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

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Series of March expenses approved by Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved just under \$10 million in expenditure items over three straight meetings in March.

On March 5 the board approved a \$205,000 expenditure (from the education fund) with RVK, Inc., a \$1.2 million item (education fund) with Peak Electric, Inc., a \$280,282 proposal (Title I funds from the nation's taxpayers) with Dell Marketing LP and CDW-G, a \$34,676 item (food and nutrition fund) with Chef's Depot and Douglas Equipment and a \$4 million expenditure (capital project fund) with Happ Builders, Inc.

The RVK proposal is for a "retirement investment advisor" to help the district in its effort on "consolidating its 403(b) and 457 defined contribution retirement plans service providers from over 30 to one/two providers" according to the proposal. Two bidders came in with lower bids of \$137,500 and \$156,000 which board members Melissa Owens and Jeanette Ward inquired about which the administration said they lacked experience with educational organizations and didn't fit with what the district was trying to do.

The proposal with Peak Electric "will complete the installation of wireless access points and necessary wiring in 19 elementary schools" to complete "the implementation of a phased project to provide wireless access points to support all schools" according to the proposal.

The proposal with Dell and CDW-G will go towards the purchase of 543 Chromebooks, 150 student laptops

and 24 Bretford 36-unit carts.

Chef's Depot and Douglas Equipment will provide three milk coolers, two single door mobile warmers, a boilerless steamer, a two door pass-through warmer, an electric counter top steamer and a double deck electric oven for various schools. In response to a question from board member Sue Kerr the life expectancy of the equipment is between 10 and 15 years according to Claudie Phillips, director of food and nutrition services.

Happ Builders will "provide all the necessary unique mechanical, plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, storage and Health Code requirements" for a new commissary according to the proposal.

On March 12 the board approved a one-year contract renewal with Workforce Software costing \$44,730 (education fund), a one-year contract renewal with Baragar Systems costing \$30,000 (education fund), a \$2 million proposal (capital projects and life safety funds) with Mechanical Concepts of Illinois, Inc. and a \$203,704 proposal (education fund) with Sentinel Technologies, Inc.

The Workforce Software deals with payroll and Baragar Systems software "is utilized for staffing, enrollment projections, mapping boundaries and planning for the location of programs" according to the proposal. Mechanical Concepts will provide work on air handlers in the gym and auditorium at Streamwood High School "to address obsolete existing equipment and systems" according to the proposal, and Sentinel Technologies will help "maximize uptime for

our schools" by providing uninterrupted power supply across the district according to that proposal.

On March 19 the board approved a one-year contract renewal with HERO Software costing \$64,225 (education fund) and a \$1.8 million proposal (capital projects and life safety funds) with F.E. Moran, Inc.

HERO software tracks "student timeliness in class every day" and "reinforces positive behaviors and allows students and parents to track progress" according to the proposal. Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent said the district has "seen a dramatic reduction" in the number of tardy students at the middle school level with the software in response to a question by Kerr.

F.E. Moran will provide work on the second phase providing HVAC replacements at Canton Middle School in Streamwood.

Also unanimously approved were \$3.8 million in itemized bills on March 5 and \$7.1 million in itemized bills on March 19. The board also approved six more human resources resolutions authorizing the honorable dismissal effecting 76 classified staff and 32 teachers, those votes coming

on March 12.

In March the board also voted, unanimously, to direct staff to create a budget which could be the last year such a resolution comes before the board as a board policy update could remove that requirement. U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said legally the board did not need to direct him to prepare a budget and Ward said "of course they're going to prepare a budget" which is why they are considering removing that from the board's policy.

Related to the budget, Kerr asked what the district expects from the state in revenue for the upcoming budget. Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said: "Ask me at the end of May. I can probably get a little closer to that answer, hopefully."

The board also unanimously approved in March a joint agreement with 50 to 80 school districts in the state to "jointly bid food and beverages which will reduce the labor hours for each district to construct their own bids and seek approval at the state level which is very time consuming." Kerr asked if the district has pursued such an agreement before which King said "informally yes, not formally."

Split U-46 vote supports Hanover Park TIF plan

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46, at its meeting on Monday, March 12, approved a letter in support of the Village of Hanover Park extending a current Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district an additional 12 years that will be sent to the Illinois General Assembly.

According to the resolution, the final decision will be made by the General Assembly but the state requires letters of support from all taxing bodies affected by the TIF prior to approval.

The U-46 board approved the resolution by a 4-2 vote with Sue Kerr and Jeanette Ward voting no. Board member Phil Costello was not in attendance for the vote.

The resolution stated that the TIF is "set to expire in six years and will not achieve its development goals without the extension." The TIF began in 2001 with an Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of \$8.7 million and the EAV now is \$20.4 million, but it's "currently running a deficit of \$6.6 million as of the 2016 reporting period."

"The last eight years we have had a negative EAV component," said Rodney Craig, Hanover Park's village president. "This year is the first time we saw even a small increment of im-

provement."

Craig said there are a pair of developers interested in building single family homes and apartments near the village's train station but they are "looking for some assurance of support from us" and "we do need time with the increment that we lost."

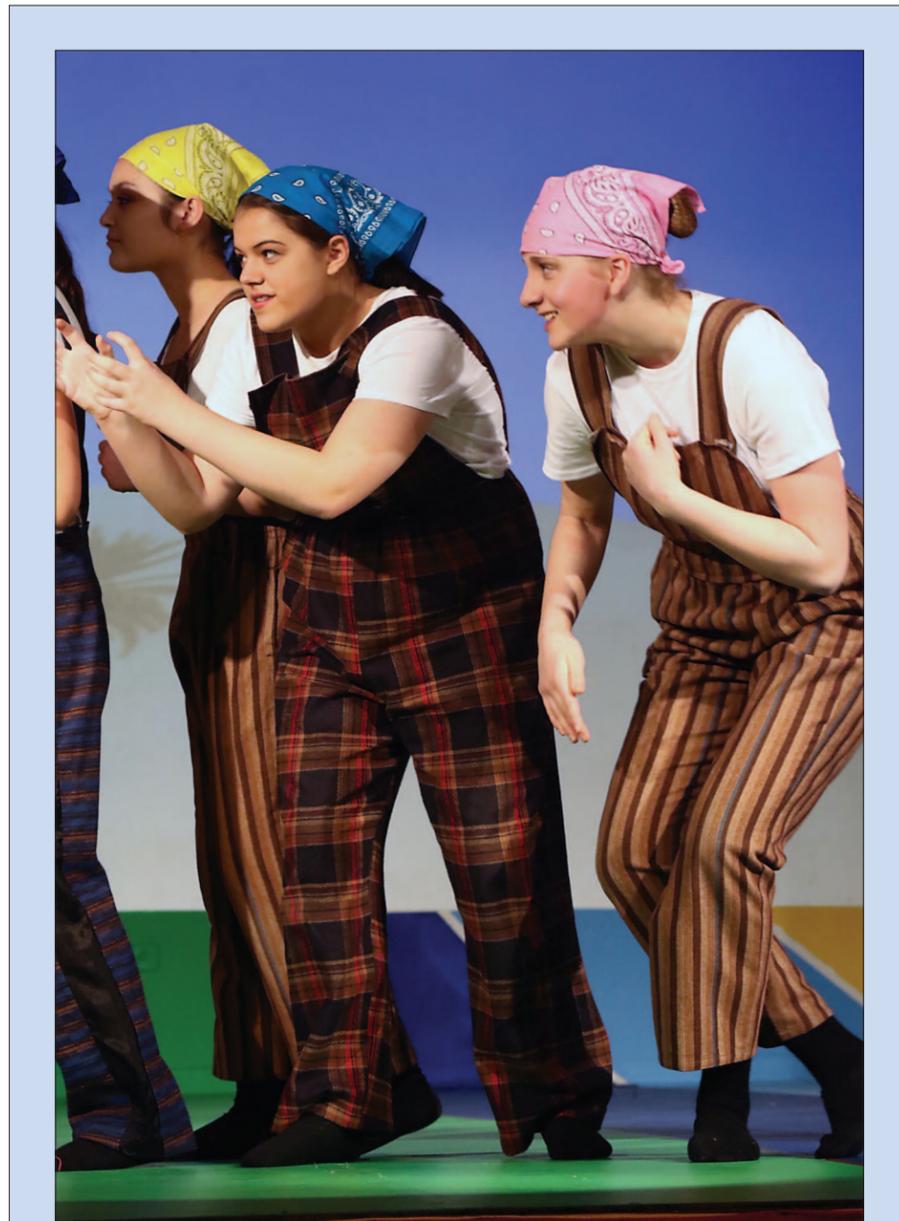
Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said the TIF allows the village to use borrowed money "to entice" developers and "if they don't have enough time in the TIF, then that limits their ability to borrow far enough out to pay that back."

Kerr said the estimated deficit is "based on projected expenses from 2017 and beyond" and asked: "You don't get any more property tax money to cover that deficit?"

"Because of the negative EAV the last eight years, we're just not at where we should be," Craig said.

Ward noted the appearance of cronyism of a government body providing assurances to developers rather than the free market dictating economic activity.

"In general, I'm not supportive of TIFs," Ward said. "I voted no on the Bartlett TIF in 2015 because I said TIFs



Theft attempt

Two of Joseph's jealous brothers (Stephanie Ellis and Sarah Leardi) prepared to sneak up and steal Joseph's new coat of many colors during the performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at Tefft Middle School from March 20 to March 22. For story and more photos see page 7.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

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Sabres softball split pair, top Blazers, fall to Chargers

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood softball team split a pair of nonconference games to open the season.

Against Addison Trail, the Sabres bats came ready for a five-inning, 10-run rule victory and Taylyr Crocilla (15 strikeouts, two walks) tossed a one-hitter in the 12-0 victory on Wednesday, March 21 at Addison Trail.

Along with a solid performance in the circle, Crocilla went 4-for-4 at the plate and drove in four runs while Becky Roncone also went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBI. Tessa Freedman was 3-for-3 with a pair of RBI and both Corinne Angle and Ariana Wolfard both drove in a run.

The Sabres went on to drop a 9-0 game against Dundee-Crown on

Thursday, March 22 at Dundee-Crown.

Unlike the opener, Streamwood struggled at the plate with just two hits, doubles from both Crocilla and Roncone, and the Sabres struck out 18 times.

"We lost the game on our at-bats, more so than defense and pitching," said Streamwood coach William Shogren.

Dundee-Crown put three runs on the board in the first inning to take the lead for good. Crocilla went the distance in the circle allowing all nine runs, eight earned, off of nine hits and four walks, and she struck out six.

"She did miss some spots, but overall she didn't do terribly bad," Shogren said. "We've got to hit to be able to score."

Pet of the Week



Home search for Holden

Rebellious Holden Clawfield has taken up residence at DuPage County Animal Care & Control! Holden is searching for a home that can appreciate his brilliance and pamper him in the way that he deserves. Treats on demand are a must, long snuggle sessions will be required, and plenty of sunny spots to nap on are an absolute necessity. Thanks to the DuPage Animal Friends, Holden can be adopted for just \$1 with a \$15 microchip registration fee. Please visit www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol for more details or call 407-2800.

(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)



Connections

Poplar Creek Public Library

Note: Main and branch libraries Closed on Sunday, April 1 in observance of Easter.

Green Energy

Wednesday, March 28, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

Get the lowdown on how to use renewable energy and become more efficient at home every day. CUB, a non-profit, statewide utility watchdog organization, will highlight ways to save the environment, and save money at the same time. Register online or call 483-4910.

Anime Club

Thursday, March 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Teen Space

Are you a fan of Attack on Titan, Black Butler, One Piece, or just manga/anime in general? Come and watch anime, talk about upcoming anime/manga, or share drawings you have done. Snacks will be provided. No registration necessary—just drop in! Questions? Call 483-4928.

Titanic Display

April 2 to 27

Be sure to stop by our display case located in the Marlene Deuel Art Gallery hallway to view a special display honoring the R.M.S. Titanic, by local Titanic Historian Greg Ellis. For other Titanic-themed programs, see page 8 of our current newsletter or visit our website.

Crafty Teens Group

DIY Dry Erase Boards

Monday, April 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Sign up with a friend and come make your own dry erase board. For teens ages 11 to 17. Register online or call 483-4928.

Drop-in Craft (Ages three and up)

Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

Drop by the branch to make a fun take home craft. All supplies will be provided. Registration is not required.

Spotlight Movies

Wednesday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Room 1

Come to the library and watch a classic film on our big screen! Movie begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. No one under 13 admitted without parent/guardian. Doors open 15 minutes prior, snacks and water provided. For specific movie information, please call 483-4626. No registration necessary!

Small Business Counseling

Wednesday, April 4 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Free one-on-one business counseling provided by a SCORE business professional to anyone operating a small business or thinking of starting one. Please register at <https://chicago.score.org/branch/streamwood-poplar-creek-library> to schedule your free one hour session. By appointment only. Questions? Please call 483-4929.

Call for Market Vendors!

Jun. 22, Jul. 27 and Aug. 24,
8 a.m. to noon

Be a part of the Streamwood Farmers Market! We seek vendors who specialize in meats, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jams and honey. Vendors must make, grow or cultivate their own products. No wholesale or resale products allowed. Temporary Illinois Food Service Permit may be required. Vendor must provide tables and display items. Market will be located in parking area across from the main library. For permit information, registration or questions, please contact the Farmers Market Coordinator, Kris Kenney at 483-4913 or kkenney@pclub.org.

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

Roadwork to impact local roadways

The Illinois Department of Transportation has begun work on major renovations to the intersection of Illinois Route 59 and US Route 20. Work includes roadway reconstruction, ramp construction and modification, retaining and noise walls, and a new shared path.

Traffic will be impacted as lanes on Lake Street (Route 20) will be narrowed and shifted. Lanes on Route 59 will be narrowed and changed to one lane in each direction from April through November. Major work is expected to be completed by mid-November.

Hunting, boat safety courses given by IDNR

Register now for hunter safety education and boating safety education courses from the IDNR. Please check the IDNR website for class dates and locations: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/VolunteerServiceCoordinators.aspx>.



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Sabres begin season with three straight wins

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood baseball team got off to a hot start despite the cold weather as the Sabres won three straight contests to start the year.

On the mound, the Sabres got two consecutive shutouts to start the season.

Colin Caminitti went all five innings in a 10-run rule shortened game in the opener as the Sabres beat nonconference foe Fenton 10-0 on Monday, March 19 at Streamwood. Caminitti struck out five while allowing one hit and hitting one batter.

Michael Pawlikowski was victorious against West Chicago in Upstate Eight Conference play as he allowed one hit, walked five, hit one batter and struck out 10 in 4.2 innings of work during a 6-0 victory on Thursday, March 22 at Streamwood. Kevin Bauer

tossed two innings and AJ Reyna 0.1 to preserve the shutout.

"Our pitching has been good so far," said Streamwood coach Ryan Lasota. "Caminitti did a great job of pounding the zone and working at a quick pace in tough pitching conditions. Pawlikowski started off slow with some walks but did a nice job of wiggling out of it and settled in nice. Bauer gave us two quality innings to close the West Chicago game."

Anthony Caruso (2-for-3, double, three RBI), Reyna (double, two RBI), Pawlikowski (two RBI), Jared Oliver (RBI) and Chris Randel (RBI) led at the plate against Fenton.

Streamwood scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning to take the lead for good and put it away with a six-run fifth.

"The game was tough because of the weather conditions, but I thought we did a nice job of being mentally tough and playing through it," Lasota said.

Against West Chicago the Sabres were led by two RBIs from Reyna. Caminitti, Caruso, Pawlikowski and Tyler Jones each drove in a run.

"It was not our best effort but we did enough to come away with the victory," Lasota said.

Streamwood went on to defeat Wheeling 11-6 in nonconference play on Friday, March 23 at Streamwood. Jones was the winning pitcher.

Oliver was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Colin Bielinski (three RBI), Jones (RBI) and Cody Motykowski (RBI) each went 2-for-4. Caruso and Max Alanis each drove in a run.



Sabres' center fielder Colin Bielinski taking charge to catch a fly ball in front of his right fielder during the game.

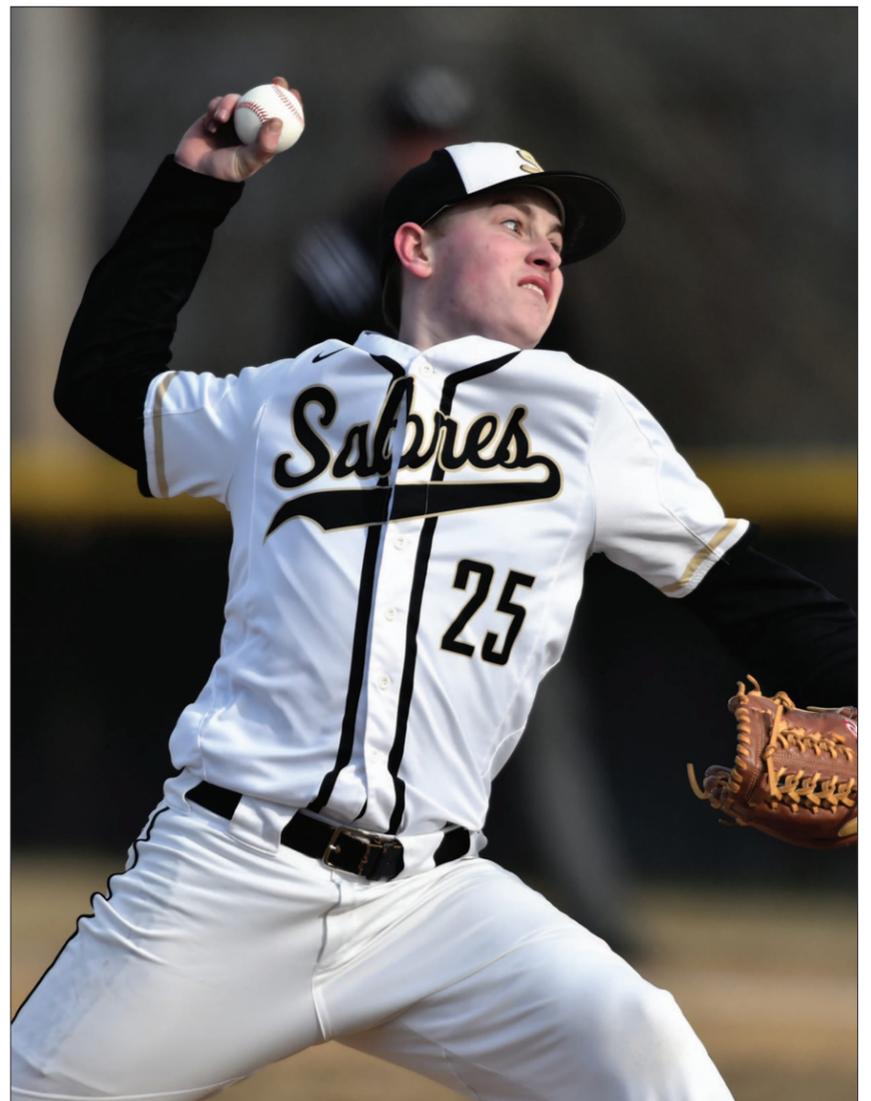


AJ Reyna sliding in to second base well ahead of the throw with a stolen base for the Sabres as Fenton's David Burch battled with a late throw in the dirt.



Streamwood second baseman Chris Randel fielding a ground ball on opening day against Fenton.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



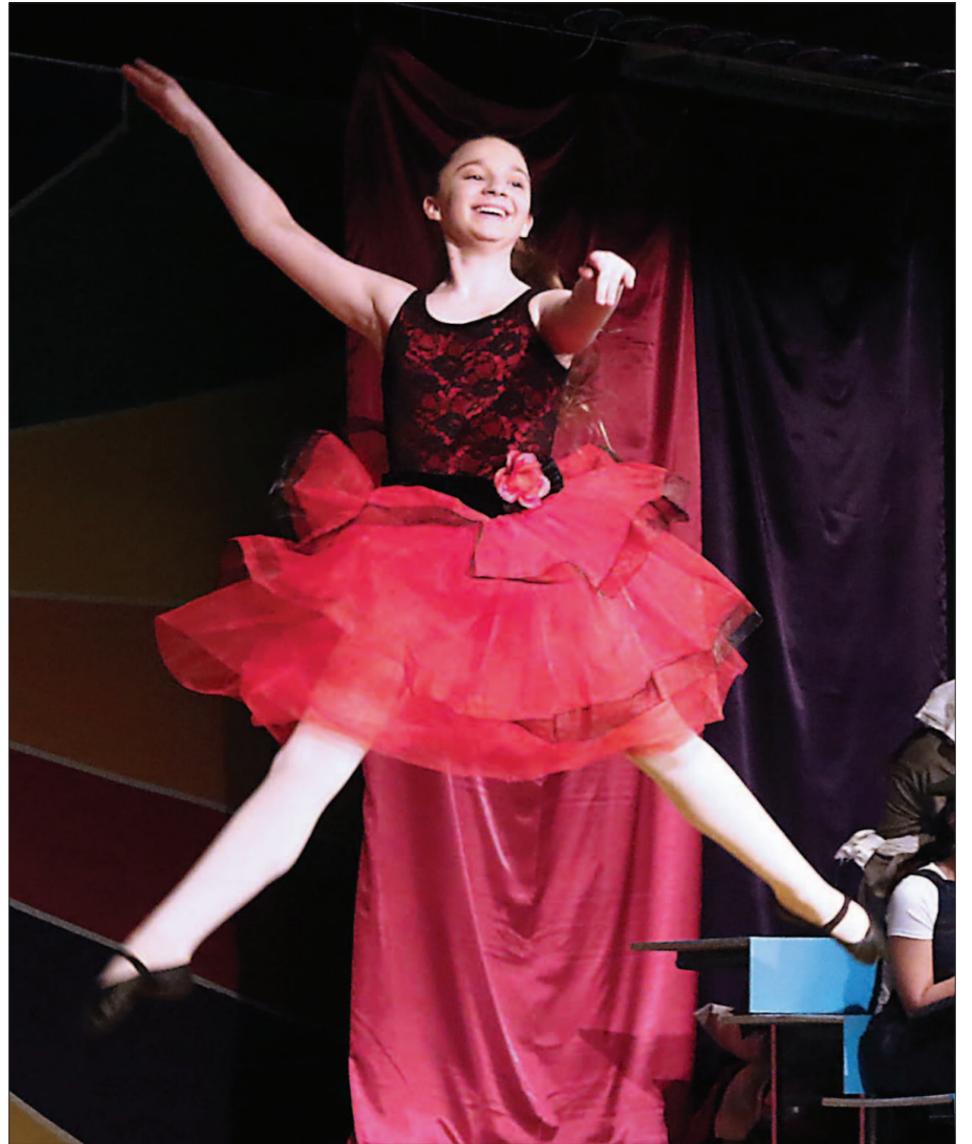
Colin Caminitti delivering a first inning pitch to a waiting Fenton hitter as he made the opening day start for the Sabres.

Students perform in 'Technicolor' event

Tefft Middle School presented the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on three consecutive nights, March 20 to March 22, at the school. The cast of more than 40 students performed and sang the story of a young dreamer, a man named Joseph—the same Joseph whose story is told in the Book of Genesis.



Joseph twirled in his new coat, but his envious brothers didn't want to look at it.



Mia Melone danced to 'Those Canaan Days' in which the brothers mourn their chasing Joseph away. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



The end of the western-themed number, 'One More Angel in Heaven' featured the ensemble and Joseph's brothers.



The Pharaoh as Elvis (Patrick Kostzrewa) went into the audience as he sang, 'Song of the King.'



The narrators - from left, Jillian Murdoch, Lucia Wagner, Arianna Munoz and Roxanna Ojedo - sang the prologue to introduce the story.



Joseph (Kate Tukliendorf) watched a camel driver and his camels loaded with passengers slowly pass through the desert.

A View from the Cheap Seats



Baseball As Life

A Guest Post by Ann Bridges

Rich here: If you've been reading this column for the almost 20 years I've been writing it, you know that I'm a die-hard White Sox fan. For many years, I started each new baseball season by penning a piece making fun of our inept North Side rivals, but eventually gave up that guilty pleasure. I have heard rumors that the Cubs have since won a World Series, though I suspect that's just more interwebs nonsense.

It is therefore more than ironic that Ann Bridges, author, blogger and altogether terrific editor (of my latest, among other works) sent me a proposed guest column that opens with a hat tip to the 'Lil Bears. No matter – and I know the majority of you reading this are similarly infected with that incurable condition known as Cubs' Fever – both Ann and Michael Lund, the author of "Maddy's Game," deliver some marvelous insights about the way our national pastime has and continues to reflect our national character. I'll let Ann and Mike take it from here. Enjoy!

There's something spiritual about America's favorite pastime that few completely understand. Ballparks are often referred to as green cathedrals by authors and broadcasters, and that is especially the case when gazing out at the ivy-covered walls in Wrigley Field.

Growing up in Chicago, attending the Cubs' day games because they had not yet put in lights, was magical. Total strangers bonded over the team, debated Manager Leo Durocher's decisions, lauded All-Star Ernie Banks and booed Joe Pepitone's strut. They even grudgingly nodded in admiration at Johnny Bench's strength and Hank Aaron's record-breaking homers.

Baseball players are notoriously superstitious, and I fell victim to that perspective. My life lesson as a Cubs fan became heart-wrenchingly obvious—I'm bad luck! For decades after my move to Silicon Valley I followed my favorite team and watched them fail in the clutch. Even when the Cubbies made it to the playoffs against my reluctantly adopted SF Giants, they couldn't pull off the World Series win.

Finally, one year I decided it wasn't worth the emotional investment to root, root, root for the home team. Lo and behold... the Cubs achieved the impossible and earned their World Series trophy. Bravo!

Fortunately, sports is my only nemesis. Business, and now writing, are definitely more rewarding. However, joining in with the never-ending enthusiasm of Cubs fans each spring as they hoped for the impossible, cheered even for the losers, and never lost their optimism that one day, the Cubs

would indeed win the World Series, was awe-inspiring.

Why? In my conversations with Michael Lund, author of the novel "Maddy's Game," he observes:

Baseball is a metaphor for life. Many baseball fans, regardless of which teams we rooted for, quietly thought, "I would love to live long enough to see the Cubs win the World Series." Dreams do come true if we're patient.

In its early years, the rough-and-tumble sport mirrored a country still working on its identity. Gloves were not used until the late 1800s. Pitchers had to deliver a ball so the batter could hit it. To get an out, "soaking" was commonplace—throwing the ball not to the baseman, but hitting the runner instead.

As baseball evolved, so did the country. The walls of racism in America began to crumble (albeit with agonizing slowness) when baseball invited Jackie Robinson to join the major leagues. We celebrate opening day as a new beginning, a fresh start to what the year could bring. We face challenges in our everyday existence that mirror our favorite team's race for a pennant. It's a team sport, yet individual performance counts.

Hitting a baseball is considered one of the most difficult feats in sports. The best baseball players are proud of the .300 batting average—which means they have FAILED 70 percent of the time to connect with the ball for a base hit. Ballplayers work hard at improving that average, examining every nuance of their swing as well as learning each pitcher's delivery.

At the plate, you're all alone. The pressure to succeed is daunting—especially with runners on base and the game on the line. Strike out and end the inning, you're the goat. Get a base hit or home run, and you're a hero. The same goes for the man on the mound. There's no gray area. It's black and white. Two opposing forces face off with one another. Only one will succeed.

Sometimes choices we are forced to make in life are that way—no gray areas. The road of life is influenced by both good and evil. In the end, how do we reconcile those opposing forces which shape us into who we are?

"Maddy's Game" explores that profound question against the backdrop of Lund's favorite sport, baseball. An enthusiast from his youth, he spent time at the amateur baseball camps when the legends of the game still lived and participated. Using that intimate knowledge of what goes on in the dugout, in off-hours, and even in the minds of the players as they stand on the pitching mound or at the plate, Lund has penned a gritty story of life tossing way too many hurdles at his hero, Drew Tanner. This saga dares to challenge the reader's thought process dealing with unforeseen circumstances that can, in many ways, change us.

For those baseball fans, and those who want to applaud and cry for someone who swings, misses, wins, and fails, yet always returns to step up to life's plate again, this story is for you. The ending will be a curve ball that you won't see coming.

Acclaimed novelist Ann Bridges chronicles California's unsung heroes with values honed in America's heartland. For more information, visit www.authorannbridges.wordpress.com

Michael Lund's "Maddy's Game" is available wherever books are sold.

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U-46 TIF

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tend to facilitate crony capitalism and I still believe that."

Ward added: "Additionally, this particular TIF started 17 years ago with an available EAV differential of almost \$12 million, and now there's a \$6 million deficit and the request is to continue the TIF for another 12 years. It could appear that we would be rewarding poor planning in this municipality to the further detriment of other taxing bodies."

Craig later said: "I respect everybody's thoughts and opinions on TIFs because they're really complex, and the City of Chicago tends to screw them up for the whole state."

The district recommended supporting this TIF extension but opposed that previous Bartlett TIF proposal and Ward asked before the meeting why it opposed Bartlett's but is supportive of Hanover Park's.

"The Village of Bartlett was attempting to create a new TIF in an area where one had expired in 2009 where they did not achieve their goals for development of the downtown and surrounding area," a memo to the board stated. "Consequently, we opposed the freezing of property tax revenue for another 23 years. The Village of Hanover Park is seeking a twelve-year extension to achieve the goals for the development plan."

The proposal was introduced to the board at the last minute as King brought it to the board as a non-agenda item a week earlier on March 5. Because of that there were few answers at the time.

Board member Veronica Noland, who wanted some figures, had asked "they want our support... but what's in it for U-46" to which King replied: "I really wouldn't be able to provide you with that data."

Prior to the vote Noland's question was answered in the memo that if Hanover Park's projections occur "it

would take 5.32 years to recoup the deferred revenue by agreeing to the extension." The memo stated the district would receive, assuming a 2 percent yearly increase in EAV, "\$11.9 million in added revenue" if the extension was not approved.

Costello asked at the time what adverse effects would occur if the projections don't occur which the memo stated: "It would take the district longer to recoup the deferred taxes by allowing the extension. The time frame would depend on the ending value of the TIF when it expires."

On March 12, Kerr asked some technical questions which Craig was unable to answer.

"I can't really speak to every technical deal, every dollar transferred in and out. I wouldn't know how to speak to that," Craig said but added: "With a robust economy, which we're on the cusp of what I'm being told, the EAV can then improve itself."

In response to questions from Kerr, Traci Ellis and Melissa Owens, King said "once the TIF is created, the EAV is frozen in that TIF district" but "the taxpayers are not being punished for the establishment of the TIF." He also said: "TIFs work in a growing economy."

Owens said Craig's a "supporter of U-46" and voted for the proposal.

Ward said "developers still, and businesses still, might come in or would come in to the area without the TIF, correct, and there'd still be some growth without the TIF" to which Craig said "yes and no" because the developers currently looking in the village would not build without it, but it wouldn't preclude others from coming in.

Craig said the expansion of the Elgin-O'Hare toll road will create more interest in Hanover Park and the developers are trying to entice "many young millennials that live and work in the area," and he added "some of the tax changes that have been made are just really going to be robust" referring to the personal and corporate tax cuts at the federal level that were signed by President Donald Trump.

Registration still open for IDNR ladies' workshop

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

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

Police reports

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- ★ At 2:10 p.m., Nicholas M. Riccio, 61, Lombard, was arrested and charged with protruding load and an outstanding warrant for contempt of court. He was released on bond on the local charges and transported to DuPage County Jail on the warrant. **Sunday, March 18**
- ★ At 5:28 a.m., Melissa L. Miller, 37, Lockport, was arrested and charged with DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis and speeding. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

- ★ At 10:54 p.m., James E. Tatum, 35, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.
- ★ At 11:05 p.m., Betty M. Stewart, 34, Carol Stream, was arrested on warrant. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date. **Monday, March 19**
- ★ At 1:28 p.m., Cody Cameron Bartz, 19, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.
- ★ At 6:01 p.m., Vanessa Luna, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Board approves renewal of agreement with D303

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 19, board members voted 4-0 to adopt an ordinance authorizing a three-year intergovernmental agreement with St. Charles School District 303. Trustees Jennifer Barconi and John Sweet were not in attendance.

According to Director of Parks & Recreation Kim Wascher, School District 303 would like Parks & Recreation to offer recreational programs at Corron School.

The agreement with School District 303 for utilization of their facilities by the village has been in place since September 2002, according to Wascher.

Since the first agreement, Parks & Recreation has offered a youth basketball program, open gyms, an after-school program called After Shock

and has also done some special events there, Wascher said.

"This intergovernmental agreement is a little different than U-46 in that in this one we don't get charged fees except for janitor fees," said Wascher.

Some schools in **District U-46** charge for both rental and janitorial fees, according to Wascher.

"We try to put as many programs out there as we can," Wascher said. "It's a win-win for them because we have within this agreement that they can utilize parks or any open space there."

According to Wascher, once the ordinance has been adopted by the village board, the agreement will be presented to the D303 Board of Education for approval at their April 9 meeting.

"We're just looking to renew this agreement from July 1 to June 30, 2021," Wascher added.

U-46 Board approves secondary math materials

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved resources and technology for secondary math classes by a 6-1 vote, Jeanette Ward voting no, on Monday, March 5.

The classes include algebra 1, algebra 2, geometry, geometry bridge, pre-calculus, AP calculus, AP statistics and finite mathematics. The reason for this change is to update outdated resources, purchased in 2011, according to the proposal.

The proposal includes the purchase of laptops with touch screens for every student in algebra 1, algebra 2 and geometry as well as graphing calculators for every junior as they take the SAT exam and professional development for staff. The total cost according to the proposal is \$5.5 million for resources and \$1.8 million for professional development.

Prior to the proposal being presented on Feb. 26, board member Sue Kerr asked for a yearly breakdown of costs which the district responded for resources and technology it'll cost \$5.5 million the first year and \$698,250 for years two through seven, and for professional development: \$669,445 the first year, \$544,548 the second, \$531,650 the third and \$14,000 years four through seven. The board will have to separately approve the professional development contract over the summer according to the district.

Ward voted against the proposal for several reasons from the resources to the reliance on technology. She said she liked the calculus resource and would have voted for that if it were a separate item.

The algebra and geometry resources, an all online resource titled Discovery Math Techbook—all digital!, were like Eureka Math according to Ward who said she voted for Eureka previously before having experience with it.

"It's language-heavy and math-light in my opinion after reviewing it," Ward said. "And students who are gifted in math strongly dislike when math is presented in this way and it hinders understanding."

Ward said she's heard from multiple people, including her daughters, and "they are very frustrated with Eureka math and the fact that it's more like English as math instead of math as math."

The resources being fully online also raised concerns for Ward.

"Connecting to the internet is not problem free in classrooms, and I have heard accounts of lots of class time lost on solving technical and connectivity issues," Ward said. "Even where I work this is a problem, and we have

a great system. It's not suggesting the U-46's systems are bad, it's just the technology like that it requires some hand holding at times."

The Discovery resource as well as the AP statistics resource, MacMillan's "The Practice of Statistics, 6th Ed.," also move out of the realm of mathematics and into partisan political issues by included one-sided lessons on the theory of manmade global warming according to Ward.

"It was interesting to me that the statistics textbook, which is attempting to teach students to use statistics correctly, makes the argument that CO2 contributes to global warming which is unproven statistically," Ward said. "It could also be argued that warming is a natural phenomenon and that data shows that natural cycles of warming preceded any increase in CO2 levels."

Board member Melissa Owens said the board has recently approved items to allow the district to "have access points now... in all of our classrooms" and she "expects that we're going to have some hiccups and work through them."

When the proposal was presented, Owens expressed similar concerns as Ward regarding the heaviness of language instead of math problems saying "it's very wordy," and she asked if professional development will help.

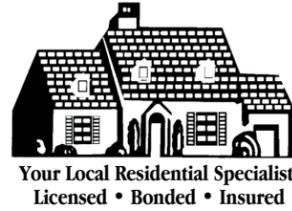
"Discovery knows that our teachers are used to a traditional textbook where it's a series of problems," said Amy Ingente, math coordinator.

Ward commended Kerr for her questions prior to the presentation and Kerr thanked staff for "responding because I know I asked a lot." She asked 10 questions regarding the proposal.

One of Kerr's questions concerned the district's move towards one-to-one technology, noting that this proposal advances closer to it, and asked how much it would cost to fully convert to it which the administration responded: "There are approximately 3,230 students who would not receive a Chromebook. This would be an expense of \$1,094,970."

Kerr asked if students would be able to take laptops home to do homework, specifically for those math classes that will be online only, and the district said they would. Kerr asked about students who don't have internet access at home.

Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, said a team is "working on the logistics" and "one of the very first things we landed on was what about internet." She said the Discovery resource is downloaded to the laptops as an app meaning students can do homework offline and it will be uploaded once a connection is available.



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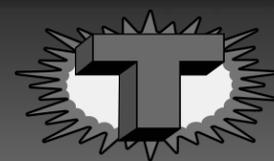


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Village Board approves final park work payout

By Kristin Carreno

Trustees voted 4-0, during the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 19, to approve a final payout of \$28,651 for Jim Hansen Park improvements. Trustees Jennifer Barconi and John Sweet were not in attendance.

"We're ready to finish out our parks improvement projects," said Director of Parks & Recreation Kim Wascher.

According to Wascher, the contractor, George's Landscaping, Inc., Joliet is seeking final payment. The reason this

had yet to be paid was to allow time to pass to see how the surface would do.

"It's the artificial turf," Wascher said. "This is the first time we've used this surfacing and we didn't want to have any issues after the winter season."

According to Wascher, the base that is underneath the surface could absorb moisture and cause issues.

Wascher indicated that they are now happy with the completed work of the artificial turf surfacing.

"We still have a warranty for it for three years," Washer added.

Storm baseball ends week with a tie following loss

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team got its season started with a pair of nonconference games and going 0-1-1.

The Storm opened with a 9-4 loss to Buffalo Grove in a six-inning shortened game due to light on Thursday, March 22 at Buffalo Grove. Trailing 9-0, the Storm rallied with a four-run top of the sixth as Logan Romasanta

(2-for-2) hit a three-run double and Grant Baker added an RBI.

Brady Tolva added a double in the effort and Zach Saunders, Nick Poblacki and Patrick Keaty added a hit while Kyle Crosby suffered the loss on the mound. Buffalo Grove took advantage of some shaky defense from the Storm

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Good Friday, March 30

7 p.m.—Service "A Trip with Egeria"

Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 1

South Elgin Cemetery
925 E. Middle St.

6 a.m.—Service

Easter, Sunday, April 1

9 a.m.—Service

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Holy Wednesday, March 28

6:30 p.m.—Service

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:30 p.m.—Service

Good Friday, March 30

Noon—Service

6:30 p.m.—Service

Saturday, March 31

5:30 p.m.—Service

Easter Sunday, April 1

6:30, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.—Service

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This week in... South Elgin

Wednesday, March 28

- 11 a.m. St. Charles North softball at Schaumburg High School.*

Thursday, March 29

- 11 a.m. South Elgin baseball at Palatine High School (DH).*
- 11 a.m. South Elgin softball at Conant High School.*

Saturday, March 31

- 8 a.m. South Elgin volleyball at Elgin High School.*
- 11 a.m. South Elgin baseball vs. Huntley High School.*

Monday, April 2

- 6 p.m. South Elgin volleyball at Hoffman Estates High School.*
- 7 p.m. Village Board meeting, public hearing on proposed budget at Village Hall.

Tuesday, April 3

- 4:30 p.m. South Elgin baseball vs. Prospect High School.*
- 4:30 p.m. St. Charles North baseball vs. Marmion High School.*
- 4:30 p.m. South Elgin softball at Batavia High School.*
- 5:30 p.m. St. Charles North volleyball vs. St. Charles East High School.*
- 6:30 p.m. South Elgin soccer vs. West Aurora High School at Streamwood High School.*
- 6:30 p.m. St. Charles North soccer vs. Geneva High School.*

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Storm drop contests to Wolves and Bulldogs



Isabella Tusa of the Storm, left, battling the Wolves' Lucille Klimkowski for possession of the ball near midfield.



South Elgin's Nikki Nguyen taking on the Prairie Ridge pair of Lucille Klimkowski, left, and Rachel Walsh, right as the Storm were trying to mount an offensive thrust. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team struggled to create chances as the Storm suffered a 3-0 nonconference loss against Prairie Ridge on Wednesday, March 21 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

Prairie Ridge scored first with 21:39 left in the first half. From there, the South Elgin defense limited the visitors chances until the final 10 minutes of the game when the final two goals were scored, the first with 8:34 left to play and the last with 2:36 left.

"I don't think the scoreboard is completely reflective of how the game went," said South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja.

Despite some positives on the defensive side, the Storm's offense struggled to produce.

Just about three minutes prior to Prairie Ridge's first goal, freshman Abigail Roy took the Storm's best shot on goal of the game.

In the second half, the Storm had a few solid attacks led by Roy, Nicole Matustik, Isabella Tusa and Nikki Nguyen but South Elgin struggled to get shots off.

"My thoughts are we simply have to be better," Szwaja said. "We are better than what we showed today."

Storm keeper Megan McClure finished with three saves.

South Elgin went on to drop a 6-1 match against Batavia in Upstate Eight Conference crossover play on Thursday, March 22 at



Abigail Roy of South Elgin literally facing-off against the Wolves' Jena Berkland while trying to trigger a shot on the Prairie Ridge goal.

Batavia.

Despite the losses, the Storm is gaining needed experience for a squad of largely newcomers which included 13 underclassmen.

"That experience is the best teacher you can have," Szwaja said. "They should let this one hurt for a bit because it'll only make them stronger going forward."

South Elgin is now 0-2-1 overall.

Waslawski's gem, bat lead North Stars to win



Jillian Waslawski delivering a first-inning pitch to a Waubonsie Valley hitter as she went on to retire the first 20 batters she faced. Only a two-out error in the seventh inning separated her from a perfect game while settling for a ho-hitter against the Warriors. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

A near flawless game in the circle and on the field helped the North softball team earn a 4-0 nonconference win over Waubonsie Valley on Thursday, March 22 at North.

Jillian Waslawski nearly tossed a perfect game retiring the first 20 batters in order, including seven strikeouts, and was one strike away when the North Stars only flaw occurred, a two-out error forcing Waslawski to settle for a no-hitter.

Despite the mistake, the North defense was solid all game and its offense, which Waslawski led going 2-for-3 with two RBI, put enough runs on the board in the six-hit effort.

"I felt really comfortable on the mound," Waslawski said. "I had trust in my team behind me. Grace (Quinn) did a great job catching the game. It was just a really good day all around."

"I thought pitching and defense were sharp," said North coach Tom Poulin. "Jillian was on. She was great. Everywhere we asked her to put the ball she was right there."

Waslawski put her team on the board first in the third inning with an RBI double scoring Alyssa Eby. Waslawski, Ashlyn Jozefowicz and Olivia Osborne each drove in a run in the fifth to cap the game's scoring.

The North Stars improved to 3-1 with the win coming off a 2-1 performance at the round-robin tournament hosted by Wheeling the previous week.

"We're still figuring some things out," Poulin said. "We've kept 15 on the roster, the most I think I've ever kept, and we've got some depth at every position."

"The team is just coming together," Waslawski said. "There are so many different pieces we have, and we're so versatile that I think a long run in tournament season is going to be very achievable."



North Stars shortstop Grace Sobieski making a running, back-handed catch of a Waubonsie Valley pop fly while sprinting away from the infield.



North's Olivia Osborne being tagged out on an attempted steal of second by Waubonsie Valley shortstop Michele Calabrese.



Park Bench

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Split U-46 vote supports Hanover Park TIF plan

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46, at its meeting on Monday, March 12, approved a letter in support of the Village of Hanover Park extending a current Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district an additional 12 years that will be sent to the Illinois General Assembly.

According to the resolution, the final decision will be made by the General Assembly but the state requires letters of support from all taxing bodies affected by the TIF prior to approval.

The U-46 board approved the resolution by a 4-2 vote with Sue Kerr and Jeanette Ward voting no. Board member Phil Costello was not in attendance for the vote.

The resolution stated that the TIF is "set to expire in six years and will not achieve its development goals without the extension." The TIF began in 2001 with an Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of \$8.7 million and the EAV now is \$20.4 million, but it's "currently running a deficit of \$6.6 million as of the 2016 reporting period."

"The last eight years we have had a negative EAV component," said Rodney Craig, Hanover Park's village president. "This year is the first time we saw even a small increment of improvement."

Craig said there are a pair of developers interested in building single family homes and apartments near the village's train station but they are "looking for some assurance of support from us" and "we do need time with the increment that we lost."

Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said the TIF allows the village to use borrowed money "to entice" developers and "if they don't have enough time in the TIF, then that limits their ability to borrow far enough out to pay that back."

Kerr said the estimated deficit is "based on projected expenses from 2017 and beyond" and asked: "You don't get any more property tax money to cover that deficit?"

"Because of the negative EAV the last eight years, we're just not at where we should be," Craig said.

Ward noted the appearance of cronyism of a government body providing assurances to developers rather than the free market dictating economic activity.

"In general, I'm not supportive of TIFs," Ward said. "I voted no on the Bartlett TIF in 2015 because I said TIFs tend to facilitate crony capitalism and I still believe that."

Ward added: "Additionally, this particular TIF started 17 years ago with an available EAV differential of almost \$12 million, and now there's a \$6 million deficit and the request is to continue the TIF for another 12 years. It could appear that we would be rewarding poor planning in this municipality to the further detriment of other taxing bodies."

Craig later said: "I respect everybody's thoughts and opinions on TIFs because they're really complex, and the City of Chicago tends to screw them up for the whole state."

The district recommended supporting this TIF extension but opposed that previous Bartlett TIF proposal and Ward asked before the meeting why it opposed Bartlett's but is supportive of Hanover Park's.

"The Village of Bartlett was attempting to create a new TIF in an area where one had expired in 2009 where they did not achieve their goals for development of the downtown and surrounding area," a memo to the board stated. "Consequently, we opposed the freezing of property tax revenue for another 23 years. The Village of

Hanover Park is seeking a twelve-year extension to achieve the goals for the development plan."

The proposal was introduced to the board at the last minute as King brought it to the board as a non-agenda item a week earlier on March 5. Because of that there were few answers at the time.

Board member Veronica Noland, who wanted some figures, had asked "they want our support... but what's in it for U-46" to which King replied: "I really wouldn't be able to provide you with that data."

Prior to the vote Noland's question was answered in the memo that if Hanover Park's projections occur "it would take 5.32 years to recoup the deferred revenue by agreeing to the extension." The memo stated the district would receive, assuming a 2 percent yearly increase in EAV, "\$11.9 million in added revenue" if the extension was not approved.

Costello asked at the time what adverse effects would occur if the projections don't occur which the memo stated: "It would take the district longer to recoup the deferred taxes by allowing the extension. The time frame would depend on the ending value of the TIF when it expires."

On March 12, Kerr asked some technical questions which Craig was unable to answer.

"I can't really speak to every technical deal, every dollar transferred in and out. I wouldn't know how to speak to that," Craig said but added: "With a robust economy, which we're on the cusp of what I'm being told, the EAV can then improve itself."

In response to questions from Kerr, Traci Ellis and Melissa Owens, King said "once the TIF is created, the EAV is frozen in that TIF district" but "the taxpayers are not being punished for the establishment of the TIF." He also said: "TIFs work in a growing economy."

Owens said Craig's a "supporter of U-46" and voted for the proposal.

Ward said "developers still, and businesses still, might come in or would come in to the area without the TIF, correct, and there'd still be some growth without the TIF" to which Craig said "yes and no" because the developers currently looking in the village would not build without it, but it wouldn't preclude others from coming in.

Craig said the expansion of the Elgin-O'Hare toll road will create more interest in Hanover Park and the developers are trying to entice "many young millennials that live and work in the area," and he added "some of the tax changes that have been made are just really going to be robust" referring to the personal and corporate tax cuts at the federal level that were signed by President Donald Trump.

Special Events Spring Holiday Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31 at 12 p.m. Sharp

Kenyon Woods Pasture – Raymond St. (across from high school)

Parking available at South Elgin High School. Bring your own camera for pictures. We will collect non-perishable food items to support the South Elgin Food Pantry. The DJ will kick-off at 11 a.m. This event is free. We strongly recommend you arrive at least 15 minutes early as we start the hunt on time.

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Mad Mixtures

We will demonstrate that chemistry is the process of mixing things together. This class will be held Saturday, April 14 from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Tot/Youth

Cheer and Pom

Have a great time learning simple cheers, partner stunts and an awesome pom routine. No experience necessary. This class will be held April 9 to May 7 from 5 to 5:45 p.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents.

Youth

Labworks

This program introduces the basic tools and techniques that scientists use in the laboratory. This class will be held Saturday, April 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$18 for residents and \$23 for non-residents.

Martial Arts

Martial Arts classes are taught by National Karate. Register now for classes that begin the week of April 2. We are

offer classes for four to seven year olds at the Municipal Annex or for eight years and older at National Karate. The cost is \$69 for residents or \$75 for non-residents. A uniform purchase is required for classes at National Karate.

Adult

Create Your Own Retirement Pension

Are pensions a thing of the past? With a bit of a twist you can create your own pension for retirement. There is no charge for this class but registration is required. This class will be held Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Municipal Annex.

Fitness

Cardio-Kickboxing

Cardio-Kickboxing is a fun, full body workout that will get you kicking and punching pads with motivating music. This class will be held Wednesdays, April 4 to June 13 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Preschool

Preschool Registration – Now Open

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

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Beat Generation Drum Circle

Spark creativity with this energized Beat Generation Drum Circle at the Rakow Branch, 2751 W. Bowes Road, Elgin, from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 29. John Duggleby will help kids in grades one to five improve coordination, release energy and have fun to the rhythm together! Please register your child at www.gailborden.info/register.

Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime

Enjoy preschool stories during Panera Milk and Cookie Storytime at Panera Bread, 269 Randall Road, South Elgin on Tuesday, April 3 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. A ReaderShip team member will read stories for preschoolers followed by a milk and cookie snack, compliments of Panera. Registration required; please register by calling 847-429-4597, visiting www.gailborden.info/register, or in person at any library location.

AARP Smart Driver Class

Refresh those driving skills at a two-part AARP Smart Driver Class at the South Elgin Branch on Saturday, April 7 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This course is for drivers ages 50+ to refresh their driving skills and understand new challenges. A cost of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members to cover materials is required. Registration is required. Please register by calling 847-429-4597, visiting www.gailborden.info/register, or in person at any library location.

Kids Explore

Watch a special Gail Borden Library Kids Explore program live from home. A Baking Cinnamon Rolls program will be shown live from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 12. Tune in at www.gailborden.info/live to follow along from home!

Teen Job Fair

Teens looking for a summer job will find plenty of options at Gail Borden Library's Teen Job Fair from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at the Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. Teens in grades nine to 12 will have opportunities to talk to local employers about available job openings and pick up tips for applications and interviews. No registration required—just drop in!

Family Tech Play

Join youth robotics team got robot? During Family Tech Play at the Main Library from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14. Kids in grades one to five are invited to bring their families to play and create together with robots, stop motion animation and tons more! No registration required—just bring your imaginations.

Beverly Cleary's Birthday

Drop everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) with us for Beverly Cleary's Birthday at the Rakow Branch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. D.E.A.R. is a month-long celebration of reading to remind everyone to make reading a priority in his or her life. We'll provide the activities and fun for the whole family—drop in and bring a friend! No registration required.

All-American Girls Professional Baseball League

Author Bob Kann will share stories about the Midwestern women who played professional baseball in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League depicted in the movie "A League of Their Own," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 at the Main Library. Book sales and signing will follow the program. Please register at www.gailborden.info/register.

Police Reports

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complainant.

★ At 2:44 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Seacrest Lane reported that he believed that he left his tax paperwork in a loaner vehicle that has since been returned to McGrath Honda in Elgin. The complainant contacted McGrath Honda regarding the paperwork with negative results. The complainant also notified his bank of the situation.

Sunday, March 18

★ At 8:04 a.m., a 17-year-old juvenile was cited for possession of cannabis. She faces an April 18 court date.

★ At 10:06 a.m., Diego Mascote, 27, Elgin, was arrested and charged with DUI and aggravated speeding. He was released on an I-bond and faces an April 23 court date.

★ At 12:51 p.m., Randall E. Auture, 34, Mount Prospect, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, speeding, improper lane usage and

possession of cannabis. He was released on an I-bond and faces an April 23 court date and an April 18 local hearing date.

★ At 4:15 p.m., Ricardo Lopez, 23, Elgin, was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces an April 18 court date.

★ At 5:11 p.m., Darko Novakovic, 26, Harwood Heights, was arrested and charged with DUI. He was released on an I-bond and faces a May 3 court date.

Monday, March 19

★ At 9:03 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Cuyahoga Drive reported that she was notified by Comcast of an account in collections using her name. The complainant filed an identity theft claim with Comcast and advised them that she never requested their services. Estimated loss \$381.

★ At 9:23 a.m., Zbigniew Koslowski, 29, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with DUI, BAC over .08, improper lane usage and disobeying a stop sign. He was released on an I-bond and faces a May 3 court date.

★ At 10:42 a.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Versailles Drive reported that he accepted employment with N-Berta Network to purchase and ship items using his bank account. The complainant believes he was scammed after money was deducted from with Bank of America account. Estimated loss \$80,000.

★ At 2:18 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Ashford Circle for a check of well being on a subject who advised she had been sick for the past few days. The complainant was transported to Central DuPage Hospital for further evaluation.

★ At 4:25 p.m., Sophia R. Roberts, 19, Streamwood, was cited for unlawful sale/delivery of alcohol to a minor. She faces an April 18 hearing date.

Tuesday, March 20

★ At 1:54 a.m., Steven E. Lynch, 59, Streamwood, was arrested on two outstanding warrants out of DuPage County. He was transported to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 9:52 a.m., a complainant in the 1300 block of Summersweet Lane reported that a subject opened a credit card using her address but a different name. She advised she would contact credit bureaus regarding the incident.

★ At 9:55 a.m., a complainant in the 200 block of South Main Street reported that his former roommate reported their vehicle stolen after he recovered it and placed it in storage when she moved out. He advised he would like to remove the vehicle from the stolen status. Police advised he would need to contact the police department in which the vehicle was reported stolen and provide contact information.

★ At 12:25 p.m., a 15-year-old juvenile was cited for theft. He faces an April 26 hearing date.

Wednesday, March 21

★ At 6:30 a.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Mayflower Lane reported that an unknown offender broke into his vehicle and took several items. Estimated loss \$118.

★ At 9:13 p.m., a complainant in the

500 block of Ivory Lane reported that an unknown offender rang her doorbell and tugged on her screen door. Police checked the area with negative results.

Thursday, March 22

★ At 7:27 a.m., a complainant in the 600 block of Harbor Terrace reported that an unknown offender punctured the tires on her vehicle. She advised she believes this may have been done by a known offender.

★ At 12:55 p.m., Emily M. Galvez, 19, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended and speeding. She was released on an I-bond and faces an April 23 court date.

★ At 2:57 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Jacaranda reported vehicles cutting in line at Hawk Hollow Elementary School, causing a safety hazard.

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Thursday, March 1

★ At 7:38 a.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 25 and Seminary, an officer observed a stalled vehicle. A motorist pulled the vehicle from the roadway and the owner advised he would move the vehicle as soon as he could.

★ At 9:02 a.m., police responded to the 4N block of Powis for a report of a tree blocking the roadway. The officer located the tree and removed it from the roadway.

Saturday, March 3

★ At 8:50 p.m., police responded to the 7N block of Illinois Route 25 for a request to assist Kane County Sheriff's deputies with a report of a disturbance. The officer stood by until the arrival of additional Kane County personnel.

Monday, March 5

★ At 8:22 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Army Trail and Dunham roads for a report of a vehicle in the ditch. The owner advised that he had slid off the roadway, and had two friends on the way to help him extract the vehicle from the ditch.

Thursday, March 8

★ At 5:14 p.m., police responded to the 33W block of Ashley for a report of a pair of loose horses. The horses were located and eventually returned to their owner.

★ At 11:40 p.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Railroad, a vehicle driven by Anneliese Jackson, age and address withheld, was stopped for doing 40 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone. The officer detected an odor of cannabis wafting from the vehicle. A search turned up cannabis, cannabis oil and drug paraphernalia. Jackson and passenger Victor Cuevas, age and address withheld, were issued local ordinance citations for the drug issues. In addition, Jackson was issued a written warning for speeding. Both were released at the scene.

Wednesday, March 14

★ At 5:43 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 25 and Army Trail for a request to assist in locating a truck that might have been involved in a theft. The officer searched the area, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

(two RBI), Nathan Smith (RBI) and Jack Watkins (two stolen bases) led the offense.

The Storm led 7-4 when Rolling Meadows knotted things up with a three-run bottom of the seventh inning. Baker and Ben Hetelle split time on the mound.

Early on in the season, South Elgin coach Jim Kating said the focus is determining roles.

"We're in the process of trying to find out who we are, who can pitch and who can contribute to what's going on," Kating said.

South Elgin softball goes 1-4 on Tennessee trip

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team capped its season opening trip to Tennessee with a win to finish the week 1-4.

The Storm defeated Coffee County Central (Tennessee) with an 8-5 win using a pair of three-run frames in the sixth and seventh innings to rally from a 5-2 deficit on Saturday, March 24 in Clarksville.

Geneva Pollman (3-for-4, two doubles, two RBI), McKenna Eichholz (2-for-4, double, RBI), Julianna Battaglia (2-for-3, RBI), Casey Brennan (triple, three RBI) and Alivia Doyle (RBI) led the offense. Sidney Strama got the win in the circle.

The eight runs came after scoring just three over the first four games. South Elgin coach Brad Reynard got a chance to see several pitchers over the week, but said his team needs to find offense this season.

"We are an extremely young but talented team," Reynard said. "We have four solid pitchers but will have to find a way to score."

The Storm opened with two losses on Thursday, March 22 in Smyrna, Tennessee with a 3-1 loss to host Smyrna and a 7-0 loss against Sweet Water (Alabama). Strama and Pollman suffered the losses in the circle.

Eichholz (RBI) and Brennan both went 2-for-3 against Smyrna, and Daisy Fuentes was 2-for-3 with a double against Sweet Water.

South Elgin fell 7-0 to Floyd Central (Indiana), Strama taking the loss, and 9-2 against Mainland Regional (New Jersey), Alyssa Kendall the losing pitcher, on Friday, March 23 in Murfreesboro. Battaglia was 2-for-3 with a double against Floyd while Brennan went 2-for-3 and Samantha Dietz drove in a run against Mainland.



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Storm

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in the bottom of the third inning scoring all nine of its runs, only one being earned.

South Elgin went on to finish in a 7-7 tie, the game being called after seven innings due to light, against Rolling Meadows on Friday, March 23 at Rolling Meadows. Keaty (2-for-3, two RBI), Poblocki (double), Austin Doty

Series of March expenses approved by Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved just under \$10 million in expenditure items over three straight meetings in March.

On March 5 the board approved a \$205,000 expenditure (from the education fund) with RVK, Inc., a \$1.2 million item (education fund) with Peak Electric, Inc., a \$280,282 proposal (Title I funds from the nation's taxpayers) with Dell Marketing LP and CDW-G, a \$34,676 item (food and nutrition fund) with Chef's Depot and Douglas Equipment and a \$4 million expenditure (capital project fund) with Happ Builders, Inc.

The RVK proposal is for a "retirement investment advisor" to help the district in its effort on "consolidating its 403(b) and 457 defined contribution retirement plans service providers from over 30 to one/two providers" according to the proposal. Two bidders came in with lower bids of \$137,500 and \$156,000 which board members Melissa Owens and Jeanette Ward inquired about which the administration said they lacked experience with educational organizations and didn't fit with what the district was trying to do.

The proposal with Peak Electric "will complete the installation of wireless access points and necessary wiring in 19 elementary schools" to complete "the implementation of a phased project to provide wireless access points to support all schools" according to the proposal.

The proposal with Dell and CDW-G will go towards the purchase of 543 Chromebooks, 150 student laptops and 24 Bretford 36-unit carts.

Chef's Depot and Douglas Equipment will provide three milk coolers, two single door mobile warmers, a boilerless steamer, a two door pass-through warmer, an electric counter top steamer and a double deck electric oven for various schools. In response to a question from board member Sue Kerr the life expectancy of the equipment is between 10 and 15 years according to Claudie Phillips, director of food and nutrition services.

Happ Builders will "provide all the necessary unique mechanical, plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, storage and Health Code requirements" for a new commissary according to the proposal.

On March 12 the board approved a one-year contract renewal with Workforce Software costing \$44,730 (education fund), a one-year contract renewal with Baragar Systems costing \$30,000 (education fund), a \$2 million proposal (capital projects and life safety funds) with Mechanical Concepts of Illinois, Inc. and a \$203,704 proposal (education fund) with Sentinel Technologies, Inc.

The Workforce Software deals with

payroll and Baragar Systems software "is utilized for staffing, enrollment projections, mapping boundaries and planning for the location of programs" according to the proposal. Mechanical Concepts will provide work on air handlers in the gym and auditorium at Streamwood High School "to address obsolete existing equipment and systems" according to the proposal, and Sentinel Technologies will help "maximize uptime for our schools" by providing uninterruptible power supply across the district according to that proposal.

On March 19 the board approved a one-year contract renewal with HERO Software costing \$64,225 (education fund) and a \$1.8 million proposal (capital projects and life safety funds) with F.E. Moran, Inc.

HERO software tracks "student timeliness in class every day" and "reinforces positive behaviors and allows students and parents to track progress" according to the proposal. Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent said the district has "seen a dramatic reduction" in the number of tardy students at the middle school level with the software in response to a question by Kerr.

F.E. Moran will provide work on the second phase providing HVAC replacements at Canton Middle School in Streamwood.

Also unanimously approved were \$3.8 million in itemized bills on March 5 and \$7.1 million in itemized bills on March 19. The board also approved six more human resources resolutions authorizing the honorable dismissal effecting 76 classified staff and 32 teachers, those votes coming on March 12.

In March the board also voted, unanimously, to direct staff to create a budget which could be the last year such a resolution comes before the board as a board policy update could remove that requirement. U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said legally the board did not need to direct him to prepare a budget and Ward said "of course they're going to prepare a budget" which is why they are considering removing that from the board's policy.

Related to the budget, Kerr asked what the district expects from the state in revenue for the upcoming budget. Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said: "Ask me at the end of May. I can probably get a little closer to that answer, hopefully."

The board also unanimously approved in March a joint agreement with 50 to 80 school districts in the state to "jointly bid food and beverages which will reduce the labor hours for each district to construct their own bids and seek approval at the state level which is very time consuming." Kerr asked if the district has pursued such an agreement before which King said "informally yes, not formally."

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Local residents on Saturday, March 24:

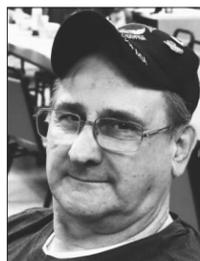
What's the best part of Easter?



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Grace Woodward: "Going to my aunt's house for dinner. We have a big family and it's fun to all get together."



Ray Bechewicz: "Being with all of the family."



Josh Hendershot: "My favorite part is finding Easter baskets and finding Milky Way bars in them."



Thomas Makishima: "Candy! All kinds of candy!"



Angelina Smith: "I like getting two baskets full of candy even if I can't eat it all at once."



Emily Wellman: "I love to get together with our big family. My dad has six brothers and my mom has three brothers and two sisters!"



Paul Kuesis: "Finding the Easter eggs that we colored and the Easter Bunny hides while we're sleeping. We find a lot, like maybe five."



Doug Schaeffer: "Candy of course! And also seeing family we haven't seen in a while."

(By Juli Schatz)

Tidbits

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The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of

Second time a charm for Fire District referendum



Campaign signs displayed prior to the vote. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

By Joe Hyland

In what was essentially a complete turnaround from its last effort, the Fire Protection District's tax referendum passed by a better than two-to-one majority in the Tuesday, March 20 election.

According to the district, the referendum was spurred by a reduction in the district's cash reserves to the point that its cash flow and spending for essentials such as new equipment was threatened. It has needed to use cash reserves to pay for operational expenses.

The district attempted to pass a similar referendum in March 2017 elections, but was unsuccessful.

District Board of Trustees President Jim McCarthy attributed the success this time around to the district's efforts at providing an explanation as to why the tax increase was needed.

"The referendum's success was due to our ability to share all of the facts with more of our residents this time

versus last time," said McCarthy. "Additionally, we had a tremendous grass roots support group who got the word out."

That effort included a Facebook page, "Friends of Bartlett Fire." There was also a Facebook page espousing defeat of the referendum, "For a Better Bartlett," charging that the district was mismanaging the funds it did have, and should not be trusted with more.

However, the pro-referendum side won. The total was 5,888 in favor versus 2,700 against. This is in stark contrast to last year's results which were 1,549 in favor versus 2,160 against with many more votes being cast this time around.

McCarthy said that the referendum will pull the district back from the brink.

"The passage will put us on a stable financial funding for many years to come," McCarthy said. "But, in no way does this mean we will start spending money unless it is absolutely necessary."

At the district board's Nov. 15, 2017 meeting, the district's accountant, James Howard, outlined what passage of the referendum would mean for the average homeowner.

"For the 2018 levy year, the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$33.31 in Cook County and \$39.61 in DuPage County," Howard said.

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Split U-46 vote supports Hanover Park TIF plan

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46, at its meeting on Monday, March 12, approved a letter in support of the Village of Hanover Park extending a current Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district an additional 12 years that will be sent to the Illinois General Assembly.

According to the resolution, the final decision will be made by the General Assembly but the state requires letters of support from all taxing bodies affected by the TIF prior to approval.

The U-46 board approved the resolution by a 4-2 vote with Sue Kerr and Jeanette Ward voting no. Board member Phil Costello was not in attendance for the vote.

The resolution stated that the TIF is "set to expire in six years and will not achieve its development goals without the extension." The TIF began in 2001 with an Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of \$8.7 million and the EAV now is \$20.4 million, but it's "currently running a deficit of \$6.6 million as of the 2016 reporting period."

"The last eight years we have had a negative EAV component," said Rodney Craig, Hanover Park's village president. "This year is the first time we saw even a small increment of improvement."

Craig said there are a pair of developers interested in building single family homes and apartments near the village's train station but they are "looking for some assurance of support from us" and "we do need time with the increment that we lost."

Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said the TIF allows the village to use borrowed money "to entice" developers and "if they don't

have enough time in the TIF, then that limits their ability to borrow far enough out to pay that back."

Kerr said the estimated deficit is "based on projected expenses from 2017 and beyond" and asked: "You don't get any more property tax money to cover that deficit?"

"Because of the negative EAV the last eight years, we're just not at where we should be," Craig said.

Ward noted the appearance of cronyism of a government body providing assurances to developers rather than the free market dictating economic activity.

"In general, I'm not supportive of TIFs," Ward said. "I voted no on the Bartlett TIF in 2015 because I said TIFs tend to facilitate crony capitalism and I still believe that."

Ward added: "Additionally, this particular TIF started 17 years ago with an available EAV differential of almost \$12 million, and now there's a \$6 million deficit and the request is to continue the TIF for another 12 years. It could appear that we would be rewarding poor planning in this municipality to the further detriment of other taxing bodies."

Craig later said: "I respect everybody's thoughts and opinions on TIFs because they're really complex, and the City of Chicago tends to screw them up for the whole state."

The district recommended supporting this TIF extension but opposed that previous Bartlett TIF proposal and Ward asked before the meeting why it opposed Bartlett's but is supportive of Hanover Park's.

"The Village of Bartlett was attempting to create a new TIF in an area

See TIF plan, pg. 16

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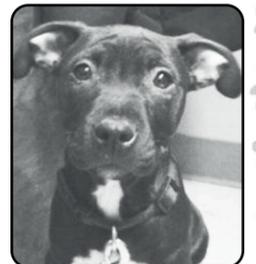
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Process proceeding for Schrade Gym renovation

By Joe Hyland

At their Tuesday, March 13 committee workshop meeting, park district commissioners heard a summary of bids received for the Schrade Gym renovation project. Manager of Pre-construction Services Jason Goike from the Frederick Quinn Corporation sent a letter detailing the process and results.

"On March 7, 2018, bids were received for 16 trade packages with a total of 37 bids received," said Goike in the letter.

The 16 trade packages referred to by Goike covered the various aspects of the project. For example, there are separate packages for concrete, steel, ceramic tile and glass and glazing work.

The number of bids for each of the packages also varied. As an example, there were five bids submitted for the concrete work while there was only one submitted for some of the more esoteric items such as the resilient flooring and the fluid applied gym flooring.

The most expensive aspect of the project from the bids will be the low voltage electrical work at a cost of \$145,000 while the least expensive will be the resilient flooring work at a cost of \$17,423.

All of the bid packages will still need to be approved by the full board at its regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 27.

At the board's Tuesday, Jan. 23 meeting, Executive Director Rita Fletcher reported that some preliminary work on the renovation project had already been done. That work was in the form of asbestos abatement as well as some civil engineering work to help alleviate a problem with water on the gym floor after a heavy rainfall.

The contract for the former, in the amount of \$4,140, was awarded to True North Consultants. The engineering work was awarded to W-T Engineering.



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Storm drop contests to Wolves and Bulldogs



South Elgin's Nikki Nguyen taking on the Prairie Ridge pair of Lucille Klimkowski, left, and Rachel Walsh, right as the Storm were trying to mount an offensive thrust. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Isabella Tusa of the Storm, left, battling the Wolves' Lucille Klimkowski for possession of the ball near midfield.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team struggled to create chances as the Storm suffered a 3-0 nonconference loss against Prairie Ridge on Wednesday, March 21 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

Prairie Ridge scored first with 21:39 left in the first half. From there, the South Elgin defense limited the visitors chances until the final 10 minutes of the game when the final two goals were scored, the first with 8:34 left to play and the last with 2:36 left.

"I don't think the scoreboard is completely reflective of how the game went," said South Elgin coach Laura Szwaja.

Despite some positives on the defensive side, the Storm's offense struggled to produce.

Just about three minutes prior to Prairie Ridge's first goal, freshman Abigail Roy took the Storm's best shot on goal of the game.

In the second half, the Storm had a few solid attacks led by Roy, Nicole Matustik, Isabella Tusa and Nikki Nguyen but South Elgin struggled to get shots off.

"My thoughts are we simply have to be better," Szwaja said. "We are better than what we showed today."

Storm keeper Megan McClure finished with three saves.

South Elgin went on to drop a 6-1 match against Batavia in Upstate Eight Conference crossover play on Thursday, March 22 at Batavia.

Despite the losses, the Storm is gaining needed experience for a squad of largely newcomers which included 13 underclassmen.

"That experience is the best teacher you can have," Szwaja said. "They should let this one hurt for a bit because it'll only make them stronger going forward."

South Elgin is now 0-2-1 overall.

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Police Reports

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 ★ At 5:10 p.m., police responded to Victoria's Nail Salon, 349 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.
 ★ At 5:13 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of North Blackhawk for a report of a domestic.
 ★ At 7:57 p.m., police responded to PS Fuels, 14 Illinois Route 25, for a report of a hit and run in progress.
 ★ At 9:27 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of North South Elgin for a report of a suspicious incident.
 ★ At 9:43 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Liberty for a report of a domestic in progress.
 ★ At 10:47 p.m., police responded to the Outback Steak House, 365 Randall Road, for a report of an activated alarm.

Monday, March 19
 ★ At 1:59 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Nicole for a report of an activated alarm.
Tuesday, March 20
 ★ At 1:12 a.m., police responded to ABF Freight Systems, 825 Commerce Drive, for a report of an activated alarm.
 ★ At 7:51 a.m., police responded to Premise Alert Record, 725 Dean Drive, for a report of a disturbance.
 ★ At 8:41 a.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a 911 investigation.
 ★ At 1:55 p.m., police responded to Thornton Oil, 900 N. LaFox, for a failure to pay complaint.
 ★ At 2:07 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Juli for a threats complaint.

★ At 2:43 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Windsor for a report of a suspicious vehicle.
 ★ At 2:48 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Windsor for a fraud complaint.
 ★ At 3:05 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Juli for a fraud complaint.
 ★ At 3:09 p.m., police responded to 760 E. Main St., South Elgin High School, for a 911 investigation.
 ★ At 6:32 p.m., police responded to Best Buy, 424 Randall Road, for a 911 investigation.

nois Route 25 and Seminary, an officer observed a stalled vehicle. A motorist pulled the vehicle from the roadway and the owner advised he would move the vehicle as soon as he could.
 ★ At 9:02 a.m., police responded to the 4N block of Powis for a report of a tree blocking the roadway. The officer located the tree and removed it from the roadway.
Saturday, March 3
 ★ At 8:50 p.m., police responded to the 7N block of Illinois Route 25 for a request to assist Kane County Sheriff's deputies with a report of a disturbance. The officer stood by until the arrival of additional Kane County personnel.

Bartlett cheerleading squad has five named all-conference



Alyssa Somogyi **Bianca Natali** **Brenna Mays** **Gabrielle Dorsen** **Paige Cannata**

Five Bartlett High School cheerleaders were recently honored by receiving all-conference honors. Senior Gabrielle Dorsen, juniors Alyssa Somogyi, Paige Cannata and Brenna Mays as well as sophomore Bianca Natali were each selected. The Bartlett cheerleading team will graduate five seniors this year. In addition to Dorsen, the squad will lose Lauren MacLennan, Danielle Smith, Nicki Ruhl and Joey Allen.

STREAMWOOD

Friday, March 16
 ★ At 2:02 p.m., Samuel R. Giuffre, 18, Freeport, was arrested on warrant and charged with possession of ammunition without a FOID card. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.
 ★ At 2:50 p.m., Brittany Nicole Bowker, 23, Hanover Park, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She faces an April 3 hearing date.
Wednesday, March 21
 ★ At 8:02 p.m., Rolando Lopez, 27, Streamwood, was arrested on warrant. He was transported to Elgin Police Department.
Thursday, March 22
 ★ At 3:23 p.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Winchester Drive reported that an unknown offender took a leaf blower and backpack from an unattended and open landscaper trailer. Estimated loss \$500.

WAYNE

Thursday, March 1
 ★ At 7:38 a.m., in the vicinity of Illi-

Monday, March 5
 ★ At 8:22 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Army Trail and Dunham roads for a report of a vehicle in the ditch. The owner advised that he had slid off the roadway, and had two friends on the way to help him extract the vehicle from the ditch.
Thursday, March 8
 ★ At 5:14 p.m., police responded to the 33W block of Ashley for a report of a pair of loose horses. The horses were located and eventually returned to their owner.
 ★ At 11:40 p.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Railroad, a vehicle driven by Anneliese Jackson, age and address withheld, was stopped for doing 40 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone. The officer detected an odor of cannabis wafting from the vehicle. A search turned up cannabis, cannabis oil and drug paraphernalia. Jackson and passenger Victor Cuevas, age and address

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Open Swim at Bartlett Community Center

Spend your free time over spring break swimming at Splash Central March 28 to 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open swim on March 30 will begin at the end of the Aqua Egg Hunt. Open swim is also available Friday, March 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 31 from 1 to 6 p.m. Free to Splash Central pass holders, \$5.50 youth resident, \$6.50 youth regular, \$7 adult resident, \$8 adult regular.

Aqua Egg Hunt, Friday, March 30

Enjoy the novelty of collecting our prize filled plastic eggs in the activity pool and stay after the event to meet Navigator, our Splash Central mascot, and swim. Children will be set into groups at different areas of the pool. Please bring/wear a bathing suit, bring a towel and collection basket/container for your eggs. Age groups will collect eggs sequentially. All participant's ages will be checked right before the group hunts. Participants must stay with their age group. Advance registration is required.

Annual Apple Blossom Run 5K/10K Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m.

Start off the race season right with this fast, fun, and flat 5K/10K run hosted by Bartlett Park District's LIFECENTER Health & Fitness Club. \$5 of each registration will be donated to the "Free To Be Me" Inclusive Playground Project. Pre-registration closes at 12 noon on May 11. Registration forms can be picked up at the Bartlett Community

Center, downloaded from bartlettparks.org or you may register online at: Signmeup.com. No pets allowed. All ages welcome. Fee is \$30 and increases \$10 after noon on May 4.

Junior Golf League at Apple Orchard Golf Course Wednesdays, June 6 to Aug. 1

This recreational league for ages nine to 15 stresses learning and development of golf skills in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. League fee is \$93 resident and \$97 regular. League plays on Wednesday at Apple Orchard Golf Course. Participants must have had some previous golf experience, but do not need to be highly skilled. Registration forms are available at the BCC registration office or on our website www.appleorchardgolf.org. Registration deadline: May 17 or limit of 160 is reached, whichever comes first. No online registration.

Women's Golf League at Apple Orchard Golf Course Mondays, April 30 to Aug. 27

Whether you are new to the game of golf or have enjoyed the game for years, this league is for you. The league caters to women golfers 18 years and better. All games are played at the Apple Orchard Golf Course on Mondays. Tee times are available in the morning or evening whichever you prefer. This is not a park district program. It is run independently with league volunteers. If you are interested in helping on a committee, please note that on your registration form. Look for registration information at the Apple Orchard Golf Course and on-line at appleorchardgolf.org. For more information contact Judy Artos at bartlett womensgolf@gmail.com.

Series of March expenses approved by Dist. U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved just under \$10 million in expenditure items over three straight meetings in March.

On March 5 the board approved a \$205,000 expenditure (from the education fund) with RVK, Inc., a \$1.2 million item (education fund) with Peak Electric, Inc., a \$280,282 proposal (Title I funds from the nation's taxpayers) with Dell Marketing LP and CDW-G, a \$34,676 item (food and nutrition fund) with Chef's Depot and Douglas Equipment and a \$4 million expenditure (capital project fund) with Happ Builders, Inc.

The RVK proposal is for a "retirement investment advisor" to help the district in its effort on "consolidating its 403(b) and 457 defined contribution retirement plans service providers from over 30 to one/two providers" according to the proposal. Two bidders came in with lower bids of \$137,500 and \$156,000 which board members Melissa Owens and Jeanette Ward inquired about which the administration said they lacked experience with educational organizations and didn't fit with what the district was trying to do.

The proposal with Peak Electric "will complete the installation of wireless access points and necessary wiring in 19 elementary schools" to complete "the implementation of a phased project to provide wireless access points to

support all schools" according to the proposal.

The proposal with Dell and CDW-G will go towards the purchase of 543 Chromebooks, 150 student laptops and 24 Bretford 36-unit carts.

Chef's Depot and Douglas Equipment will provide three milk coolers, two single door mobile warmers, a boilerless steamer, a two door pass-through warmer, an electric counter top steamer and a double deck electric oven for various schools. In response to a question from board member Sue Kerr the life expectancy of the equipment is between 10 and 15 years according to Claudie Phillips, director of food and nutrition services.

Happ Builders will "provide all the necessary unique mechanical, plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, storage and Health Code requirements" for a new commissary according to the proposal.

On March 12 the board approved a one-year contract renewal with Workforce Software costing \$44,730 (education fund), a one-year contract renewal with Baragar Systems costing \$30,000 (education fund), a \$2 million proposal (capital projects and life safety funds) with Mechanical Concepts of Illinois, Inc. and a \$203,704 proposal (education fund) with Sentinel Technologies, Inc.

The Workforce Software deals with payroll and Baragar Systems software "is utilized for staffing, enrollment projections, mapping boundaries and

warning for speeding. Both were released at the scene.

Wednesday, March 14

★ At 5:43 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 25 and Army Trail for a request to assist in locating a truck that might have been involved in a theft. The officer searched the area, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

planning for the location of programs" according to the proposal. Mechanical Concepts will provide work on air handlers in the gym and auditorium at Streamwood High School "to address obsolete existing equipment and systems" according to the proposal, and Sentinel Technologies will help "maximize uptime for our schools" by providing uninterruptible power supply across the district according to that proposal.

On March 19 the board approved a one-year contract renewal with HERO Software costing \$64,225 (education fund) and a \$1.8 million proposal (capital projects and life safety funds) with F.E. Moran, Inc.

HERO software tracks "student timeliness in class every day" and "reinforces positive behaviors and allows students and parents to track progress" according to the proposal. Terri Lozier, assistant superintendent said the district has "seen a dramatic reduction" in the number of tardy students at the middle school level with the software in response to a question by Kerr.

F.E. Moran will provide work on the second phase providing HVAC replacements at Canton Middle School in Streamwood.

Also unanimously approved were \$3.8 million in itemized bills on March 5 and \$7.1 million in itemized bills on March 19. The board also approved six more human resources resolutions authorizing the honorable dismissal effecting 76 classified staff and 32 teachers, those votes coming on March 12.

In March the board also voted, unanimously, to direct staff to create a budget which could be the last year such a resolution comes before the board as a board policy update could remove that requirement. U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said legally the board

did not need to direct him to prepare a budget and Ward said "of course they're going to prepare a budget" which is why they are considering removing that from the board's policy.

Related to the budget, Kerr asked what the district expects from the state in revenue for the upcoming budget. Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said: "Ask me at the end of May. I can probably get a little closer to that answer, hopefully."

The board also unanimously approved in March a joint agreement with 50 to 80 school districts in the state to "jointly bid food and beverages which will reduce the labor hours for each district to construct their own bids and seek approval at the state level which is very time consuming." Kerr asked if the district has pursued such an agreement before which King said "informally yes, not formally."

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an investigations vehicle (\$30,000).

Wallace suggested the investigations vehicle be held off a year which Chief of Police Patrick Ullrich said "I think we can do that."

Camerer suggested with technological advances vehicles may be able to last longer and some vehicles may be able to go longer, and the board consensus agreed but Carbonaro did not. Ultimately Schumacher suggested a compromise of replacing two of the three patrol vehicles and creating a replacement plan for next year which Reinke called a "fair compromise."

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withheld, were issued local ordinance citations for the drug issues. In addition, Jackson was issued a written

U-46 Board approves secondary math materials

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved resources and technology for secondary math classes by a 6-1 vote, Jeanette Ward voting no, on Monday, March 5.

The classes include algebra 1, algebra 2, geometry, geometry bridge, pre-calculus, AP calculus, AP statistics and finite mathematics. The reason for this change is to update outdated resources, purchased in 2011, according to the proposal.

The proposal includes the purchase of laptops with touch screens for every student in algebra 1, algebra 2 and geometry as well as graphing calculators for every junior as they take the SAT exam and professional development for staff. The total cost according to the proposal is \$5.5 million for resources and \$1.8 million for professional development.

Prior to the proposal being presented on Feb. 26, board member Sue Kerr asked for a yearly breakdown of costs

which the district responded for resources and technology it'll cost \$5.5 million the first year and \$698,250 for years two through seven, and for professional development: \$669,445 the first year, \$544,548 the second, \$531,650 the third and \$14,000 years four through seven. The board will have to separately approve the professional development contract over the summer according to the district.

Ward voted against the proposal for several reasons from the resources to the reliance on technology. She said she liked the calculus resource and would have voted for that if it were a separate item.

The algebra and geometry resources, an all online resource titled Discovery Math Techbook—all digital!, were like Eureka Math according to Ward who said she voted for Eureka previously before having experience with it.

"It's language-heavy and math-light in my opinion after reviewing it," Ward said. "And students who are

gifted in math strongly dislike when math is presented in this way and it hinders understanding."

Ward said she's heard from multiple people, including her daughters, and "they are very frustrated with Eureka math and the fact that it's more like English as math instead of math as math."

The resources being fully online also raised concerns for Ward.

"Connecting to the internet is not problem free in classrooms, and I have heard accounts of lots of class time lost on solving technical and connectivity issues," Ward said. "Even where I work this is a problem, and we have a great system. It's not suggesting the U-46's systems are bad, it's just the technology like that it requires some hand holding at times."

The Discovery resource as well as the AP statistics resource, MacMillan's "The Practice of Statistics, 6th Ed.," also move out of the realm of mathematics and into partisan political issues by included one-sided lessons on the theory of manmade global warming according to Ward.

"It was interesting to me that the statistics textbook, which is attempting to teach students to use statistics correctly, makes the argument that CO2 contributes to global warming which is unproven statistically," Ward said. "It could also be argued that warming is a natural phenomenon and that data shows that natural cycles of warming preceded any increase in CO2 levels."

Board member Melissa Owens said the board has recently approved items to allow the district to "have access points now... in all of our classrooms" and she "expects that we're going to have some hiccups and work through them."

When the proposal was presented, Owens expressed similar concerns as Ward regarding the heaviness of language instead of math problems saying "it's very wordy," and she asked if professional development will help.

"Discovery knows that our teachers are used to a traditional textbook where it's a series of problems," said

Amy Ingente, math coordinator.

Ward commended Kerr for her questions prior to the presentation and Kerr thanked staff for "responding because I know I asked a lot." She asked 10 questions regarding the proposal.

One of Kerr's questions concerned the district's move towards one-to-one technology, noting that this proposal advances closer to it, and asked how much it would cost to fully convert to it which the administration responded: "There are approximately 3,230 students who would not receive a Chromebook. This would be an expense of \$1,094,970."

Kerr asked if students would be able to take laptops home to do homework, specifically for those math classes that will be online only, and the district said they would. Kerr asked about students who don't have internet access at home.

Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, said a team is "working on the logistics" and "one of the very first things we landed on was what about internet." She said the Discovery resource is downloaded to the laptops as an app meaning students can do homework offline and it will be uploaded once a connection is available.

South Elgin softball goes 1-4 on Tennessee trip

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin softball team capped its season opening trip to Tennessee with a win to finish the week 1-4.

The Storm defeated Coffee County Central (Tennessee) with an 8-5 win using a pair of three-run frames in the sixth and seventh innings to rally from a 5-2 deficit on Saturday, March 24 in Clarksville.

Geneva Pollman (3-for-4, two doubles, two RBI), McKenna Eichholz (2-for-4, double, RBI), Julianna Battaglia (2-for-3, RBI), Casey Brennan (triple, three RBI) and Alivia Doyle (RBI) led the offense. Sidney Strama got the win in the circle.

The eight runs came after scoring just three over the first four games. South Elgin coach Brad Reynard got a chance to see several pitchers over the week, but said his team needs to find offense this season.

"We are an extremely young but talented team," Reynard said. "We have four solid pitchers but will have to find a way to score."

The Storm opened with two losses on Thursday, March 22 in Smyrna, Tennessee with a 3-1 loss to host Smyrna and a 7-0 loss against Sweet Water (Alabama). Strama and Pollman suffered the losses in the circle.

Eichholz (RBI) and Brennan both went 2-for-3 against Smyrna, and Daisy Fuentes was 2-for-3 with a double against Sweet Water.

South Elgin fell 7-0 to Floyd Central (Indiana), Strama taking the loss, and 9-2 against Mainland Regional (New Jersey), Alyssa Kendall the losing pitcher, on Friday, March 23 in Murfreesboro. Battaglia was 2-for-3 with a double against Floyd while Brennan went 2-for-3 and Samantha Dietz drove in a run against Mainland.

TIF plan

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where one had expired in 2009 where they did not achieve their goals for development of the downtown and surrounding area," a memo to the board stated. "Consequently, we opposed the freezing of property tax revenue for another 23 years. The Village of Hanover Park is seeking a twelve-year extension to achieve the goals for the development plan."

The proposal was introduced to the board at the last minute as King brought it to the board as a non-agenda item a week earlier on March 5. Because of that there were few answers at the time.

Board member Veronica Noland, who wanted some figures, had asked "they want our support... but what's in it for U-46" to which King replied: "I really wouldn't be able to provide you with that data."

Prior to the vote Noland's question was answered in the memo that if Hanover Park's projections occur "it would take 5.32 years to recoup the deferred revenue by agreeing to the extension." The memo stated the district would receive, assuming a 2 percent yearly increase in EAV, "\$11.9 million in added revenue" if the extension was not approved.

Costello asked at the time what adverse effects would occur if the projections don't occur which the memo stated: "It would take the district longer to recoup the deferred taxes by

allowing the extension. The time frame would depend on the ending value of the TIF when it expires."

On March 12, Kerr asked some technical questions which Craig was unable to answer.

"I can't really speak to every technical deal, every dollar transferred in and out. I wouldn't know how to speak to that," Craig said but added: "With a robust economy, which we're on the cusp of what I'm being told, the EAV can then improve itself."

In response to questions from Kerr, Traci Ellis and Melissa Owens, King said "once the TIF is created, the EAV is frozen in that TIF district" but "the taxpayers are not being punished for the establishment of the TIF." He also said: "TIFs work in a growing economy."

Owens said Craig's a "supporter of U-46" and voted for the proposal.

Ward said "developers still, and businesses still, might come in or would come in to the area without the TIF, correct, and there'd still be some growth without the TIF" to which Craig said "yes and no" because the developers currently looking in the village would not build without it, but it wouldn't preclude others from coming in.

Craig said the expansion of the Elgin-O'Hare toll road will create more interest in Hanover Park and the developers are trying to entice "many young millennials that live and work in the area," and he added "some of the tax changes that have been made are just really going to be robust" referring to the personal and corporate tax cuts at the federal level that were signed by President Donald Trump.

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Kevin Wiley

Man on a mission

Dear Editor,

Kudos to the cigar smoking gentleman who walks up and down Struckman collecting the litter/trash. If he is in the street please drive safely as he is there collecting the trash and not deliberately just walking in the street.

Vernon Thede

Appreciation to the Fire Protection District community

Dear Editor,

I want to take the opportunity to thank Chief Falese, Assistant Chief Gabrenya, the administration, the rank and file, the Friends of Bartlett, and especially the Bartlett Fire Protection community for their support for the referendum and the Fire District. The trust and support by the community sustains the Fire Protection District financially.

The community support enables the Fire Protection District to continue the level of service. Once again, thank you for your support.

Jay Langfelder

We the taxpayers bear the burden once again!

Dear Editor,

When is it ever going to end? Yes, we

Tidbits

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who are interested in serving their community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

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

need a firehouse and paramedic. However, what we don't need is them constantly taking our money without sacrifice. This is the straw that broke my back.

The patronizing campaign that the increase is just two fancy drinks at Starbucks a month. I don't drink fancy drinks! I cannot afford them. The tax increase on our utilities/water, the police station, fire district, U-46, Crook County or DuPage County, state income - they all think we owe them more and more. When will they make the sacrifice and tough decisions that need to be made?

Village of Bartlett employees are paid nicely, they get COLA, great benefits, etc. The vast majority of the citizens living in Bartlett work in the private sector and are not compensated with Cadillac health care at a minimum and a pension.

I have made the financial adjustments to keep living the quality of life that I have had for the past few years - now it is no longer possible - the camel's back is broken. I shop at Aldi and Meijer because our local Jewel is too expensive. I cancelled my Comcast cable service. I switched from Verizon to Boost Mobile. I regularly check my utilities and insurance to make sure I am getting the best possible price. I cancelled my dog's vet insurance. All these little things add up and yet I do not see the impact in my finances. They continue to take and take. When will they make the same tough decisions? Spend our money like it is your money.

Police need \$90k for computers? Great, layoff one police officer and there is your \$90k If it is that important, you will find a way without diving in our pockets. If it is not - just stop.

This turnout has no more blood.

Davis Sorenson

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Baseball: Marengo topples Larkin in 8

BY SCOTT MILLER

Larkin baseball coach Matt Esterino hopes his team will use Wednesday's 6-4 loss in 8 innings to visiting Marengo as a learning tool after the Royals squandered too many opportunities. They stranded 6 baserunners in scoring position and blew a 4-3 lead in the seventh inning, eventually falling 6-4 in eight innings.

"For some of those guys it's the first time at the varsity level being in those situations," Esterino said. "So there is a tendency to squeeze the bats a little and press. We'll be looking to convert in more of those situations as the season goes on and the kids gain more experience. This game will be good to learn from."

Too many free passes also cost Larkin as three Royals pitchers combined to issue 8 walks of which 3 came around to score. It was a leadoff walk followed by an infield single that led to the Indians scoring the go-ahead runs on a wild pitch in the eighth inning.

"We call those freebies," Esterino said. "And we were handing out too many of them today. Walks are almost always going to come back to get you."

Offensively the Royals knocked on the door the first four innings with solid contact and finally broke through in the fifth inning when they scored 4 runs to go up 4-3. Jeff Althamar (3-for-4) led off the rally with a double and later scored the Royals' first run on a groundball by Thomas Woodruff. Jackson Reuter and Cy Kerber added RBI doubles and Gunnar Boley had a sacrifice fly.

However, the Royals couldn't hold onto the lead as the Indians strung together three singles in the seventh inning to tie the game at 4-4. Kerber took the loss in relief, surrendering 3 runs in 2 innings of work.

The Royals left the potential winning run stranded at third base in the seventh inning and the potential tying runs at second and third base in the eighth inning.

Larkin (3-2) did have 8 hits in the game and fanned only five times.

"I thought we put the barrel on the ball and hit it hard more than we have our first few games," Esterino said. "We just had a lot of at 'em balls. Nobody likes a loss, but we did a

lot of things well out there today. So, we will build on the positives and continue to work to fix the negatives."