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Gail Borden kicks off Summer Reading program

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Gail Borden Public Library is "diving into reading" with the summer reading program starting Saturday, May 13.

On Tuesday, May 18, **Elgin Area School District U-46 CEO Tony Sanders** will join Gail Borden Library Executive Director Carole Medal at 4 p.m. at the main library at 270 N. Grove., in kicking off this critical program with great fanfare. There will be sea creatures characters and giant photo ops.

"We are so very pleased to be able to kick off the 2018 summer reading challenge with School District U-46. It is so important for public libraries and schools to work together on initiatives that encourage children to read," Medal said. "We invite all students in our community to visit the Gail Borden Library this summer -- at the Main Library, Rakow Branch or South Elgin Branch -- to check out books and other materials and to participate in some fun programs."

"A few weeks ago, Gail Borden librarians delivered more than 13,000 summer reading logs to the school district administrative offices. These reading logs have been distributed to all grade and middle schools in the district to encourage students to participate in summer reading," Sanders said. "It is imperative that students maintain their reading skills through the summer to assist with the transition to a new school year. Programs like the Summer Reading Challenge help students in their journey to a successful education and future."

This year, participants can choose to complete the Summer Reading program either on the traditional paper log, or completely online through the library's Beanstack Summer Reading program.

The public is encouraged to come in to the library to get their summer reading logs or learn online about the Beanstack app. Join the fun that includes fishing for prizes! For more about summer reading, visit gailborden.info/read2018.

SPORTS SECTION

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South Elgin battles back to beat Bartlett

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

South Elgin refused to sink.

Playing most of the game without three seniors who were on a class boat trip, the Storm came from behind twice to edge Bartlett, 8-7, in the continuation of a suspended Upstate Eight Valley softball matchup in South Elgin Friday.

The Storm's No. 1 and 2 hitters, Casey Brennan and Geneva Pollman, combined for 4 hits and scored 4 times. Winning pitcher Sidney Strama had 2 hits, as did Sami Koss.

Trailing 7-6, the Storm took the lead for good in the bottom of the sixth. Brennan and Pollman led off with singles. Brennan scored on McKenna Eichholz's sacrifice fly, and Pollman came in on a wild pitch.

The game resumed in the bottom of the second. South Elgin started with just 9 players in uniform, as the bus returning the seniors from the boat trip got stuck in rush-hour traffic.

The missing mariners eventually returned and two finished out the game, but the underclassmen did their part in their absence.

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

The Hawks had taken the lead with 4 in the top of the fifth. Janelle Ulaszek and Gianna Campo had run-scoring hits in the inning.

South Elgin (14-10, 11-3), moved 2 games ahead of Bartlett in the conference race.

Even though Bartlett started the day with a 1-0 lead, the Hawks couldn't seem to get into the flow of the game early on, with South Elgin scoring 3 times in the first 2 innings to take the lead.

"We took too many innings to get into the rhythm of the game," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "We got ourselves into a little rhythm offensively, took ourselves a lead, and then what a great job their leadoff hitters did -- Brennan and Pollman did exactly what you expect your leadoff hitters to do."

Their approach wasn't all that complicated, according to Brennan.

"At that point you just have to make contact and hope that it's going to drop," she said.
"Especially with this wind because everything's going back at you, so make sure you don't hit it up in the air. Basically just to get on base so somebody can hit you in."

Ulaszek, Campo, and Caitlin Fippinger each had 2 of the Hawks' 7 hits.

Brennan's triple keyed a 3-run fourth for the Storm, giving them a 6-3 lead.