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Get in your order for Elgin Lions' 34th annual Rose Day

By: James Beam



The Elgin Lions Club is selling a dozen long-stemmed roses for the 34th annual Rose Day April 17-19.

Members of the Elgin Lions Club are conducting their 34th annual Rose Day. They will be selling one dozen long-stemmed roses for \$15 for delivery on Wednesday to Friday, April 17-19.

Purchasers will have fresh flowers with which to celebrate Easter, reinforce a loving relationship, thank someone, or just brighten up a room!

This is a major fundraising event that began in 1984, and was so well received that it is now an annual affair. The roses can be ordered from any Elgin Lions Club member, or an order can be placed by calling (847) 289-4206. A telephone number or an email address is needed so that delivery information and arrangements for payment may be made during a subsequent return call or email.

Also, an order can be placed by dropping one off at Elgin Hardware on Spring or Lillian Streets or mailing one to P.O. Box 276, Elgin, IL 60121. For these two methods, an order ticket is preferred; they are available at the Ace Hardware locations.

There is a Friday, April 12 deadline for all orders placed by phone, Ace Hardware drop-off, and P.O. Box.

The roses are flown here shortly before they are to be delivered directly to the homes of the recipients in the Elgin area by members of the Lions Club or other people eager to help out the less fortunate in our community. People who received them in the past have been impressed by their quality. They compare favorably with roses costing five times as much.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to further the charitable works of the Elgin Lions Club. The club provides eye care for those in the community who are in need, but have difficulty affording it. This is especially true for students at Elgin Area **School District U-46**. The club realizes that if students have eyesight issues, they cannot learn effectively.

The majority of the funds collected go to purchasing eye care for students that need such assistance in **District U-46**. The club also participates in many charitable causes and provides donations to other worthy charitable organizations.

Nearly all of the money collected by the various fundraisers conducted by the Elgin Lions Club remains in the Elgin area for the benefit of local people, and the money that does go to Lions International and the Lions of Illinois Foundation is used to help people in need wherever in the world they may live.

The Elgin Lions Club next meets at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the American Legion, 820 N. Liberty St., Elgin For information, contact James Beam at (847) 695-0623 or jamesbeam@comcast.net. Visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/elginil/.

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U46 to purchase 48 new school buses, including 2 fueled by gas rather than diesel

By: Rafael Guerrero



School District U46 transportation officials have presented a plan to the school board to purchase 48 new school buses at a cost of \$3.9 million.

School District U46 plans to purchase 48 new school buses, including two powered by gasoline instead of diesel fuel, under a proposal presented Monday to the school board.

A mix of large and small school buses — estimated to cost about \$3.9 million — will replace older vehicles, some of which date back to 2007, Transportation Director Jeffrey Prowell said.

Gasoline-powered buses are a relatively new concept, but one that seems to be gathering momentum with bus manufacturers, Prowell said. The two being considered by U46 can seat 77 people.

“I’d like to see how they work in our fleet,” he told the board.

The district plans to accept bids for the new buses in April and will return to the board for contract approval in May, Prowell said.

The appeal of gas-powered buses is they’re less expensive to maintain, require less time to repair and don’t require special emissions control equipment, according to documents presented to the board.

They also have fewer cold start issues than diesel-powered engines, warm up more quickly, provide more heat and do not have to be plugged in to an electrical outlet in cold weather, documents said.

Under the proposal, U46 would purchase 19 large diesel-powered buses, each with a 77-passenger capacity, 22 smaller diesel-powered buses that seat 47 and five small activity buses.

The latter don't have stop arms and won't be used to transport students to and from school and home, Prowell said.

Trading in 27 large school buses and 22 small buses will reduce the district's out-of-pocket expense.

Committee discusses group funding requests

By Seth Hancock

Civic group funding this year in the Village is expected to remain at the same level, \$23,475, as last year's funding level after a discussion by the Board of Trustees. It came during a budget review at the March 5 committee of the whole meeting.

Staff proposed a reduction in civic allocation to \$22,302 but the board decided to allocate the difference of \$1,173 to a new civic request this year from the Bartlett Veterans Memorial Foundation. Civic funding requests of \$49,252 were made this year.

Scott Skrycki, assistant village administrator, said the proposal represented the board's direction from last year which asked for a 5 percent reduction to all current civic funding recipients and to not take any new applications. Last year, the board suggested the civic groups largely should be fundraising on their own and should be weaned off of village funds.

The veteran's memorial group requested \$12,000 and another new applicant from the Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE), a stated cooperative effort between **School District U-46** and other community groups, requested \$6,542. No dollars are expected to be allocated to ACE.

The 4th of July Committee requested \$12,000 this year and last year but will likely receive \$10,830 (down from \$11,400 last year), Heritage Days requested \$10,000 this year and \$35,600 last year but \$4,513 is proposed (down from \$4,750), Arts in Bartlett requested \$6,000 this year and \$15,000 last year but will likely receive \$4,513 (down from \$4,750), the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce requested \$2,210 this year and last but will likely receive \$1,995 (down from \$2,100) and the Bartlett Lions Club requested \$500 this year and last year but will likely receive \$451 (down from \$475).

"The village does go above and beyond besides just the dollars requested here," said Skrycki who said in 2018 there were \$49,000 in expenses from the police department, mostly for the 4th of July but also to other civic group events.

Skrycki said other civic group expenses have been incurred through public works and Trustee Aaron Reinke asked how much. Skrycki said "they do contribute quite a bit too" and Paula Schumacher, village administrator, estimated between \$20,000 and \$32,000.

Village President Kevin Wallace said "our primary responsibility is safety and the outdoor arenas" but he disagreed with reducing the funding because the civic groups "foster community and fosters more economic results than just what we're giving here." He

later said he wish the impact of the civic groups could be measured but "it's really subjective."

Trustee Raymond Deyne said he did not want to see the funding reduced because he feels "strongly this is what brought people into our community, brought people into our village."

Deyne asked about ACE and Trustee Michael Camerer said that group seemed to fall outside of the parameters of the civic group funding and it could be "opening doors that shouldn't be opened."

Schumacher said that ACE is seeking a dollar for each U-46 student in Bartlett, which Wallace said both Hanover Park and Carol Stream fund it, but she said the village "did not fund it because we are such a big part of their internship portion of the program."

The village plans to increase the number of interns through ACE this year from five to seven according to Schumacher who said the village's involvement with ACE fulfills its responsibility through the internships and other community events.

Regarding the veteran's memorial, Skrycki said its committee made the request to "add pillars for each branch of the military" to the memorial. He said the village proposed not allocating any funds to the group because it was a new request, and Schumacher said the village has given "a lot of in-kind support" to the group.

Wallace suggested allocating some funds to the memorial which Reinke said he was fine with as long as the total civic funding didn't increase.

"I'm not supportive of increasing the size of the program, but if there's a reallocation it's certainly worth discussing," Reinke said. "Otherwise, it just gets out of control"

Trustee Adam Hopkins agreed: "I definitely don't want to see the dollar amount to go up. I think we need to keep it the same."

Wallace suggested keeping the total funding level the same but the reductions to the existing groups but allocating the difference to the veteran's memorial, which the board agreed to.

IDNR camping reservations being accepted

According to the IDNR, it is time to make reservations for campsites and shelters for many Illinois state parks and other IDNR sites for this year. Reservations can be made online through the Reserve America website at www.reserveamerica.com using a Visa or MasterCard.

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New member of Examiner team

Dev Gandhi goes to Centennial Elementary School where his favorite subject is math. He plays basketball and for fun he enjoys the outdoor sports and video games and his favorite movie is 'World War Z.'

At school he is involved in Math Club, track, choir and musical plays.

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U-46 expenses include funds for SEHS stadium

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved a \$1.5 million expenditure with Stuckey Construction Company, which will come out of the operations and maintenance fund, at its meeting on Monday, March 4 to add on to the athletic stadium at South Elgin High School.

The winning bid was the lowest of four which ranged up to \$1.6 million.

South Elgin, which previously used Streamwood's Millennium Field, opened its stadium in 2011. This expenditure will add lights and a press box as well as renovate the track which the proposal states is "displaying signs of atrophy and needs repair."

Currently there are no stadium lights and only a temporary press box.

The work is scheduled to start in April with substantial completion by Aug. 30 allowing the South Elgin football team's first scheduled home game on Friday, Sept. 13 against Elgin to take place under the lights.

"The project will provide shelter for the coaches, press, and staff who work the games," the proposal states. "It will also enable South Elgin High School to schedule games after sunset. In addition, this project stabilizes the track, improves the overall condition, and mitigates potential hazards associated with the uneven surface."

South Elgin's boosters club had raised funds through private donations for the original construction of the stadium. In 2017, the U-46 board approved of a \$1.6 million proposal from Bartlett High School's boosters for bleachers, stadium lights and a

press box at its new stadium which opened last fall.

However, the Bartlett boosters paid \$925,000 through private donations for that project and indicated it would eventually pay back the district for the taxpayer funds that made up the rest of that \$1.6 million. No indication was made in the South Elgin proposal that its boosters club would refund the taxpayers.

Also approved unanimously that evening were four proposals over \$1 million: \$3.4 million (education fund) with Dell EMC to purchase chrome books and AC adapters, \$2.3 million (safety fund) with Hargrave Builders for lockdown hardware and fire alarm replacement at Elgin and Streamwood high schools and \$2.2 million (education fund) also with Hargrave for library remodeling at three high schools (Bartlett, Larkin, South Elgin) and \$1.1 million (education fund) with Mindsight for a firewall purchase.

The board unanimously approved \$574,000 (operations and maintenance fund) with Manusos General for renovation of the transportation office, \$495,435 (education fund) with CDW Government for wireless access point licenses, \$458,439 (education fund) with Lowery McDonell for furniture for the three library remodels, \$120,600 (education fund) with Metronet for internet access at South Elgin's Kenyon Woods Middle School and \$117,754 (education fund) with Tyler Technologies for MUNIS software support and license renewal.

By a 7-0 vote, the board also approved \$5.1 million in itemized bills.

Improvement a key goal for Streamwood volleyball

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood volleyball team hopes to improve on last season's 4-20 record, 2-8 in the Upstate Eight Conference, as it prepares for the 2019 campaign.

The Sabres have a new coach in Jonathan Bacheller who wants to see his team compete this year.

"Our goal is to be competitive in our conference and play better than last

year," Bacheller said. "Our overall goal is to always improve our program and players as students and athletes. We have a goal of becoming a tighter family, and doing well at regionals."

Key returners include seniors Joseph Huizar (outside hitter), Carlos Jasso (setter) and Abraham Martinez (defensive specialist) as well as junior Roberto Sanchez (outside hitter) who have plenty of experience playing together.

Some newcomers to watch are sophomores Kevin Patino (outside/right side hitter) and Angel Robelo (middle).

"Our team needs to stay mentally focused on the game and play hard but loose," Bacheller said. "We are cultivating a family in our program and are working really hard on all aspects of the game."

Bacheller added: "We are a family and try to incorporate that into our overall play and mentality. We have two sophomores on the team that have some raw talent and are eager to get on the court. We have four returning varsity players that have played club together, so we have some good chemistry already and want to tap into that."

Streamwood is set to open the season on the road for a nonconference match against Saint Viator on Thursday, March 21.

Current year licenses now available

Illinois fishing, hunting and sportsman combination licenses for 2019 are now available from DNR Direct license and permit vendors throughout Illinois, or online through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

The new license year in Illinois begins on April 1, and are valid through March 31, 2020.

IDNR camping reservations being accepted

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Policy changes ratified at U-46 board meetings

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved changes to its policies under Section 6 (Instruction) and Section 8 (School/Community Relations).

The Section 6 changes were approved by a 6-1 vote, board member Jeanette Ward voting no, on Monday, March 4. The Section 8 changes were approved 5-0, board members Phil Costello and Veronica Noland were absent, on Monday, March 11.

Ward thanked the administration and board for making some revisions to Section 6 proposed changes, most notably regarding the district's definition of gifted students as well as removing "global society" for "globally," based off of February discussions, but she still opposed some requirements for drug education for kindergarten students and educating students on the "role of labor unions."

The board agreed with Ward's suggestion to remove "global society" for "globally" under Code 6.165 (Dual

Language Program) and Code 6.210 (Instructional Materials).

Regarding gifted, the district proposed changing Code 6.130 (Programs for Gifted Students) to codify the definition of gifted as "students who perform or who show the potential to perform at significantly advanced levels of accomplishment when benchmarked against local norms and their optimal development arises from differentiated educational experiences."

The phrase "when benchmarked against local norms" could mean that some U-46 schools would have higher standards and others lower standards, and Ward said the danger was "the definition of gifted doesn't really have a definition" which board member Sue Kerr agreed.

Kerr and board member Melissa Owens asked if that language was necessary. U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said the district's practices, which still include local norms, would not change.

Luis Rodriguez, assistant attorney,

said at the March 4 meeting regarding gifted that "there's a lot of flexibility we have" and "we've removed that language entirely" to now state the administration will "develop guidelines governing Gifted Student Programs consistent with Board Policies" and state law.

Ward said: "I would like to say how much I extremely appreciate that the board worked with me and also the administration has worked with me to make some of the changes I suggested, especially the changing of global society to globally and also the changes... about the gifted students and our policy there. I want to emphasize how much I appreciate the changes that were made there."

However, Ward said she could not vote for the policy because of other portions.

"Some of the things I disagree with are, for example, drug education in kindergarten. I understand that's required by the state, but I think that's just ridiculous," Ward said and regarding union education she added: "If we're going to include stuff like that then how about we include the role of capitalism and producing the most powerful economic engine the world has ever known."

Several changes to Section 8 were discussed including one to Code 8.080 (Public Donations and Gifts to Schools) which Rodriguez said adds language to "ensure a case by case review procedure exists for gifts and/or donations."

Noting "equity" language in the policy, Ward asked if a donor were "very generous" for an example to build a football field at one school "would that be viewed upon negatively because other schools don't have a brand new football field."

Rodriguez said he wasn't "sure it would be viewed negatively" saying the added language stated "these procedures shall ensure each gift and/or donation is reviewed on a case by case basis pursuant to this policy," and "that language would allow us to contemplate and review such a request to make sure that if it is approved, it is approved appropriately."

Miguel Rodriguez, chief legal officer, said a donation is "either accepted, or it's not accepted" and "we would have to accept what the donor's intention is... if we choose to accept it."

Costello asked "who makes that decision" to which Sanders said "the board does."

A change to Code 8.092 (Free Admission for Senior Citizens) adds language "clarifying that free admission for senior citizens is for events that occur in U-46 facilities," according to Luis Rodriguez.

A change to Code 8.512 (Public Participation at Board Meetings) cross-referenced the board's guidelines which

were changed in 2016, both Costello and Ward voting against the change at the time. The board's majority changed the guidelines limiting public comments to two minutes instead of the regular three minutes and relegating them to the end of the meeting if more than 20 people sign up to speak, this stemming from three straight meetings when large numbers of public speakers came out in opposition to the district and the board majority regarding a change in practice.

Kerr asked if the change would allow future boards to change its guidelines without changing policy which Miguel Rodriguez said that was "correct." He added: "It's a lot easier to change the guidelines than it is to change the policy."

The policy also states the board's president, currently Donna Smith, will rule on questions of public participation, and Ward asked: "Wouldn't it be the board will rule on questions of public participation?"

"I think it just says the board president because the board president is usually the one who... calls things out of order or keeps the rest of the audience quiet while people are speaking," said Smith who added it would bar the board "from saying Mr. or Ms. President, is this appropriate?"

Prior to the vote, Ward noted she was "very opposed" to the 2016 change to limit the public comments, but she could vote for the policy change because it was just a cross-reference added. She said: "I get that I'm not voting on that (2016 change), so I am going to vote yes with that understanding."

A last minute change to the policy was also made the night of the vote, that coming to Code 8.015 (News Media Relations). Ward noted the policy language which states the district "will make all appropriate information and materials available to support for accurate media coverage," and she asked "who determines what is accurate?"

Sanders said it's "just to make sure we're providing, being transparent with the media and the public about what happens at the board meetings."

Board member John Devereux said: "It's just saying we want to provide comprehensive and thorough information to the media so there can be accurate reporting, so I think it's good to keep in."

Owens said she wasn't sure "if accurate is my favorite word" but agreed it should be kept in.

Ward suggested moving the word accurate with the policy instead saying "will make all appropriate and accurate information and materials available to support media coverage" which would make it "clearer that it means we're being accurate." Kerr agreed and Owens said "thank you, it sounds much better that way," and the board agreed to that change.

Letters

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lage business, reading materials, and connecting with residents, I still fully support him running for re-election. Adam grew up in Bartlett and we have chosen to raise our two (number three on the way) children here. The future of this town and the residents who live here are important to both of us now and for the future of our children. I am proud of the hard work and dedication he puts into asking questions, learning more about topics up for discussion, and connecting with residents.

He answers emails that are sent to him, asks questions about matters that residents ask for help with, takes every contact into consideration when voting, and even goes out to meet with residents and see specific concerns at various locations when they are brought to his attention. He truly wants to make this a better community for all who live here.

Stephanie Hopkins

In support of Fagan

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you to let you know how excited I am to see Jody Fagan's name on the ballot this year for the Bartlett Park District Board.

I have been involved with the park district for the past 10 years since my son and daughter could first participate in the programs the park district offers. As my kids have gotten older they are doing less and less with the park district, but I see all of the families I have met who still have children in the community including Jody Fagan's family. The board is an integral part of the process. You need board members who have the families in this community's best interest in mind.

The park district may be run by employees, but if it weren't for the support of the parents whether it be bringing snacks to the kids after games, volunteering their time to be coaches or the volunteers on the board, we wouldn't have the programs we have today. I met Jody when I was a coach for the park district four years ago and her daughter was picked for my softball team. Jody immediately asked how she could assist and I welcomed the help with open arms. Jody and I have now coached together for three years and she is my right-hand man on our travel team which happens to be affiliated with the park district. She has helped me schedule, work with the park district staff and ensure our program is as affordable as possible for our families.

In the past four years of knowing Jody not just as a parent but as a friend and proud resident of Bartlett I have seen a professional, caring and passionate woman who wants to do everything she

can to help see this village succeed in meeting the needs of us residents. There isn't a week that goes by that Jody doesn't tell me about something going on in the community, whether it is the play the park district puts on, the Bartlett night out, lighting the Christmas lights or a meeting to help support a great cause. As a mother of three she sees things not only as a resident but a parent too. Jody has the vision the Bartlett Park District needs because she has seen it from all sides.

Personally, I had a house built here in Bartlett four years ago, so my family and I are not going anywhere. Jody's innovative approach, work ethic, and commitment to our community to see our programs stay relevant, successful and affordable is exactly what the board needs and we would all be lucky to have her as a representative of the Bartlett Community.

I hope you will help promote Jody in your paper so show our thousands of residents what my family and hundreds of other families already see from Jody!

Angelina M Stankus

Endorsing Hashmi

Dear Editor,

I am endorsing Nazneen Hashmi for Elgin Community College Board of Trustees; I have had the privilege to know and work with her in our community of Streamwood for a few years now.

She is a caring, responsible, community advocate. She believes in education and is a part-time college educator at IIT. She understands the inner workings of colleges and universities which is a plus for her that would shorten the learning curve of being a community college trustee. She also works in the business world, so she understands the financial constraints to budget wisely. She was influential in having ECC and IIT go into a joint venture to better serve students. She supports diversity and equity in educational institutions and providing educational opportunities for all residents including returning veterans. She has served on the Board of the Golden Corridor YMCA since 2013 and the Streamwood Community Relations Commission for over a decade. Nazneen's daughter attended ECC, so she understands the concerns that parents have about their children getting a solid education. Her son is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Today, more than ever we need people who have forward thinking vision for our student's future collegiate choices and helping to develop new programs with other institutions. Nazneen is that person who we need to elect to represent all people in the community. I ask you to please remember to vote for Nazneen Hashmi for Elgin Community College Trustee.

Candace McCreary
Trustee, ECC Board of Trustees
Trustee, Poplar Creek Public Library

Hawks baseball to lean on depth, balance in 2019

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett baseball team hopes to compete in the Upstate Eight Conference this season as the Hawks prepare for the 2019 campaign.

The Hawks finished last season 11-18 overall, 10-11 in the UEC, and Bartlett coach Devin Rosen said he's looking for consistency and teamwork this year to be successful.

"Our goal is to keep growing our program and to be one of the best teams in our conference," Rosen said. "To achieve these goals we need to have consistent hard work and effort and [develop] great team chemistry."

Rosen said his team is deep with some veteran experience returning and talented newcomers ready to con-

tribute.

"We have a lot more depth this year and have good balance of seniors, juniors and sophomores on our varsity squad," Rosen said. "There's not one or two key players we have, but all our seniors need to be leaders for our younger guys on our team for us to be successful."

One of those returning seniors is catcher Matt Angelone who was an all-conference recipient last season after posting a .407 batting average.

Bartlett is scheduled to open the season on the road for a nonconference game at Schaumburg on Tuesday, March 26. The Hawks then travel downstate for the Lenz Field Jamboree starting Friday, March 29.

U-46 Board approves new PE course structure

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved of new high school physical education (PE) courses that are expected to give students more flexibility and independence with a pilot year in 2019-2020 and full rollout in 2020-2021.

The Independent PE 1 and 2 courses were approved along with several other proposals by 5-0 votes, board members Phil Costello and Veronica Noland were absent, at the Monday, March 11 special meeting. They were presented on March 4.

Tracey Jakaitis, student wellness coordinator, said the PE courses are "a little bit, a lot a bit different from what we currently do in physical education" as it is mostly done online with students having to post 150 minutes of physical activity each week with heart rate monitors with teachers continuously monitoring and providing feedback. Students would meet with the teacher 10 to 12 times a semester during 0 hour, before school, while students would still have to take state mandated fitness tests.

One of the goals of the courses according to the district is to provide students an option if they did not receive a requested PE waiver. From 2013 to 2016, the district has granted 2,298 waivers to students who needed to take a course for a college entrance requirement and 331 medical exemptions.

The total expected cost for the courses is \$146,184, \$18,848 in the pilot year and \$127,356 for full rollout, with a

\$600 annual cost for licenses and a \$15 fee per student who takes the course. The cost includes the purchase of 125 heart rate monitors for the pilot year and 900 for full implementation as well as professional development in for three teachers for the pilot and 18 teachers for full rollout.

Board member Jeanette Ward asked: "Given that this is for somewhat independent study, might it reduce our costs for offering PE?"

Trisha Shrode, director of curriculum and instruction, said "that's a good question" but the answer would come with time. She said: "We'd have to monitor during this pilot phase. We'd be able to give you more data after this pilot year."

Board member Melissa Owens noted the "huge jump" in costs between the pilot year and full rollout which Jakaitis said it will be limited to only juniors in the pilot year and 50 total students at both Bartlett and Elgin high schools and 25 at the DREAM Academy, and they project 200 students at all five schools during full rollout. She said the district will be able to make adjustments based on demand.

"I'll be honest, I think this will be a very popular course," said Jakaitis who added: "I think what we have to do with this course, we have to initially limit it to rolling it into our juniors because if we open it up [to] juniors and seniors, we will have to purchase so many monitors and then it will drop down and then we will have too many monitors purchased and not

enough students to take the courses."

Owens said she thought it was a "great" idea but was concerned with access for students who may not be able to meet with teachers during 0 hour. Jakaitis said they plan to possibly expand that to 9 hour, after school, as well as during first and eighth periods.

Costello noted, prior to the vote, that the district's plan to survey students to evaluate the program, but he asked what metrics would be used to see if students are getting healthier from it. He said: "I want to make sure that they still strive to figure out how this will play a role after high school."

"In this course, as with all our other courses, the health metric is going to be target heart rate," Jakaitis said. "Are you able to reach a maintain a moderate to vigorous heart rate for 30 minutes?"

Board member Sue Kerr, who said she "really love[s] this," asked if the heart rate monitors are insured. Jakaitis said like textbooks, students would have to pay replacement costs for lost or damaged monitors.

Ward said based on her daughters' experiences and other students "some kids will not be able to get their heart rates up" with the current monitors in PE classes. She also asked about a recent elite gymnast who addressed the board because she was denied a PE waiver.

Jakaitis said "the healthier you are the more challenging it is to get into a target heart rate zone" and the current monitors have a standard setting for an average student, but the monitors for these PE classes [are] "very individualized." Regarding the gymnast, she said her case will be addressed under new PE waiver guidelines that will be developed.

"I love the flexibility that this allows students, and I think that's a fantastic idea," Ward said.

Costello had asked if the district had sought possible sponsors for the program that could help pay for the program such as Advocate Hospital in Elgin. He said: "I would just think that they would want their name behind this to say that they are promoting health at a young age and proliferating that throughout their populations."

The administration said they have not looked into sponsorships but Shrode said they have looked for

grants, but no grants for this proposal were found.

Also approved was a resolution allowing the sale of district owned land known as the Jacaranda Property in Bartlett which has a minimum sale price of \$750,000. Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said the district must go to auction first but can use an outside agency to sell if the auction doesn't meet the minimum price.

The district has sought to sell the property for several years, and King said U-46 worked with the Village of Bartlett for about a year to see what they wanted and another six to eight months to draw up a contract. He said there was interest "a couple years ago" but "not as of recently."

"We've finally come to a point where we all agree and here we are presenting it to you so we can move forward with an auction for the property," King said.

Approved was a \$4.2 million expenditure (life safety and operations and maintenance funds) with CBA Morris, Inc. d/b/a Austin Electric, Inc. for clock, fire alarm and intercom system replacements at Elgin High School, Elgin's Abbott Middle School and South Elgin's Clinton and Willard elementary schools.

Ward asked for an explanation on why it costs so much to which Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said there's "a lot of electrical wiring, it's extremely time intensive then also this is not your standard intercom system." Downs added, when asked by Kerr, that it meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements but also the "district accepted" suggestions from its engineers that were not required under the ADA.

Costello asked if similar proposals will come for other schools. Downs said: "As systems fail and need replacement, yes this will be the prototype that we would follow in those other locations going forward."

The board approved a \$55,423 expenditure, to be paid for by the nation's taxpayers through grant funds, split between Douglas Food Stores, Inc. (\$32,858) and TriMark Marlinn (\$22,565) for kitchen equipment replacement at Elgin's Ellis Middle School. Also approved was a \$46,382 contract renewal (education fund) with Workforce Software to update licenses.

Storm volleyball seeking a strong showing in 2019

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team returns a strong group of players and welcomes some encouraging newcomers as the Storm prepare for the 2019 campaign.

The Storm hope to produce a winning season and compete in the Upstate Eight Conference while having a strong showing against their fellow U-46 schools. After the nonconference opener at North (Tuesday, March 19), South Elgin will compete in the U-46 Invite at Larkin on Saturday, March 30.

"We always want to be first or second in U-46 and in the top four of the conference," said South Elgin coach Adam Plach. "With the players we have returning I hope we can be better than .500 this year."

To be successful, Plach said: "It always comes down to keeping our offense in system and doing what we can to keep the other team out of sys-

tem. The strides we make in those areas will dictate our success."

The Storm's returners include seniors Jack Dullum (middle/right side hitter) and Vince Miszkiewicz (middle/right side hitter) as well as juniors Christian Ayar (setter), Raul Correa (outside/right side hitter), Adam DeGuzman (middle hitter), Mandeep Sangha (outside hitter) and Daniel Skrzypchak (libero).

Newcomers include juniors Manny Figueroa (setter), David Galanes (defensive specialist), Eugene Gueco (setter), David Long (right side hitter) and Anthony Viscuso (outside/right side hitter).

"We have a pretty close group coming back this year so I think our chemistry will be pretty good, and with some of our experience we should be able to compete," Plach said. "It will be a matter of fine tuning some of our skills."

Storm baseball looking to seniors for success in 2019

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin baseball team hopes its returning talent can help lead the Storm to a successful 2019 season.

The Storm finished last year 15-9-1 overall, 12-6 in the Upstate Eight Conference, and they hope to be competitive in the league this season.

"This team has some good senior leadership and should compete well with the rest of the conference," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. "We play some good nonconference teams early in our schedule and hopefully those games get us ready for conference play."

The season begins with a pair of non-conference home games for the Storm against Fremd (Tuesday, March 19) and Buffalo Grove (Friday, March 22).

South Elgin returns a solid group of seniors including Austin Doty (outfielder), Ben Hettele (pitcher, outfielder, first baseman), Patrick Keaty (shortstop, pitcher), Joe Teschke (pitcher), Garrett Wano (infielder) and Robert Zagorski (pitcher, designated hitter).

Some key newcomers include juniors Grayson Downing (pitcher, outfielder) and Joe Haslam (pitcher, shortstop).

"As always, we expect our players to execute the fundamentals and hope that pitching and defense keeps us in games to manufacture runs," Kating said. "With the reconfiguration of levels within the program, adding a JV schedule and fresh/soph level, we are hoping that other players can develop and contribute at the varsity level."

Tidbits

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More than 30 tuition and textbook scholarships of up to \$4,000 each will be awarded. Applicants must be accounting students who will be enrolled in an Illinois college as a senior or graduate student during the 2019-20 academic year. As an exception, eligible juniors may apply for the Herman J. Neal Scholarship. Successful applicants are students who demonstrate financial need, academic achievement, and plan to sit for the CPA exam. The scholarships are intended to support diverse and deserving future CPAs for all their hard work and success thus far.

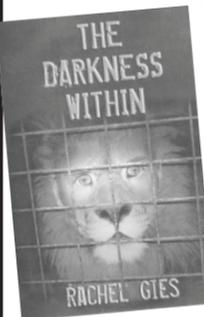
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Dads, daughters dance at Bartlett Hills

On Saturday, March 9, Bartlett Elementary School hosted its annual Daddy Daughter Dance. And, for the second year in a row, due to the space constraints of the school gym, the event was held at the Bartlett Hills Golf Club.

The theme of the night was "Hollywood" and the banquet room was decorated in gold, silver and black. A red carpet lined the hallway that lead the over 150 young woman and their special men into the dance. The couples danced to music from a DJ. Posed pictures of each couple were available to all. Towards the end of the dance, the annual tradition of the sixth-grade girls being announced took place. After being announced, each girl was given a rose, escorted into the room by her dad or special guest and then danced to a special song.



Ariana Luque showed off her best 'Thriller' dancing moves.



Little sister Allison posing for a picture with her big sister Emily Mehl.



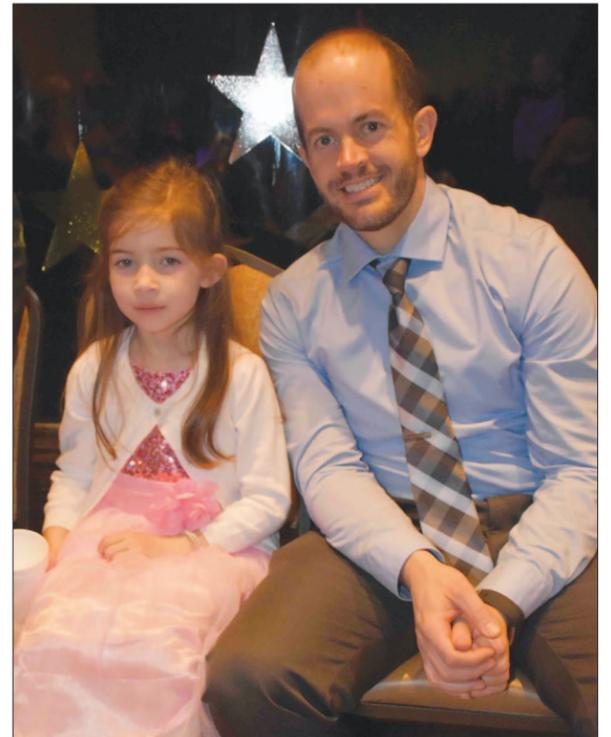
Sarai Howell danced the night away with her grandfather Rodney Howell.



David Orozco couldn't help but capture the moment dancing with his daughter Belicia Orozco while on the dance floor.



Stefania danced with her dad Guy Sanalito after the recognition of all the sixth-graders in attendance.



Kaylee and her dad Joseph George sat by the dance floor once exhaustion was just too much.



Nellie and her dad Jeremy Meinhardt enjoyed their conversation while dining on snacks



Ava along with her dad Eli Polites took a break from the dancing to enjoy the snacks. .
(Examiner photos by Andrea Kohl)

SPORTS

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Baseball: South Elgin blasts 3 home runs to beat Fremd

By: Daily Herald Reports

South Elgin opened its season with a 10-8 win over Fremd on Tuesday.

The Storm (1-0) blasted three home runs. Garret Wano, Grant Baker and Logan Romasanta all went deep in the fifth inning. The Storm had 10 hits in the game with Austin Doty, Patrick Keaty and Cody Gallagher all getting multiple hits.

Batavia 14, Glenbard West 3: Batavia (1-0) finished with 13 hits as Alex Skupa, Brady King and Cole Nelson all had multiple hits, including a seventh inning home run for Nelson. Brad Niedzwiedz got the start for the Bulldogs, allowing 5 hits and 1 run over 4 innings, striking out eight and walking one.

Aurora Christian 5, Plano 3: Trey Madsen, Jake Kuntzendorf and Josh Smoot each collected multiple hits for Aurora Christian. Madsen went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the Eagles (3-0) in hits. JP Jira got the win for Aurora Christian, surrendering 3 runs on 2 hits and striking out two. MJ Stavola recorded the last three outs to earn the save for Aurora Christian.

Cary-Grove 7, Palatine 0: Cary-Grove (1-0) secured the victory with a 7-run third inning. Quinn Priester, Drew Stengren, Benjamin Taczy and Jacob Duncan each drove in runs during the inning. Priester earned the win for the Trojans, throwing a shutout for 3 innings.

Yorkville 13, West Aurora 3: West Aurora (0-1) was unable to contain an explosive Yorkville offense in its opener. Jake Smith took the loss for the Blackhawks, lasting 2 and 2/3 innings, giving up 7 hits and 6 runs.

Streamwood's Cole earns all-UEC honors

By Seth Hancock

Streamwood senior Keenon Cole, a 6-foot-7 forward, capped his boys basketball career with the Sabres by earning his second straight all-conference honors in the Upstate Eight.

Cole, a three-year varsity starter, averaged a double-double this year with 24.9 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. He was also an all-conference honorable mention his sophomore season.

Next year, Cole will play Division I basketball at Northern Illinois University.

"It's been a learning experience for me," Cole said of his high school career. "I'm teaching the young guys to cherish everything because it's over quickly."

Cole added: "I'm really interested to see what kind of game I'll have and how I change my game for the college level."

The Sabres have taken steps forward in each of Cole's three seasons ending 13-19 overall, 8-10 in the UEC this year. Streamwood was 0-24 in league play the previous two seasons and saw its overall win total increase from seven to 11 to this year's 13-win campaign.

Streamwood will also lose seniors Brandon Christopher, Nick Droll and Nikola Sinik.

A lot of talent returns next year for Streamwood as first-year coach Kent Payne brought up some underclassmen midway through the season.

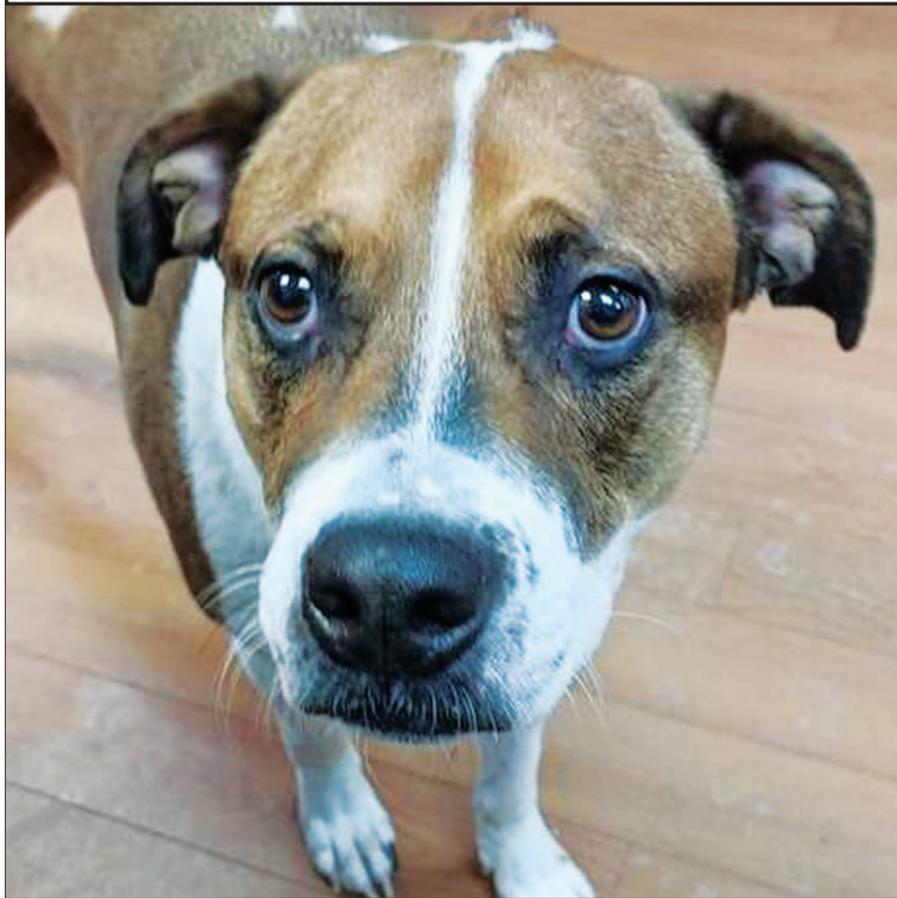
"The players did an excellent job competing throughout the season," Cole said. "Their effort and energy was there every night."

Cole added: "We had some times where we were really good, really competitive against some solid teams. Those young kids are a joy to coach, and they really gave us a spark when we brought them up."



Keenon Cole punctuating a slam dunk during an early season tournament game against Metea Valley. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Pet of the Week



Surviving boxer needs a new home

Buster Brown is a 5-year-old, neutered male, boxer. This handsome, dog was brought to the shelter when his elderly owner was found unresponsive in her home. Scared in the shelter and struggling with poor skin due to allergies (now controlled by diet and antihistamines) Buster was moved into a foster home so he could grieve the loss of his owner and heal. Now this big, lovable boy is ready to find a new home. Buster's perfect family would enjoy casual walks, playing fetch, snuggles and would have another dog or two to play with as he loves dogs. Buster does great sharing all his toys but can be a bit particular about his food dish so he would do best in a home with children 10 or older. Call the shelter at 630-407-2800 or email animalservices@dupageco.org to schedule a meet and greet.

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Take time to give back to your local community by joining the Stream-

wood Woman's Club. Enjoy fellowship with members who work on local philanthropic projects to help the community become a better place to live. They meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month, September through May, at the Streamwood Police Station. Membership is open to any woman who is 18 years and older. Not restricted to Streamwood residents. Contact Anita at 247-2359 for more information.

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.



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Hawks, Jacobs tie 1-1 to end first week of play



With Jacobs keeper Lindsey Cepa prone on the turf and aided by teammates Tori Adams, left, and Melissa Fessler, center, the Hawks' Serena Salvato, right, pounced on the loose ball to score early in the first half. The tally proved to be the only Bartlett goal as Jacobs rallied in the second half to tie the Hawks 1-1.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team couldn't hold onto an early lead as it finished with a 1-1 nonconference tie against Jacobs in the Hawks home opener on Friday, March 15 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

On a cold evening, the Hawks came out hot as Serena Salvato netted a goal in the fourth minute and the 1-0 lead held till halftime. In the 49th minute, Jacobs knotted things up.

"Maybe it's the cold, it's hard to tell, but there was a lot of inconsistency today," said Bartlett coach Vince Revak.

The Hawks had a few solid scoring chances late, and freshman keeper Caitlin Yurkovich made a couple big saves late to maintain the tie.

With 14:33 left in the game, Salvato raced up the

right side of the field and attempted to find the lower left corner of the net and Mikayla Brown raced up the left side nearly getting to the ball to redirect it in before the ball rolled out just wide, and with 7.2 seconds left Tessa Evans had a breakaway that was broken up by the opposing goalie in the nick of time.

"You could tell, even as cold as it is, the girls were happy to be out there playing," Revak said. "Something I can always count on is that they will fight because they're competitors."

Bartlett was coming off a 5-0 win over East Aurora in its Upstate Eight Conference opener on Wednesday, March 13 in Aurora. Brown had two goals and Salvato, Jocelyn Carlos and Morgan Myers one each while Evans, Paige Bednarke and Maddie Donnelly had an assist.

In their season opener, the Hawks finished with a 0-0 tie against Schaumburg in a nonconference match on Monday, March 11 at Olympic Park in Schaumburg.

"Even though we didn't end up with a win, I was pleased with our team's effort," Revak said. "Many of these players have not had much time on the field with one another, so it was great to see such intensity. We really seemed to mesh in the second half especially. Even though we missed out on several chances to put the ball in the goal, we kept Schaumburg off the board as well."

The best scoring chances for Bartlett came in the opening minutes of the second half when Salvato hit a post and Myers moments later had a shot go just wide.

The backline of Yurkovich in goal and defenders Bednarke, Kaley Kowal, Sabrina Fowler and Madison Neer preserved the shutout as Revak said they "often looked calm, collected and comfortable."



The Hawks' Christina Mondelli looking to make a pass to a teammate as Jacobs' Courtney Durben, left, and Emma Miller closed on Mondelli.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Bartlett's Mikayla Brown heading a rush into Jacobs' end of the pitch as the Golden Eagles' Melissa Fessler attempted to cut off Brown's advance.

Gates named all-UEC for Hawks boys hoops

By Seth Hancock

Bartlett boys basketball coach Jim Wolfsmith said senior Austin Gates was in a "class by himself."

The three-year varsity starter capped his career by being named all-conference in the Upstate Eight for the third straight year, the first player in Hawks history to do so. Gates reached the 1,000 career point milestone this season and set a program record for career blocks (154), and he finished in the top five for assists and rebounds.

This season Gates averaged 16.8 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists and 2 blocks a game.

"Austin was the guy who made us go," Wolfsmith said. "He carried a heavy load on his shoulders because other teams knew that as well. He found a way to help us win a few games including a big win over West Aurora."

Although the Hawks did have some struggles this season, finishing 8-22 overall and 5-13 in the UEC, they were the only league team to hand UEC champions West Aurora a loss.

Gates was one of six Hawks seniors this season along with Mohamed Abdelhafez, Garrett Jurina, Nick Mansk, Jack Stuenkel and Nicholas Wolf. Bartlett was young this year including three sophomores, and its JV team was undefeated.

"I'm really proud of what all six seniors did this year. They gave a great effort all season long," Wolfsmith said of his seniors, and on the future he added: "We're going to bring back a lot of bodies next year, and we have some promising players coming up. I'm excited to see what they can do when we get back to work this summer."



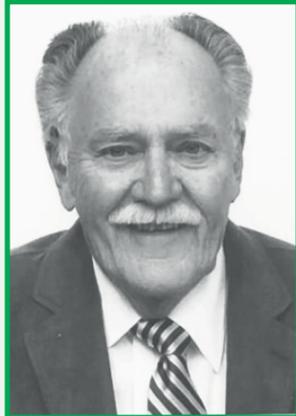
Austin Gates finishing off a scoring drive over the Maroon's Kejuan Harvey during a January contest at Elgin this past season.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

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Streamwood goes 0-3 in first week of season



While makin a save for the Sabres, keeper Candy Nava had to contend with both teammate Esther Cardnes, left, and Dundee-Crown's Berkley Mensik who wound up prone on the turf after trying to pick up a rebound.

they made it 3-1 just before the break when Madison Rivera assisted a Josett Perez goal with 1:19 left in the first half.

"Falling behind, it was just some miscommunication early on but by the second half they fixed that," said Streamwood coach Kristin Duffy.

Duffy added: "We're a young team with a few freshmen and sophomores who haven't played together before, and that got us early. I thought they responded well and got stronger as the game went on, and they had a solid second half."

In the second half, Jennifer Voravong almost pulled Streamwood within a goal with 14:12 with a shot nearly squeaking into the lower left corner of the net before being batted away by the opposing keeper. Diana Herrera had several scoring chances and a pair of shots on goal, and both Melanie Ramirez and Paulette Carranza had some strong chances.

The Sabres were saved a few times by the bar off Dundee-Crown shots and the visitors missed a penalty kick, but Streamwood goalie Candy Nava also kept the game close with five diving saves in the second half.

Despite the loss, the opportunity to play outside was a plus.

"Obviously with the winter we've had, we've been inside a lot," Duffy said. "Getting outside and having a chance to compete and play is big."

The Sabres went on to drop two more games in their opening week including a 2-1 loss to Glenbard South in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, March 13 at Millennium Field.

Against Crystal Lake South, the Sabres dropped a 6-1 nonconference game on Thursday, March 14 at Millennium Field.

"I think right now, we just need to focus on communication and working as one team," Duffy said. "That's the key early in the season."

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team couldn't overcome a slow start in its season opener, a 3-1 nonconference loss to Dundee-Crown on Monday, March 11 at Millennium Field.

Dundee-Crown came out strong scoring twice in the first six minutes, and it led 3-0 with 6:18 remaining before the break.

From there, the Sabres controlled the better of play the rest of the game and



The Chargers' Della Griffin, left, and Streamwood's Leslie Ortiz jockeying for position while trying to control the ball in a corner during the Sabres season opening contest against Dundee-Crown on Monday, March 11.



Streamwood's Josett Perez striving to tame an elevated ball in front of the Chargers' Kalysa Gotter as Dundee Crown's Kendall Kieltyka closed in on the pair.



Dianna Herrera of the Sabres attempting to set up a Streamwood rush up field against Dundee-Crown.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Two late WeGo goals forge tie with Storm

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team saw some ups and downs in its season opener, a 2-2 tie against West Chicago in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, March 13 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

On the positive side, the Storm scored twice on a pair of goals from freshman Katrina Barthelt for a 2-0 lead. On the negative side, West Chicago rallied for a pair of goals within three minutes for the tie.

For the Storm, finishing was an issue last year so the pair of goals was a good way to start the season. South Elgin found the net a third time when junior

Isabella Tusa (two assists) appeared to score the game winner at the buzzer, but her shot came just seconds late.

"Some good, some bad," said South Elgin coach Laura Snow. "We scored a couple goals. It felt good to be the first team to score a goal. That creates some energy on your team that you just need."

Barthelt took a Tusa feed in the ninth minute then beat a defender to go in alone for a 1-0 lead, and Tusa fed Barthelt again in the 53rd minute to produce the 2-0 advantage.

Throughout the game, Barthelt had several breakaway chances.

"We're looking forward to having a

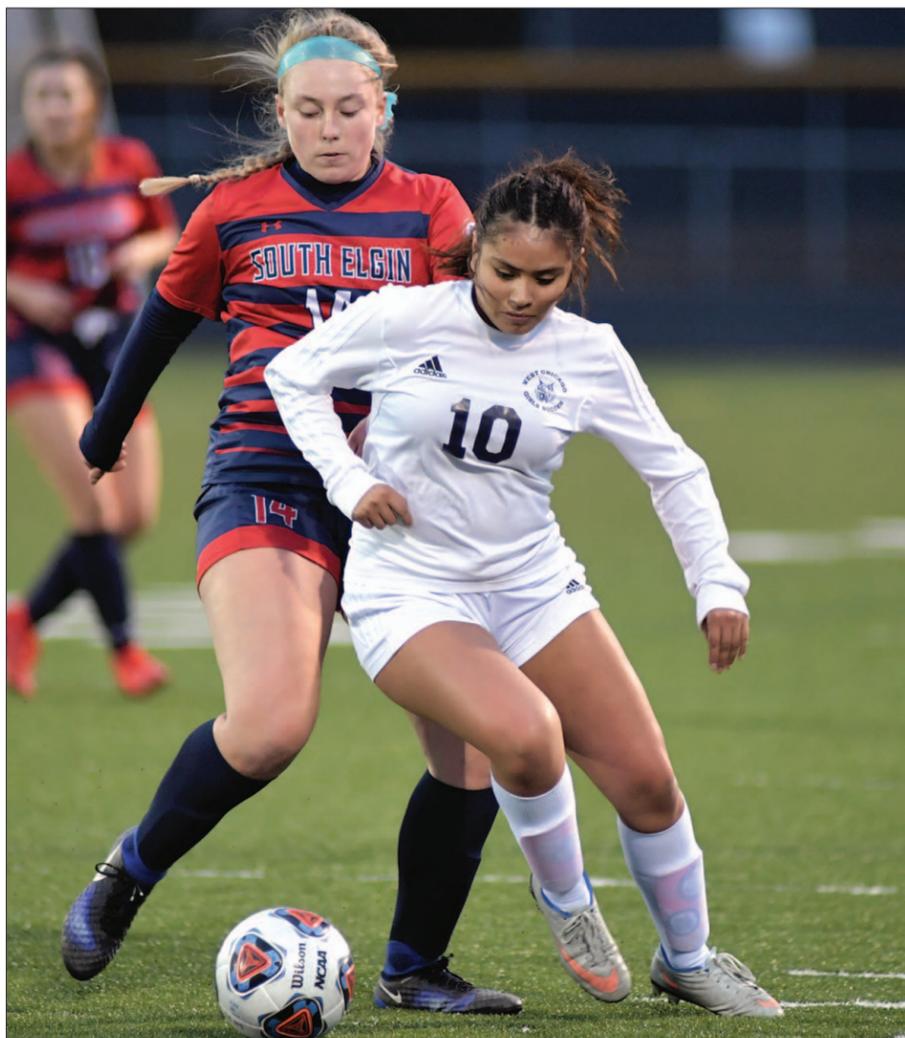
freshman up top that can do that for us," Snow said. "We're looking for a spark, and we're excited about what she can bring to the team."

West Chicago got on the board in the 64th minute and again in the 67th minute. On the equalizer, the Storm defense had a chance to close a gap.

"We need to take care of the little

things first," Snow said. "Letting that play even evolve is a problem. If you give her that space, she's going to take it."

Nicole Peeters, Bridget Bondi, Madeline Freitag and Haley Molidor all had scoring chances in the game. Goalie Ashley Kopczyk finished with four saves.



South Elgin's Norah Stueck, left, and West Chicago's Evelyn Hernandez battle along a sideline as their two teams battled to a 2-2 tie on Wednesday, March 13.



The Storm's Katrina Barthelt overtaking the Wildcats' Evelyn Hernandez, left, while the pair battle for clear control of the ball.

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South Elgin's Bridget Bondi was able to control an elevated ball as the Wildcats' Ruby Lebo got turned around during the effort.

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Storm boys basketball nets postseason honors

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team had a record setting year establishing the program mark for wins finishing 25-9 overall, and the Storm matched the program's longest postseason run ending in the sectional finals.

In the Upstate Eight Conference, the Storm were second with a 15-3 mark and leading the way this season were three seniors earning recognition. Vince Miskiewicz was named the Conference Player of the Year, Drake Montgomery was All-Conference and Jace Warrick was an Honorable Mention.

players moving forward in the program.... He has a motor that never seems to quit, even when I thought he may have nothing left in his tank he would find a way to get to a new level."

Johnson added: "Vince is one of the best players to play at South Elgin, and he will be missed greatly. We look forward to seeing his career as a basketball player continue and watch him make his mark on a college basketball program of his choice."

Montgomery led the Storm in assists (115) and finished with 485 points, 140 rebounds, 46 steals and 13 blocks. He shot 48 percent from the field (181-

involved."

Johnson added: "Drake is a very underrated player and a program will be lucky to get him. Drake will get to a school and continue his basketball career, and in the next few years we will see him doing big things at a college program."

Warrick led the Storm from three-point range shooting 78-for-157 (50 percent) and he finished with 345 points, 88 rebounds, 85 assists, 23 steals and 15 blocks. He shot 47 percent from the field (107-for-227) and 76 percent from the free-throw line (53-for-72).



Vince Miskiewicz slamming down two points off a lob pass against Hampshire during a late season contest. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Drake Montgomery triggering a shot from above the paint against St. Charles North in a game played at the Sears Centre in December.

Miskiewicz finished his three-year varsity career with 1,266 points and he averaged a double-double in his junior and senior seasons. This year, he averaged 18.9 points and 12.4 rebounds per game while leading in points (641), rebounds (422), blocked shots (79) and steals (65).

From the field, Miskiewicz shot 58 percent (247-for-425) and from the free-throw line 70 percent (140-for-199). He added 97 assists.

"Words can't describe what Vince has done for the South Elgin program over his three years as a varsity player," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "Vince was not only one of the leaders on this team but a great role model for

for-379), 38 percent from behind the arc (41-for-108) and 70 percent from the charity stripe (82-for-117).

"Drake was a great asset to this year's team," Johnson said. "Between his junior and senior season he put in many hours at the gym to improve every part of his game. Drake is an exceptional on the court leader. Drake always understood when it was time for him take over the game. Drake did a great job sharing the ball and getting others in-

"Jace only cared about two things and that was winning games and making the players around him better," Johnson said. "He was always asked to guard one of the best players on the other team. If that meant he did not score a point but he won, he was happy with that."

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