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## U-46 changing way it identifies gifted students

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 is changing its approach on how it will identify gifted students.

For the 2019-2020 school year, students will now use building norms along with its current use of looking at group-specific norms according to a presentation given to the Board of Education last month. The group-specific norms compare students with other students in their same racial subgroups rather than viewing all students, regardless of race, as having the same potential to succeed.

"Building norms are really the most acute or the most succinct way to really look at developing and providing pathways for the talent that we recognize is available in all of our U-46 elementary buildings and then feeding into our middle school programs," said April Wells, gifted coordinator.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said that in 2014 the district changed its gifted selection process due to a federal settlement agreement. U-46 moved from national norms at the time to local norms and started universally screening students.

Wells said the district uses three different screening methods including CogAT and MAP testing as well as a teacher inventory of learning strengths in which teachers score students. The criteria for gifted status is determined each year.

One of the focuses of the presentation was the district's claimed need for more "equity" in the selection process. The presentation stated: "Gifted education is only as equitable as the students with most marginalized identities experience it to be."

Wells said that U-46 is focused on "recognizing the untapped potential for students who come from underserved populations" as she said students from certain subgroups are less likely to be identified as gifted.

"It's certainly not an effort where we're taking away from any students, but we just recognize that when it comes to addressing underrepresentation or equity in gifted we have to make sure that we're consistently checking our practices and our policies to actually see that we're doing what we purport that we're doing on a larger scale," Wells said.

The district has a talent development program according to Wells who said "we micro target students at 22 of the 24 Title I schools" while "front loading experiences" by exposing those students to materials before the identification process begins.

Wells said that there have been arguments against local norms based on portability and lowering standards.

Regarding portability, Wells said there is a national problem with mobility.

"I can only pray that someday in this nation that we do have that social mobility," Wells said. "That students from lower income neighborhoods are really moving into neighborhoods where they would be in higher income schools. That's not what's happening."

Wells never denied that standards are lowered but said: "Our role as a district is to provide pathways for programming that will allow them to develop those pursuits."

Board member Jeanette Ward asked: "It sounds like from your presentation that you're taking race into account when choosing candidates for the gifted program. If that's only my perception, can you explain why that's incorrect?"

Wells said all students are tested which "doesn't take into consideration the student's race or ethnicity." The scores are compiled while the selection criteria will now be determined at each building.

"In some of our situations our schools are setup in ways where there are significant populations of students from various backgrounds or similar ones in certain buildings," Wells said. "Because of that, that treatment is applied to all those students there, but this is allowing us to move away from what we have used in the past that's group specific norms."

Wells added: "So solely using that have been something that honestly, we do feel that race-based criteria is going to be under attack. It is and will continue to be, but we are able to do something where we're moving to remove some of those barriers but we're honoring what's happening with the data of the powerful things that's happening in our schools."

Prior to the meeting, Ward noted a quote used by the district in the presentation from Scott Peters who said: "Certain student groups score differently than others because as a society we treat them differently." Ward asked: "If we are changing the admission criteria or process for certain groups, isn't that treating them differently?"

"In alignment with our Board Policy on equity, we have a commitment to

remedy any practice that leads to underrepresentation," the district responded via a memo.

Ward and board members Sue Kerr and Melissa Owens all inquired about the possibility of having different standards at each building. The district said along with building norms there will be district norms, but it admitted a student could meet the gifted criteria at one school but not another and schools may have different percentages of students identified as gifted.

"This year, we identified students at the top 10 (percent) at each building," the district stated in the memo and also stated: "U-46 does not have limits on gifted programming. We provide services for students who are identified."

Ward said: "I was concerned that if you do those building norms then there could be certain buildings where people say 'well your building has a lower standard so your gifted program is, for lack of a better word, not as good as this other building.' So how do we avoid that perception if you do admit that you can be identified for gifted in one building but not another?"

Wells analogized IHSA sports and that all students can compete in track and field while qualifying times are set at each sectional.

"All of those students show up at the state meet and race at the same 400-

meter line," Wells said. "So that's what we're doing."

Kerr asked about students who may be gifted in one subject but not another to which Wells said U-46 uses a "general mobility index" and "that does happen to be student who have that propensity or higher ability in namely reading language arts and/or math." Kerr said some students may not be good test takers and could "slip through the cracks" which Wells said: "Unfortunately the search for the ideal or perfect test does not exist."

Asked how success will be measured by Kerr, Wells said: "We need to look at one of those rates of participation by some of our groups that have been disproportionate in the district, not only the rates of identifying them but the rates of retaining those students."

Board member Veronica Noland asked if along with the teacher inventory if there was a parent inventory and Wells said "there is a corresponding parent inventory," but the district needs to educate parents. Wells also said there are gifted specialists at 22 Title I schools.

Board member Phil Costello asked if the district has investigated "peer or external organizations" using these methods and Wells said they have.

Ward asked if the district could provide the board with current gifted data which the administration said it would.

## Fatal crash in Hanover Park remains under investigation

On Saturday, Jan. 12, at approximately 7:30 a.m., Hanover Park police officers were called to the area of County Farm Road north of Lawrence Avenue for a report of a vehicle crash involving a head-on collision.

Upon arrival, officers discovered a northbound silver Subaru Impreza being driven by an 18-year-old Streamwood man had struck a southbound red Kia Soul driven by a 35-year-old Carol Stream resident whose 12-year-

old son was a passenger in the vehicle. All three subjects suffered multiple injuries in the crash and were transported to local hospitals. The driver of the Kia was later pronounced deceased at St. Alexius Medical Center Hoffman Estates.

The crash continues to be under investigation by the Hanover Park Police Department with the assistance of the DuPage Crash Accident Reconstruction Task Force.



### Driving into the lane

Streamwood's Vivian Sumoski driving on the Bartlett basket and the Hawks' Danielle Hedeon on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at Streamwood. For story and more photos see page 7.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



# Four proposals approved by Dist. U-46 board vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 approved four proposals totaling \$1 million at its meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018

All items will be paid for by the education fund.

Included was \$513,962 with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to replace English as a second language textbooks titled "On Our Way to English." The resources will be used starting in the 2019-2020 school year.

The proposal called the resource "a comprehensive resource that supports English language development and enhances the rigor and relevance of students' linguistic and academic development in the Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI) at Liberty Elementary as well as the 80:20 Dual Language Program."

The board approved two proposals with Dell EMC for 1,500 chromebooks (\$451,440) and 20 interactive boards (\$33,600).

According to the proposal for chromebooks, the district redistributed chromebooks to middle and elementary schools this school year after new chromebooks were purchased for secondary math.

"After the equipment redistribution was completed, schools started experiencing dead batteries on the HP 645 G1 model. This model was purchased in 2014; it is now out of warranty.... While partnering with Instructional leadership to determine and enable future requirements for technology, 1,500 new Chromebooks will alleviate the current state of the HP 645 G1 model equipment and better support instructional time, including inter-

ventions," the proposal stated.

The interactive boards' proposal stated that the purchase will replace current equipment that's five to eight years old.

The board also approved a one-year contract costing \$3,800 a month, \$45,600 total, with RJ Gartner Consulting for consultancy regarding telecommunications management.

"Telecommunication Management for School District U-46 has identified multiple opportunities for improvement," the proposal stated. "These opportunities mainly include cost reduction and cost avoidance to optimize the telecom spend for the District."


The proposal continued that the consultant "will provide supplemental expertise to process, implement and follow up on all telecommunication opportunities already identified and any new areas discovered during the months of services."

## Anglers need to take ice fishing safety seriously

Ice fishing can be great fun, but participants need to take ice fishing safety seriously. Review important ice fishing safety information on the I Fish Illinois website: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/ice.php>.



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# Pet of the Week



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### **U-46 to screen free documentary Tuesday on play-based kindergarten**

**By: Madhu Krishnamurthy**

Elgin Area School District U-46 will host a free screening of a documentary film exploring the advantages of play-based approaches to learning in kindergarten on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

The 30-minute presentation, titled "Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet," was filmed partially at the district's Lincoln Elementary School in Hoffman Estates. It was produced by the Midwest Early Childhood Education Research Alliance at Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest in collaboration with WTTW Channel 11.

It also features footage from Romeoville-based Valley View District U-365 and scientific findings about the cognitive and social-emotional benefits of play from academic researchers.

U-46 implemented a hands-on, inquiry-based kindergarten program in 2016 coinciding with the launch of full-day kindergarten for more than 2,500 students across 40 elementary schools and two early childhood centers.

In October, documentary crew members spent a day at Lincoln Elementary School interviewing kindergarten teachers Kristin Bayer and Leader Colleen Pecucci, and U-46 Early Learners Initiatives Director Peggy Ondera. They spent several hours in Bayer's kindergarten classroom, filming her interactions with students and interviewing a few kindergartners.

Since 2016, Ondera and other district leaders have been invited to share the details about U-46's kindergarten program at state and national conferences. The documentary was another means to spread the word.

"As a district, we are very proud of our play-based approach to kindergarten because we know that young children learn best through an active exploration of their environment," Ondera said. "Our kindergarten students are allowed the time to be young children and to develop their knowledge and physical, academic and social skills through play and appropriate activities."

Community members are invited to the screening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive. RSVP at [relmidwestwttwu46.eventbrite.com](http://relmidwestwttwu46.eventbrite.com).



There will be a panel discussion with documentary participants, including Ondera, Bayer and Pecucci, after the screening.

The documentary will air on WTTW Prime at 10:30 p.m. Friday. A future airing date on WTTW Channel 11 will be scheduled this spring or fall.

## **U-46 to show documentary on play-based kindergarten**

**By: Elgin Area School District U-46**



- Children play with sand in a kindergarten class in Elgin Area School District U-46. The district will host a free screening for "Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet," a new documentary that was filmed partially at the district's Lincoln Elementary School in Hoffman Estates.

Elgin Area School District U-46 will host a free screening on Tuesday, Jan. 22, for "Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet," a new documentary that was filmed partially at the district's Lincoln Elementary School in Hoffman Estates.

The 30-minute documentary explores the advantages associated with a play-based approach in kindergarten. U-46 leaders implemented this hands-on, inquiry-based program in 2016 as the district launched full-day kindergarten for more than 2,500 students across its 40 elementary schools and two early childhood centers.

The documentary was produced by the Midwest Early Childhood Education Research Alliance at Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest in collaboration with WTTW Channel 11.

In addition to U-46, it features footage from Romeoville-based Valley View School District 365U, as well as scientific findings about the cognitive and social-emotional benefits of play from academic researchers.

The documentary crew spent a day in October at Lincoln Elementary School. They interviewed kindergarten teacher Kristin Bayer, Early Learners Initiatives Director Peggy Ondera, and kindergarten Teacher Leader Colleen Pecucci, and spent several

hours in Bayer's kindergarten classroom filming her interactions with her students and even interviewing a few kindergartners.

Ondera said district administrators were pleased when REL Midwest producers approached them about the project. Since 2016, Ondera and other district leaders have been invited to share the details about the U-46 kindergarten program at state and national conferences. The documentary was one more way to spread the word about the important topic.

"As a district, we are very proud of our play-based approach to kindergarten because we know that young children learn best through an active exploration of their environment," Ondera said.

"Our kindergarten students are allowed the time to be young children and to develop their knowledge and physical, academic, and social skills through play and appropriate activities."

Members of the U-46 community are invited to a free screening of the completed documentary from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the auditorium at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin; use door 7.

After the screening, there will be a panel discussion with documentary participants, including Ondera, Bayer, and Pecucci.

The documentary will also air on WTTW Prime on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 18, at 10:30 p.m. An airing on WTTW Channel 11 in the spring or fall is still being determined.

Those wishing to attend the free screening are asked to RSVP with the REL Midwest producers through the following link: [relmidwestwttwu46.eventbrite.com](http://relmidwestwttwu46.eventbrite.com).

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## **Elgin High to host screening of documentary**

WTTW Chicago program to feature U46 kindergarten classes

**By: Rafael Guerrero**

A School District U46 classroom is one of the subjects in a new WTTW Chicago documentary about play-based kindergarten.

Just days after “Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet” airs on one of the WTTW channels, U46 will host a free screening of the documentary, followed by a panel discussion with those interviewed. The screening will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Elgin High School auditorium. Those wishing to attend can RSVP at [relmidwestwttwu46.eventbrite.com](http://relmidwestwttwu46.eventbrite.com).

The 30-minute documentary addresses the topic of play-based instruction and curriculum in kindergarten, a model used in U46 classrooms since 2016. Lincoln Elementary School in Hoffman Estates was chosen as one of the subjects of the documentary, as were classrooms in Valley View School District 365U in Romeoville.

According to a U46 news release, the documentary also addresses the cognitive and social-emotional advantages of a play-based kindergarten structure.

Filmmakers spent a day in October at Lincoln Elementary School interviewing kindergarten teacher Kristin Bayer, Early Learners Initiatives Director Peggy Ondera, and kindergarten teacher leader Colleen Pecucci. The crew also spent hours in Bayer’s kindergarten classroom filming and interviewing some students, according to the release.

“As a district, we are very proud of our play-based approach to kindergarten because we know that young children learn best through an active exploration of their environment,” Ondera said. “Our kindergarten students are allowed the time to be young children and to develop their knowledge and physical, academic, and social skills through play and appropriate activities.”

The documentary was produced by the Midwest Early Childhood Education Research Alliance at Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest in collaboration with WTTW, according to the release.

After the screening, Ondera, Bayer and Pecucci and other documentary participants will be part of a panel discussion.

For those who cannot attend the screening, “Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet” will air on WTTW Chicago’s Prime channel at 10:30 p.m. Friday. The documentary will be shown on WTTW this year.

## **State mandate delays U46 calendar**

**By: Rafael Guerrero**

A calendar for the 2019-20 school year won’t be ready for School District U46 board approval until next month, much later than normal.

The state is requiring the next school year have a minimum of 176 instructional days, meaning two more days must be added to the academic year. However, there will be greater flexibility in the length of the school day because the state is no longer requiring a minimum number of hours, officials said.

Because they’re looking at a number of options and variations, the administration’s goal is to have a calendar ready for a board vote in February rather than the typical January timetable, U46 CEO Tony Sanders said.

It is expected the proposed calendar won’t deviate greatly from this year’s, which had classes starting in mid-August, high school finals completed before winter break and the school year ending sometime around Memorial Day, Sanders said. Most districts in the area have similar calendars, which benefit high school students by keeping finals before the two-week break, he said.

Board members ruled out going to the public for input on their preference for calendar dates. Efforts to do that last year were unsuccessful and two years ago, the board and administration backed the option that was second most-popular with the public.

“At this point, we need to get this calendar done. ... We’re in a planning crunch at this point,” board member Melissa Owens said. “If we go out and do a survey, give ample time for responses, take those responses, calculate all those responses and then throw it back to administration, we will not get it done in February.”

## **SPORTS**

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### **West Aurora stands tall against Elgin**

**By: Kevin McGavin**

In 1973 West Aurora and Elgin played one of the most famous games in state history at the state quarterfinals.

"The New York Knicks won the NBA championship that year," West Aurora legend John Bryant once said. "Elgin had a taller frontcourt than they did."

But it was all West Aurora Tuesday night in the schools' Upstate Eight Conference game.

"They are in first place for a reason," Elgin coach David Hess said after the Blackhawks dominated the Maroons with a 67-39 victory Tuesday night in Aurora.

West Aurora never trailed in turning back the Maroons Tuesday in Aurora.

Elgin did not make a shot from the field in the second quarter as the Blackhawks raced to a 37-15 lead at the break.

West Aurora (17-3, 10-0) is a perennial participant in the Pontiac Holiday Tournament. A season ago, West Aurora did not drop a single regular-season game after returning from Pontiac.

"You hope you can recapture that magic from last year," West Aurora coach Brian Johnson said.

Thirteen players scored in all for the Blackhawks' latest triumph in the Upstate Eight.

Hezzy Salter was the only player for either team in double figures with his game-high total of 12 points for the Blackhawks.

But it did not matter for West Aurora as the squad put a clinic on the Maroons.

"When we move the ball like that, we're unbeatable," West Aurora reserve forward Cameron Kalmas said.

"We are moving the ball and playing as a team," West Aurora bench player Logan Mont said. "We are very together as playing as a team. It's a great accomplishment to be a part of a team to do that (run the table in their 10 conference games)."

The typical stars for the Blackhawks were not even needed Tuesday.



Marquise Walker, the Blackhawks' leading scorer, simply drained three 3-pointers for his 9-point output.

Backcourt mate Traevon Brown scored 7 points.

Starting forward Kelvin Balfour was barely needed for the Blackhawks in adding 6.

West Aurora has won eight consecutive games.

Xavier Bonds led Elgin with 8 points.

## **Hare's style a winner**

Freshman guard follows sister, bursts onto area scene for Bartlett

**By: Paul Johnson**



- Bartlett freshman guard Mackenzie Hare, right, is averaging a team-leading 17.2 points. “She’s an exceptional talent,” Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said.

Freshman guard Mackenzie Hare spent the last four years watching her sister, Kayla, play on the varsity for Bartlett.

She looked forward to her chance to do the same thing.

“I’ve been waiting for a long time,” Hare said. “I’m so happy it finally came. I watched my sister play for four years before me. All those years, I couldn’t wait to get out there.”

Bartlett is happy she finally reached high school. Hare leads the Hawks (19-3, 11-0), averaging 17.2 points and bursting onto the scene immediately as one of the area’s top players.

“She’s an exceptional talent,” Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said of Hare. “She works really hard at her craft. She’s just fun. She’s been working at it for a long time.

“We knew she was good a few years ago and she continues to get better every day.”

Hare said she learned many lessons from Kayla, who’s a freshman at NCAA Division II Missouri St. Louis. Kayla scored 1,510 points at Bartlett, setting program records for steals with 410 and 3-pointers with 204.

“I always wondered what would happen if we got a year (together),” Mackenzie said.

That didn’t happen, but Mackenzie’s transition to the varsity has been seamless. Defenses have started to take notice, but despite her young age, she has made the adjustment.

“Teams try to do a bunch of different things,” Hunt said. “She’s very capable of driving and scoring that way. If you sag off of her, she’s pretty lethal.”

Helping the transition is sophomore guard Lexie Sinclair, Hare’s AAU teammate. Sinclair started as a freshman, so she went through the same thing as Hare.

“We have a good connection both on and off the court,” Hare said. “We always have each other’s backs.”

Bartlett has won 17 of its last 18 games. In two weeks, the Hawks will find out their seeded in the loaded Class 4A Batavia Sectional.

“We’re definitely just trying to get better every day, preparing for regionals and the other games we have coming up,” Hare said.

“I’m really excited. We’re so excited to get the opportunity to play (in the playoffs). We just can’t wait.”

Injury update: The news from Larkin regarding junior guard Brianna Young was better than first hoped.

Young went down with a hand injury in the second quarter of last Wednesday’s 62-54 win over Elgin at the Elgin City Classic.

It was initially feared that she broke a finger. Royals coach Steve Knapp confirmed Monday, however, she only suffered a sprain and will miss 2-3 weeks.

That could open the door for her to return the last week of the regular season.

“I am in hopes that she’ll be back by the playoffs,” Knapp said. “It was better (news) than I anticipated.”

Larkin (7-14) went 1-1 in the first two games Young has missed.

Roller-coaster ride: Hampshire wrested away control of the Fox Valley Conference with Friday's 40-30 win at Dundee-Crown.

The stay alone at the top lasted only the weekend, however, as the standings were jumbled again Monday.

Hampshire rallied but fell short at McHenry in a 47-43 loss, handing the Whip-Purs (19-5, 7-1) their first conference loss. Meanwhile, Dundee-Crown (15-6, 8-1) hung on for a 34-26 win over Huntley.

Both teams are back in action this week. Dundee-Crown plays host Wednesday to Prairie Ridge. Hampshire hits the road for a pair of conference games, traveling Thursday to Crystal Lake South and Saturday to Jacobs.

Paul Johnson is a freelance reporter for The Courier-News.

## Girls Basketball

### Top 5

With records through Tuesday; previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Bartlett 19-3 (1)
2. Hampshire 19-5 (2)
3. Burlington Central 14-5 (3)
4. Dundee-Crown 15-6 (4)
5. South Elgin 13-9 (5)

Player of the Week: Senior forward Dajha Cooper had a triple-double for Elgin in Saturday's 46-34 win over Westminster Christian in the Elgin City Classic. Cooper scored a game-high 22 points to go with 16 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.



# Hawks hold off Sabres, defeat West Chicago



After driving along the baseline, Austin Gates launched a jump shot for the Hawks over the defense of the Sabres' Zach Marquez.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team built an early cushion and held on for a 59-57 win over Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at Bartlett.

In the first half, the Hawks built as large as a 19-point lead and led 35-18 at the break as they forced 12 turnovers while committing just three.

Austin Gates (seven rebounds, three assists, three steals, two blocks) scored all 20 of his team-high points with four three-pointers in the first half. Gates opened with an 11-point first quarter and Hayden Angell added seven as Bartlett jumped to a 20-11 lead after the opening frame.

"I thought in the first half, we executed the game plan perfectly," said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. "I think we really confused them. We defended their top scorers, and we turned that into quality offense of our own."



Late in the game with the Hawks protecting a slim lead, Hayden Angell was in motion while taking time off the clock against the Sabres. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

"I thought in the first half, we caught them off guard," Gates said. "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."

Jack Stuenkel also hit four treys with his first to open the second half for a 38-18 lead, Bartlett's largest advantage of the game. As Streamwood rallied, Stuenkel helped the Hawks maintain their lead scoring all 16 of his points in the second half including three threes in the third quarter.

Streamwood pulled to 46-42 entering the fourth quarter and eventually pulled to 59-57 with 21.9 seconds left to play. After a quick turnover, the visitors had 19.3 seconds left to tie or win but the Hawks forced a rushed three-point attempt that didn't fall giving Bartlett the win. "I give our kids just a ton of credit,"

Wolfsmith said. "The last thing they need to learn is how to finish a game, and they took a step forward in that tonight. It's a great win given where we've been."

Nicholas Wolf added seven points in the effort, and Wolfsmith was happy with the defensive effort of Cameron Kunzer.

Bartlett went on to earn a 46-37 UEC win over West Chicago on Friday, Jan. 11 at Bartlett. Gates (15 points), Garrett Jurina (eight points), Angell (seven points) and Stuenkel (seven points) led the effort.

The Hawks are now 6-14 overall, 3-6 in the UEC.



Bartlett's Cameron Kunzer committed to driving into the lane and on the Streamwood basket.



Bartlett's Jack Stuenkel releasing a three-point shot over Streamwood's Zach Marquez that found the bottom of the net to extend the Hawks lead midway through the third quarter.



# Storm rebound to beat Royals, Oswego East

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball squad came out strong to defeat Larkin 55-42 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Jan. 11 at South Elgin.

Locked in a 6-6 ballgame early, the Storm scored 18 straight points to take the lead for good and they built a 40-20 lead by halftime.

“That was one of our best halves of the season,” said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. “It wasn’t even offensively. It was done on the defensive end. We found ways to keep them from getting open looks at the basket, and we guarded and played as one team.”

Although Larkin did win the second half, the Storm maintained a double digit lead through the final two frames.

Vince Miskiewicz led the effort with a double-double performance, 18 points and 11 rebounds, and he blocked six shots. Jace Warrick added 12 points.

“The first half showed a lot,” Miskiewicz said. “We were pushing the ball in transition, we were making layups, we were finding open guys on the three-point line and we were playing phenomenal defense.”

South Elgin was coming off a 61-54 loss to Glenbard South in UEC play on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at South Elgin. Miskiewicz (18 points, 15 rebounds, six blocks), Warrick (14 points), Drake Montgomery (13 points) and Trace Ashby (seven points) led the Storm.

“Glenbard South won with second chance points and transition buckets,” Johnson said. “That’s a credit to them. We did not get back on defense and we did not play good enough defense when it mattered the most.”



Derryl Barnes Jr. of South Elgin bringing the ball past mid-court under close defensive pressure from Larkin's DJ Jones during the Storm's Friday, Jan. 11 win over the Royals. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

The Storm finished the week with an 81-74 victory over Oswego East during the Downers Grove North Winter Classic on Saturday, Jan. 12.

South Elgin is now 14-6 overall, 7-2 in the UEC.



The Storm's Vince Miskiewicz tied up in the paint by Larkin's Christopher Rose, left, and Fernando Perez Jr., resulting in a jump ball call.



South Elgin's Trace Ashby pulling up off a dribble while pursued by the Royals' Damari Wheeler-Thomas.



While driving into the lane and on the Larkin basket, South Elgin's Jace Warrick was separated from the basketball and fouled by Larkin's Marcus Green.



# Bartlett dominates in going 3-0 for the week

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team remained undefeated in the Upstate Eight Conference with a pair of wins to improve to 11-0 in league play.

The Hawks jumped to a 21-8 lead against Streamwood and never looked back in a 75-43 win on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at Streamwood. Mackenzie Hare (23 points), Justina Hernandez (18 points), Lexie Sinclair (12 points) and Kailey Halterman (nine points) led the effort.

Against West Chicago, the Hawks followed up with a 56-26 win on Thursday, Jan. 10 at Bartlett.

Despite some sluggish moments at times, Bartlett was able to build an early lead and run away after holding West Chicago to just four points each quarter in the first half for a 13-4 lead after one quarter and 33-8 at the break. The Hawks held their largest lead at 49-17 entering the fourth.

"It was just a workmanlike game," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "At times we shot the ball poorly and we were a little flat, but anytime you can get a conference win it's a positive."

Hare scored 12 of her game-high

16 points in the first half including four of her five three-pointers.

"We come out every game never taking any game for granted," Hare said. "We have some little things to work on, but we're feeling pretty good with where we're at right now."

Hernandez scored 11 points, Danielle Hedeon eight, Sinclair seven and Halterman six in the effort. Bartlett finished with 11 threes in the game, Hedeon and Hernandez with two each.

Bartlett was without senior starter Savannah Standefer who was sick, but the Hawks had two sophomore call-ups and with a big early lead the entire team got some valuable playing time.

"It's an opportunity to gain some valuable experience for some players at the sophomore level," Hunt said. "They need to learn how fast that varsity level of competition is, and it's good to get them in."

The Hawks ended the week with a 49-32 nonconference win over Huntley to improve to 19-3 overall on Saturday, Jan. 12 at Bartlett. Hare (18 points), Sinclair (14 points) and Teagan Noesen (nine points) led the effort.



Bartlett's Justina Hernandez protecting the ball while penetrating into the paint between the Wildcats' Shailee Patel, left, and Sammi Birch.



The Hawks' Alexis Sinclair securing a rebound in front of Streamwood's Colleen Vegailla.



After driving into the lane, an elevated Teagan Noesen of Bartlett, between Huntley's Ashlyn Brown, left, and Bridget Bigden dished off a pass to an open teammate for a shot from behind the arc.



Elizabeth Eberlin of Bartlett launching a shot over West Chicago's Sammi Birch.



The Hawks' Shelly Banks pursuing a loose ball under the Huntley basket in front of the Red Raiders' Taylor Koop.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



# Storm girls basketball defeat Raiders and Royals

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team came out strong and never looked back as the Storm earned a 50-31 win over Glenbard South in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at Glenbard South.

Behind solid shooting and a huge defensive effort, the Storm built a 17-4 lead after one quarter and led by 19 at halftime, 33-14, after a 16-10 second quarter win.

“Being on the road against a good team, you have to have the mindset

that you must come out battling because they are in their comfort zone and environment,” said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. “We kind of took the wind out of them early with our pressure and good shooting.”

Mandernack added: “We really competed from tipoff. The sense of urgency from us was high. I told them great teams go on the road and come out aggressive and do not wait. It’s tough, a Tuesday night and long road trip and the girls were really focused.”

South Elgin had a balanced offensive effort with three girls reaching double digits led by Madison Waichunas (14 points), but her biggest contributions of the night may have been on defense.

Mandernack said his team instituted a new defense for the game called “shark” which he described as “man with a one girl zone” as his squad faced a 6-foot-4, Division I recruit from Glenbard South who was held to just six points for the game.

“Maddy not only led the team in

scoring on only six shots, she was vital in stopping their D-1 player,” Mandernack said. “She was the one man zone and did an unreal job. She is so dedicated every practice, every film meeting, every scouting report and of course in games. I’m so happy for her because she wants it, puts in crazy work and its paying off. She does all the little things and now is just improving and improving and is only a junior.”

Megan McClure added 13 points and Caroline Croft 10 in the winning effort.

The Storm went on to defeat Larkin 66-30 in UEC play on Thursday, Jan. 10 at South Elgin.

South Elgin is now 13-9 overall, 10-1 in the UEC.

“Super proud of the girls, and it keeps us right on pace in conference,” Mandernack said. “The tough games at Thanksgiving and Christmas are paying off for us, and we are really gelling well on both ends.”

## More than 30 dogs perish in Carol Stream kennel fire

**Story and photo by Bruce Lighty**

An early morning fire on Monday, Jan. 14 claimed the lives of more than 30 dogs at D & D Kennels, 2N441 County Farm Road, in unincorporated Carol Stream.

According to the Carol Stream Fire District, at approximately 5:30 a.m., firefighters responded to D & D Kennels for the report of a structure fire.

Upon arrival, firefighters found heavy fire coming from multiple second-floor windows of the two-story, 25 x 30-foot house. The building, which had attached dog kennels, was housing over 50 pit-bull rescued dogs. An interior attack was made using multiple hose lines on both the first and second floor. During the incident, firefighters successfully rescued about 25 of the animals.

According to the fire district, most of dogs that perished in the blaze were housed in cages in the main building.

“It was too well involved in fire to get up there to even let them out of the cages, said Carol Stream Fire District Chief Bob Hoff.

Surviving dogs were originally placed at DuPage County Animal Control.

“Eight dogs remained at the DCAC,

the rest had been picked up by the parties that had placed them at the kennel, said Carol Stream Fire District Public Education Coordinator Greg Schwarze on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Officials reported that a DuPage County patrol officer spotted the fire and went immediately inside the structure in an effort to save the animals.

One civilian was injured with non-life threatening injuries, along with three firefighters who were treated for dog bites.

The building was boarded up on Monday afternoon and considered to be uninhabitable. The owner of the kennel, Garrett Mercado, also lives at the location, but was not home at the time of the fire.

The business owner [is] leasing the property, Schwarze said.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the DuPage Arson Task Force, according to Schwarze.

Approximately 40 Fire/EMS personnel from Carol Stream, West Chicago, Wheaton, Bloomingdale, and Hanover Park fire departments fought the structure fire and were on the scene of the incident for over five hours. DuPage County also assisted with animal control.



D & D Kennels at 2N441 County Farm Road.

## Reports

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of a suspicious person.

- ★ At 10:55 a.m., police responded to Cera Una Volta, 558 Randall Road, for a report of theft.
- ★ At 12:23 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Sandhurst for a report of criminal damage to property.
- ★ At 1:45 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of North Center for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 3:03 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of West Thornwood for a report of an activated alarm.
- ★ At 5:12 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of North Walnut for a fraud complaint.
- ★ At 5:36 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of South Gilbert for a report of a safety or health hazard.
- ★ At 5:39 p.m., police responded to the 1300 block of Sandhurst for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

- ★ At 6:02 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of North Center for a report of theft.
- ★ At 7:26 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Mavis and North LaFox for a report of a suspicious incident.
- ★ At 7:55 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Cornwall for a report of battery.

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**Wednesday, Jan. 2**

- ★ At 6:10 p.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 25 and May, an officer on patrol observed a vehicle that was disabled and partially in the ditch on the side of the roadway. The officer arranged for a tow to remove the vehicle.

**Saturday, Jan. 5**

- ★ At 3:57 p.m., police responded to the 32W block of Rochefort for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The officer later located the vehicle and determined that the occupants had been looking at a lot with the intent to purchase it.

## Tidbits

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monthly Bartlett Woman’s Club meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the Bartlett Log Cabin, 102 N. Eastern Ave. It beginning at 7 p.m. Bartlett Woman’s Club is for women 18 and older and sponsors many social and philanthropic events. Visit [www.bartlett womansclub.org](http://www.bartlett womansclub.org) or Facebook.

Let “lady luck” be on your side when you spin the roulette wheel, play a cool hand of blackjack or roll the dice at the fun-filled Casino Royale, sponsored by the Bartlett Area Chamber and Mark Your Space, Inc. on Friday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Moretti’s Ristorante & Pizzeria, 1175 W. Lake St., in Bartlett Tickets are \$35 per person and include 75 betting chips and a variety of appetizers. Tickets to this 21 and over event may be purchased online at [www.bartlettareachamber.com](http://www.bartlettareachamber.com), by visiting the chamber office at 335 S. Main St., or by calling 830-0324.

Tri-Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood will have Kent Taylor for a compelling slide show “Our Climate Crisis” on the science and challenges in our climate crisis on Wednesday Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Public Library at 1405 S. Park, Streamwood. Learn the causes of the current crisis, in layman’s language and what we can do to minimize the effects of “global warming” on our climate. Cost is free. For additional information, please contact Wally Groble 497-1958 or Sandy Swenson 837-0281 or visit their website at [www.trivillagegardenclub.org/wordpress](http://www.trivillagegardenclub.org/wordpress).

Bartlett VFW Post 11018 has its monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at Clare Oaks just off West Bartlett Road and east of Illinois Route 59. Men and women who have served in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters may be eligible for membership. A DD-214 is required, plus citizenship and honorable service. Your fellow comrades welcome you!

VFW Auxiliary to Bartlett Post 11018 meets the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested in learning more, please email [BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com](mailto:BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com).

Bartlett American Legion Post 1212 meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Bartlett Log Cabin located at North Avenue and Oak Street at

7 p.m. We are looking for veterans who are interested in serving their community and country and helping other veterans and their families who are in need. All veterans are welcome.

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](http://westsuburbanpatriots.com).

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

Looking for a Job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join their career networking email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see their job board; check out the materials that cover topics such as resume writing and interviewing help; stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

Do you suspect food rules your life? Overeaters Anonymous (OA) may be the answer for you. It is not a diet club, but a fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. OA offers mutual support at its weekly meeting at Living Lord Lutheran Church on Fridays at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1044 Congress Drive. For more information or directions, contact Dwayne at 433-0656.

You can feed a family pet for less than \$10 a month. Brunos Pro Bone O Pet Pantry is a 501 (c)(3) charity pet food pantry that distributes free food to help elderly, disabled, or low-income pet owners who are struggling to keep food in the bowls of their beloved companions. Even \$10 a month for food may be too much to spend for someone whos trying to keep their furry family members at home-where they belong. Please help by donating food or funds to Brunos Pet Pantry: they believe no one should have to give up a dog or cat because of money. They need your help! Please call 926-3610, or [www.brunospantry.com](http://www.brunospantry.com).