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District U-46 Board to vote on three proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on three proposals totaling \$753,708 at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Jan. 14. The items were presented on Dec. 17, 2018.

The highest costing proposal would cost \$382,000 with Anderson Lock Company, Ltd. of Des Plaines which would come out of the operations and maintenance fund if approved. The winning bid was the lowest of five.

The proposal would provide the installation of lockdown hardware equipment at Larkin High School and the Dream Academy.

"This is the fourth phase that will complete the installation of replacement classroom, office and staff bathroom door lock hardware at the two high schools noted," the proposal states. "The replacement of locking hardware, select new doors and frames allows staff to lock the door from the inside of the room, providing an increased level of safety by not

needing to open the door and lock from the hallway. This is a continuation of a multi-phase project of the middle school and elementary lockdown hardware project."

The work on the project is required to be finished by the end of July this year.

With Hampshire-based Northwest Contractors, the district is proposing a \$316,388 expenditure (operations and maintenance fund) for renovation of a passenger elevator at the Education Services Center which was originally installed in 1983 according to the proposal. Work is scheduled to begin on June 3 this year with completion expected on July 19 with a required completion date of Aug. 16.

The proposal states that work "includes the replacement of the motor, power units, door operators, call indicators and other code upgrades to the existing hydraulic passenger elevator. In addition, the interior of the elevator will be modernized with new finishes and LED lighting."

Board member Phil Costello asked

prior to the meeting about there being only one bidder for the project. He noted that 10 contractors were invited to bid by the district's architect.

The district's response: "The lack of response can be attributed to the number of elevator projects happening in the City of Chicago right now. The abundance of projects in the system has a direct correlation to the lack of response we received. There is currently more work than available vendors."

Board member John Devereux asked if the bid price was in line with expectations to which Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said: "That was in line with the architect's expectations."

The board will also vote on a proposal costing \$55,320 (education fund) with PCM Sales to purchase 1,200 "handheld digital recording devices required by the College Board for the administration of the Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Language and Culture Test. The Chromebooks currently available to students do not meet the approved recording methods established by the College Board," the proposal states.

PCM was the lowest of three bidders

with a price of \$46.10 per unit.

Board member Sue Kerr asked if other AP language courses, such as French or German, would use these devices and Jacob Vandemoortel, social studies and world languages coordinator, said: "We don't [actually] run AP for those languages besides Spanish."

Kerr said "oh we don't. I did not realize that.... But if someone wanted to take" the exam in other languages would they have access to which Vandemoortel said: "They have the opportunity if they have experience."

Noting Streamwood High School's world languages academy, Kerr asked if students there have access to the Chinese exam. Vandemoortel said: "Yeah, if they have the ability they can take it."

The district projects 886 students will take the Spanish exam this year and originally requested a bid on around 800 devices. U-46 projects 1,200 students taking the exam in 2020.

Costello asked if there was a volume discount by purchasing 1,200 units as compared to about 800. Bruce Phelps, senior business official said: "The price went down a little, but it wasn't that much noticeable."

U-46 Board approves changes to travel policy

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved of changes to its policy under Section 4, concerning operational services, at its meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018.

Although a 7-0 vote, board member Jeanette Ward addressed concerns that changes to Policy 4.052, expense reimbursements, did not go far enough. That policy addressed policy guidelines for taxpayer funded travel by the district which has included funding travel for non-staff members.

The changes to that policy included added language to require board approval for district trips costing \$25,000 or more with additional "criteria that administration is to consider for determining the value of a trip," according to Luis Rodriguez, assistant attorney.

Ward said the change was a "move in a positive direction," but she continues to believe the board should vote, or at least be updated, whenever U-46 uses taxpayer dollars to fund trips for private citizens. Illinois law requires that all travel by elected board members paid for through tax dollars, regardless of cost, be voted on in public.

"I appreciate the concessions that the board made that at least we will hear about trips if they cost the district more than \$25,000," Ward said. "However, I still maintain that we should hear about non-staff, especially overnight travel, as a board and we should be voting on it. I still believe that to be true."

Ward and board member Phil Costello both argued for greater transparency on how taxpayer dollars are spent at the Dec. 3, 2018 meeting during the policy discussion. Ward said "as a

general principle" she believes the public has a right to know "because it's their tax dollars and because the potential for abuse is high. I'm not saying abuse has occurred, I'm saying the potential for abuse is high."

If not voted on, Ward suggested the board at least be informed when the district funds travel for non-staff via a memo, but a majority of the board disagreed.

Board members Sue Kerr and Melissa Owens both argued that there would be too many trips which is why the board shouldn't be informed about them while Donna Smith, the board's president, argued there were too few that it didn't matter. Smith and board member Veronica Noland both said they "don't need to know" how tax dollars are spent with regards to trips by non-staff.

The travel discussion stemmed from a debate from last July when a 2017 trip to Nashville, Tennessee came to light as U-46 sent 18 people on a sight-seeing tour of a school district. Included were four unelected, non-staff members of the public, although one paid her own costs according to information obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

For the three members of the public that the district paid for, the cost was \$4,197 for registration (including hotel, breakfast and "opening night light snacks") plus \$907 in airfare.

At the time, Smith defended the practice and said she's "been on a couple of those trips before I was on the board" and was "very honored" and "very lucky" to have taxpayers fund her own travel. She described these trips as "more seeing the sites."



In the spirit of the holidays

Colorfully decorated home on Ashton Court was part of the village's annual Holiday Lights decorating contest. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

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Glenbard South hustles past South Elgin

By: Jerry Fitzpatrick

Looks like the new kids fit in pretty well.

Glenbard South boys basketball ventured into new territory when the school jumped from the Metro Suburban Conference to the Upstate Eight this season, but Tuesday's 61-54 win at South Elgin gave the Raiders more than just a sense of belonging.

It gave them sole possession of second place.

"We're proud, but we know every game is going to be a battle," said 6-foot-3 Glenbard South senior Tommy Powers, who led the Raiders with 16 points and had 4 rebounds. "We have to maintain our mentality every night."

The mentality against South Elgin was to hit the boards and play defense. Glenbard South (11-3, 6-1) grabbed 31 rebounds compared to 24 for South Elgin (12-6, 6-2), including 8 offensive rebounds.

"Glenbard South won this game with second-chance points and transition buckets, and that's a credit to them," South Elgin coach Brett Johnson said. "We did not get back on defense and we did not play good enough defense when it mattered the most."

Glenbard South's scoring was balanced between Powers, 6-4 senior Cole Hardtke (11 points, 8 rebounds), senior point guard Tavion Keith (11 points) and senior guard Kevin Enright (10 points).

Meanwhile, South Elgin relied mainly on 6-7 senior Vince Miskiewicz. The athletic forward dunked three times en route to 18 points. He also blocked 6 shots and hauled in 15 of South Elgin's 24 rebounds.

"The big guy is going to get his," Glenbard South coach Wade Hardtke said of Miskiewicz, "so we told them at halftime we need to keep everybody under control if we're going to do anything."

Glenbard South used a 16-7 second quarter to take a 29-23 halftime lead which ballooned to 14 points on Cade Hardtke's inside bucket with 1:12 left in the third quarter.

The Storm rallied in the fourth as senior guard Drake Montgomery scored 9 of his 13 points and senior Jace Warrick scored 7 of his 14 points.

Warrick's 3-pointer with 37 seconds to play drew South Elgin within 59-54, but it wasn't enough as Glenbard South sank 9 of 12 free throws in the final 1:36 to seal the win. The Raiders made 23 of 28 free throws overall.

The Raiders held the Storm 14 points below their season average, partly by limiting them to 4-of-17 shooting from 3-point range.

"We just wanted to pride ourselves on defense, help side and make sure we kept (Montgomery) contained because he's a good player," Keith said. "We just wanted to match their physicality and play really good team defense."

The teams meet again in Glen Ellyn on Feb. 5.

West Aurora tops Larkin for 6th straight win

By: Kevin McGavin

The two Fox Valley reigning Class 4A boys basketball sectional-champion teams met in an Upstate Eight Conference game for the first time in almost 22 years Tuesday night in Aurora.

The Larkin inexperience was exposed by West Aurora in the opening half as the latter used its superior athleticism to extend possessions on a routine basis.

West Aurora raced to a double-digit lead at the intermission against the youthful Royals, only to see Larkin battle admirably in the second half.

But the first-half deficit was too much to overcome for Larkin as the Blackhawks won their sixth consecutive game overall and eighth in a row in league play with a 67-57 victory in Aurora.

West Aurora backcourt mates Traevon Brown and Marquise Walker scored 17 points apiece, and fellow senior Hezzy Salter illuminated the disparity on the offensive glass by adding 16 for the Blackhawks (15-3, 8-0).

"We came out more prepared than we have," said Brown, who scored 8 of the Blackhawks' 24 first-quarter points. "We have been more locked in as a team, trying to get that win streak up there."

Just like its home game against Streamwood on Friday night, West Aurora had a near monopoly in rebounding.

"I think it was 23-3 at one point in the first half," West Aurora coach Brian Johnson said of Blackhawks' prowess on the glass behind the undersized but supremely gifted frontcourt of Salter, Moshe Rogers and Kelvin Balfour.

West Aurora finished with a 41-19 rebounding edge.

"They just killed," Larkin coach Daryn Carter said of the Blackhawks' ability to not only score second-chance points but also retrieve loose balls in traffic. "We told the kids at half that West Aurora is as good as we thought they were."

Larkin was only able to remain competitive -- the Royals were down at the intermission -- by burying seven 3-pointers in the opening two quarters.

West Aurora had its season come to close last year at the hands of Belleville West at the Illinois State University supersectional; Larkin (7-12, 4-4) was victimized by the eventual state champion in the state semifinals.

But the Royals played commendable basketball in the second half, cutting their deficit to single digits on several occasions in the third and fourth quarters.

Larkin freshman Demari Wheeler-Thomas led all players with 22 points.

The Royals' five starters accounted for all of the team points as Jashon Johnson-Neals and Victor Perez combined for five 3-pointers in finishing with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

"I work hard on my game in the gym," Wheeler-Thomas said.

"There were some signs of encouragement," Carter said.



- Larkin's Damari Wheeler-Thomas takes the ball into the defense of West Aurora's Logan Mont, Moshe Rogers and Dimitrios Bazos Tuesday in Aurora.



- West Aurora's Marquise Walker tries to score against Larkin's Marcus Green Tuesday in Aurora.



- West Aurora's Kelvin Balfour drives around Larkin's Dj Jones Tuesday in Aurora.



- West Aurora's Hezekiah Salter drives into the defense of Larkin's Trace Boley Tuesday in Aurora.



- Larkin's Damari Wheeler-Thomas scores early against West Aurora Tuesday in Aurora.



- West Aurora's Traevon Brown and Kelvin Balfour fight for the ball with Larkin's Jashon Johnson-Neals and Christopher Rose Tuesday in Aurora.



- Larkin's Damari Wheeler-Thomas strips the ball from West Aurora's Kelvin Balfour as teammate DJ Jones also defends Tuesday in Aurora.



- West Aurora's Traevon Brown passes the ball as Larkin's Dj Jones defends Tuesday in Aurora.



- West Aurora's Axel Motola reaches for the ball held by Larkin's DJ Jones Tuesday in Aurora.



- Larkin's Fernando Perez Jr. controls the ball against West Aurora's Kelvin Balfour Tuesday in Aurora.

Bartlett builds big lead, holds off Streamwood

By: Craig Brueske

A nearly flawless first half and the hot hand of senior guard Jack Stuenkel in the second half helped carry Bartlett to a 59-57 Upstate Eight Conference basketball triumph over Streamwood (7-11, 3-5) Tuesday night in Bartlett.

Led by senior guard Austin Gates' 20 first-half points, the Hawks (5-14, 2-6) opened a 35-18 halftime advantage.

Limiting their turnovers (3), the Hawks forced 12 Streamwood miscues during the first 16 minutes.

Meanwhile, Gates single-handedly outscored the entire Streamwood team, 20-18.

"In the first half, I thought we absolutely executed our game plan perfectly," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "I think we really confused them. We took (Keenon) Cole out of some of his favorite shots and we took (Nikola) Sinik out of some of his favorite shots.

"We turned that into quality offense of our own."

Ahead 10-9, the Hawks went on a 20-2 tear to build a 19-point lead. Gates scored 13 points during the explosive run, including three 3-pointers.

"I think we caught them off guard and we started out pretty hot," said Gates, who added 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and a pair of blocked shots. "It helped that shots were falling in the first half. We were moving the ball around pretty well and it opened up some good looks on threes."

After a first half that Streamwood coach Kent Payne characterized as "embarrassing," the Sabres finally gained some footing in the third quarter.

Outscoring Bartlett 24-11, Streamwood whittled a 20-point deficit to 46-42 heading into the final 8 minutes.

Cole, a 6-7 senior forward, scored 10 third-quarter points on perfect 3 of 3 shooting from the field, including a pair of 3-pointers, while sophomore guard Zach Marquez (8 points, 6 assists) added 5 points during the Sabres' comeback.

"Their coaches did a real good job coming up with a plan and coming back at us," said Wolfsmith. "Those kids could've come out and just mailed it in but they didn't. They came out aggressive."

Stuenkel (16 points) helped his team stay on top, accounting for 9 of the Hawks' 11 third-quarter points with three 3-pointers.

"Jack was awesome in the third quarter," Wolfsmith said of Stuenkel. "He was big and the guys found him, and I thought Cam Kunzer came in and did a good job for us defensively."

Streamwood pulled within 59-57 on a 3-pointer by Nick Droll (11 points) with 21 seconds remaining before Sinik's desperation 30-foot fadeaway fell short at the buzzer.

Cole paced the Sabres with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

"It's kind of frustrating because here we are 16-17 games in and we still have embarrassing efforts," said Payne. "It's tough for me as a coach -- we should learn how to be consistent. Hand it to them (the Hawks) -- they came out and they were excited."

Nicholas Wolf and Hayden Angell chipped in with 7 points apiece for the Hawks.

"It's a great win given where we've been," said Wolfsmith. "We'll see if we can carry this forward."

South Elgin takes key UEC win at Glenbard South

By: Scott Schmid

The South Elgin girls basketball team has been severely tested in its nonconference schedule, taking a few lumps in the process.

But the stiff competition has also thoroughly prepared the Storm for Upstate Eight Conference play.

On Tuesday South Elgin stayed in the hunt for the UEC crown with a 50-31 victory over Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn, improving to 9-1 in the league.

"We've played such a tough nonconference schedule," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack, whose assistant had calculated that their team's nine overall losses had come against opponents with a combined record of 96-18 at the end of Christmas. "This was a big night for us, it keeps us on track in the conference. You could tell our players really wanted it.

"We were able to kind of take away any hope they had in the beginning. We came out with a sense of urgency."

Indeed the visiting Storm (12-9 overall) jumped out to a 17-4 advantage after the opening quarter and the deficit never made it back into single digits. South Elgin increased the margin to 33-14 by half.

"We came out and we struggled," said Glenbard South coach Morgan Kasperek, whose team fell to 12-6 overall and 6-3 in the conference. "South Elgin moves the ball really well and they got to the middle on us. They outhustled us, they outworked us. I thought our second group came in and competed, our first group did not."

Madison Waichunas led a balanced South Elgin scoring effort with 14 points. Megan McClure chipped in with 13 points while playing stellar defense on the Raiders' Maggie Bair, who was held to 6 points. Caroline Croft also chipped in with 10.

"Sharing the ball really helps us and we are able to score off that," Waichunas said. "This was a huge game for us to win. We've only lost one game in conference and we have more confidence now and we are taking that confidence into other games."

"In this game we really made all of our shots in the first half. We came out with urgency and we had a lot of fight to get after the ball."

Lauren Cohen topped the Raiders with 11 points, and Iman Sellars scored 7. Glenbard South pulled within 39-23 in the third quarter but could get no closer.

Streamwood boys hoops doomed by second half

By Seth Hancock

A tough second half doomed the Streamwood boys basketball team as the Sabres dropped a 76-58 game to West Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Jan. 4 in Aurora.

Outside of a 2-0 deficit early, the Sabres never trailed in the first half before West Aurora won the second half 45-22.

Streamwood led by as much as 10 points in the first half using a 10-0 run in the second quarter for a 31-21 lead with 3:42 left in the half, and the Sabres settled for a 36-31 lead at the break. Nikola Sinik (16 points) opened the 10-0 rally with a three-pointer and capped it with a bucket, and Keenon Cole (game-high 21 points) added a trey and a dunk in between.

West Aurora, which outrebounded Streamwood 43-23, went on an 11-3 run to start the third quarter for a 42-39 lead with 5:39 left in the frame and

it led for good.

"We had an excellent first half," said Streamwood coach Kent Payne. "We did a lot of things the right way. We didn't compete on the glass though. They had a lot of offensive rebounds in the second half."

"Second half, they got a lot of offensive rebounds," Cole said. "We just needed to focus on defending the ball and rebounding."

The Sabres' deficit grew to 56-45 entering the fourth quarter and they pulled no closer than seven the rest of the way.

Luke Pentecost (two treys), Nick Droll and Kozyae Wright all scored six points for Streamwood.

Streamwood is now 7-10 overall, 3-4 in the UEC.

"We need to find that resolve to play 32 minutes of basketball," Payne said. "That's our goal, that's our vision. We need to put together a complete, 32-minute game."

Forest Park man arrested on multiple charges in Bartlett

On Wednesday, Jan. 2, the Bartlett Police Department arrested Daekwon C. Kern, 22, of 303 Minocqua St., Park Forest. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office and Bartlett police charged him with a Class 2 felony for possession of a stolen motor vehicle and a Class B misdemeanor for criminal trespass to real property.



Daekwon C. Kern

Cherokee Sport vehicle and then crashed it into a tree on Hillcrest Lane before he fled the scene northbound on foot. Bartlett police with the assistance of Streamwood Police Department's K-9 unit located Kern hiding inside a shed in the backyard of a residence in the 100 block of S. Crest Avenue and then took him into custody.

At approximately 1:50 a.m., police were dispatched to the 100 block of Hillcrest Lane to investigate a stolen motor vehicle that just occurred. Police alleged Kern stole a 1996 Jeep

On Thursday, Jan. 3, Kern was transported to the Cook County Jail to await a bail bond hearing. He was issued a \$25,000 D-bond with an assigned court date of Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Citizens Utility Board offers free consumer utility guide

As a public service to the people of Illinois, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has released a free online guide that clearly explains the rules that govern gas and electric companies, so consumers can advocate for themselves against the big utilities, avoid scams and save money on their energy bills.

CUB's Gas and Electric Guide: A handbook for residential utility customers in Illinois can be ordered at CitizensUtilityBoard.org. It was researched and written by CUB experts who tackle thousands of complaints and questions from Illinois utility customers each year.

"There is no other place in Illinois where you can get a detailed, easy-to-understand outline of your rights as a gas and electric customer, as well as helpful tips," said CUB Executive Director David Kolata. "If you want to avoid scams and advocate for yourself against the big utilities, you have to educate yourself, and that's why this handy guide should be required reading."

The guide was completed after months of research and writing by CUB's consumer advocates, based on their knowledge of complex state regulations and utility tariffs, as well as their experience assisting Illinois consumers. CUB's toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-669-5556, takes thousands of calls each year, and the utility watchdog's outreach team has staffed 500 events across the state in

2018.

The 19-page guide is filled with helpful facts and tips, including:

- When a utility can and cannot disconnect service;
- When a payment is considered late;
- How to file a complaint about a utility with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC);
- Where to look on gas and electric bills to spot alternative supplier rip-offs;
- Special electricity pricing plans that might save money; and
- How to complain to a utility.

"This guide is meant to be a utility customer's best friend," Kolata said. "Nobody should feel powerless facing the big utilities."


CUB's Gas and Electric Guide is free at CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, it has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline above, or visit its website, www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.



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A vanishing vehicle: The handwritten letter

With all of the latest technology out there and our newer generations known as millennials and Generation Z coming of age, one wonders if they've been taught how to write a proper letter to someone. I mean a real handwritten letter that took time to put together from one person to another. I bet if they asked their grandparents they would hear that receiving letters through the mail was a part of life and something for which to look forward. I remember receiving beautiful letters written by my late husband while serving in the Army. He was stationed in different parts of the country and took his service duties very seriously, which would leave him little time to write letters to his family asking about the kids and sharing how much he missed us. He would send several pages on what he was doing every day and to this day I cherish those wonderful letters and keep them close to my heart. Many years later though the paper they were written on has yellowed but those wonderful memories still mean the world to me. Written letters meant something and long after I depart this world those letters will be passed on to my children and eventually my grandchildren.

Today, everything is done by email or text and hardly anyone will take time to write a handwritten letter. Recently, a dear friend sent me the nicest thank you letter after her birthday. A written note in the mail (snail mail) means so much more than an email. It was nice to know that someone actually took

the time to pick up a pen and write a note in their own special way and it meant a lot. She sat down at her desk in her favorite chair or at the kitchen table and conveyed her thoughts to me. Writing a note or letter by hand

Tidbits...



By Rachel

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takes time because you can't just hit backspace and keep changing it. You have to actually think about what you are going to say before writing. It is such an uplifting experience to open the mailbox that is filled with bills and other wasted junk and discover an envelope with your name and address handwritten on it. It is the first thing you open because you are excited to see what it is. Okay it costs 50 cents to mail a letter, but it is depressing that junk mail fills the mailbox since it will be pitched into the recycling bin as soon as you get in the house.

The new generations have been raised with social media, texting and laptops and schools are continually moving away from paper and pencil work. While it isn't necessarily their

fault that they don't know how to actually write letters, it would be nice to encourage them to do so. It is a way of life that I hate to see disappear. Personally, I don't mind paying for a stamp because I want just one person to know how I feel and that I took time to personally write about it just for him or her. A handwritten letter feels more personal and means so much. A letter or just a nice postcard could make someone's day. Perhaps someone in a nursing home or a friend that is housebound would find joy in a letter or card through the mail. Even the young would enjoy a thank you note or a birthday wish sent to their house. Of course, I still love receiving Christmas cards with pictures to hang up around my house. Perhaps a good New Year's resolution could be the goal to mail 10 handwritten notes this year. It would only cost \$5.

January is National Blood Donor Month, and the Village of Streamwood is recognizing its Multigallon Donors at its next blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Multigallon donors have given at least 16 pints of blood resulting in possibly saving more than 48 lives. Village President Billie Roth will recognize these donors at 3 p.m. The Streamwood Blood Commission drive will be held at Village Hall, located at 301 E. Irving Park Road, from 1 to 7 p.m. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds, is in good health, and has not given blood in the past 56 days is eligible to donate. All donors at this drive will receive a gift bag from Vitalant and the Village of Streamwood. To schedule an appointment, please use the Vitalant mobile app or register online at www.vitalant.org and use the sponsor code SW98. You may also contact Vitalant at 877-543-3768. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

The American Red Cross encourages people to help meet the urgent need for blood by resolving to give blood this January – National Blood Donor Month. The critical role of blood and platelet donors has been celebrated each January for nearly 50 years during National Blood Donor Month, which coincides with one of the most difficult times to maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients. Busy holiday schedules, extreme winter weather and seasonal illnesses often impact donor turnout this time of year. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Take time to give back to your local

community by joining the Streamwood 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.

Interested in playing bridge? Join in at the Hanover Township Senior Center, Illinois Route 59, Bartlett. Bridge is played on the second and fourth Tuesdays (duplicate bridge on the first and third) from 1 to 4 p.m. Open to all residents in the area. For more information, call 483-5600.

Operation Airlift-Donations are being accepted at the following locations: VFW Post 5151, 520 S. Bartlett Road, 483-0055, email contact@vfw5151.org; and Streamwood Chamber of Commerce, 22 W. Streamwood Blvd.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No human bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

Board approves disposal of surplus equipment

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 3, trustees voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance to dispose of surplus equipment through public auction or private sale.

These items were originally discussed during the Dec. 20, 2018 board meeting where it was agreed that the issue would be placed on the next board meeting agenda for a vote, according to Village Manager Sharon Caddigan.

"To make sure we have the proper

equipment the village follows a replacement schedule for most items," said Caddigan.

According to Caddigan, recently replaced items include vehicles and furniture as well as various office equipment such as computers and a typewriter. After being reviewed by village staff these items were found to be no longer useful.

Some of the items will be sent to the Northwest Municipal Conference auction this month and others may be sold privately, according to Caddigan.

Sabres girls basketball defeated by West Aurora

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team couldn't hold off West Aurora as the Sabres dropped a 63-40 Upstate Eight Conference game on Friday, Jan. 4 in Aurora.

The game was tight early on and the Sabres trailed just 25-23 with two minutes left in the first half when the host finished the second quarter on a 6-0 run for a 31-23 lead at the break. West Aurora ran away in the second half by limiting Streamwood to single digits in each of the final two frames, and its lead stood at 47-31 after three periods.

Despite the loss, Streamwood coach George Rosner saw some positives.

"It was a pretty good performance coming in with over a week off from playing," Rosner said. "We played really well in the first half. We came out with an early lead and it was a two-point game in the final two minutes of the first half."

Rosner added: "Overall, this was a much closer game than the final score

indicates."

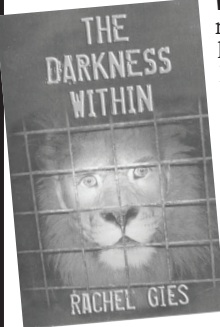
Ultimately, the game was decided by scoring balance as West Aurora had three double-digit scores compared to just one for the Sabres. Streamwood also struggled on the glass.

Riya Patel scored a game-high 14 points with four three-pointers all coming in the first half, but Streamwood didn't have another player score more than four points. Vickie Kopko, Mandy Mien and Vivian Sumoski all contributed four points and Colleen Veguilla added a trey.

"We need everyone to pitch in," Rosner said. "We've been relying, relying, relying on Mandy. She did a good job of breaking their press but they did a good job of not allowing her to score. Riya shot the ball really well, but we need more players to step up and score."

Rosner added: "We've got to rebound better, and we've been saying that from Day 1."

Streamwood is now 4-15 overall, 3-6 in the UEC.



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Village Board approves commission reassignment

By Seth Hancock
Village President Kevin Wallace made a commission reassignment as the final Board of Trustees meeting of 2018 on Tuesday, Dec. 18.
Dan Gunsteen was reassigned to the Plan Commission moving from the Economic Development Commission (EDC). He was reassigned with a four-year term ending in 2022.
“The reassignment is a better fit for Dan Gunsteen’s background,” Wallace said. “I’ve discussed it with him.”
The board approved of the reassignment with a 4-0 vote, Trustee Adam Hopkins abstained and Trustee Aaron Reinke was absent.
Wallace had intended to appoint Michelle Hughes to a three-year term to the EDC the same evening but said that appointment would be postponed until the first meeting of 2019

on Tuesday, Jan. 15.
Hughes had applied for a spot on the plan commission. In her application, she wrote: “I grew up in Bartlett and returned to raise my family 8 years ago. I’ve watched the village grow from a small, developing quaint town to a busy village with over 40,000 residents. The opportunities for continued growth are immense but the delicate manner of doing so while retaining legacy, intimacy and the small town charm while creating strategic and tactical opportunities for the village and it’s residents remains the challenge.”
“I have the perspective of having grown up in town and also that of raising a family,” Hughes added. “In between the two phases of my life, I lived in other cities and towns and bring that insight as well.”

South Elgin boys hoops begins year with a victory

By Seth Hancock
The South Elgin boys basketball team kicked off its 2019 portion of its schedule with a 56-50 victory over Glenbard East in Upstate Eight Conference play on Thursday, Jan. 3 at Glenbard East.
Vincent Miskiewicz dominated with a triple-double performance with 17 rebounds, 16 points and 11 blocked shots. To top it off, he added four assists all in the first half which helped the Storm take a 26-23 lead into half-time despite Glenbard East grabbing control in the second quarter.
“That was the best game I’ve seen him passing,” said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. “He was distributing the ball well and getting some nice easy looks for other players which then opened his opportunities to finish and make the team better.”

The Storm led by six after one quarter but was trailing 19-13 early in the second before rallying for the halftime lead, which South Elgin didn’t relinquish in the second half.
Miskiewicz tallied seven of his blocks in the third quarter as the Storm built as large as an 11-point lead, and he scored seven of his points in the fourth to stave off any attempted rally by the host.
“I’m usually this aggressive,” Miskiewicz said. “I knew I had to guard the house for us to win. I watched a lot of film, and they like to drive.”
Drew Cwik (12 points) and Jace Warlick (11 points) both hit a pair of three-pointers in the game, and the Storm had three players (Derryl Barnes Jr., Lane McVicar and Kendis Wiley) contribute four points. John Wafford added a trey.

Illinois agencies sponsoring radon awareness contests

Gov. Bruce Rauner has proclaimed January “Radon Awareness Month” in Illinois to increase awareness about the presence of radon. Radon gas is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is recognized as the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. It’s estimated nearly 1,200 people in Illinois develop radon-related lung cancer each year.
“Radon related health risks are preventable,” said Rauner. “Radon can be detected with a simple test and fixed through well-established techniques. With greater awareness we can save lives.”
The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the American Lung Association in Illinois (ALAIL) are joining forces in January to increase public awareness of radon risks and ways to reduce radon exposure. IEMA and ALAIL recently announced the continuation of a statewide contest that encourages students to use their creative talents to promote radon awareness. The American Lung Association will begin accepting submissions for the annual radon poster and video contests.
The Illinois Radon Poster Contest is open to students ages 9 to 14. Entries are due by March 1. Prizes include \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. For more information about the poster contest, visit <https://www.lung.org/local-content/illinois/documents/2019-illinois-radon-poster.pdf>.
High school students can also compete for prizes by participating in the

Illinois Radon Video Contest. This contest requires for students to produce a creative 30-second YouTube video about radon. The video submission deadline is March 8. Videos can be created by an individual student, group of students or classroom. Student prizes include \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, \$500 for third place and \$250 for seven honorable mention videos. New this year, the winning video may appear on the big screen in local movie theaters across the state.
The top 10 videos will also be entered into a most views contest to develop students’ marketing and outreach skills. Winners will be provided a link to share with their friends. The video with the most views will receive an additional \$300. Additionally, the schools of the top three winners will receive \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third places, respectively.
All videos, entry forms and release forms must be submitted by March 8. Details about the video contest are available on the American Lung Association in Illinois (ALAIL) website at <https://www.lung.org/local-content/illinois/documents/2019-illinois-radon-video-official-rules.pdf>.
All contest prizes are funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Both contests are sponsored by IEMA, ALAIL and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5.
The top posters and videos from the 2018 contests can be viewed on IEMA’s radon website at www.radon.illinois.gov.



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South Elgin dominates Rams with 40-point win



Casey Brennan on a scoring drive for South Elgin while passing the Rams’ Sophie Moore.



The Storm’s Miah Galvin maneuvering in the lane in an effort to get past Glenbard East’s Lisa Stranski.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team came out strong to earn a 66-26 Upstate Eight Conference win over Glenbard East on Friday, Jan. 4 at South Elgin.

The Storm jumped out to a 17-5 lead after one quarter and ran away in the second with a 26-point frame.

“Coming out of the Christmas tournament last week, I’m just really proud of the energy and effort they gave right away,” said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. “We went out and threw the first punch.”

South Elgin’s lead grew to 43-10 by half-time and 51-17 entering the fourth quarter.

Leading the way was Megan McClure who scored 21 points with a pair of three-pointers, and both Casey Brennan (14 points) and Caroline Croft (11 points) hit a three. Miah Galvin and Madison Waichunas each contributed six points.

Glenbard East was held to single digits in scoring each frame with a nine-point fourth quarter being its best period.

“We’re a really high tempo team, and they got a few buckets off our mistakes,” McClure said. “We didn’t let that get to us. We tweaked what we needed to and got the job done.”

The Storm are now 11-9 overall, 8-1 in the UEC. South Elgin has now played each conference foe once out of two games, Bartlett its only loss, and has on average outscored its UEC opponents by 21.5 points.

“We’re 8-1 in conference now,” Mandernack said. “There’s going to be a target on our backs in the second half of the schedule. They’re all going to have us scouted better now, and we need to be ready.”



South Elgin’s Madison Waichunas attempting to corral a rebound off the offensive boards between the Rams’ Emily Ryan, left, and Lisa Stranski.



Megan McClure completing a successful baseline drive for the Storm on her way to scoring a game-high 21 points against Glenbard East.

Late lead slips away as Bartlett falls to Elgin

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team was unable to pull it out in the end dropping a 61-56 game to Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Thursday, Jan. 3 at Elgin.

The game featured 20 lead changes with a seven-point margin the largest of the game.

Down 38-35 late in the third quarter Alec Palella, who had a game-high 17 points, scored five straight points, Austin Gates (16 points, two three-pointers) hit a trey and Hayden Angell hit a bucket for a 10-0

run and a 45-38 Hawks lead with 6:03 left in the game.

From there, the game saw five more lead changes with Elgin getting the final rally.

"We can't let that game get to that spot when you've got the lead like that," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "We weren't chasing. We were up."

Wolfsmith added: "That game should have been ours. Credit to Elgin. They played their basketball, they pressured and they jumped our passing lanes."

Jack Stuenkel, who hit a pair of threes, and Nicholas Wolf both finished with six points.

Elgin rallied from its seven-point deficit to retake the lead 53-51 with 2:12 left to

play. A Palella bucket with 49.8 seconds left gave the Hawks their final lead at 56-55 before Elgin finished on a 6-0 run.

The Hawks also played without Gates and Wolf over the final stretch as they fouled out with 34.4 seconds and 11.1 seconds remaining respectively.

"We have to make better decisions at the end," Wolfsmith said. "It was hard definitely not to have Austin in there at the end of the game."

Wolfsmith added: "We've seen that before and we just have a tendency to throw poor passes, weak passes at inopportune times. We did what we needed to do to take the lead. We just need to finish."

Bartlett went on to drop a 58-45 UEC game against Larkin on Saturday, Jan. 5 at Larkin.

The Hawks are now 4-14 overall, 1-6 in the UEC.



An off-the-floor Hayden Angell putting up a shot for the Hawks while the Maroons' Z'Kwan Stewart watched the effort from the floor.



Bartlett's Austin Gates finishing off a drive with a short shot over Elgin's Kejuan Harvey.



Bartlett's Alec Palella making is way along the baseline and past Elgin's Z'Kwan Stewart prior to be fouled and sent to the charity stripe.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



With the Hawks trailing 59-56 and under a minute to play, Ryan Dunlap triggered a three-point shot from the corner in an effort to tie the contest.

Hawks start new streak with 84-29 victory



Kailey Halterman attempting a short left-handed shot over a leaping Dajha Cooper of Elgin.



Danielle Hedeem striving to maintain control of the basketball while jostled from behind by Elgin's Dajha Cooper.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team opened the 2019 portion of its season with an easy win, an 84-29 victory, in Upstate Eight Conference play over Elgin on Thursday, Jan. 3 at Elgin.

Mackenzie Hare led the balanced offensive effort with 25 points including three of the Hawks 13 three-pointers.

"She's a great shooter, and she's a gym rat," Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said of Hare. "She provides a great

spark for us, and her work in the gym pays off."

The Hawks jumped out to a 33-9 lead after one quarter and never looked back while holding Elgin to just two points in the second to build a 53-11 half-time lead. Bartlett led 74-21 at the end of the third.

Hare scored 14 of her points in the first quarter and had 17 by the break to provide the early spark, and Lexie Sinclair scored nine in the first quarter and finished with her 14 points of the game by half-time.

All 10 Bartlett players put points on the board with Hannah Walker scoring nine points off three treys and the Hawks got two threes each from Shelly Banks and Danielle Hedeem and one each from Sinclair, Teagan Noesen (seven points) and Kailey Halterman. Savannah Standefer added six points and both Justina

Hernandez and Marina Vasquez four.

"It was an opportunity to get a lot of playing time for some girls who may not have had as many opportunities this season, and we hope they gained some confidence today," Hunt said. "It was also a chance for us to work on some of the things we need to work on."

Bartlett is now 16-3 overall, 9-0 in the UEC.

The Hawks, coming off a second place finish at the Wheaton North Christmas Tournament, have now beaten all nine conference opponents in their first of two meetings with an average margin of victory of 28.3 points with only two victories by single digits. After a successful first half of the season, Bartlett is hoping to have an even better second half.

"We're feeling great," Hare said. "We're definitely ready to take our game to the next level. We just want to continue to get better from here on out and earn some more wins."



Bartlett's Alexis Sinclair attempting to score next to Elgin's Jessica Brown while being fouled from behind.



Mackenzie Hare completing a drive through the paint for the Hawks while gliding past the Maroons' Dajha Cooper.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)