

## Press Clippings 5/23/2018

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### Parents seek meal program's return

Petition with 150 signatures asks U46 board to reverse course on Breakfast After the Bell

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



Parents, some holding homemade signs, told the District U46 school board Monday night they would like the state's Breakfast after the Bell program brought back to the district's schools. (Rafael Guerrero/Courier-News )

A group of parents is calling on **School District U46** to reverse its decision to opt out of the state's Breakfast After the Bell program.

At Monday's school board meeting, several parents voiced support for the program, which requires schools to provide breakfast after the morning bell if more than 70 percent of its students come from low-income families.

Last year the board approved a resolution under which the district was exempted from the program.

Antonia Cruz, a parent of two children at Channing Elementary School in Elgin, told board members and administrators she noticed her children were more alert and more ready to learn when the breakfast was provided.

This year she's observed her children are more fatigued, and she thinks it's because the meal has been eliminated, she said.

"Personally, I would like to work with the school district to find solutions together to implement Breakfast After the Bell," said Cruz, whose comments in Spanish were translated for the board.

The parents said they had collected signatures from about 150 supporters on a petition asking that the program be reinstated.

U46 CEO Tony Sanders said he is not opposed to Breakfast After the Bell, but the program is not "cost neutral" as they had been led to believe by the state.

Also, when the district had the program, some schools ran into problems managing the waste generated and preventing classroom disruptions because the breakfast was served during school, he said.

But Sanders told parents and students in attendance — some of whom brought homemade signs with “Breakfast After the Bell” written on them — the door was not shut on the program.

When the district hires a new food services director, it will be one of the first topics discussed, he said.

According to information provided in 2017, Breakfast After the Bell would have cost the district about \$300,000 had it been approved for the 2017-18 school year.

Some U46 schools do provide breakfast programs, but they are offered before the start of school.

The General Assembly approved legislation establishing the program in 2016 as a way to ensure that students receive a healthy breakfast at the start of school, according to [riseandshineillinois.org](http://riseandshineillinois.org).

“In Illinois, the school breakfast program only reaches 47.7 percent of students who are eating a free or reduced-price lunch, making us 43rd in the nation for breakfast participation,” the website said.

Breakfast After the Bell has three delivery models: Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab ‘N’ Go and Second Chance Breakfast, the site said.

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## **Some U-46 teachers unhappy with proposed new contract**

BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY

Teachers **in Elgin Area School District U-46** will vote Thursday on a proposed new contract being met with some resistance among the rank and file.

The Elgin Teachers Association -- the union representing the district's 2,448 teachers -- and U-46 administration reached a [tentative agreement](#) this month on the new multiyear contract for the 2018-21 school years that will provide raises to all teachers.

Teachers switching to a [new compensation model](#) could see an average yearly increase of 3.88 percent over the next three years. Others who will transition to the new model over time will remain under the current compensation system and begin to accrue career credits before switching, U-46 spokeswoman Mary Fergus said Tuesday. The district has not specified the amount of raises for employees who eventually move to the new model.

The tentative agreement was rejected last week by the union's representative assembly by 88-63 votes.

Lisa Del Giudice, who teaches math at **Kenyon Woods Middle School** in South Elgin, is one veteran educator unhappy with the contract proposal she called the worst of her 33-year career. Teachers upset over the deal will meet Wednesday before the membership vote, she said.

The biggest change would involve reducing the multiple step and lane increases available to teachers. Step refers to years of teaching, while a lane refers to a level of education.

Teachers' current step and lane placement will be converted to career credits -- 40 credits each per step and lane. The new compensation model includes 12 steps and one lane that teachers would move up based on the number of career credits they earn.

Teachers would need to acquire 150 credits to move up one step and could earn up to 1,800 credits across the salary scale.

Salaries for beginning teachers would rise to \$50,000 a year from \$43,000. Each group of first-year teachers would get a \$5,000 bump during the contract to make salaries more competitive with those of neighboring districts and attract quality teachers, officials said.

District administrators and union leaders said they believe the proposed contract is fair and follows a nationwide trend of moving away from standard increases for teachers.

However, Del Giudice said the new salary scheduled doesn't benefit two-thirds of the teachers until the end of the third year, when they will be grandfathered into the new schedule "with the promise of not losing wages."

"It's much less of a raise than what normally would have been bargained," she said. "Raising the starting salary will not attract more quality teachers, just more teachers who want to be paid better."

While salary increases for experience remain, the career credits model would reward teachers for earning a master's degree or taking graduate classes, professional development and other training, community engagement through committee work, and improving the learning environment and school climate, district officials have said.

Officials aim to address school safety, classroom culture and environment, and teacher workload through discussions next school year.

Del Giudice said the credit model hurts more experienced teachers who don't have time for extra committee work or taking more classes. She said teacher workload is increasing under the proposed contract with more tutoring duties for supervisors, and merely talking about school safety and other issues "is not a plan."

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## **Softball: Schaumburg knocks out Larkin**

BY JOHN LEMON

Schaumburg needed a win in Elgin on Tuesday to come home Wednesday, and Megan Pasquarelli did her part to make sure the Saxons got it.

Pasquarelli, Schaumburg's No. 9 hitter, went 4-for-4 pacing her team's 15-hit attack in the Saxons' 15-4 win over Larkin.

With the victory, No. 18 seed Schaumburg (3-21) will host top-seed St. Charles East (23-6) on Wednesday in the semifinals of the Class 4A Schaumburg regional.

"We just want to play the best game we can play," Saxons coach Ellen Abreu said. "A little home turf."

Abreu said Pasquarelli played one of her best games of the season. She singled in the second, singled and scored in the fourth, singled again in the sixth and capped her perfect day with an RBI single in the seventh.

"When I went up there the first thing I thought was first-pitch strike," Pasquarelli said. "It worked out."

The Saxons started quickly against No. 16 Larkin (6-22), getting a pair of singles and then a double from their first three hitters -- Tiffani Rudnick, Rachel Kissamis and Talia Torosian -- for a 2-0 lead.

After Schaumburg went up 3-0 with an unearned run in the third, Larkin made it a 3-2 game in its half. Kathy Garcia had the only hit in the inning as the Royals capitalized on 2 walks by winning pitcher Caitlin Bertaud.

The Saxons quickly extended their lead to 6-2 in the fourth highlighted by a home run from Jayme Kissamis. Ashleigh Felde belted a solo homer in the fifth for a 7-2 lead, then the Saxons broke the game open with an 8-run seventh inning.

The rally started innocently enough with two straight outs, and Larkin almost retired the side in order but a pop-up dropped in short right field. The next 7 batters all reached on singles or walks, and catcher Janalee Lyke capped the inning with her sixth home run of the season, a grand slam.

"I had been struggling and knew I needed to find it and drive it," Lyke said. "We had good energy. I think we all had a fun time playing today. Everyone contributed."

Leadoff hitter Liz Bowman led Larkin with 2 hits.



"Schaumburg played a great game," Larkin coach Anne Vogt said. "They came out and hit the ball. Defensively we played pretty solid compared to the rest of the year. Our bats just didn't come alive. Our girls fought hard all the way and got some runs across in the seventh. Super proud of them."

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## **Baseball: Coates, Elgin shut out Dundee-Crown**

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

Elgin pitcher Kyle Coates said he didn't have his best stuff in Tuesday's Class 4A baseball playoff opener at Dundee-Crown.

The junior right-hander's breaking pitches were not diving with the usual sharpness and his fastball wasn't popping catcher Kejuan Harvey's mitt at typical volume.

Coates battled with what he had. And what the side-armed pitcher had was good enough to defeat a young Dundee-Crown lineup 2-0 in a pitchers' duel in Carpentersville.

"I'd be lying if I said I felt great," said Coates (4-4). "I was just trying to throw strikes. This is the type of day you really learn how to pitch, how to really work."

The Elgin hurler threw 104 pitches in a 6-hitter, walked 2 and struck out 3, including the final man he faced.

Coates dodged trouble often, stranding 11 baserunners. He escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fifth inning and stranded two in scoring position in the sixth. He induced lazy flyballs to outfielders both times.

"He knows what he has to work with on any given day and he just makes it tough for the opposing team to hit," Elgin coach David Foerster said. "We've been seeing that for a couple of years now."

The postseason victory was the first for Elgin (8-25) since May 25, 2015, when the Maroons knocked off Rockford Jefferson 10-5.

No. 10 Elgin advances to Wednesday's Cary-Grove regional semifinal against No. 2 McHenry (24-10) at 4 p.m.

"They're a great team but we've played great teams before and we know the type of ball we can play," Coates said. "We're ready to go out there and work."

Elgin defeated Dundee-Crown senior Erik Hedmark, a four-year varsity pitcher committed to Northern Illinois. The left-hander allowed 2 runs (1 earned) on 6 hits and 2 walks and struck out 10 in a 97-pitch performance spanning 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

The Maroons jumped to a first-inning lead against D-C (7-27). Junior Tim Mitchell blooped a single to center field and later scored on Jack Sitter's two-out single off the left-field wall. The hard-hit ball was nearly gone.

"I thought it was for a second," said Sitter, who finished 2-for-3. "It was a fastball, lower half. It was a 3-1 count so I obviously loaded up, got out in front."

"I thought I was throwing good," Hedmark said. "They got the lucky breaks: a little jam shot to center field to get a runner on. Then I hang a 3-1 fastball. Things like that happened. We didn't get it done with the bats either."

Elgin added a third-inning run. JC Fortmann reached second base on a one-out throwing error and scored on Coates' basehit to shallow center field. Otherwise, Hedmark was tough in his final high school mound appearance.

"I knew going in that it was going to be my last game at home," Hedmark said. "It's been a long four years. I just wanted to go out there and leave it all out there on the field. No second thoughts afterward."

Hedmark was tough at the plate, too. The .400 hitter went 1-for-3 with a walk. His first-inning double to right-center field was his 17th of the season, breaking the D-C single-season record held by 2001 graduate Scott Komaromy.

"I thought it was vintage Hedmark," D-C coach Matthew Mueller said. "He came out and threw strikes for us, attacked hitters, fielded well at his position and broke the school record for doubles. He had a remarkable season."

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## **Baseball: Lang, CL South get past Larkin**

BY DAVE HESS

Whether to pitch ace Kyle Lang against Larkin in a quarterfinal game Tuesday or save him for a possible matchup against top-seeded Barrington Wednesday was the decision Crystal Lake South baseball coach Brian Bogda had to make.

Bogda said the decision was easy.

Bogda gave the ball to his dependable senior Tuesday and it paid dividends.

Lang, who blanked eighth-seeded Larkin on 1 hit for six innings, gave up a run on 2 hits in the seventh and the No. 7 Gators held on for a 2-1 win over the Royals in an opening round game of the Class 4A Crystal Lake South regional.

The defending Class 4A state champion Gators will play Barrington in a semifinal contest Wednesday at 4 p.m.

"I couldn't sleep if I wouldn't have pitched Kyle today and we would have lost," said Bogda. "I have too much respect for a team like Larkin who plays in the tough Upstate Eight Conference. It would have been unfair to the kids. We knew we had to beat Larkin and if we would win we would worry about Barrington tomorrow. Kyle was fun to watch today. He was terrific. He mixed his pitches well and threw strikes."

Through the first six innings, Lang allowed just a single while striking out 5 without a walk.

Trailing 2-0 going into the seventh, Larkin's (9-18) first two hitters, Jackson Reuter and Andy Bonnot, reached on singles to put runners on first and third with nobody out. Reuter scored on an infield grounder by Max Anderson for the Royals' only run of the game.

"Larkin hit some good pitches in the seventh to score their run," said Lang. "My curveball was really working and I like the movement on all my pitches. Coach Bogda told me last week I was going to pitch the first game of the regionals and I really started preparing myself and made sure I was ready to go. The postseason is a different season and it is always nice to win the first one. "

The Gators scored the only 2 runs they needed in the second keyed by an RBI single by Scott Skwarek, who was 2-for-2 in the game.

Anderson, a junior, was the hard-luck loser for the Royals. In six innings, the Larkin lefthander allowed the Gators 2 runs on 4 hits. He struck out 2 with a walk.

"At the beginning of the season Max was one of three pitchers we thought could be our number one pitcher," said Larkin coach Matt Esterino. "Max went out and took the number one spot and we have him back next year. He was outstanding against the defending state champs. "

Esterino liked the way his team battled.

"We are in a very tough conference and South showed us respect by pitching their ace," said the Larkin coach. "We battled until the end and had good at-bats in the seventh. It was an awesome effort by our guys."



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## District U-46 recognizes select student honors

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 held its annual ceremony

honoring the top 2 percent of graduating seniors at each of the district's five high schools on Monday, May 14. The

ceremony was held at South Elgin High School.

There were 32 students honored from the three high schools within *The Examiner's* readership.

From Bartlett High School: Maryam Ahmed, Priya Baxi, Shiv Dave, Dhruti Desai, Mirage Modi, Shivani Patel, Hannah Raj, Edward Rojas, Daniel Sanji, Sana Syed and Tyler Yang.

From South Elgin High School: Jeevan Acharya, Jon Peter Bukantis, Olivia Cabaj, Kyle Cole, Brittany Do, Sekiu Inorio, Marie Lotta, Kaitlyn Mastrangeli, Emma Miller, Taylor Pray, Lucas Reeser, Kristen Schill and Emily Winters.

From Streamwood High School: Emilio Jose Edemni, Samuel Enno, Martin Escobar, Madeline Exline, Laszlo Brendon Marton, Harsh Patel, Jheel Patel and Sunny Patel.

In a district press release, U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: "Congratulations to our top two percent of the class of 2018. We are proud of their dedication to academic achievement."

These seniors will be a part of this weekend's graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 26 at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates. Bartlett's graduation kicks off the day at 8 a.m. while Streamwood is at 2 p.m. and South Elgin 5 p.m.

Also honored by the board were Bartlett junior Patrick Stephen and South Elgin junior Brian Kulpa who were presented with certificates of achievement at the board meeting on

Monday, May 7.

Stephen created an app called Student Driver for smart phone's which track student driver's hours behind the wheel, and it was selected by the U.S. House of Representative's Congressional App Challenge as the best in the 6th Congressional District in Illinois. The app has been downloaded over 400 times so far according to a district release, and Stephen traveled to Washington, D.C. last month to present his app alongside other winners.

"My take away from this has been the importance of sticking with something. You never know where an idea may lead to, or what you'll come up with if you keep working at it," Stephen said.

Kulpa showed his knowledge on a computer-controlled milling device, CNC machine, by winning a statewide competition put on by SkillsUSA, and he will travel to Kentucky next month for a national competition. His classmates Cade Caruthers and Hailey Harden also performed well in the state with fourth and fifth respective finishes.

"This great showing by Brian, Cade and Hailey is an indicator that U-46 students are graduating from our Precision Manufacturing program with tangible skills that will help them succeed in the workplace and as they pursue post-high school education and training opportunities," South Elgin teacher Russ Bartz said. "Brian has already received a job offer."

## Changes to manual discussed by committee

By Kristin Carreno

During the committee of the whole meeting on Monday, May 21, commissioners discussed a proposed amendment to the procedures and information handbook for temporary employees of the Parks & Recreation Department.

According to Parks & Recreation Director Kim Wascher, the current temporary employee handbook was approved in May 2016.

"We do these reviews every couple of years," said Wascher "This is usually just done housekeeping wise. We review them at our annual training meetings that we have with staff."

Wascher added that the handbook updates, that included changes and additions, were completed with the assistance of the village's attorney

Derke Price.

According to Wascher changes were made to the welcome letter, the time-cards subsection, the facility maintenance subsection, neglected child report procedures, in the use of department vehicles, equipment, supplies and property, and the job safety section.

"The document was received by all our staff and passed onto the village attorney for review and sent back," Wascher said.

"It's pretty basic and helps us to give guidelines to procedures and policies for our temporary staff," Wascher stated.

According to Village President Steven Ward, the changes will be put on an upcoming village board meeting agenda for a vote.



### Readying to take a plunge

Sarah Nolan climbed up the inflatable playground at Willard Elementary School's annual Family Fun Fair on Friday, May 18. For story and more photos see page 9.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

## Village Board approves gear for Public Works trucks

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Monday, May 21, trustees voted unanimously in favor of authorizing the purchase of outfitting equipment for two 2019 Kenworth T370 trucks from Bonnell Industries, Inc., Dixon, Illinois at a cost of \$72,100 and \$78,025. According to Director of Public Works Richard Gallas, the first purchase is to complete the outfitting of truck #29, one of the primary snow plow trucks for the streets department.

"The good news is we got really good pricing," said Gallas. "The bad news is there was only one bidder."

According to Gallas, the cost of the truck and final outfitting came to an overall cost of \$116,852. This was approximately \$38,000 less than the budgeted amount of \$155,000. The purchase cost of the truck was \$44,752 and the remaining balance of the budgeted funds, which was approximately \$110,200, was available for this equipment purchase.

The other equipment purchase is for truck #31 which is a full-size dump truck, Gallas noted. The truck was purchased at a cost of \$40,652 which brought the total overall vehicle price including the

final outfitting to \$118,670.

"We budgeted \$164,961," Gallas said.

Bonnell Industries, Inc., was again the sole bidder, according to Gallas.

Gallas recommended purchasing this equipment package as it meets all specifications and is approximately \$46,200 less than the budgeted amount.

"You'll see a slight differential in this truck," Gallas said. "One of our standards on this truck is it has an underbelly plow and that costs slightly more because it requires slightly more steel. Our new standard takes us into the next 10 years."



Police Reports

SOUTH ELGIN

Wednesday, May 9

- ★ At 9:08 a.m., police responded to the 8N700 block of Stevens for a report of an open door or window.
- ★ At 12:14 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Renee and Kane for a report of a disturbance.
- ★ At 1:25 p.m., police responded to the Super Target, 530 Randall Road, for a report of theft.
- ★ At 2:26 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Ann for a missing person report.
- ★ At 3:22 p.m., police responded to the 2000 block of West Thornwood for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 4:01 p.m., police responded to the 2000 block of West Thornwood for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 4:31 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Woodridge for a stalking complaint.
- ★ At 8:59 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Concord for a threats complaint.

Thursday, May 10

- ★ At 9:31 a.m., police responded to Source One Staffing, 810 N. LaFox, for a report of telephone harassment.
- ★ At 9:39 a.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 1720 River Road, for a report of battery.
- ★ At 10:28 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Randall and Silver Glen roads, for a report of a roadway obstruction.
- ★ At 1:14 p.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Prairie Pointe for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 1:39 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of East Thornwood for a report of an activated alarm.

- ★ At 1:55 p.m., at the police department, police took a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 5:07 p.m., police responded to Carney and Company, Inc., 636 Schneider Drive, for a report of a suspicious person.
- ★ At 6:56 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of McDonald and Thornwood for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 6:59 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Lowell for a report of an open door or window.
- ★ At 8:05 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Concord for a threats complaint.
- ★ At 9:05 p.m., police responded to Mobil, 30 S. McLean Blvd., for a DUI complaint.
- ★ At 9:20 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Hickory for a report of a suspicious person.
- ★ At 10:21 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Manchester for a report of a suspicious incident.

Friday, May 11

- ★ At 2:03 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of West Spring and Kingsport for a report of a suspicious person.
- ★ At 10:43 a.m., police responded to Thornton Oil, 900 N. LaFox, for a failure to pay complaint.
- ★ At 3:13 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of North Camden for a harassment complaint.
- ★ At 5:59 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Lake Ridge for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 9:33 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of North London for a 911 investigation.
- ★ At 10:54 p.m., police responded to Children of America, 750 N. McLean

- Blvd., for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 11:31 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of South for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
- ★ Saturday, May 12
- ★ At 4:42 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of South Elgin and River for a DUI complaint.
- ★ At 8:59 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of North McLean and West Spring for a report of a hitchhiker.
- ★ At 9:48 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of an abandoned vehicle..
- ★ At 11:15 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Independence for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 11:45 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of North Harvard for a report of a domestic in progress.
- ★ At 11:49 a.m., police responded to the 800 block of Greenfield for a missing person report.
- ★ At 12:15 p.m., at the Police Department, police took a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 2:27 p.m., police responded to Thornton Oil, 900 N. LaFox, for a failure to pay complaint.
- ★ At 9:09 p.m., police responded to South Elgin Rehabilitation, 746 W. Spring, for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 9:36 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Bunker Hill for a report of a residential fire alarm.
- ★ At 10:37 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Mill for a report of a suspicious noise.
- ★ At 11:07 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Sheffield and Hobart for a loud party complaint.
- ★ At 11:43 p.m., police responded to

- TJ Maxx, 352 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ Sunday, May 13
- ★ At 3:54 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Reserve for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 9:33 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Crane and Silver Glen roads for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 12:38 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Lake Ridge for a keep the peace request.
- ★ At 7:08 p.m., police responded to the Towerhill Care Center, 759 Kane, for a 911 investigation.
- ★ At 8:01 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Mills for a missing juvenile report.
- ★ At 9:23 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Ann for a loud party complaint.
- ★ Monday, May 14
- ★ At 9:12 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Oakwood for a keep the peace request.
- ★ At 10:35 a.m., police responded to the 500 block of Oakwood for a keep the peace request.
- ★ At 11:38 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Manchester for a request to remove an unwanted subject.
- ★ At 1:06 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of North Blackhawk for a child abuse complaint.
- ★ At 3:18 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 6:29 p.m., at the Police Department, police took a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 9:06 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Sweetbriar for a report of criminal sexual assault.
- ★ At 10:18 p.m., police responded to

North softball rebounds after loss to Batavia

By Seth Hancock

The North softball team opened the final week of the regular season with a tough 6-5 loss to rival Batavia in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, May 15 at North.

Alyssa Eby went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Grace Quinn doubled and Sydney Eby drove in a run to lead the North Stars offense. Jillian Waslawski suffered the loss.

North bounced back in a big way defeating Larkin 21-1 in a five-inning, 10-run rule UEC game on Wednesday, May 16 at North. Lindsay Sawicki (six strikeouts) tossed a three-hitter with her one run allowed being unearned.

Jessica Wilson (4-for-4, double, three RBI), Sawicki (3-for-4, RBI), Alyssa Domaracki (2-for-4, three RBI), Ashlyn Jozefowicz (2-for-3, triple, two RBI), Quinn (2-for-4, RBI), Laine

VandeHei (2-for-4), Waslawski (2-for-4, triple, three RBI), Grace Sobieski (two RBI) and Gracee Ellis (RBI) led North's offense.

Waslawski then tossed a three-hit shutout with seven strikeouts in a 3-0 nonconference win over Hampshire on Thursday, May 17 at Hampshire. Jozefowicz tripled while Alyssa Eby, Anastasia Pappas and Waslawski each drove in a run to lead the North Stars at the plate.

North is now 15-9 overall, 10-6 in the UEC, entering the postseason. The No. 4 North Stars host regional action and open against No. 13 Streamwood who they defeated 5-0 and 7-0 during the regular season.

"We're trying to narrow our focus," said North coach Tom Poulin. "We have to make sure we do the little things that win games."



North's Sydney Eby putting bat to ball on a Batavia pitch on Tuesday, May 15. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



North Stars right fielder Ashlyn Jozefowicz tracking down a Batavia fly ball just shy of the fence.



# Pet of the Week



## Mandy does not want to stray again

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# U-46 Board discusses local businesses option

By Seth Hancock

Should and can School District U-46 do more business with local businesses to help boost the local economy? That's a question board member Phil Costello asked the administration, and a discussion was had at the board meeting on Monday, May 7.

In a memo to the board, the district stated: "We do not have a policy directing us to purchase local first.... I believe only home rule organizations in our state can favor certain categories of vendors based on their location and/or other factors."

Costello said at the May 7 meeting that he understands that things are never fully equal during a bidding process, but he felt some weight should be given to local businesses.

"I think it's important to say, if you're doing business here and all things being equal... we should be looking for vendors who do business in U-46 to attract more employers here to hire more and make this a more vibrant district," Costello said.

Board member Sue Kerr said she didn't disagree but the state's school code requires the lowest bid to be taken.

"A lot of our bidding has a metric, a rubric, of we weight it 80 percent this and price is that, and one of those could be location I think," Costello replied. "And I'm fine saying if it can't be."

One recent example was in February when the board approved a \$1.5 million contract with Comcast for wide area network and internet services. Ultimately the lowest bidder for the internet portion of the contract, WOW Business which came in nearly \$20,000 cheaper than Comcast, but did not win the contract.

That proposal weighted the bidders on a 100 point-system, price receiving the largest weight at 30 points. Other factors included technical functionality (25 points), completeness and accuracy of proposal (20 points), references and experience (10 points), service and support (10 points) and price of ineligible goods and services (five points).

Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said: "We do use a rubric around service and some of the other

non-quantifiable factors, but we can't consider location as one of them. Anything that we competitively bid, we can't do that."

King said this wasn't the first time the board has questioned this, and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said he'd have the district's legal counsel look into it further.

Costello said "that's too bad" but added: "I'm fine with that. I was just thinking that when we're talking about ACE and some of the other things we're trying to be collaborative about, I thought this would be one element that we could say 'you operate here, you do business and you employ people here we want to set you aside.'"

ACE is the Alignment Collaborative for Education initiative the district started with a stated goal in part being to develop business relationships within U-46 boundaries.

King said: "We do a significant amount of business with contractors in the area. On the operations side especially, a big portion of our business is locally given based on electrical, etc., maintenance items that are occurring in buildings. Obviously we don't want to call somebody or do business with somebody that's several hours away. In those instances, we need somebody to get into the building and do something right away."

The board's policy under Section 4.062 that expenditure items "in excess of \$25,000 or \$50,000 for construction projects" must come before the board for approval. King said location could be considered for items under that \$25,000 parameter but the board would likely have to change its policy to put that into effect.

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# This week in... South Elgin

Wednesday, May 23	
• 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles North baseball vs. Glenbard North or Hoffman Estates at IHSA Hoffman Estates Regional.*
• 6:30 p.m.	South Elgin softball vs. Rolling Meadows High School at IHSA Rolling Meadows Regional.*
Thursday, May 24	
• 4:30 p.m.	South Elgin baseball vs. East High School at IHSA East Regional (if South Elgin wins Tuesday, May 22).*
• 4:30 p.m.	IHSA Rolling Meadows Regional softball title game.* #
Saturday, May 26	
• 11 a.m.	IHSA St. Charles East Regional baseball title game.* #
• 11 a.m.	IHSA Hoffman Estates Regional baseball title game.* ##
• 11 a.m.	IHSA St. Charles North Regional softball title game.* ##
• 12 p.m.	IHSA Geneva Regional soccer title game.* ##
• 5 p.m.	South Elgin High School graduation at Sears Center.
Monday, May 28	
Memorial Day: All municipal offices closed.	
Tuesday, May 29	
• 7 p.m.	Recreation Board meeting at Village Hall.
*Home game unless otherwise specified.	
# South Elgin High School potential game.	
## St. Charles North High School potential game.	



# A View from the Cheap Seats



Rich is out of town.

**The Waco Massacre 25 Years Later**  
**By Harold Pease, Ph. D**

We drove down a quiet country road, trees and green meadows in every direction. Mount Carmel, the famous Branch Davidian compound/church, was a sharp turn to the right. Gone was the mailbox at the entrance with Branch Davidian Church clearly written on it in big black letters where the once 100-plus residents of a devout break-off of the Seventh-day Adventist Church received their mail.

Once on the grounds, we were met with two simple memorials each telling us that something very significant and violent had happened here; one to the four ATF agents killed in the February 28, government raid. A few feet away was a shrine of sorts with a name on a plaque for each of the 76 Davidians (19 men, 34 women, 23 children) who lost their lives in the fiery furnace in their place of residence 25 years ago, April 19, 1993. Sympathetic visitors had left money on one of the shrines.

A gravel road, less than a fourth of a mile long, lay in front with a couple of buildings to the right. The second of which was the home of the only actual Branch Davidian a part of the group now available, disaffected at the time of the raid, but now the minister of the sect now renamed The Branch. The road wound down curving to the left and ending in front of a newly built chapel placed on the exact same corner as once stood the chapel part of the Branch Davidian structure; the double entrance door precisely placed where the original double doors once were. Davidians argued that bullet holes in them came from outside and ATF agents that they came from inside. This would prove the origins of the assault, but the doors have disappeared. The famous structure was gone but cement foundation remnants were still clearly visible.

It was hard to imagine Abram tanks encircling the building running over trikes and bikes of the children destroying all in their path where now a freshly planted garden exists. Is this the place where military helicopters at one time sprayed bullets into a church/home? Dick De Guerin, David Koresh's lawyer, who spent 30 hours in the compound during the 51-day seize, told Dianne Sawyer of ABC News, of bullet holes in the ceiling—one presumably wounding David Koresh himself ("Harold Pease, The Waco Massacre: We Did It For The Children," video, 1994)

Was this really the site of loud music being played at night, presumably to frighten the residents, sometimes accompanied with sounds of squealing rabbits being slaughtered? Most chilling was probably the lyrics of Nancy Sinatra's song frequently played, "These boots are made for walking, and that's just what they'll do. One of these days, these boots will walk all over you." And, "You keep playin' where you shouldn't be playin', and you keep thinkin' that you'll never get burnt. Ah, I've just got me a brand new box of

matches, yeah" and "what he knows you ain't had time to learn." Really!?!)

A Congressional investigation identified incendiary devices on the property suggesting the government started the fire, not the Davidians as the government and their complacent media asserted. With winds blowing through the structure all life was destroyed within 20 minutes, including the little children, yet today only Branch Davidians have served jail sentences ("Waco: Rules of Engagement, Congressional Investigation," video, 1997). At the trial of survivors many felt the wrong people were on trial.

Was this really the place where deadly CS gas was pumped into the complex for two hours? The vast majority breathing the poisonous gas were mothers and children. It hardly seemed possible. Now birds chirp away and the grassy meadow gives the place exquisite serenity.

Is this the place where FBI snipers were shooting Branch Davidians as they tried to escape a certain fiery death, presumably to burn and erase all evidence of their blunderous, even unlawful, conduct, as alleged? In the dining room of the Davidian complex at least 17 bodies had bullet holes in them. Subsequently empty cartridge shells have been found in one of the three-sniper positions now known to exist in the back of the complex. Is this the place where many of the children were taken into the church's cement record vault room (referred to as the bunker) to escape the fire, which new evidence reveals was penetrated from above by a military explosive device, probably immediately killing the mothers and children huddled together inside (Video, "Waco: A New Revelation," 2011)?

A new Branch member, serving a caretaker role over the property, told me of federal agents returning to the scene asking forgiveness. One sorrowful agent admitted to having assisted the snipers with a telescope. The caretaker ended saying, "There will be others."

Video coverage shows tanks with mounted U.S. flags attacking citizens also flying a U.S. flag in front of their burning church/home. How is this possible? Shown also are helicopters with mounted machine guns and the use of Delta Force personnel on the property. How can anyone believe that this happened in America in direct violation of the Posse Comitatus Act forbidding the military any function in law enforcement? Yet the evidence is overwhelming that it did, in this now quiet, serene, and beautifully "meadowed" environment with birds chirping the sounds of peace 25 years later?

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## Letters to the Editor

**Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.**

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### Audit the Fed

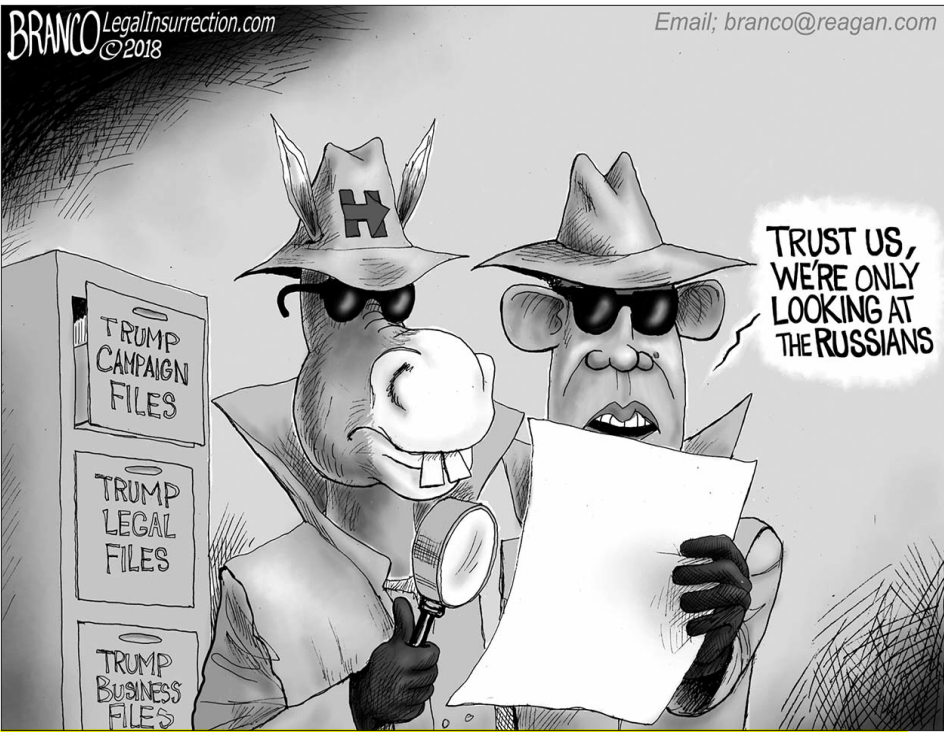
Dear Editor,

Fresh off reports of a recent proposal by three economists of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago recommending a 1 percent property tax levy on the actual value of all Illinois homes to pay for state pensions, I am introducing a resolution in the House calling for an audit of the Fed-

eral Reserve System.

Enough is enough! Despite having some of the highest property taxes in the nation, the Chicago Fed has the audacity to recommend a massive property tax hike to pay for Illinois' unsustainable pensions on the backs of middle class taxpayers

See Letters, pg. 11



## Search to fill board seat down to 10 in Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 interviewed 10 candidates to fill a vacant board seat over two days on Thursday, May 17 and Friday, May 18.

In total, 17 people applied for the vacancy and Donna Smith, the board's president, said "we had to narrow it down" to the 10. The board held a closed session meeting on Monday, May 14 to determine who would be interviewed and determine the questions to be asked.

Smith said that candidates were given 20 minutes in their interviews and board members asked five questions on their experiences with U-46, their views on school choice and charter schools, how they would reach out to the public to hear from disparate voices, their professional and personal experiences that would help on the board and each candidate was given what the board called a "wild card" question.

The board has a deadline of June 7 to appoint a candidate making its June 4 meeting as the likely date the candidate will be chosen and voted upon. The candidate will fill the spot for the remainder of Traci Ellis' term, who resigned from the spot in April which expires in April 2019.

The five candidates in order of their interviews on Thursday included Eva Porter (retired teacher in SD 54 in Schaumburg as well as U-46) of Hanover Park, Lisa Klimek (rate billing supervisor with CST) of Streamwood, Preet Mittal (environmental specialist with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago) of Bartlett, John Devereux (chief actuary with Ryan Specialty Group) of Bartlett and Kevin Sweeney (programmer/analyst with Deutsche Investment Management Americas) of Elgin.

On Friday, the five candidates in order of their interviews included Thomas Ashton (director of eastern region sales with Walsworth Publishing) of Wayne, Cecilia Diaz (works for H&R Block) of Elgin, Nazneen Hashmi (adjunct professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology) of Streamwood, Kate Thommes (adjunct faculty at Elgin Community College) of Elgin and Jocelyn Vana (budget and procurement manager with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority) of Bartlett.

At the conclusion of the interviews, candidates were able to ask the board questions during any remaining time from the 20 minutes, and some board members did discuss how they determined who would be interviewed and what qualifications they are looking for in response to a question from Ashton.

Smith said there was not "one answer" because "we are seven different people with seven different experiences, and hopefully when you blend them together we come up with meeting the needs of more than less."

"I think all of us together, we could say that we look for somebody who's passionate about kids, who's looking to better public education and find new ways," Smith added.

Board member Phil Costello said "I look for someone who's got a business perspective" and someone who is looking to be "fiscally responsible" with the taxpayers' money.

Costello added he agreed with Smith that the candidate's passion for education is important, but "it's got to be fiscally sound before we go forward."

Board member Jeanette Ward said the first thing she looked for was "can the person write" in the letter of interest, and does the candidate "understand the issues."

Board member Veronica Noland said: "We each have our different characteristics that we're looking for. Some were the same, some were very different, and we went around the table and really came to agreements on who we could decide not to interview and who were our top ones. Really, it was a cross section of all six of us."

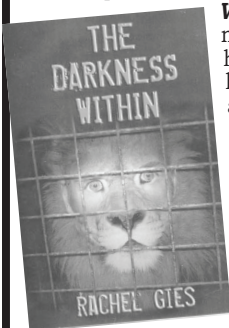
Board member Melissa Owens said she was looking for someone "that has a broad range of experiences." She said the board will be focused on goal setting in the near future and she wants "somebody who can be a team player in that."

Ward added: "I'm looking for a more collaborative relationship than has existed before. I'm hopeful that we can come to that with the new board member."

Ellis was often combative with Ward and often personally attacked and maligned her as well as members of the public who she disagreed with.

Smith said that as the process goes forward "we can consider having another interview" round with a whittled down list of candidates, but nothing has been determined yet.

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# South Elgin takes series from rival Hawks

By Seth Hancock

In the rubber game of a three-game Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division baseball series, South Elgin got the win over rival Bartlett with an 11-1 win in six innings by the 10-run rule on Thursday, May 17 at South Elgin.

Patrick Keaty got the win for the Storm with help from offensive leaders Nate Gomez (3-for-4, three RBI), Logan Romasanta (2-for-3, RBI), Zachery Saunders (2-for-4, two RBI), Grant Baker (RBI), Ryan Dominick (RBI), Ben Hetelle (RBI) and Garrett Wano (RBI).

The middle game of the series was the Storm’s only loss, Bartlett earning a 9-3 victory on Wednesday, May 16 at South Elgin.

Kyle Crosby, one of five South Elgin pitchers, suffered the loss. The Storm’s pitching staff issued six free passes, four walks and two hit batters, and their

defense committed four errors which helped Bartlett take a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

“That’s been our Achilles heel this season,” said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. “When you walk that many guys and make errors, it’s hard to overcome that.”

Andrew Gambino (2-for-3, double, RBI), Gomez (2-for-4, RBI), Nicholas Poblocki (2-for-4), Matt Sweitzer (2-for-2) and Dominick (RBI) led the Storm at the plate.

South Elgin took the opener 11-4 on Tuesday, May 15 at Bartlett. Joseph Teschke got the win and Baker (3-for-4), Wano (3-for-4, home run, two RBI), Gomez (2-for-5, RBI), Romasanta (2-for-3, double, RBI), Hetelle (double, two RBI), Dominick (RBI) and Keaty (RBI) were the offensive leaders.

“I was really locating my fastball and staying lower, which really helped me, and my curveball was re-

ally working,” Teschke said. “My infield making plays behind me gave me a lot of confidence out there.”

The Storm capped the regular season with a 22-2 UEC win in six innings over East Aurora on Friday, May 18 in Aurora. South Elgin improved to 13-8-1 overall, 11-6 in the UEC, with the win.

Patrick Roy tossed a two-hitter with six strikeouts, and both East Aurora runs were unearned. South Elgin was led by Poblocki (3-for-4, three doubles, four RBI), Griffin Allen (2-for-4, double, three RBI), Cody Gallagher (2-for-3, double, two RBI), Gambino (double, two RBI), John Roberts (two RBI), Crosby (RBI), Nathan Evensen (RBI), Roy (RBI) and Brady Tolva (RBI).

South Elgin will enter the St. Charles East Regional where the No. 12 Storm open against No. 21 West Chicago.



Storm shortstop Ryan Dominick fielding a Bartlett ground ball prior to the throwing the batter out at first base.



The Storm’s Nate Gomez easily beating the throw to Bartlett first baseman Andrew Fehr after legging out an infield hit.



Storm left fielder Andrew Gambino making a valiant effort to make an over the shoulder catch of a Bartlett drive that went for a double.



Tyler Sloan made an early appearance in relief on Wednesday, May 16 for the Storm against Bartlett.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# Willard School puts emphasis on family fun



Malia Greenhagel played one of the board games in the gym.



Brylee Groguras, left, and Brynn Weber took a turn on the giant inflatable slide.

Willard Elementary School held its annual Family Fun Fair on Friday, May 18. There were activities for students and their siblings of all ages, including games of skill and chance, a giant inflatable fun house and slide, dancing to live DJ music, a raffle, vendors and concessions available for purchase.



Brooklyn Kniesel worked to move a cookie from her forehead to her mouth. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Malaya Forbes-Dulacca put on Reid Doeseckle's safety helmet as he stepped into the race car.



Sophea Angone, left, and Lilian Floyd danced to music played by a DJ.



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### Special Events Fishing With The Fire Chief

Join the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District Chief Chris Wascher at the pond to spend an hour fishing with our local heroes. Please bring a fishing pole, however, bait will be provided. Parents are asked to remain on-site with their child. Registration is required. This event will be held Tuesday, June 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Blackhawk Park Pond. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents

### Little Learners

This class is for children who need a way to keep what they have learned in preschool or for those who have not yet started school. Participants will work on letter sounds, writing upper and lower case letters, numbers and more. All needs can be met, from name recognition, learning to be in a classroom setting to working on improving those skills to be prepared for the upcoming school year. This

class will be held Wednesdays, June 6 to 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$48 for non-residents.

### Youth

#### Let's Build It - Robotics!

Enter the fascinating world of robotics! In this exciting STEM program, students will design, build and test their very own robots under the guidance of an experienced AES instructor. No previous experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun, build and learn. This class will be held Wednesdays, June 6 to July 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Eastside Recreation Center in Elgin. The cost is \$110 for residents and \$115 for non-residents. Class will not be held on July 4.

### Adult

#### Mobility Management - Public Transportation In's and Out's

This presentation will give information on the programs and services of the RTA that are available specifically for seniors and people with disabilities. The presentation will cover accessibility features on Metra and Pace, fare programs and Ventra cards, trip planning resources, safety tips, and the Travel Training Program. There is no charge for this class but registration is required. This class will be held Friday, June 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Public Services, 1000 Bowes Road, South Elgin.

*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](http://www.southelgin.com)—Parks & Recreation—Programs—Seasonal Brochure.*



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### 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.

### No-Shushing Movie Fridays

Watch a movie as a family during our No-Shushing Movie Fridays at the South Elgin Branch at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 1. This week, we'll be watching the Disney classic "The Little Mermaid" (1989, G). No registration required.

### Audio Camp

Is your teen curious about Studio 270's Digital Media Lab? Look no further than our Audio Camp at the Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, from 12 to 2 p.m. from June 4 to 8. Teens entering grades nine to 12 are encouraged to participate in this camp to learn the basics of audio recording in our Lab. This introduction will surely get your teen excited about a new piece of technology and is a great way to take a step into the audio recording and editing world. To register, please visit [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register).

### Family Tech Play

Explore technology as a family during Family Tech Play at the Main Library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, June 4. Families are invited to drop in to play and create with simple robots, iPads and so much more. No registration required, just drop by!

### Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime

What's better than a storytime with milk and cookies? Not much beats our Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime at Panera, 269 S. Randall Road, South Elgin, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5. Your preschooler will enjoy stories read by a Library ReaderShip storyteller, followed by a milk and cookie snack (compliments of Panera) and a craft. To register for this delicious storytime, visit [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register).

### The Bullet Journal: An Introduction

Get crafty with The Bullet Journal: An Introduction at the Main Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5. Adults will discover why bullet journals work and how it can help in your daily life. Presenter Audrey Ko from Things Unseen Designs will share tips and tricks for making your bullet journals and crafty ideas to make them attractive and effective. Please register at [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register).

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Discover a new piece of technology during 3D Printing Basics at the Rakow Branch from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5. Adults are encouraged to register for this exciting program where you will learn the basics of 3D Printing and get some hands-on experience by creating an object for printing. To register, visit [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register).

# Board approves disposal of village property items

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, May 7, trustees voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance to dispose of surplus village property owned by the village. Trustees also voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance to authorize property owned by the village to be sold at public auctions.

Chief of Police Jerry Krawczyk presented the board with a list of two firearms that are no longer useful and recommended their disposal in a manner that eliminates any threat to the public.

"The two firearms are automatic

weapons that are not usable for daily patrol functions," said Krawczyk.

The Kane County SWAT unit also advised they do not require the use of these weapons, according to Krawczyk. The firearms will be melted down and destroyed by the state crime lab.

According to Krawczyk, the ordinance to authorize property including vehicles owned by the village to be sold at public auctions to be in the best interest of the community. These vehicles are no longer serviceable or useful to the village.

"The best interest of the citizens will be served by its sale," Krawczyk said.

# South Elgin softball wins first UEC division title

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team captured the program's first conference title coming in the Upstate Eight Valley Division.

The Storm defeated Glenbard East 8-1 to clinch the title outright on Thursday, May 17 at Glenbard East after clinching at least a share of the title with a 17-2 victory over East Aurora in a five-inning, 10-run rule game on Wednesday, May 16 at South Elgin. South Elgin opened the week with a 7-6 UEC loss to West Chicago on Tuesday, May 15 at West Chicago.

"We've definitely been a little scoreboard watching here the last couple of days," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "It's a good win for our kids, especially coming off a loss to West Chicago."

Geneva Pollman had a huge game against Glenbard East going 4-for-5 with two doubles and four RBI, Sami Koss went 2-for-4, Samantha Dietz drove in three runs and Casey Brennan had an RBI. Sophia Salazar got the win allowing one run, unearned, off

four hits, four walks and a hit batter and she struck out eight.

Koss was the winner against East Aurora where Brennan (3-for-3, double, two RBI), Koss (2-for-3, two doubles, five RBI), Pollman (2-for-4, two triples, four RBI) and Dietz (2-for-4, RBI) led the offense.

It was also senior night for the Storm with all four of their seniors contributing including Dietz, Julianna Battaglia (hit), Alivia Doyle (hit, RBI) and Daisy Fuentes (hit).

"We just continue to raise the bar," Battaglia said. "Coming into the season we were a little rusty, people are new, we are a young team. Everyone is stepping up and doing their job."

Salazar suffered the loss against West Chicago. The Storm's offense was led by Battaglia (2-for-4, RBI), Kaylie Humes (2-for-4, double, two RBI), Pollman (2-for-3) and McKenna Eichholz (home run, three RBI).

The Storm are now 16-11 overall, 13-4 in the UEC, entering the Rolling Meadows Regional where No. 6 South Elgin opens against No. 11 Rolling Meadows.

# Storm soccer season ended by Cary-Grove at regional

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team saw its season come to an end at the Dundee-Crown Regional as the No. 14 Storm fell 1-0 to No. 3 Cary-Grove on Tuesday, May 15.

Entering the postseason, South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja said the focus was on defense.

"Good defense wins postseason games and we're focusing on shoring up the backline," Szwaja said after the Storm's regular season finale against St. Charles East.

That focus paid off by holding a potent Cary-Grove offense to just one first half goal, but that eventually was the game winner for the regional's top seeded team. Cary-Grove had entered

the game 10-2-2 and on a nine-game winning streak, and it averaged 3.2 goals scored per game while allowing just 13 goals in 14 games.

For the young South Elgin squad, which had 13 underclassmen this season, the loss ends its year at 2-12-3 overall.

"I just keep telling my three freshmen on the team and the 10 sophomores that experience is the best teacher," Szwaja said.

The Storm also had seven juniors this season and will lose four seniors to graduation: Nicole Matustik (midfielder), Fatima Bustamante (midfielder), Camille Angela Defensor (defender/midfielder) and Corinne Figueiredo (goalkeeper).

# Forest Preserve District offering nature camps for children

There's much to explore during the Forest Preserve District of Kane County's five-day nature camps, for kids entering first through sixth grades.

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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 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.

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• 4:30 p.m.	South Elgin softball vs. East Aurora High School.*
• 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles North baseball vs. East High School.*
• 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles North softball vs. Larkin High School.*
• 7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at Village Hall.
Thursday, May 17	
• 4:30 p.m.	South Elgin softball vs. Jacobs High School.*
• 7 p.m.	St. Charles North baseball vs. East High School at Kane County Cougar Stadium, Geneva.*
• 6 p.m.	St. Charles North volleyball vs. Glenbard West High School.*
Friday, May 18	
• 4:30 p.m.	South Elgin baseball vs. Batavia High School.*
• 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles North baseball at East Aurora High School.*
• 6 p.m.	St. Charles North soccer at IHSA North High School Regional.*
Saturday, May 19	
• 11 a.m.	St. Charles North baseball vs. Plainfield South High School.*
Monday, May 21	
• 4:30 p.m.	South Elgin volleyball vs. York High School at IHSA Lake Park High School Regional.*
• 6:30 p.m.	St. Charles North volleyball at IHSA North High School Regional.*
• 7 p.m.	Village Board meeting at Village Hall.
Tuesday, May 22	
• 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles North softball vs. Streamwood High School at IHSA North High School Regional.*

\*Home game unless otherwise specified.

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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](http://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.



# Zagorski's gem highlights week for Storm



South Elgin's Robert Zagorski delivering a pitch to the final East Aurora hitter just prior to completing his no-hitter against the Tomcats.



Grant Baker making contact against the Tomcats.



Nathan Smith of South Elgin scampering back to the bag ahead of an East Aurora pick-off attempt and a tag by first baseman Ulises Astorga.

By Seth Hancock

Robert Zagorski tossed a no-hitter to help the South Elgin baseball team run away with a 9-0 Upstate Eight Conference win over East Aurora on Monday, May 7 at South Elgin.

The Storm scored two in the first inning and put runs on the board in all but one frame which was plenty for Zagorski.

"Everyone just felt it today," Zagorski said. "We just had to go out and work hard and keep our heads

in it."

Leading the offense were Grant Baker (2-for-4, double, two RBI), Ryan Dominick (2-for-3, double, RBI), Logan Romasanta (2-for-3, RBI) and Patrick Keaty (two RBI).

For Zagorski, he was just one walk shy of a perfect game as he made it tough for the East Aurora hitters all day finishing with 14 strikeouts.

"He threw well today," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. "His last outing he struggled to find his

rhythm, but today he had it right from the start."

The Storm went on to earn two of three in an UEC Valley Division series against West Chicago, but they had to win the last two after an 8-5 loss in the opener on Tuesday, May 8 at South Elgin. Kyle Crosby suffered the loss and Baker (2-for-3, RBI), Zachery Saunders (2-for-3), Austin Doty (double, RBI), Dominick (RBI), Keaty (RBI) and Romasanta (RBI) led the offense.

Ben Hetelle (one earned run, eight hits, one walk, one hit batter, four strikeouts) and Nicholas Poblocki (zero earned runs, four hits, three walks, one hit batter, four strikeouts) tossed complete games in respective 8-3 victories on Wednesday, May 9 at West Chicago and Thursday, May 10 at South Elgin.

Keaty (2-for-4, double, triple, two RBI), Dominick (2-for-2, double), Hetelle (RBI), Romasanta (RBI) and Nathan Smith (RBI) led on Wednesday. In the finale the Storm were led by Hetelle (3-for-3, double, two RBI), Dominick (2-for-3), Garrett Wano (2-for-3), Romasanta (two RBI), Poblocki (RBI) and Brady Tolva (RBI).

South Elgin is now 10-7-1 overall, 8-5 in the UEC, heading into the final week of the regular season.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Kating said. "We have so many games still to make up which makes it hard to get any practices in, but they're working."



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)





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**Little Learners**

This class is for children who need a way to keep what they have learned in preschool or for those who have not yet started school. This class will be held Wednesdays, June 6 to 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$48 for non-residents.

**Youth Stage Stars**

Your time to shine, it's acting time! In Stage Stars children will learn theater terms, play games and act in short skits. During theater games, students will use their creativity to communicate and improvise. This class will be held Mondays, June 4 to July 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Eastside Recreation

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

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# 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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# 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.

## Expense

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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.

## Tidbits

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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](mailto:golfouting@andersonanimalshelter.org), phone 847-697-2880 ext 25, or go to [www.andersonanimalshelter.org/doglegopen](http://www.andersonanimalshelter.org/doglegopen).

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](http://cumcsouthelgin.com), email [cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net), or call 847-931-0563.

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

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

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.

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.

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](http://www.andersonanimalshelter.org).

## 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)



# Police Reports

## BARTLETT

Sunday, May 13

★ At 1:44 a.m., a complainant in the 300 block of South Prospect Avenue reported that she was concerned for a friend who she felt was too intoxicated to drive home. Police advised the subject that they were not fit to drive and he took an Uber home without incident.

★ At 1:45 a.m., a Bartlett juvenile was cited for possession of cannabis and improper lane usage. She faces a June 20 hearing date.

★ At 10:03 a.m., Nicholas S. Miles, 40, Oswego, was cited for possession of cannabis and improper use of an electronic communications device. He faces a June 20 court date.

Monday, May 14

★ At 2:12 p.m., Martin Gonzalez Jr., 21, Elgin, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license and no seat belt. He was released on an I-bond and faces a June 7 court date.

★ At 5:29 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of Lincoln Drive reported that she had been involved in a car accident in another town and the other driver contacted her and was at the tow yard when she picked up her vehicle. She advised that she felt uneasy.

★ At 7:41 p.m., a complainant in the 2000 block of Fountain Grass Court reported that his stove caught fire so he unplugged it. Report only.

★ At 8:17 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Bartlett Road for a fire alarm. The complainant reported that the food she had on the stove started to burn and set off the alarm.

★ At 8:50 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Spitzer Road reported

that her car keys were taken from the pocket of her jacket and when she returned with a spare set of keys to drive the car home, found the first set hanging from the passenger door. She advised nothing seemed to be missing from her vehicle. Her supervisor advised that he would check video surveillance in an attempt to identify an offender.

★ At 9:12 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Appaloosa Way reported that an unknown offender attempted to open multiple credit card accounts using his information in Pennsylvania. He advised that he knew complaints could not be pursued due to the offender being in Pennsylvania. Police provided an identity theft packet and advised the complainant to continue checking his credit report.

Tuesday, May 15

★ At 1:04 p.m., a complainant in the area of West Oneida and South Eastern avenues reported that an electrical box was damaged. Estimated loss \$2,000.

★ At 2:06 p.m., Eduardo D. Mendez, 18, Bartlett, was cited for disorderly conduct. He faces a July 2 court date.

★ At 5:39 p.m., a complainant at Home Depot, 900 block of Illinois Route 59, reported that his car was damaged by a rock thrown by an employee. Police spoke with the employee who advised he did not purposely damage the vehicle. The manager filled out a claim report.

★ At 5:53 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Dartmouth reported an unwanted subject at her residence.

★ At 6:01 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of North Oak Avenue reported that a young girl came into her

business unaccompanied by an older sibling. Police made contact with the parents who advised that they thought other family members were watching her. The subject was returned home.

★ At 11:40 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of West Elmwood Lane reported several cigarette butts in front of his home. He advised that he had cleaned them up prior to police arrival. Police did not see anything suspicious in the area and advised the complainant to speak with his neighbors to call the police if they see anything suspicious.

Wednesday, May 16

★ At 10:12 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of West Army Trail Road reported that she believed an unknown male subject shoplifted a box of aspirin from the store. The incident was not seen by employees or store camera. The manager advised that the subject had been in the store multiple times during the past couple of days.

★ At 12:21 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Old Forge Road reported that he had not heard from his brother or sister-in-law after repeated calls. A neighbor advised that he had seen them with a camper attached to a truck over the weekend. Police contacted local hospitals as a precaution. Report only.

★ At 3:09 p.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Coral Avenue reported that he believed his juvenile sister was left alone for an extended period of time. Police made contact with the mother who advised that she had not gone anywhere.

★ A 9:40 p.m., a complainant in the 900 block of Longford Road reported

that an unknown subject pounded on her door and also rang her doorbell the previous night. Police made contact with the subject and transported her.

Thursday, May 17

★ At 8:48 a.m., a complainant at Mead Court and Prospect Avenue reported that a vehicle sped through the intersection when she was trying to allow children to cross the street, and almost hit her.

★ At 10:15 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Beaumont Circle for a verbal argument between landlord and tenant. Police advised both parties of the eviction process and peace was restored.

★ At 11:08 a.m., a complainant in the 700 block of Heather Lane reported that a known offender took and sold his loose change. Police advised that the change was common property and they could take no action.

★ At 12:19 p.m., Christopher Ocasio, 45, Aurora, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 12:54 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Washington Street reported that she listed a plant stand for sale on Facebook and provided the potential buyer with information to pick up the item. She advised that the buyer did not show and she was concerned about the information that was released. Police advised to use a public location when selling items online.

★ At 3:43 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Ann Court reported odor permeating from an adjacent unit. Police contacted the homeowner's association but were unable to get contact information for the tenant in the adja-

# Hawks edge Wildcats then fall to top seed



Bartlett's Maddie Donnelly battling with the Wildcats' Dulce Reyes for the ball along the sideline during the Hawks Tuesday, May 15 victory over West Chicago. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team was unable to stop top-seeded regional host St. Charles North as the No. 8 Hawks fell 4-0 in the title game on Friday, May 18.

St. Charles North entered the game 18-0-1 with eight shutouts and 4.6 goals scored per game average. The host took a 2-0 lead early in the game and led 3-0 at halftime with a goal shortly before the break.

"I thought we fought hard," said Bartlett senior defender Miranda Hedeon. "They have so many good players and they're hard to defend, but we

did what we could and I'm proud of how we played."

Trailing 2-0, the Hawks had several quality chances as they tried to get back into the game. Mikayla Brown had an attack lead to a chance in front of the net, a Paige Bednarke corner kick gave Bartlett an opportunity and senior Alyssa Modugno had a scoring chance late in the half.

Bartlett goalkeeper Teagan Noesen kept her squad in the game with 12 saves.

"I thought within our abilities and our limitations, they did a good job tonight," said first-year Bartlett coach Victor Marquez. "We battled throughout the game. When you play a team like that with so many weapons it'll take its toll at some point, but I'm proud of our girls."

Senior Jenna Dombrowski helped put her team into the title game with both goals in a 2-1 semifinal win over No. 9 West Chicago on Tuesday, May 15. Dombrowski gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead with a penalty kick early in the

game, and she broke up a 1-1 tie in the second half with the game winner.

Bartlett ends the season 11-7-3 overall and captured its second straight Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division title. The Hawks will lose seven seniors including Abigail Hawes, Natalie McGinnis, Jessica Mirsky and Makenna Hughes.

"We started off the season with some new faces and we had some injuries along the way, but we had girls step up really well to help us have a successful season," Dombrowski said.

"I would say the team had a very good season, and I'm very proud of them," Marquez said.



The Hawks' Serena Salvato aggressively in pursuit of the ball in seizing its possession while shadowed by West Chicago's Luciana Balzer, left, as Bartlett was sustaining offensive pressure against West Chicago in the first half.



The Hawks' Jenna Dombrowski hitting the turf following a West Chicago foul in the box which lead to Dombrowski converting a penalty kick into Bartlett's first goal in the first minute of play against the Wildcats.



# Search to fill board seat down to 10 in Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 interviewed 10 candidates to fill a vacant board seat over two days on Thursday, May 17 and Friday, May 18.

In total, 17 people applied for the vacancy and Donna Smith, the board's president, said "we had to narrow it down" to the 10. The board held a closed session meeting on Monday, May 14 to determine who would be interviewed and determine the questions to be asked.

Smith said that candidates were given 20 minutes in their interviews and board members asked five questions on their experiences with U-46, their views on school choice and charter schools, how they would reach out to the public to hear from disparate voices, their professional and personal experiences that would help on the board and each candidate was given what the board called a "wild card" question.

The board has a deadline of June 7 to appoint a candidate making its June 4 meeting as the likely date the candidate will be chosen and voted upon. The candidate will fill the spot for the remainder of Traci Ellis' term, who resigned from the spot in April which expires in April 2019.

The five candidates in order of their interviews on Thursday included Eva Porter (retired teacher in SD 54 in Schaumburg as well as U-46) of Hanover Park, Lisa Klimek (rate billing supervisor with CST) of Streamwood, Preet Mittal (environmental specialist with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago) of Bartlett, John Devereux (chief actuary with Ryan Specialty Group) of Bartlett and Kevin Sweeney (programmer/analyst with Deutsche Investment Managements Americas) of Elgin.

On Friday, the five candidates in order of their interviews included Thomas Ashton (director of eastern region sales with Walsworth Publishing) of Wayne, Cecilia Diaz (works for H&R Block) of Elgin, Nazneen Hashmi (adjunct professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology) of Streamwood, Kate Thommes (adjunct faculty at Elgin Community College) of Elgin and Jocelyn Vana (budget and procurement manager with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority) of Bartlett.

At the conclusion of the interviews,

candidates were able to ask the board questions during any remaining time from the 20 minutes, and some board members did discuss how they determined who would be interviewed and what qualifications they are looking for in response to a question from Ashton.

Smith said there was not "one answer" because "we are seven different people with seven different experiences, and hopefully when you blend them together we come up with meeting the needs of more than less."

"I think all of us together, we could say that we look for somebody who's passionate about kids, who's looking to better public education and find new ways," Smith added.

Board member Phil Costello said "I look for someone who's got a business perspective" and someone who is looking to be "fiscally responsible" with the taxpayers' money.

Costello added he agreed with Smith that the candidate's passion for education is important, but "it's got to be fiscally sound before we go forward."

Board member Jeanette Ward said the first thing she looked for was "can the person write" in the letter of interest, and does the candidate "understand the issues."

Board member Veronica Noland said: "We each have our different characteristics that we're looking for. Some were the same, some were very different, and we went around the table and really came to agreements on who we could decide not to interview and who were our top ones. Really, it was a cross section of all six of us."

Board member Melissa Owens said she was looking for someone "that has a broad range of experiences." She said the board will be focused on goal setting in the near future and she wants "somebody who can be a team player in that."

Ward added: "I'm looking for a more collaborative relationship than has existed before. I'm hopeful that we can come to that with the new board member."

Ellis was often combative with Ward and often personally attacked and maligned her as well as members of the public who she disagreed with.

Smith said that as the process goes forward "we can consider having another interview" round with a whittled down list of candidates, but nothing has been determined yet.

# South Elgin soccer season ended by Cary-Grove 1-0

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team saw its season come to an end at the Dundee-Crown Regional as the No. 14 Storm fell 1-0 to No. 3 Cary-Grove on Tuesday, May 15.

Entering the postseason, South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja said the focus was on defense.

"Good defense wins postseason games and we're focusing on shoring up the backline," Szwaja said after the Storm's regular season finale against St. Charles East.

That focus paid off by holding a potent Cary-Grove offense to just one first half goal, but that eventually was the game winner for the regional's top seeded team. Cary-Grove had entered the game 10-2-2 and on a nine-game winning streak, and it averaged 3.2 goals scored per game while allowing just 13 goals in 14 games.

For the young South Elgin squad, which had 13 underclassmen this season, the loss ends its year at 2-12-3

overall.

"I just keep telling my three freshmen on the team and the 10 sophomores that experience is the best teacher," Szwaja said.

The Storm also had seven juniors this season and will lose four seniors to graduation: Nicole Matustik (midfielder), Fatima Bustamante (midfielder), Camille Angela Defensor (defender/midfielder) and Corinne Figueiredo (goalkeeper).

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# U-46 Board discusses local businesses option

By Seth Hancock

Should and can School District U-46 do more business with local businesses to help boost the local economy?

That's a question board member Phil Costello asked the administration, and a discussion was had at the board meeting on Monday, May 7.

In a memo to the board, the district stated: "We do not have a policy directing us to purchase local first.... I believe only home rule organizations in our state can favor certain categories of vendors based on their location and/or other factors."

Costello said at the May 7 meeting that he understands that things are never fully equal during a bidding process, but he felt some weight should be given to local businesses.

"I think it's important to say, if you're doing business here and all things being equal... we should be looking for vendors who do business in U-46 to attract more employers here to hire more and make this a more vibrant district," Costello said.

Board member Sue Kerr said she didn't disagree but the state's school code requires the lowest bid to be taken.

"A lot of our bidding has a metric, a rubric, of we weight it 80 percent this and price is that, and one of those could be location I think," Costello replied. "And I'm fine saying if it can't be."

One recent example was in February when the board approved a \$1.5 million contract with Comcast for wide area network and internet services. Ultimately the lowest bidder for the internet portion of the contract, WOW Business which came in nearly \$20,000 cheaper than Comcast, but did not win the contract.

That proposal weighted the bidders on a 100 point-system, price receiving the largest weight at 30 points. Other factors included technical functionality (25 points), completeness and accuracy of proposal (20 points), references and experience (10 points), service and support (10 points) and price of ineligible goods and services (five points).

Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said: "We do use a rubric around service and some of the other non-quantifiable factors, but we can't

consider location as one of them. Anything that we competitively bid, we can't do that."

King said this wasn't the first time the board has questioned this, and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said he'd have the district's legal counsel look into it further.

Costello said "that's too bad" but added: "I'm fine with that. I was just thinking that when we're talking about ACE and some of the other things we're trying to be collaborative about, I thought this would be one element that we could say 'you operate here, you do business and you employ people here we want to set you aside.'"

ACE is the Alignment Collaborative for Education initiative the district started with a stated goal in part being to develop business relationships within U-46 boundaries.

King said: "We do a significant amount of business with contractors in the area. On the operations side especially, a big portion of our business is locally given based on electrical, etc., maintenance items that are occurring in buildings. Obviously we don't want to call somebody or do business with somebody that's several hours away. In those instances, we need somebody to get into the building and do something right away."

The board's policy under Section 4.062 that expenditure items "in excess of \$25,000 or \$50,000 for construction projects" must come before the board for approval. King said location could be considered for items under that \$25,000 parameter but the board would likely have to change its policy to put that into effect.



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# Bartlett High celebrates annual prom ritual

On Saturday, May 19, Bartlett High School hosted its annual prom that 450 guests attended. The event was held at the Belevedere Banquet Hall in Elk Grove Village and the theme of the night was “Out of this World.” A photo booth was available to

guests and, of course, there was a DJ for the evening. Towards the end of the evening, a chocolate fountain appeared along with many different kinds of food to dip into the chocolate as well as an ice cream bar. This year’s prom court consisted

of Joe Egargac, Frankie Mago, Maggie Martino, Carmen Mendoza, Jessica Mirsky, Evan Neilson, Jada Oquendo, Vraj Shah, Ben Tompson, and Sierra Waghme. Maggie Martino and Evan Neilson were selected as prom king and queen.



Kylan Phillips, along with two members of the prom court, Carmen Mendoza and Joseph Egargue spent time with their friends Jake Ibegbulem and Atit Gor.



Nadine Munyansanga, Brianna Elizondo and Tessa Oattilo stopped to vote for prom king and queen before the festivities began.



Members of the prom court: Vraj Shah, Jessica Mirsky, Frankie Mago, Jada Oquendo, Evan Neilson, Sierra Waghme, Ben Tompson, Maggie Martino, Joe Egargac and Carmen Mendoza.



Dan Kangail, Christina Schuster, Andrew Viveros, Julia Kleinfall, Aldon Williams and Chloe Fox took a break from the activities to enjoy each other’s company.



Kyra Meyer along with her date Vaughn Payne relaxing before dinner.



Christine Bilyeu cheerfully peeks out from behind her friend Marisa Dilovento.



Sean Kann and Natalie Sparacino hanging out at their table with friends before dinner.

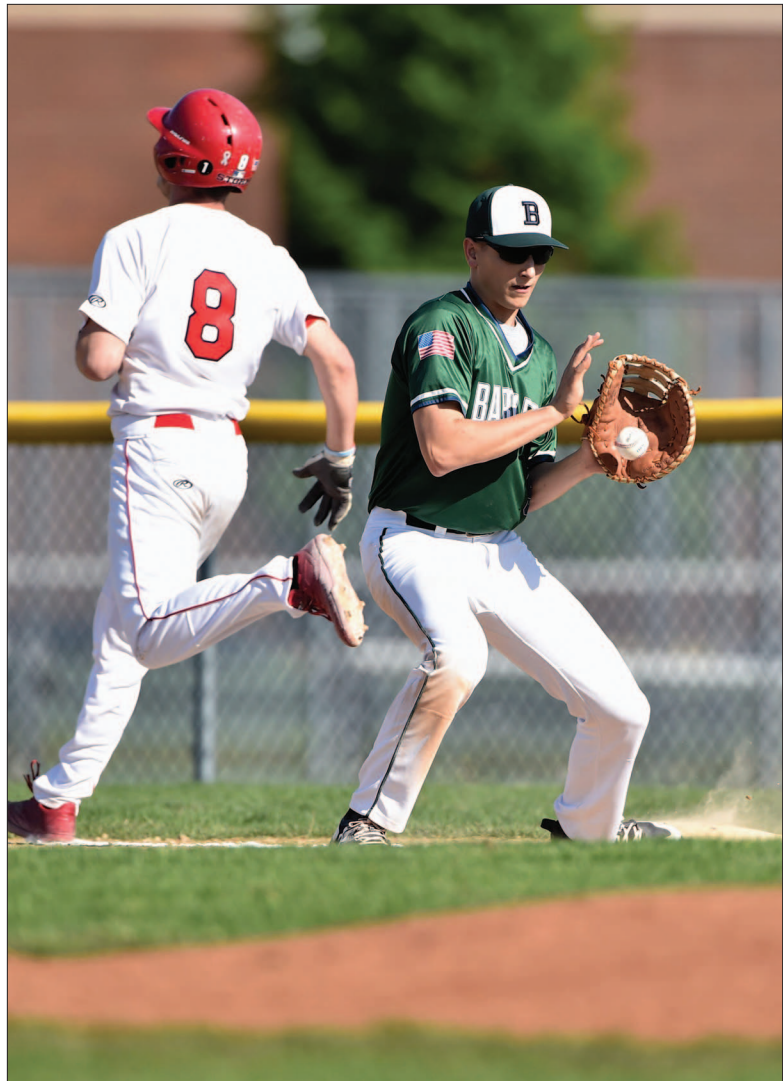


# Storm capture series from rival Hawks

By Seth Hancock

In the rubber game of a three-game Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division baseball series, South Elgin got the win over rival Bartlett with an 11-1 win in six innings by the 10-run rule on Thursday, May 17 at South Elgin.

Patrick Keaty got the win for the Storm with help from offensive leaders Nate Gomez (3-for-4, three RBI), Logan Romasanta (2-for-3) and Zachery Saunders (2-for-4, two RBI). The Hawks were led by Michael Vaca (2-for-3, double) and Joey Allen (2-for-2), and Matthew Ande suffered the loss.



The Storm's Nate Gomez easily beating the throw to Bartlett first baseman Andrew Fehr after leggin out an infield hit.  
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

The series needed to be decided in the third game after the Hawks evened things at a win a piece in Game 2. Tyler Yang tossed the complete game (two earned runs, 10 hits, two strikeouts) in the winning effort as Bartlett earned a 9-3 victory on Wednesday, May 16 at South Elgin.

"The run support was great and the defense behind me was awesome," Yang said. "I just had to concentrate on throwing strikes."

Bartlett had some big hits, including a two-run home run by Allen during a five-run fifth inning that gave the Hawks a 9-1 lead, and also took advantage of some shaky defense early scoring three runs in the first inning.

"I've been slumping at the plate a bit, and my teammates just told me to jump out on the first fastball," Allen said. "I got one to hit."

Jacob Chowanec went 2-for-2, Vaca doubled and Yang had two RBI for the Hawks.

Andrew Gambino (2-for-3, double), Gomez (2-for-4), Nicholas Poblocki (2-for-4) and Matt Sweitzer (2-for-2) led the Storm. Kyle Crosby, one of five South Elgin pitchers, suffered the loss.

South Elgin took the opener 11-4 on Tuesday, May 15 at Bartlett. Joseph Teschke got the win and Grant Baker (3-for-4), Garrett Wano (3-for-4, home run, two RBI), Gomez (2-for-5), Romasanta (2-for-3, double) and Ben Hetelle (double, two RBI) led the Storm's offense.

"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 confi-

dence out there."

Yang (2-for-3), Matthew Angelone (home run), Chowanec (double), Andrew Fehr (double) and Ben Fisher (double) led Bartlett's offense, and Nico Natali suffered the loss.

Both teams ended the final week of the regular season with UEC wins on Friday, May 18. Bartlett (11-17, 10-11 UEC) defeated Larkin 11-6 at home, and South Elgin (13-8-1, 11-6) beat East Aurora 22-2 in six innings on the road.

Bartlett will play in the Willowbrook Regional where the No. 17 Hawks open against No. 14 Conant. South Elgin is at the St. Charles East Regional where the No. 12 Storm open against No. 21 West Chicago.



Teammates waiting for Joey Allen to complete his journey around the bases following a home run against South Elgin. The welcoming party included, from left, Geno Frieri, Jacob Chowanec, Sam Mallinas and Joey Tomazin.

# South Elgin softball wins first UEC division title

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team captured the program's first conference title coming in the Upstate Eight Valley Division.

The Storm defeated Glenbard East 8-1 to clinch the title outright on Thursday, May 17 at Glenbard East after clinching at least a share of the title with a 17-2 victory over East Aurora in a five-inning, 10-run rule game on Wednesday, May 16 at South Elgin. South Elgin opened the week with a 7-6 UEC loss to West Chicago on Tues-

day, May 15 at West Chicago.

"We've definitely been a little scoreboard watching here the last couple of days," said South Elgin coach Brad Reynard. "It's a good win for our kids, especially coming off a loss to West Chicago."

Geneva Pollman had a huge game against Glenbard East going 4-for-5 with two doubles and four RBI, Sami Koss went 2-for-4, Samantha Dietz drove in three runs and Casey Brennan had an RBI. Sophia Salazar got the win allowing one run, unearned, off

four hits, four walks and a hit batter and she struck out eight.

Koss was the winner against East Aurora where Brennan (3-for-3, double, two RBI), Koss (2-for-3, two doubles, five RBI), Pollman (2-for-4, two triples, four RBI) and Dietz (2-for-4, RBI) led the offense.

It was also senior night for the Storm with all four of their seniors contributing including Dietz, Julianna Battaglia (hit), Alivia Doyle (hit, RBI) and Daisy Fuentes (hit).

"We just continue to raise the bar," Battaglia said. "Coming into the

season we were a little rusty, people are new, we are a young team. Everyone is stepping up and doing their job."

Salazar suffered the loss against West Chicago. The Storm's offense was led by Battaglia (2-for-4, RBI), Kaylie Humes (2-for-4, double, two RBI), Pollman (2-for-3) and McKenna Eichholz (home run, three RBI).

The Storm are now 16-11 overall, 13-4 in the UEC, entering the Rolling Meadows Regional where No. 6 South Elgin opens against No. 11 Rolling Meadows.

# Rotondo home runs vault Hawks softball to 7-6 win

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett softball team overcame some shaky defense thanks largely to the bat of Taylor Rotondo as the Hawks earned a 7-6 win over West Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, May 16 in Aurora.

The Hawks defense committed six errors leading to all six runs scored off winning pitcher Janelle Ulaszek to cross the plate unearned, and they trailed 6-3 entering the sixth inning.

Rotondo lifted her team in the final two innings with a pair of home runs to cap her 3-for-4 performance which included a double and five RBI. She hit a solo shot during a two-run sixth as Bartlett pulled to 6-5, and her two-

run blast in the seventh ultimately gave the Hawks the win.

Ulaszek went the distance in the circle allowing seven hits, walking two and striking out one. Danielle Klee-man added an RBI for the Hawks offense.

Entering the Glenbard East Regional, the Hawks hope to have the right mental approach. No. 7 Bartlett opens against No. 10 Glenbard West.

"The focus right now has to be precision," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolf-smith. "We have to make those routine plays, pitchers need to hit their spots and we have to have a good approach at the plate. It's the little things that win games in the postseason."

Bartlett is now 19-12 overall, 11-5 in the UEC.

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