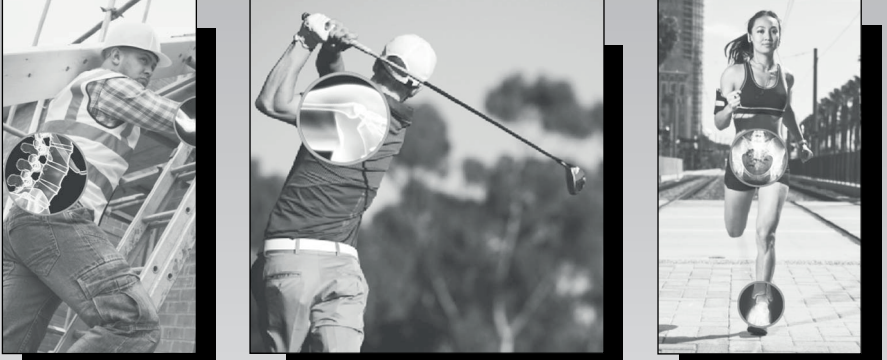
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The Storm's Ryan Dominick accepting a throw too late to prohibit East Aurora's Ruben Barajas, the Tomcats lone baserunner in the game, from stealing second base. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Split U-46 vote expands dual language program

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved an expansion of the dual language program to the ninth grade level despite a tacit admission from the administration that they will be using biased resources in the classroom at its meeting on Monday, May 7.

The board voted 4-2, board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voting no, on the curriculum framework and resources for 10 ninth grade dual language classrooms for the Spanish language.

The resources include 54 individual titles (essays, biographies, chapter books, novels, short stories) at a cost of \$77,811. Other online resources to be used include Study Sync and Newsela (Spanish).

Ward has opposed the dual language program consistently stating it "prolongs dependence on Spanish," and she also had issues with the theme of the class which will be "Advocacy and Leadership" according to the presentation which also stated it wants to create students who "lead and advocate for meaningful causes."

"First and foremost, it is not the role of public education to create activists as is the stated goal of this curriculum proposal," Ward said. "Secondly, I've spoken about my opposition to the dual language program previously. I have no problem with students learning other languages, but I believe the dual language program prolongs dependence on Spanish."

Ward also called the online resources, Study Sync and Newsela, a “treasure trove of biased information,” and she cited examples. She said there are one-sided lessons and articles concerning man-made global warming theories as well as articles that were “decidedly anti-(President Donald) Trump.”

One lesson also presents a video pushing one-sided views on climate change which has been debunked according to Ward.

"This does not teach students how to think, it teaches students what to think," Ward said.

Costello said “I don’t think this is a surprise to anyone,” referring to Ward’s objections as she has been opposed to resource and curriculum adoptions in the past for their one-sided lessons, and Costello asked the administration to address those concerns and if or how the resources present a “balanced approach.”

Annette Acevedo, director of English Language Learners, did not deny that the resources were partisan and biased but said students can look for other resources on their own.

"My response would be that the resources outlined are just exactly that, resources," Acevedo said. "And when we talk about advocacy and leadership... we want students to have the opportunity to research a broad range of topics and present differing viewpoints."

Acevedo said students would “have an opportunity to look at alternate opinions as well,” but that would be done on their own.

"Unless I've missed it in the list of resources, there aren't resources that present the opposing views," Ward said.

"Students will have access to looking at other resources on the internet for instance," Acevedo responded. "Their job is to research other resources."

"Well, it sounds like you're saying they can research those things on their own, which I agree and I help my own daughters do that, but that opposing

views to these types of views is not presented," Ward replied.

Acevedo did not respond.

Board member Melissa Owens asked: "Teachers have the ability to find alternate resources as well, correct?"

Acevedo said "correct," and Owens said "exactly."

The board also approved, by a 6-0 vote, the purchase of property at 1019 E. Chicago St. in Elgin which will cost around \$4 million, coming from the education fund. The district also estimates an additional \$4 million in renovation costs.

The proposal states the district plans to move the “welcome center/testing facility” from the central office to this building, and additional space could be “used for preschool classrooms or other purposes.”

The proposal also states the district will be able to divert “some of the transportation buses down to that facility” eliminating some of its need to shuttle employees which the administration says will save the district an estimated \$1 million a year.

Prior to the meeting, Ward noted that the property is being sold “as is” and confirmed that the building has been inspected and asked if the district is “aware of any remediation” that will be needed. In a memo to the board, the district replied: “Yes, we have been through the site on multiple occasions and we have a good idea of what to expect as we proceed with the purchase.”

Also unanimously approved that evening were seven additional expenditure proposals costing \$1.5 million as well as \$8.8 million in itemized bills.

Costello asked prior to the meeting for details concerning several lines in the itemized bills.

There was a \$4,246 expense to the Kane County Regional Office for Educator of the Year tickets. The district said: "This was to purchase 135 tickets for the Educator of the Year event held by the Regional Office of Education."

There was a \$4,800 expense to Robert J. Gartner. The district responded: "This vendor evaluates our phone bills and has saved us in excess of \$100,000 in the past year in phone charges and locating phone lines that could be eliminated in order to save additional funds."

There was a \$97,753 expense line to Franczek Radelet, the district's outside legal counsel. The firm worked on several cases concerning general school law, general labor and employment, construction liens, real estate transactions, real estate tax objections and construction easements, according to the administration.

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(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

Expense proposals up for vote at U-46 meeting

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 will vote on five expenditure proposals totaling \$1.9 million at its upcoming meeting on Monday, May 21. The items were presented on May 7.

Included is a three-year contract renewal with Ombudsman costing \$1.1 million and coming out of the education fund if approved. Ombudsman is an alternative program for at-risk students.

According to the proposal, the program is “used for students who are expelled and for students with behavior or attendance issues to which the normal school environment is not appropriate for their educational needs.”

Along with expelled students, Ombudsman is used by students who “have dropped out of school” according to a memo to the board.

The district is asking to purchase 65 slots in the program, up from 61 this year, and it claims that with the three-year renewal U-46 will save \$46,410.

“We typically have a waiting list for Ombudsman slots. However, Ombudsman only charges for the days and the slots we use,” the memo states.

Also to be voted on is a proposal with a total cost of \$67,298 between Konica Minolta (\$23,261) and Canon Solutions America (\$44,036) to purchase three copiers. The expense would come from the education fund.

According to the proposal, the purchase would replace copiers that are between 13 and 17 years old.

Board member Phil Costello asked what’s being done to reduce paper consumption in the district and converting documents to electronic form. He said at the park district level, there has been a big reduction in costs by moving away from paper and en-

couraged the district to “really strongly push” in that direction.

Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said “each front office building has a copier, and then the copy room has a copier” and “we don’t go beyond that,” and these copiers are multi-functional (scanner, fax machine, printer) which will reduce the number of machines needed. He added the secondary math curriculum recently adopted will be fully online and other such classes will move in that direction which will reduce the need for paper.

The board will vote on a \$313,356 expenditure for copy paper, to come from the education fund, with Veritive (\$288,834) for white copy paper and Office Depot (\$24,522) for color copy paper. The purchase would include 10,920 cases of paper over three years.

Board member Jeanette Ward said at her daughters’ school parents have been asked to bring in copy paper, and she asked why if copy paper is included in the budget.

The district stated in its memo: “Schools should not be asking parents to supply paper since they have been directed not to make such requests. Schools have made the requests in the past so they can expend their school budgets on other items.”

Board member Sue Kerr asked how the paper is allotted to schools. Phelps said “each school has a paper budget.”

The board will also vote on a \$60,200 item with Colfax Corporation to come out of the capital projects and life safety funds. The proposal is to replace mechanical equipment at Streamwood’s Canton Middle School which currently contains asbestos materials.

With Stabilizer Solutions, the board will vote on a proposal costing

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• 7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at Village Hall.
Thursday, May 17	
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• 7 p.m.	St. Charles North baseball vs. East High School at Kane County Cougar Stadium, Geneva.*
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• 7 p.m.	Village Board meeting at Village Hall.
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Lacrosse welcomed into local sports rivalry

By Bruce Leighty

Lacrosse is a recent addition to IHSA sanctioned activities and has added a new dimension to the variety of the spring sports lineup.

The sport certainly has the oldest origin of American team sports as its creation has been credited to the Iroquois and Huron Indian tribes as early as the 12th century.

According to www.stxlacrosse.com: "While there is some debate as to exactly where and when the sport was developed, most people agree that the precursor to modern day lacrosse was invented by the Huron and Iroquois tribes living around the St.

Lawrence River, in what is now New York and Ontario."

Many sources refer to the early days of the sport when the game was called "Baggataway" by Native Americans as matches often featuring hundreds, even thousands of participants.

Today the game is making its mark on the high school scene in the shadow of its collegiate success in the United States. And with all school sports, rivalries can quickly develop. Such is the case locally as lacrosse has added its name to the Bartlett and South Elgin high schools rivalry.

On Wednesday, May 9 that rivalry was on full dis-

play at Millenium Field in Streamwood as the two schools squared off in the latest rendition of what is becoming a storied, local face-off by two schools. On that day, South Elgin secured lacrosse bragging rights, prevailing by a score of 13-7 after seizing control of contest in its first two quarters.

The match up drew an enthusiastic crowd that appeared to take on the intensity and demands of a hockey audience. That enthusiasm was not limited to players, parents and fans but also was absorbed by Bartlett Athletics Director Jeff Bral.

"Very exciting game, said Bral. Lots of action for sure.



South Elgin's Jaron Wells protecting the ball while circling behind the Bartlett net and being checked by the Hawks' Gino Tucci. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



A Storm shot finding the back of the net behind Bartlett goalie Nick Deckard during South Elgin's 13-7 victory over the Hawks.

North blanks Sabres, Elgin, beaten by Saints

By Seth Hancock

The North softball team came through late to earn a 7-0 win over Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, May 8 at Streamwood.

Jillian Waslawski had a big game in both the circle and at the plate. She went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles and four RBI, and she tossed the complete-game shutout allowing four hits and striking out 10.

"She did really well," North coach Tom Poulin said of his senior ace. "She did what we expect from her."

The game was scoreless over the first four innings as both Waslawski and Poulin credited Streamwood's pitcher for keeping the North Stars off balance.

However, in the fifth inning it was Waslawski's two-run double that broke up the shutout and Alyssa Eby

added a sacrifice fly for a 3-0 lead. Waslawski added another two-run double in the sixth which also included RBI singles from Danielle Trumbo and Grace Sobieski.

"[Streamwood's pitcher] just kept us guessing early on," Waslawski said. "Once we stayed focused on what we had to do, we started making solid contact."

Ashlyn Jozefowicz and Eby each added a double in the effort.

Poulin was also pleased with the performance from freshman Anastasia Pappas, a JV call-up, who had a hit in her first varsity game.

Pappas went on to add a double and an RBI while earning a victory in the circle going three innings with a walk and seven strikeouts as she and Gracee Ellis (two innings, one strikeouts) combined for a two-hit shutout against Elgin on Wednesday, May 9 at Elgin. North won the game 13-0 in a five-inning, 10-run rule victory.

"(Pappas) is somebody we believe in and was doing very well at the JV level," Poulin said. "She has a very, very promising future. I felt it was a spark we needed this week. She's going to have a real nice four years."

Jessica Wilson went 2-for-4 with a grand slam, Ellis doubled and the North Stars had two RBI each from Alyssa Domaracki, Lindsay Sawicki and Trumbo. Taylor Baumgartner also drove in a run.

North went on to drop a 10-2 game to cross-town and UEC rival East to be swept in the regular season series on Friday, May 11 at North. Waslawski, who suffered the loss, hit a solo homer and Trumbo drove in a run, and both Sydney Eby (2-for-3) and Alyssa Eby doubled in the effort.

The North Stars are now 13-8 overall, 9-5 in the UEC.



North's Alyssa Eby sliding into second base with a double ahead of the tag by Streamwood shortstop Ariana Wolfard. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



North Stars shortstop Grace Sobieski taking a throw from center field in an effort to force Streamwood's Taylir Crocilla at second base following a single to center field in the seventh inning.



North's Ashlyn Jozefowicz connecting for a two-base hit against Streamwood.

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Center in Elgin. The cost is \$97 for residents and \$102 for non-residents.

Let's Code It – The Digital Dimension

Learn to code with Afterschool Enrichment Solutions! Both new and returning participants are welcome. This course will immerse students in the world of computer programming. No previous experience is necessary. This class will be held Tuesdays, June 5 to July 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Eastside Recreation Center in Elgin. The cost is \$110 for residents and \$115 for non-residents.

Adult Budgeting for Fun

Budgeting is not fun; however, it is an essential piece of any savings plan. We will discuss ways to help reduce debt, analyze expenses and potentially increase savings. There is no charge but registration is required. This class will be held Thursday, May 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Municipal Annex.

Fitness PiYo

PiYo Live combines the muscle-sculpting and core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. This class will be held Mondays, June 4 to July 2 from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents or there is a \$10 drop-in fee per class.

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.

Ceremony marks date of woman's disappearance

By Kristin Carreno

Close friends and members of Kianna Galvin's family united for a two year "remembrance ceremony" on Sunday, May 6. The date marked the anniversary of the disappearance of, then 17-year-old, Kianna Galvin.

According to a family friend, Carolyn Cynowa, everyone released pink balloons at the event to commemorate the Galvin disappearance.

According to Chief of Police Jerry Krawczyk, Galvin left home on foot on May 6, 2016 to head to a nearby park. Police do not believe she made it to the park or that she ran away.

According to Cynowa, the missing women's family believes there are people who know something about Galvin's disappearance but refuse to talk.

Cynowa said this will be the second year that Galvin's mother will be doing an interview with NBC's "Dateline" about her missing daughter.

"We can never get enough coverage on our missing children," said Cynowa.

Regarding any possible persons of interest or foul play, South Elgin Police Department Sgt. Mike Doty said: "Due to the nature of the case being an active investigation we decline to comment on this issue to protect the integrity of the investigation."

According to the Galvin family, a Facebook group called "Come Home Kianna" was created. Family, friends and members of the community con-

tinue to share flyers and posts via social networking to keep the public informed that Galvin remains missing.

"I'm heartbroken, frustrated and angry over the lack of action during the early stages of the investigation and ongoing and wishing anyone who knows what happened to my beautiful niece to please have a heart and come forward with any information," said Rachel Galvin. "We just want and need closure. Two years is two years too long without our beautiful girl. Please just say something, we just want her back."

According to Krawczyk, investigators have followed up on several leads to try to locate the missing woman, including those out of state. Police have also worked with the U.S. Marshal's office who have provided technical support and assistance through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Kianna Galvin, now 19, has been described as biracial (African-American and Caucasian), 5-feet, 6-inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes and weighing about 145 pounds when she disappeared. She has a tattoo on her left wrist of a heart with a pulse sign and cross which represents "faith, hope and love."

Police continue to ask anyone with information to contact the South Elgin Police Department at 847-741-2151 or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-The-Lost.

Storm soccer edged twice in regular season finales

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team was competitive against two tough teams but came up short in a pair of 2-1 losses in Upstate Eight Conference play.

The Storm ended their final week of the regular season with the 2-1 loss to St. Charles East in UEC crossover play on Thursday, May 10 at East.

The game was relatively even and mostly defensive in the first half with neither team threatening much over the first 40 minutes, but both squads found the net in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

East took a 1-0 lead in the 45th minute but in the 48th it was knotted 1-1 when Abigail Roy converted a penalty kick. An attack by Kayla Mathis and an Isabella Tusa shot on goal gave South Elgin some chances to go ahead, but with 6:54 left in the game East scored the winner.

"I thought both teams were too comfortable in the first half and neither side really got anything going," said South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja. "In the end, my team got too comfortable with the tie, and good teams like that will take advantage and they did."

Roy had a solid scoring chance early in the game and corner kicks from Madeline Freitag and Olivia Crane setup quality chances in the first half, and Bridget Bondi had a shot go wide.

Against UEC Valley Division co-champs, with Bartlett, Glenbard East, South Elgin dropped a 2-1 game on Tuesday, May 8 at Glenbard East.

The Storm are now 2-11-3 overall, 1-3-1 in the UEC Valley Division, entering the Dundee-Crown Regional where No. 14 South Elgin opens against No. 3 Cary-Grove.

Glenbard East is seeded third and East fourth in their respective regionals, and Szwaja hopes that competition will help her young squad against Cary-Grove. The Storm have 13 underclassmen and just four seniors.

"I keep telling the girls that you've got to enjoy the competition and learn from it," Szwaja said. "It's definitely good to play two strong opponents going into next week."

Szwaja added: "The best thing about the postseason is that the records don't mean anything. Anything can happen in the postseason."

Elgin residence damaged by dryer fire in basement

On Monday, May 14 at 9:54 p.m., the Elgin Fire Department was dispatched to a dryer fire in a residence on the 600 block of Packard Drive.

The first fire units arrived on the scene within five minutes of dispatch and met with the residents who stated the dryer in the basement was on fire and everyone was out of the home. The fire was upgraded to a working fire due to the potential for fire spread. The fire was extinguished in approxi-

mately 10 minutes.

There were no injuries reported. The estimated fire loss was approximately \$5,000. to the home and contents. There was smoke damage throughout the home and fire damage to the laundry room.

The Elgin Fire Department reminds everyone of the importance of getting out of the home as fast as possible and notifying the fire department immediately upon detection of a fire.



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Dive into Reading: Summer Reading Challenge is now underway. Pick up a summer reading log at the Main Library, Rakow Branch or South Elgin Branch or use the new online Beanstack Reading Log at www.gailborden.info/read2018. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Homework Heroes

If your child is struggling with assignments, visit our Homework Heroes at the South Elgin Branch from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16. Kids in kindergarten through eighth grade can get assistance from a helpful volunteer. Students will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is required.

STEAM

Explore STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math – at the South Elgin Branch from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16. Students in grades one to five are invited to get hands-on with us as we explore new topics. Please register in advance at www.gailborden.info/register.

The Natural and Cultural History of the Fox River

Discover The Natural and Cultural History of the Fox River at the Main Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17. Adults are invited to join Friends of the Fox River's Gary Swick as he shares how the Fox River has influenced local history and explains its current condition. To register, please visit www.gailborden.info/register.

Kumihimo: The Art of Japanese Braiding

Are you a crafty person who loves new projects? Don't miss your chance

at Kumihimo: The Art of Japanese Braiding at the South Elgin Branch from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. Attendees ages 17 and up will make a braided bracelet using a kumihimo tool and cording. Supplies will be provided. Please register in advance; spots are limited.

Manga and Anime Club

Calling all fans! Meet up with other fans at our Manga and Anime Club at the Main Library Meadows Community Rooms A and B from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. Students in grades six to 12 are invited to watch anime, share fan art and enjoy Japanese snacks together. No registration required.

Featured Author Family Day

Spend time together as a family during our Featured Author Family Day at the South Elgin Branch from 1 to 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 20. This month, our featured author is Kathryn Ootoshi and we will work on a tolerance and diversity project. To register your family, please visit www.gailborden.info/register today.

Rakow Readers

Join fellow Rakow Readers at the Rakow Branch, 2751 W. Bowes Road, Elgin, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21. This month, our book is The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes. No registration.

Device Advice

Are you having a difficult time figuring out your smartphone or tablet? Drop by the South Elgin Branch for Device Advice from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, May 24. Library staff will be available to help you one-on-one with your mobile devices. This program is for District residents and does not require registration.

Storm softball extend lead with victory over Bartlett

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team got some revenge on its rivals and took a two-game lead over them in the Up-state Eight Conference Valley Division race as the Storm defeated Bartlett 8-7 on Friday, May 11 at South Elgin. The game was a continuation, an inning in, from a game suspended a week earlier.

At Bartlett, the Storm had dropped a 5-4 game a few weeks prior and Geneva Pollman, who scored the winning run and picked up a save, called the victory “sweet redemption.”

After a four-run fifth inning put Bartlett ahead 7-6, in the bottom of the sixth Casey Brennan (2-for-3, triple, RBI) and Pollman (2-for-3, RBI) hit back-to-back singles to start the frame allowing a McKenna Eichholz sacrifice fly and a wild pitch to score the tying and go-ahead runs.

“At that point, you’re just going up there and trying to make contact,” Brennan said. “Basically you just want to get on base and let somebody knock you in.”

Brennan added: “We want to win conference badly and we knew this game was important, and it’s even sweeter that it’s against your rival.”

Sami Koss (3-for-3, double, RBI), winning pitcher Sidney Strama (2-for-4, RBI) and Sophia Salazar (RBI) contributed to the Storm’s offense.

“These kids are so resilient,” said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. “You couldn’t even write the ending to this. These kids battle, one through 14, all these kids battle. I couldn’t be more proud of them.”

South Elgin was coming off a pair of UEC wins with an 8-4 victory over West Aurora on Tuesday, May 8 at South Elgin and a 10-0 victory over Streamwood in a five-inning, 10-run rule game on Thursday, May 10 at South Elgin. Strama picked up both wins.

Koss (3-for-4, RBI), Julianna Battaglia (2-for-4, double, four RBI), Samantha Dietz (2-for-3, two doubles), Pollman (2-for-2, double, two RBI), Brennan (double) and Eichholz (RBI) led the Storm against West Aurora. Brennan (2-for-4, home run, double, four RBI), Eichholz (2-for-3, RBI), Koss (2-for-3), Strama (2-for-3, RBI), Pollman (triple), Daisy Fuentes (RBI), Kaylie Humes (RBI), Juliana Miranda (RBI) and Salazar (RBI) led against Streamwood.

South Elgin is now 14-10 overall, 11-3 in the UEC.

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\$338,080 (operations and maintenance fund) to purchase Hilltopper Infield Mix to upgrade the softball fields at Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin and Streamwood high schools.

The dirt mix was donated to the district by DePaul University previously for use at South Elgin High School “as a beta test” according to the proposal.

“The results have been increased

consistent playability, safety and less labor to get the field in playable condition on a daily basis,” the proposal states.

Kerr asked if the work will include a total tear out of the infields to replace them with the new mix to which Chris Allen, director of plant operations, said that was “correct.” Allen said it should reduce maintenance costs of the fields.

Ward asked why there was only one bid. Allen said the mix is patented and Stabilizer Solutions, out of Arizona, is the only supplier.

weeks. For more information please contact the church office at 630-584-6434, email to Welcome@HosannaChurch.com or visit our website at www.HosannaChurch.com/ Hosanna! Is located at 36W925 Red Gate Road (entrance just east of Randall Road) in St. Charles.

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The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of church, which is open for drop-offs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon or Monday through Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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Seated exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, on Wednesdays for fun and great exercise! From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Free and open to all in the community.

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Anderson Animal Shelter is happy to offer the opportunity for children and teens to engage in service learning off-site. This convenient option gives students the ability to create and execute their own service project all while truly making a difference in the lives of animals. Some service project ideas include creating your own fundraising project, collecting items from the shelter’s wish list, making cat or dog toys, shredding newspapers and making blankets. For more information call 847-697-2880 or visit www.andersonanimalshelter.org.

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your golfer list to: Anderson Animal Shelter, ATTN: Golf Outing, 1000 S LaFox St., South Elgin, IL 60177. Questions? Email the Development Department at golfouting@andersonanimalshelter.org, phone 847-697-2880 ext 25, or go to www.andersonanimalshelter.org/doglegopen.

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The South Elgin Food Pantry at 400 W. Spring St. will be open two evenings a month, the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in addition to its morning hours, 9:30 to noon the same first and third Wednesdays. Visitors to the food pantry only need to show proof of residence in South Elgin or the Valley View area of St. Charles to obtain food. Clients may now enter through the double doors facing the parking lot, making entry to the food pantry handicapped accessible. People who have difficulty or the inability to use stairs can use the elevator at the facility. For help in using the elevator, call 847-931-0563. For further information, visit cumcsouthelgin.com, email cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net, or call 847-931-0563.

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Hosanna! Lutheran Church Community Care Center Food Pantry is now open on the first and third Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo ID is required in order to receive two pre-packaged bags of food every four

The Examiner Asked

On Friday, May 11, students at Clinton Elementary School:

What would be your perfect birthday party?



Sakan Hobbs: “Shopping for toys!”



Isabelle Townsend: “To eat at my party I would want cupcakes, donuts and chocolate milk.”



Rocco Cantori: “Next year when I turn nine I want a Smurf party.”



Landon Vanderbeeck: “I would like to go fishing with my family.”



Jacob Thomas: “Have a skateboarding party with my friends at a skateboard park.”



Jovani Koski: “Have a fishing party and invite my family and friends.”



Logan Molloy: “I want to go to Skyzone and play games.”



Olivia Amal: “Spending time with my family would be a fun party.”



Mari Washington: “Going to bumper cars with my friends.”



Lakia Gills: “Opening presents at the park and then playing on the equipment.”



Molly Woertendyke: “I would like to have a party at a water park with all my friends.”

(By Juli Schatz)