

# Press Clippings - 3/29/2023

## – Chicago Tribune –

### **Elgin News Digest: U-46 to spend \$6.8M on summer programming**

**March 28, 2023**

**By Mike Danahey - The Courier-News**

#### **U-46 to spend \$6.8M on summer programming**

The **U-46 School Board** has approved spending more than \$6.8 million on summer recreational programs to be offered through various agencies.

Among the programs being funded are: STEAM/STEM programming provided by New Jersey-based Black Rocket, \$748,000; Boys and Girls Club of Elgin, \$1.8 million; city of Elgin, \$430,000; Golden Corridor Family YMCA, \$2.068 million; Hanover Park Park District, \$270,900; Next Wave STEM, \$57,600;

Also, Premier Early Childhood Partners, \$63,000; Three Fires Council, \$877,625; The Learning Tree of Elgin East, \$105,000; Side Street Studio Arts, \$119,064; Streamwood Park District \$135,880; and the South Elgin Parks and Recreation Department, \$154,800.

The programs will be open to students enrolled in **U-46** in the 2023-24 academic year who are 5 to 11 years old, district documents said. The programs can accommodate up to 3,161 students.

The effort is being funded through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

# – Examiner of South Elgin –

(This article also appeared in the Streamwood/Bartlett Examiners)

## U-46 Board approves expense, curriculum items

March 29, 2023

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** unanimously approved of \$431,437 in expenditure and curriculum items at its Monday, March 6 meeting.

The highest costing item was \$137,600, from the education fund, for renewal of MUNIS software, used for human resources, from Tyler Technologies.

Costing \$116,740 (education fund), the board approved a contract with Group Travel Planners to allow up to 100, up from 42 last year, Black students from **Elgin, Larkin and Streamwood high schools** to tour historically black colleges over the summer.

From n2y, LLC, the board approved \$69,839 from federal grant funds for math manipulative kits.

The proposal states that “adding math manipulatives for multisensory learning experiences will allow us to provide a fully comprehensive math curriculum for students with significant intellectual disabilities and unique learning needs. The resources are differentiated and allow for an additional visual and tactile experience to accommodate the needs of learners with significant disabilities.”

A contract costing \$41,430 (education fund) with Avid CNA School was also approved.

“This year, **Streamwood High School** was unable to hire an instructor for the CNA Program,” the proposal stated. “This is a capstone course for students in a Healthcare Science Pathway and can culminate with an industry credential. In order to ensure access to this valuable career preparation opportunity, we have partnered with Avid CNA, which is a local CNA training school to offer instruction and the clinical experience. Instruction will be provided in a hybrid model that includes both in-person and synchronous remote instruction.”

Two curriculum items were approved including one to add two integrated math, contemporary world issues, business for entrepreneurs and appreneurship courses at **Streamwood High School’s** magnet academy. It has a six year estimated cost of \$65,828.

A middle school science curriculum proposal was approved. Ratified were new standards with no new resources proposed. Seventh-graders units will include “Weather and Climate, Matter: Structure & Properties, Chemical Reaction, Cells to Organisms, Reproduction and Heredity and Artificial Selection, and Earth’s Systems,” the proposal states.

Eighth grade will include “the History of the Earth, Natural Selection, Waves, Electric and Magnetic Forces, Energy Transfer, and Human Impacts.” Also approved 7-0 was \$5.9 million in itemized bills.

**– Examiner of South Elgin –**  
**U-46 focusing internally in superintendent search**  
**(Article also appeared in the Bartlett/Streamwood Examiners)**  
**March 29, 2023**  
**By Seth Hancock**

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** announced that it will be looking internally for a new superintendent.

**Sue Kerr, the board’s president**, stated the board hired Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYA) to assist in the search at the Monday, March 13 meeting.

The board then voted 6-0, board member Dawn Martin was absent, on a letter of agreement (LOA) with HYA at its meeting on Monday, March 20 which listed the fees as \$22,500 with a \$2,500 a day fee for additional on-site consulting days. **Suzanne Johnson** was promoted from deputy superintendent of instruction to interim superintendent, which runs through June 30, late last month after **former Superintendent Tony Sanders** left the district to become the Illinois State Superintendent.

“There are several reasons we decided to review only internal candidates,” **Kerr** said. “We are fortunate to have an outstanding group of administrators with superintendent endorsements who have the ability to transition into this position. We also believe that utilizing a ‘grow your own’ strategy, a strategy the District has developed with other

staffing positions, will result in a more efficient and successful transition for the District as a whole.”

**Kerr** added that there are “important initiatives... underway” including “**U-46 Rising**, the introduction of a grade six through eight middle school model and infrastructure considerations, to name just a few, which an internal candidate would be familiar with and offer more effective oversight right from the start.”

**Kerr** said the board reviewed firms the past few months” and “particularly liked HYA’s survey instruments and reporting products.”

“The search firm will assist us with processing applications and conducting community surveys, forums and focus groups,” **Kerr** said. “The board wants community input on what people would like to see in a new superintendent and what they believe are the strengths and weaknesses of the district.”

An online survey from HYA is now up which will remain available until April 14, and there will be various interviews and screenings during the process.

The timeline in the LOA shows an appointment of a superintendent is expected no later than May 26. If an internal candidate is not found during the process, **Kerr** said the board will then seek a wider search.

## – Daily Herald –

### **Softball: Several area teams ready for a road trip**

**March 23, 2023**

**By John Radtke**

To travel or not to travel on spring break.

It's a question all high school softball teams face this time of year. And while some teams travel to play in warmer climates, some choose to stay home and take their chances.

We posed the question to several area coaches and got mixed results.

**South Elgin** has been traveling to Tennessee for several years and will again next week.

"It's just a really great way to start the season," said **Storm coach Brad Reynard**, whose team will be joined in Tennessee by Aurora Central Catholic.

"New players get to bond with returning players, we play tremendous competition, and we get a ton of phenomenal BBQ," Reynard said. "Our kids really look forward to it. Most of our kids travel all summer with their programs but there is just something special to travel with their high school peers."

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## – Daily Herald –

### **Jacobs offense breaks through vs. Larkin; Saints win again**

**March 29, 2023**

**By Michael Dworak - Shaw Local News Network**

Gabby Wojtarowicz felt like it was a matter of when Jacobs would score against **Larkin** on Tuesday afternoon, not if.

The Golden Eagles couldn't score in the first 20 minutes despite putting up four shots on goal and earning two corner kicks, but they kept shooting until Wojtarowicz broke up the shutout with a goal with 18 minutes left in the first half.

Once Jacobs got going, it was hard to stop the scoring as the Golden Eagles picked up a 4-0 win to open the Huntley Invitational.

"As a team, we connect really well, and in this game it really showed," Wojtarowicz said. "I love this team so much, we just know how to pass the ball, we work together really well. That's what made us win this game."

Jacobs (3-0) forced **Larkin goalkeeper Joseline Flores** to make two saves in the first three minutes of the match before the teams struggled to move the ball past midfield. The

Golden Eagles generated two more shots and earned two more corner kicks before Sam Diaz found Wojtarowicz streaking toward the net and hit her with a perfect pass to set up Wojtarowicz's opening goal with 18:52 left in the first half.

Flores made two more saves in the next few minutes before she couldn't stop a three-on-one opportunity for the Golden Eagles, with Wojtarowicz finding Delaney Lukowski for the open goal with 14:43 left in the first half.

Delaney Roimiser kept the scoring going to start the second half when she knocked in the ball off a scramble in front of the goal with 38:48 left in the match, and Wojtarowicz scored her second goal by taking the ball up the field herself and scoring with 36:25 left in the match.

Jacobs finished the match with 19 shots on goal and nine corner kicks. The Golden Eagles want to get as many quick touches as possible when they're on offense because they know the quick movement will lead to more scoring chances.

"Goals are always a boost," Wojtarowicz said. "After getting a goal, for each game, we know to do the same thing: shoot early, get a goal. We know how to get the goal and how to win."

While Jacobs' offense was buzzing, its defense limited **Larkin** to two shots on goal and two corner kicks. Golden Eagles coach Colin Brice was proud of how well his back line limited **Larkin** from gaining any sort of momentum.

"Our back line does a good job in communicating, we're organized," Brice said. "Our goalkeeper, Kristen Silenzi, helps with that. Just constant communication and constantly being organized in the back."

**Larkin coach Michael Huizar** thought Tuesday's match played out the same way previous matches had for a young roster. With the Royals missing defender Isabel Hernandez for

an unknown amount of time with a knee injury, **Larkin's** youth played a role in another loss as the **Royals** (1-3-2) try to quickly learn in matches.

“I think it’s good that I have a young team and that’s where we’re at, in the learning stage,” Huizar said. “I’m encouraged by this team every day. They work hard.”

**Larkin** will face Huntley on Thursday in its second match of the Huntley Invitational.

Also Thursday, the Golden Eagles will try to build confidence after Tuesday’s win when they take on a Boylan team that lost in the Class 2A super-sectional round last postseason.

“Building the girls’ confidence,” Brice said, “and them being able to score goals in boatloads bodes well for the rest of the season.”

— *Jake Bartelson, Shaw Local*

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## – Daily Herald – Scouting DuPage and Fox girls track and field

**March 29, 2023**

**By John Bumbales**

With a lot of different people contributing to the cause across the board in all events, Neuqua Valley was the top finishing DuPage County area team last year at state.

The Wildcats' girls track team finished in a sixth-place tie with Normal (27 points) as both squads nipped eighth-place Naperville North (26.5 points). The Wildcats also won a sectional title in 2022, and junior Zawadi Brown (state qualifier long jump, fifth at 400 meters, fifth at 200 meters, third in 4x100 relay) will be a great leader. Neuqua Valley

coach Gretchen Parejko's squad also features state qualifiers Chioma Anyaegbunam (100/4x100), Tolu Aremu (4x100), and Carissa Hamilton (1,600/3,200).

## FOX

**Bartlett** lost an outstanding distance runner in Jenna Buchanan, who is now competing in cross country and the triathlon with the TCU Horned Frogs. The **Hawks** have some solid experience back in seniors Arissa Kramer (fifth in conference in 1,600), Sophia Dryden (sixth in shot put at sectionals), juniors Kristin Farabaugh (400), Naylanie Morales (400), and sophomore Elsie Nwabuego (discus).

**Elgin** is very young and learning the ins and outs of track according to **coach Dave Borg**. But the **Maroons** have some promising athletes ready to go in Emily James (four sprints), Esmerelda Farias (400), Meredith Henry (long jump), Emma Valdavia (hurdles), and Naomi Johnson, who is the first girls pole vaulter in school history. Distance runners Emma Grendys, Edna Godinez-Rodriguez, and Xenia Salas will be keys along with newcomers Alyssa Wysuph (throws/sprints), and Isabella Coleman (sprints).

**Larkin** has Heather Durrant (state qualifier in the 1,600) returning in a limited capacity for the Royals for her senior season. Senior Hannah Durrant turned herself into a utility runner for **Larkin** after making a comeback from injury while teammate Breannah Burke was the conference runner-up in the 300-meter hurdles. Burke ran cross country last fall to prepare for the event this year. Senior Hailey Dunn will attempt to repeat as UEC shot put champ while sophomore Resa Davis shows great potential in the 100-meter hurdles.

**South Elgin** will have to do without graduated state qualifiers Naomi Ruff, who is now competing as a triathlete at Arizona State University, and Loreal Wilson (competing at University of California-Berkeley). The **Storm** placed second in the UEC last year, and they have senior Olivia Stephens back in the hurdles. **South Elgin's junior trio** of Amaya Teague (long jump), Julia Prorok (high jump), and Gia Nitti (high jump) will be vital cogs along with sophomore Morgan McCloskey (pole vault).



**Streamwood** is going to be facing a lot of tough competition this season in the Upstate Eight. The **Sabres** have a promising 4x800 relay team assembled with Sophia Baumert, Ashley Harrison, Jasmine Villarreal, and Angela Sinclair off to a good start this spring.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## – Daily Herald –

### LOCAL SCOREBOARD

**March 29, 2023**

#### MONDAY'S RESULTS

##### HIGH SCHOOLS

##### BASEBALL

Aurora Christian 16, Indian Creek 1 (4 innings)

Batavia 4, South Allegheny (Pa.) 3

Deerfield 5, Centerville (Ohio) 3

Grant 8, Harrisburg 5

Homewood-Flossmoor 12, Kankakee 2 (5 innings)

H-F (5-1): Isiah White 3 runs, 2 RBIs. Robert Tate 2 runs, 2 RBIs.

Huntley 16, Marist 2 (5 innings)

Jacobs 13, Murphysboro 7

Jacobs (3-1): Christian Graves 4-for-4, 2 HRs, 3 runs, 5 RBIs. Nick Gottfried 3-for-4, 4 runs, RBI.

Leo 9, Brother Rice 8

Lincoln-Way Central 5, York 1

Lincoln-Way East 5, Bradley-Bourbonnais 2

Lincoln-Way East (6-0): Trevor Fishman save, 2 RBIs.

Lincoln-Way West 3, U-High 2 (8 innings)

Lincoln-Way West (4-0): Cole Crafton 3-for-4, double, run.

Metea Valley 11-2, Burlington Central 0-2 (Game 1, 5 innings)

Neuqua Valley 5, Lyons 4 (10 innings)

Neuqua (2-0): Mark Wagner GW single in bottom 10th. Andrew Gould 2-for-3, double, run, 2 RBIs.

Oregon 5, Hinckley-Big Rock 0

Plano 6, Somonauk 3

Plano (2-3): Jake Decker 2-for-3, triple, 2 runs, RBI.

Providence 13, Fenwick 3 (5 innings)

Providence (3-0): Enzo Infelise 4-for-4, 2 doubles, 3 RBIs.

Riverside-Brookfield 10, Argo 0 (5 innings)

St. Charles East 9, Waubonsie Valley 3

St. Charles East (1-0): Sam Frausto 2-for-4, 2 runs, RBI. Joe Arend run, 2 RBIs.

Sandburg 3, Marian Catholic 0

Sandburg (5-1): Grant Tenuta (W) 6 IP, 3 H, 11 Ks. Victor Zaragoza 2-for-3, double, 2 RBIs. Cole Vazzana 2 runs.

Sandwich 3, DeKalb 2

Sandwich (4-0): Hunter Pavia CG, 6 H, ER.

Shepard 12, Bloom 2 (6 innings)

Shepard (3-0): Colin Berg 2-for-3, run, 2 RBIs.

Stevenson 12, Dundee-Crown 2 (6 innings)

Stevenson: Joe Richardson 2-for-3, 2 runs, 3 RBIs. Ryan Harris 2-for-4, double, 3 runs, RBI.

Stevenson 11, Maroa-Forsyth 1 (6 innings)

Stevenson (3-2): Michael Belbot 2-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs.

Streamwood 6, Marengo 5

Westmont 10-7, Chicago Christian 9-16 (Game 2, 5 innings)

Game 2 Chicago Christian (3-1): Josh Sedakis 3-for-3, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

*Compiled by Josh Krockey*

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## **– Examiner of Streamwood – Sabres baseball positioned to have big 2023 season**

**March 29, 2023**

**By Seth Hancock**

The Streamwood baseball team looks to have a big year with a large contingent returning.

The Sabres have started the 2023 campaign going 2-2 in non conference games so far. They were 22-13 last year, 18-8 in the Upstate Eight Conference.

“We are bringing back a majority of our starters from last year,” said Streamwood coach Dan Jennings. “We look to build on the success of our program last year. Our team posted the most wins since 2011.”

Jennings added: “Our team is looking to compete for a conference championship and hopefully get another chance in a regional final. We want to compete with everyone on our schedule and I think our team could do that in and out of the conference.”

Included among the returners is an All-State selection in senior Nick Weaver, an All-Conference selection in junior pitcher Miguel Rodriguez who was 7-0 as a sophomore and a three year starter in senior shortstop Chris Lara.

**Streamwood** opened the season with a 7-4 win over Hoffman Estates on Wednesday, March 15 at Lee Pfund Stadium in Carol Stream. Lara (2-for-4, double, triple, RBI) and senior Vinnie Lunz (2-for-3, triple) led the offense and Rodriguez tossed a complete game allowing one earned run on seven hits and four walks, and he struck out six.

The **Sabres** advanced to a regional final last year losing to McHenry, a state qualifier in 2022. **Streamwood** had a rematch dropping a tough 1-0 game with the winning tally coming in via an unearned run on Tuesday, March 21 in McHenry. Both teams had two hits, Rodriguez tallying both for the **Sabres**.

**Streamwood** went on to earn a 7-2 win at Leyden on Wednesday, March 22 and dropping a 4-2 game at Conant on Friday, March 24.