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"IF I WERE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER OR A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CHOOSE THE LATTER." THOMAS JEFFERSON

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U-46 Board updated on school safety, security

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was given an update on school safety and security at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 14.

Normally the presentation would include student discipline data, but U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said it was pulled and will be brought to the board "at a later date."

John Heiderscheidt, director of school safety and culture, presented data including the responses by students and staff to the 5Essentials survey.

Student responses on safety dropped from 44 points in 2017 to 41 in 2018 (state dropped from 55 to 49) on the survey, and staff responses on teacher safety dropped from 40 to 35 points (state dropped 48 to 44).

"Looking deeper at the whys of that, I do not know the whys from the 5Essentials but we are seeing that around the state also," Heiderscheidt said.

Heiderscheidt said that teachers expressed their most concern with a lack of respect from students and disorder in the hallways.

Student responses to the survey on school safety remained flat at 60 points in 2017 and 2018 compared to 66 for the state (a drop from 68).

"As we maintained a 60, the state average came down two points," Heiderscheidt said. "So not an increase like we want, but we are maintaining in that number in that perception of students."

Heiderscheidt said he made a mistake in how he presented the numbers as it looked like percentages. Board member Jeanette Ward asked him to elaborate on the numbers.

"The 5Essentials is not a straight percentage of answers because for each measurement, there are six questions and each one of those questions there are four responses," Heiderscheidt said. "So how that is scored is not a straight percentage so the perception I'm giving here is not an accurate perception."

"So is it close to a percentage then?" Ward asked. She added: "It's a little confusing way to report data."

"What they explain here is it is not a percentile rank or a percentage," Heiderscheidt said.

Board member Sue Kerr suggested the board be presented with examples next year instead but Sanders said different metrics could be used based on strategic plan discussions. Sanders said the board previously chose the 5Essentials survey.

"But the board didn't decide the questions because we have data from the state of Illinois," Ward said.

Sanders replied: "Correct, we used the questions that were listed on the Illinois 5Essentials as possible things to use and so that's how those three ended up on the short list."

Regarding security systems, Heiderscheidt said there are more than 100 panic buttons (silent alarms), 600 cam-

eras and 2,000 handheld and base radios in the district.

Data from the district's visitor's entrance system showed that 188,000 visitors have come to U-46 buildings since August 2016 while 35 private alerts have been entered and 34 sexual offenders have been flagged.

Regarding the sex offenders, Heiderscheidt said: "Nearly all of them were parents who have a right to their child's education under our supervision and our terms."

The district uses interns to perform security compliance checks at schools and over the past four checks schools were in compliance 98.3 to 100 percent on doors locked, 86 to 98.3 percent on intercom inquiry, 96.5 to 98.3 percent for greeting time, 94.7 to 100 percent on sign-in and 91.2 to 100 percent on visitor tags procedures.

"We are very pleased with these results," Heiderscheidt said.

Board member Melissa Owens said regarding greeting time that some buildings have offices further away from the entrance. Heiderscheidt said interns are trained and school staff are told that those who buzz in a visitor are responsible for that visitor.

The district has 100 percent compliance in completing safety drills (fire,

bus evacuation, severe weather, lockdown, annual school safety training) since 2014 according to Heiderscheidt.

Heiderscheidt said 58 percent of U-46 staff has been trained with the Crisis Prevention Institute, and there are 18 certified instructors in U-46.

There are 26 schools with trained resiliency teams for trauma informed care for dealing with students who have had adverse childhood experiences according to Heiderscheidt.

Board member Veronica Noland asked how the 26 schools were chosen to which Heiderscheidt said all schools were invited in this second year. In a pilot year, four schools were chosen based on data.

"Compassion fatigue is real and it affects our ability to even deal with a minor escalation sometimes," Heiderscheidt said and added he hopes in 20 years there are trauma informed communities. "This should not just be a school activity. This should be a community based activity."

Heiderscheidt said last year the district performed its annual active shooter drill at Elgin High School and the Elgin Police Department found that an intergovernmental agreement

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House fire claims two dogs, damage estimated at \$100,000



Fire-damaged home in 200 block of Mayfield Drive. (Courtesy photo)

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 3:07 p.m., the Streamwood Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire in the 200 block of Mayfield Drive. The report indicated that the home was evacuated.

The first arriving engine company reported heavy fire coming from the second floor of a single-family home. Fire companies utilized several hand lines to extinguish the fire that heavily

damaged the second floor and attic. There were no reported injuries, but two dogs died in the fire. Operations were challenging due to temperatures in the single digits. Bartlett, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg firefighters assisted at the scene.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, and fire investigators are continuing their investigation. Damage is estimated at \$100,000.



Not too much of an obstacle

Evan Rivera quickly scaled the rock climbing wall at Rockin' Jump during *The Examiner* carrier party on Thursday, Jan. 31. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)



Connections

Poplar Creek Public Library

There's an App for That: Travel
Friday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m.
Studio 1405

Are you planning a trip soon-maybe out of the country or just across state lines? Make the most out of your limited vacation time with some great apps for your smartphone and tablet to help plan, navigate and enjoy your trip. Register online or call 483-4927.

Winter Reading Challenge
"Are You Yeti to Read?"

You still have time to sign up for our Winter Reading Challenge, "Are You Yeti to Read?" Earn prizes along the way and for every 150 minutes you read, earn a raffle ticket for the chance to win one of our many grand prizes! All ages are eligible to sign up. Runs through Feb. 22. Stop by the library for more information or visit www.pclib.org.

Winter Coat and Clothing Drive
Through Feb. 8

Help those in need in our community stay warm this winter season. Drop off new or gently used (and freshly laundered) coats, glove, scarves, hats, boots and other cold weather items to our donation box, which will be located in our main lobby. All items will be donated to the Hanover Township Welfare Services.

Paws and Read
Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

Paws and Read is a program through Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, Inc. where children in grades K to six can come and practice reading aloud to a licensed therapy dog. Paws and Read helps children build the confidence needed to be successful readers. For more information or to register, please call the Branch Library in Hanover Park at 372-3131.

Teen Tech: Sewing

Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 5 and 6 p.m.

This is a four-week program for those who are comfortable using a sewing machine, but would like to learn more about buttons, zippers, Velcro and other attachments. We will be making activity blankets for elderly dementia and Alzheimer's patients. Feel free to bring your sewing box and good scissors if you have them. Registration is required. Call 483-4928.

Drop-in Craft

Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 1

Love and wishes go together with this painting. Follow step-by-step pictures to create a painting of heart shaped dandelions perfect for Valentine's Day. No registration but sign-up at the door. Ages 18 and up. Supplies are limited.

Crafternoon

Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 1

Adults come and enjoy a free craft here at the library. Sign up at the door up to 45 minutes early to ensure you get a spot, as supplies are limited. This is a repeat of the drop-in craft held on Feb. 12.

Family Concert Series

Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our next concert featuring the Downtown Charlie Brown Blues Band who will perform a mixture of R&B, New Orleans, and Chicago style blues as well as jazz and a taste of rock & roll. Register online or call 483-4910.

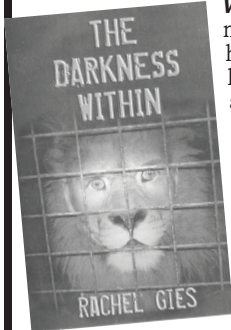
For a complete listing of scheduled programs at Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park Ave., in Streamwood or Sonya Crawshaw Branch, 4300 Audrey Lane in Hanover Park, visit www.poplarcreeklibrary.org. Questions? Call 837-6800.

He added: "Our message is if you feel uncomfortable about something you read, something you hear, something you see please report it so we can do something about it."

Last March, Sanders instructed school staff to "support student-led," anti-gun protests organized by the partisan Women's March. Students were instructed to leave classes to take part in the protest.

The district's Student Code of Conduct prohibits "demonstration and mass protest," and Board Policy 7.196 states: "Student disruptions to the continuity of the instructional program on school district premises, or at school-related activities, will be viewed by the Board of Education, in consultation with administration, as a serious matter and may be grounds for suspension and/or expulsion."

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U-46 Board approves new post, expenditures

By Seth Hancock

Taxpayers in School District U-46 could pay, in theory, for one full-time employee per student in a classroom based on Individualized Education Plans (IEP).

A discussion on IEP practices was had at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 during a personnel report and workers' compensation cases vote. The board approved the report 6-0, board member Phil Costello was absent.

Board member Jeanette Ward has voted against the report previously when it included new positions as she's opposed the district's continued spending increases with added staff when student enrollment has been declining. The Fiscal Year 2019 budget hiked spending by \$40.2 million including 54 new positions despite enrollment declining for the fourth straight year, a trend the district expects to see for the foreseeable future.

This report did include a new full-time position, but not one of the 54 new positions but rather a Paraeducator Cross Category Special Education position for a kindergarten student's IEP.

Prior to the meeting, Ward asked for an explanation on the new position which the district replied via memo that the position "was requested to support an incoming kindergarten student who requires constant supervision and redirection in order to maintain attention, follow directions and minimize disruptions."

At the meeting, Ward asked: "Were there not any other teachers and/or paraeducators available that could have fulfilled that child's IEP?"

"No, when a[n] individual student plan calls for them to have a one-on-one aid then we have to post that position and hire that position," said U-46 CEO Tony Sanders.

Ward asked if every student in a classroom required a one-on-one under an IEP "there'd be 30 paraeducators in the classroom?"

Sanders said "yes" which Ward responded: "Wow, ok."

"But it's rare. That has not happened very often," Sanders said.

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"It means that there is no other effort, usually, typically," Noland claimed and added: "You would never see a classroom with you know 25 kids and 25 one-to-ones, but by law if they all had that in their IEP then they would have that."

Ward asked if there was a consideration taken to delay kindergarten because the student may not be ready "if they require a one-to-one and constant supervision. Would that be part of our policy to consider that?"

"No, that would not be part of our policy," Sanders said who later said "that would not be appropriate."

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Ward asked if this position was full-time to which Sanders said: "Yes. Full-time, but I don't know how many hours."

Also approved by 6-0 votes were three expenditure items totaling \$753,708 as well as \$14.8 million in itemized bills.

The expenditure items included a proposal with Anderson Lock Company, Ltd. (\$382,000; operations and maintenance fund) for the installation of lockdown hardware equipment at Larkin High School and the Dream Academy, a proposal with Northwest Contractors (\$316,388; operations and maintenance fund) to renovate an elevator at the Education Services Center and a proposal with PCM Sales (\$55,320; education fund) for 1,200 Advanced Placement Spanish language and culture test recorders.

Poplar Creek offering multiple film programs

By Kristin Carreno

Feature Films at the Library is a program offered by the Poplar Creek Library, 1405 S. Park Ave. According to Popular Services Manager Jill Berrill, the program typically runs the first Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. The free event is open to both residents and non-residents.

"Recently released featured films are typically shown," said Berrill.

According to Berrill, approximately 15 to 20 people attend on average.

"The program is drop-in," Berrill said. "No registration is required."

The movie titles scheduled to be shown can be found in the library newsletter or online at the library's website (www.pclib.org), according to Berrill.

"Due to our agreement with the movie licensing company I'm unable to advertise what movies will be shown outside of our own newsletter and website," Berrill said. "We advertise the movie selections internally via posters. The newsletter has the movie titles for the next two to three months."

According to Berrill, a special Oscar movie program will be held on Sun-

day, Feb. 24. Patrons will watch an Oscar-nominated film and fill out an Oscar ballot. The person who guesses the most categories correctly will win an Oscar-themed prize pack.

Funny Film Friday is held the fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m., according to Berrill. This is another free movie program that may be of interest to the public.

"Funny Film Friday features new and classic comedies," Berrill said.

To sign-up for the library newsletter or for more information visit the Poplar Creek Library website.

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BHS teacher nominated for Golden Apple Award

By Seth Hancock

A Bartlett High School teacher has been named a finalist for the Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

Scott Wetendorf, a math teacher at Bartlett, was one of 32 high school teachers to be named a finalist. There were over 550 nominees from 71 counties from across the state according to a Golden Apple press release.

The release stated that finalists are "outstanding teachers" who have "lasting, positive effects on students' lives and builds stronger communities."

"Teacher finalists demonstrate -- in their teaching and results -- significant, positive impact on their students' growth and learning. Fellow educators, students, parents and community members nominate teachers for the awards," the release added.

Northwestern University provides recipients of the award \$5,000 and a spring sabbatical, and the recipients become Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators.

Golden Apple will hold an event to honor the finalists at the Tinley Park Convention Center on Saturday, Feb. 23.

"Golden Apple is honored to recognize outstanding educators whose quality of teaching and passion for growing their students create an environment in which students are inspired to persevere and attain their dreams," Alicia Winckler, Golden Apple's CEO, said for the release.

To learn more about the finalists and the Feb. 23 event, visit goldenapple.org/celebration.

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Police Reports

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Sunday, Jan. 13

★ At 4 p.m., Joshua Vincent A. Araga, 19, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

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Monday, Jan. 21

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Friday, Jan. 25

★ At 11:45 p.m., Timothy A. Kosinski, 35, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with violation of order of protection. He was held awaiting bond call.

Monday, Jan. 28

★ At 10:38 a.m., Mariana Chavez, 27, Elgin, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

★ At 1:30 p.m., Joshua Vincent A. Araga, 19, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

★ At 3:03 p.m., Tina M. Yarber, 40, Elgin, was arrested on warrant. She was turned over to Elgin police.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

★ At 10:51 a.m., Dariusz Trojnar, 46, Schaumburg, was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked and improper lane usage. He was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Thursday, Jan. 31

★ At 5 p.m., Amanda S. Silva, 28, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She was released and faces an undetermined court date.

BARTLETT

Friday, Jan. 25

★ At 1:11 a.m., a complainant in the 800 block of James Drive reported that a known offender took paperwork out of his backpack.

Saturday, Jan. 26

★ At 3:36 a.m., Cassandra M. Wolfe, 28, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with DUI and improper lane

usage. She was released on an I-bond and faces a Feb. 22 court date.

★ At 10:02 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Ford Lane and located a wedding band after seeing it reported lost on social media.

★ At 12:35 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of East Country Drive reported that her bank account was overdrawn by unknown offenders. She informed her bank and it closed the account.

★ At 4:04 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Driftwood Lane reported not receiving bills in the mail. She has already reported the incident to the postal inspector.

Sunday, Jan. 27

★ At 8:02 a.m., John M. Davis, 28, Elgin, was cited for possession of cannabis. He faces a Feb. 20 court date.

★ At 9:23 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Rose Court reported seeing foot prints in the snow around the side of his house. An extra watch was requested.

★ At 12:02 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Lincoln Drive reported that his mailbox was knocked over by a village snow plow.

★ At 4:33 p.m., a complainant in the 200 block of Regency Drive reported being a victim of a scam by an unknown offender who wanted to buy a firearm in Colorado.

Monday, Jan. 28

★ At 4 p.m., a complainant in the 300 block of South Main Street reported a verbal altercation between business owner and private snow plow company over removal of snow. Both parties were separated, and peace was restored.

★ At 4:24 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Ivory Lane reported that she believed her neighbor was plowing snow from her driveway onto the street and wanted it stopped. Police attempted to contact the alleged offender with negative results.

★ At 7 p.m., police responded to a residence in the 500 block of Peregrine Parkway for a dispute between an employee of S&J Towing and Recovery Inc and the owner of a vehicle being repossessed. Police advised the complainant that a valid repossession order existed for non-payment, and the subject turned over the keys without incident.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

★ At 8:57 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Catalpa for a neighbor dispute regarding feeding squirrels. Police advised the subjects to contact code enforcement.

★ At 3:14 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Beaumont Circle reported that his bank account was overdrawn by unknown offenders.

★ At 5 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Chelsea Drive reported that her house was egged by unknown offenders.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

★ At 10:48 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Fairfax Circle reported not having water in her unit. Police advised the water department of the issue and was advised that they would send someone out to her home.

Thursday, Jan. 31

★ At 3:46 a.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Beaumont Circle reported that an unknown offender attempted to open a Lowes credit card using his name.

★ At 4:13 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of West Stearns Crossing for a parking complaint in which an unknown subject took a picture of the complainant's license plate.

★ At 4:39 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Honey Locust Court reported that her bank account was overdrawn by unknown offenders.

★ At 9:49 p.m., Teddi G. Stanczak, 27, Bartlett, was cited for negligent driving and trespassing on private property. She faces a Feb. 14 court date.

Severe weather costs U-46 three days in week

By Seth Hancock

Classes resumed in School District U-46 on Friday, Feb. 1 after two straight days of no classes, three days of cancellations for the week, due to the frigid weather conditions.

School was cancelled on Monday, Jan. 28 due to snow and again on Wednesday, Jan. 30 and Thursday, Jan. 31 due to the subzero temperatures from the polar vortex that hit the Chicago area. Further on Tuesday, Jan. 29, all after school activities had to be concluded by 6 p.m.

Some area school districts also had to cancel classes again on Feb. 1 due to buses not operating, but just before 5 a.m. on Feb. 1 U-46 CEO Tony Sanders stated on Twitter: "Our bus fleet is ready to go. We will have school today."

Weather had already disrupted U-46 in previous weeks, including the cancellation of some sporting events, and the district released a statement on Jan. 23 explaining its process in determining whether or not to cancel classes.

"The decision always involves nearly

round-the-clock weather monitoring by our leaders," the release stated.

The release added: "The decision to keep schools opened or close them does not impact our revenue. The safety of students and staff is always the top priority when making this decision. That said, families always have the option to keep their children home on days they deem it unsafe. We understand concerns from parents and staff, and we will continue to use all the data and information possible to make the best decisions about opening or closing school doors during poor weather."

From DuPage Airport, the National Weather Services (NWS) reported a low of minus 28 at 5:52 a.m. on Jan. 31. It also reported wind chills as low as minus 55 at 6:52 a.m. and 7:52 a.m. on Jan. 30.

In Chicago, the NWS reported 52 straight hours of subzero temperatures for the city's fourth longest streak. Chicago's record low temperatures came in 1985 according to the NWS when it hit minus 27 with wind chills of minus 60.

Sabres boys hoops heat up in win over Wildcats

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team's offense warmed up after the deep freeze as the Sabres defeated West Chicago 94-81 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Feb. 1 at Streamwood.

The game was postponed a day due to the polar vortex that shut area schools down, but both teams came out of the hiatus hitting their shots. West Chicago controlled the first half taking a 42-38 lead at halftime, but the Sabres dominated the second half limiting West Chicago to only 13 points in the third quarter to grab a 60-55 lead before posting a 34-point fourth.

Dominating the effort were seniors Keenon Cole, who scored 37 points, and Nikola Sinik, who tallied 27 points with five three-pointers.

"The effort and energy by the whole team was terrific," said Streamwood coach Kent Payne. "Keenon and Nikola played well and were tough to stop."

The Sabres hit 10 treys in the effort including two by Jakobe Strong (10 points) and one each from Cole, Richard Santiago (seven points) and Darryl Luce (five points). It was also Streamwood's senior night as it honored Cole, Sinik, Nick Droll (two points) and Brandon Christopher (two points).

Cole entered the game averaging a double-double with 24.8 points and 10.1 rebounds per game.

The win was the second straight after losing seven of eight matches.

Streamwood is now 10-15 overall, 6-7 in the UEC.

Letters to the Editor

Deadline for letters is noon on Monday. Please include a phone number for verification, and submit letters electronically.

All letters are printed as received. Grammatical and spelling errors are the responsibility of the author.

Fake news

Dear Editor,

Once again the media proves President Trump is correct, the press is the enemy of the people.

The false stories about some Catholic boys and an older Indian beating a drum. Anyone who looks at the new information today and learns the truth about the whole incident will be shocked at all the horrible violence directed at these fine young men, along with the violence directed at their school, which now has police protection and was closed recently due to security concerns.

The same people who want guns removed from everyone are calling that a school shooting is in order. And it gets worse for the kids and their families. Things would never have gotten to this point if people would not jump to baseless conclusions or if those boys didn't have MAGA caps that the media and leftists hate and look for any excuse to bash those wearing them.

Unless things change, America as we knew it will no longer exist. Just be happy this wasn't an U-46 school, as it could in the future.

Fortunately this paper is not part of the problem. So be careful before you convict people without all the facts. Who knows it maybe you as the victim of the next fake news story.

Steven Durfey

Expanding abortion in Illinois

Dear Editor,

"We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro popula-

tion." ~Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, 1939.

On the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed an executive order expanding abortion in Illinois. With all the work that needs to be done in our state, the championing of abortion will do nothing to solve the state's growing fiscal crisis and outbound migration.

Gov. Pritzker wants to make Illinois "the most progressive state in the nation" when it comes to abortion. In our opinion, this policy is unequivocally counter-productive.

A shrinking population doesn't bode well for the economic health of Illinois. Eliminating future human capital, ingenuity and productivity that would grow our economy and broaden our tax base is shortsighted.

While many on the Left criticize President Trump's immigration policies as racist, they refuse to acknowledge how abortion disproportionately effects black and brown communities. The facts are clear, abortion destroys a significantly higher percent of pre-born African-American and Latino lives.

We cannot turn a blind eye to abortion's connection to eugenics and the elimination of "persons with less desirable qualities" that Planned Parenthood founder identified decades ago.

Gov. Pritzker, why are you doing the bidding of Planned Parenthood and their allies?

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Judson seeks nominations for volunteer service awards

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy

Judson University in Elgin is seeking nominations of outstanding community volunteers for awards presented each year at its spring Community Prayer Breakfast.

Nominees are sought for the [D. Ray Wilson Volunteer Service Award](#) and the [Bea Wilson Youth Volunteer Service Award](#) recognizing candidates who have contributed to the greater good in the Fox Valley community by voluntarily serving others' physical, emotional, intellectual or spiritual needs. The awards will be given out during the May 8 prayer breakfast.

Keith Brill, a controller for Clad-Rex Steel in Elgin, earned last year's D. Ray Wilson Volunteer Service Award. Brill volunteered for the Community Crisis Center in Elgin for 28 years and served on its board as treasurer and president. He also co-led the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Elgin Junior Achievement.

The Bea Wilson Youth Volunteer Service Award recognizes freshmen through juniors in high school in the Fox Valley for voluntarily performing community work. The award winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship annually to attend Judson.

Last year's youth award winner was Haley Wahl of Elgin, then a sophomore in the Gifted and Talented Academy at [Elgin High School](#). Wahl was a member of the Youth United Way of Elgin and volunteer at the Centro de Informacion Annual Gala. She also volunteered at Elgin's Nightmare on Chicago Street; helped organize a food drive; baked more than 800 cookies for people who were homeless; and volunteered for several nonprofit agency events in Elgin.

The awards are named in honor of D. Ray Wilson, a former Judson trustee and publisher of the Courier News, and his wife, Bea Wilson, a community champion of hope, service and hospitality.

Nominations must be submitted by April 5 and can be completed online at [JudsonU.edu](#).

For questions about the Community Prayer Breakfast, award nominations or sponsorship email julie.schmidt@judsonu.edu. All nominators and nominees are invited to attend the breakfast. Nominees receive a complimentary ticket.

Ticket prices are \$30 for general admission and \$500 for a table of eight guests. Tickets will be available beginning March 1. For more information, visit [JudsonU.edu/prayerbreakfast](#).

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U46 calendar for 2019-20 proposed

School year would start mid-August, end after Memorial Day

By: Rafael Guerrero



- Students and staff at Huff Elementary School in Elgin raise the flag Aug. 15, the first day of the current school year. A proposed 2019-20 school calendar for School District U46 has classes once again starting in mid-August.

The 2019-20 school year for School District U46 would start in mid-August and end after Memorial Day under a proposed calendar presented Monday to the school board.

Two extra days have been added to the academic year as part of new state requirements, which now require the number of instructional days to increase from 174 to 176.

The potential start date of Aug. 14 is in line with previous years, which typically have had classes resuming in mid-August. It also mirrors neighboring school districts, whose first days are also around the same date, U46 CEO Tony Sanders said.

“Having an alignment with school districts 301, 303 and 300 would benefit us all,” Sanders said.

The first semester would end before students depart for the two-week winter break, as has been the current tradition. However, the last day of school coming after Memorial Day is a departure from recent school-year calendars and has been necessitated by the instruction day increase.

The last day of school would be May 29.

“That seems to me like a really rough schedule,” board member Melissa Owens said. “We have four days off (for the Memorial Day weekend) and then come back for those last two days.”

The calendar takes into account the added flexibility the state has given to school districts in determining the length of a school day. The draft calendar includes up to 11 possible early release days, allowing extra hours for teachers to participate in professional development programs.

Melanie Meidel, District U46's assistant superintendent for special projects, described the number of early release days as a "concept" and not a certainty. Legislation in Springfield may alter the flexibility of the interpretation, she said.

"This is a complex decision each year," Meidel said. "Now with 176 (instructional days), this just adds another layer."

The district is still obtaining feedback from families and staff on the tentative calendar, a copy of which will be available online for public viewing.

No date has been set for the school year dates to be approved by the school board.

Bartlett High math teacher up for award

Wetendorf among 32 Illinois finalists for Golden Apple

By: Rafael Guerrero



- Wetendorf

A Bartlett High School math teacher is one of 32 finalists for a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, which recognizes the state's top educators.

Scott Wetendorf, a high school math at the School District U46 high school for the last five years, was chosen from a pool of more than 550 nominees, according to the nonprofit organization.

The 32 finalists come from schools across the state and are now in contention for \$5,000 awards and a sabbatical at Northwestern University. The winners will be announced in the spring.

Wetendorf, who spent eight years teaching in California before returning to his home state, said he enjoys the challenge of what math can help his students achieve.

"The main thing is I like teaching kids to be good problem solvers," Wetendorf said.

His was an unorthodox path to teaching, he said, having originally entered college as an engineering major and then dropping out for a year before enrolling at another college to pursue cinematography.

When he volunteered with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to assist children in math, he realized he loved helping students learn math more than anything he did before, Wetendorf said.

“(Teaching math) still gives me that same excitement like when I helped those kids 13, 14 years ago,” he said.

Bartlett High School Principal Mike Demovsky said he was among those who nominated Wetendorf for the recognition, citing his “unique” teaching approach that involves real-world scenarios and working in teams.

“He does have that true belief that teachers are the facilitators,” Demovsky said.

Wetendorf and the other finalists will be recognized at a Golden Apple reception Feb. 23 in Tinley Park.

A representative from Golden Apple will be assigned to shadow him as he works and interview people at the high school as part of the judging process, Wetendorf said. Winners will be notified they are a Golden Apple recipient through a surprise visit.

“The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching honors outstanding teachers for their roles in having lasting, positive effects on students’ lives and builds stronger communities,” the release announcing the finalists said.

“Teacher finalists demonstrate — in their teaching and results — significant, positive impact on their students’ growth and learning.

Similar awards are presented to school leaders. The nonprofit is to name the finalists for that award later this week.

SPORTS

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All charged up

Kieltyka leads Dundee-Crown to 20 wins for first time since 2002-03

By: Paul Johnson

In her four varsity seasons, Kendall Kieltyka has kept Dundee-Crown’s program on an incremental rise.

It’s why the senior forward and her teammates were so pleased with weekend wins over Crystal Lake South and Jacobs.

The Chargers (20-7, 13-1) reached the 20-win mark for the first time since the 2002-03 season, the last time they won a sectional title.

Dundee-Crown has been on a steady climb in girls basketball, winning 17, 16, 18 and 19 games in the previous four seasons before finally getting to 20.

“It’s a complete change in history,” Kieltyka said. “This hasn’t been done in 16 years, so it’s a super exciting moment for everyone on our team.

“Just to share all of that together and have (the younger players) build off of that next season is great.”

Chargers coach Sarah Miller pointed to the leadership Kieltyka and juniors Cassidy Randl, Payton Schmidt and Katelyn Skibinski provide. All three juniors are in their third varsity season.

Miller wants to have a player-led team, and she has that now.

“I’m a process-driven coach,” Miller said. “Of course, we want to win, but it’s what it takes to get there. It’s just been a special group.

“They came together. They had high goals at the beginning and every day was a process mindset.”

The Chargers have had some hiccups along the way. Two losses each in their Thanksgiving and Christmas tournaments helped toughen them up.

Their lone conference loss, to Hampshire on Jan. 11, also sticks out.

They have a chance to avenge that one, however. The regular-season finale is Friday at Hampshire.

The two teams are tied atop the Fox Valley Conference standings. If both teams can take care of business Wednesday, it sets up a winner-take-all showdown.

“We have to focus on winning the first game because without that, it’s not for the title,” Skibinski said. “After we get the first one out of the way, we’ll have to have complete focus for Hampshire.

“We know that they’re going to come out strong. We definitely want redemption after the first time.”

Back healthy: It has been a rocky season of injuries for Burlington Central’s Kathryn Schmidt.

After dealing with a concussion early on and a sprained posterior cruciate ligament that cost her 12 games, the junior forward is back in the fold just in time for the postseason.

The Rockets (20-7, 10-1) stayed afloat in Schmidt’s latest absence, going 7-5. They have won five straight games heading into Thursday’s regular-season finale at Woodstock North.

“I’m really proud of the way we played without her,” Burlington coach Mark Smith said. “We held it together, and now she’s back. We have to get back into different lineups (with Schmidt back), but it’s a good problem to have.”

Scoring frenzy: It has been a remarkable season for the Bartlett duo of Mackenzie Hare and Lexie Sinclair, but they have taken it to another level the past three games.

Sinclair delivered back-to-back 30-point efforts against Larkin and South Elgin as defenses focused on stopping Hare's outside shooting.

In Monday's 65-57 win at Oswego, the Panthers took away the driving lanes. That opened up Hare to score 29 points and Sinclair 20, with both hitting five three-pointers.

"(Sinclair) really benefited from teams face guarding 'Mack,'" Bartlett coach Brad Hunt said. "That opened up a lot of driving lanes for Lexie, and she's very good at driving to the rim.

"We only hit one three as a team (against South Elgin) and Lexie still got 31 points. Oswego tried to protect against the drive, and Mack lit up the threes. You pick your poison with us."

Girls Basketball Top 5

With records through Monday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Bartlett 24-4 (1)
2. Hampshire 24-5 (2)
3. Burlington Central 20-7 (3)
4. Dundee-Crown 20-7 (4)
5. South Elgin 17-10 (5)

Player of the Week: Sophomore guard Lexie Sinclair scored 30, 31 and 20 points for Bartlett in her past three games, all wins.

Storm’s first quarter sets pace to beat Bartlett

By Seth Hancock
The Bartlett boys basketball team couldn’t overcome the hot start by rival South Elgin as the Hawks dropped a 72-60 Upstate Eight Conference game on Friday, Feb. 1 at South Elgin.
The Hawks (6-18, 3-10 UEC) had a hot start of their own, but it was brief. Austin Gates hit a bucket and Jack Stuenkel a three-pointer for an early 5-0 Bartlett lead, but the Storm (18-6, 11-2) didn’t allow another field goal in the first quarter.
Vincent Miskiewicz (17 points) scored 10 points in the first quarter

helping South Elgin build a 22-6 lead by the end of the period, and its lead grew to 26-6 early in the second as the Storm maintained a double digit lead the rest of the game.
“We played really good defense in that first quarter,” said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. “They came out strong with that quick five points, but we settled down.”
The Storm’s lead was 43-22 at half-time and grew to as large as 24 points in the second half, 54-30 late in the third quarter.
Lane McVicar, a freshman, tied teammate Miskiewicz with a team-

high 17 points as he scored nine in the first half and eight in the second. McVicar was 4-for-4 from behind the arc.
“It felt good, like I had the switch on the whole game,” McVicar said. “To beat Bartlett on our home court, it’s the best feeling in the world.”
Trace Ashby finished with 11 points, Drake Montgomery 10 and Jace War- rick eight for the Storm.
Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said after taking the 5-0 lead his team kept “jacking up threes” and not follow- ing the game plan. He said the Hawks followed that plan the rest of

the game but it was too late.
“You can’t spot a team like this a 22- 6 lead on their court,” Wolfsmith said. “We outplayed them the rest of the way, but you can’t come out and play the way we did at the start.”
The Hawks made a late rally but couldn’t come closer than the final 12-point spread. Gates, who finished with a game-high 24 points with five threes, and Clark Lewis (13 points), who hit three treys, both scored 11 points in the fourth quarter which Bartlett won 28-18.
Stuenkel had seven points for Bartlett.



Drake Montgomery getting off an open shot over Bartlett’s Jack Stuenkel.



South Elgin’s Lane McVicar taking the ball to the rim of the hoop while pursued by Bartlett’s Nick Wolf.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Vince Miskiewicz releasing a jump shot over the defense of Bartlett’s Garrett Jurina.



Zach Rebec pulling down a rebound for Bartlett against the Storm.



Alec Pallela dishing off the ball from the low post for the Hawks against South Elgin.

Hawks defeat Storm, take command in UEC



Following a steal late in the game, the Hawks' Lexie Sinclair drove in alone for a layup to give Bartlett a 64-57 with 23 seconds remaining. Sinclair recorded her second straight career-high game, notching 31 points against the Storm.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team earned a key Upstate Eight Conference win over rival South Elgin as the Hawks won 64-57 on Friday, Feb. 1 at South Elgin.

Both teams entered with one league loss as both sat atop the UEC while the Hawks (23-4 overall) took sole lead at 15-1 with UEC games left against Elgin and Glenbard East who they beat by a combined score of 165-48 earlier this year. The Storm's (16-10, 13-2) only UEC losses are to Bartlett, and they have three remaining league games.

Bartlett coach Brad Hunt called sophomore Lexie Sinclair a "special player" after she set another career high with 31 points after setting it with 30 points the previous game against Larkin.

Sinclair had 17 points in the first half as Bartlett built a 36-29 lead at the break, and the Hawks kept South Elgin scoreless in the third quarter until Caroline Croft (10 points) hit a three-pointer to pull the Storm to 43-32 with 1:30 left in the frame. The Hawks built their largest lead at 51-33 early in the fourth and withstood a rally as South Elgin hit six of



Bartlett's Danielle Hedeon was fouled and sent sprawling under her own basket as she attempted to bring the ball up court.



The Storm's Megan McClure, left, attempting to control the basketball as the Hawks' Teagan Noesen pivoted in pursuit of both McClure and the ball. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

its eight treys in the final frame.

"That spurt in the third quarter really killed us," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "That stretch was pretty much the game."

Down 18, the Storm used a 14-2 run to pull to 53-47 with 4:38 left to play as Casey Brennan (eight points) hit back-to-back threes, Megan McClure (13 points) scored five straight points with a trey and Madison Waichunas (17 points) capped the run with a trey.

McClure added another three to make it 58-52 with 2:19 on the clock and a third trey to make it 62-57 with 50 seconds left, but the Storm never pulled closer.

Hunt expected a close game in the end after his team's 54-36 win over South Elgin earlier this season, a game the Storm built a 15-0 lead and led by seven at halftime.

"We lost our composure and then we gained our composure," Hunt said. "That's a great team, and Dan does a great job preparing them."

Hunt added: "When they hit their threes like

that they are lethal. We struggled guarding the three, but we held our own. My girls played hard and finished well."

Justina Hernandez had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds and Mackenzie Hare 11 points for the Hawks.

In front of a large crowd, Sinclair said the game should prepare the Hawks for the postseason. Bartlett hosts regional play and is seeded third in the Batavia Sectional.

"I think that's an environment we'll face in regionals," Sinclair said. "We lost our composure and turned the ball over too many times during their run, but we'll learn from that. This is good preparation."

South Elgin is seeded second in the Belvidere North Sub-Sectional A.



The Storm's Miah Galvin, left, and the Hawks' Justina Hernandez staking a mutual claim to possession of the basketball forcing a jump ball call as the two teams battled during Bartlett's Friday, Feb. 1 victory over South Elgin.

Sabres edged by Royals after beating Wildcats



After being boxed in under the Larkin basket along the baseline, Colleen Vaguilla of the Sabres dished off a pass to a teammate.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team faltered down the stretch in a 58-53 loss to Larkin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Saturday, Feb. 2 at Streamwood.

It was a roller-coaster game as the Sabres built a seven-point lead to fall behind 36-27 and then rally to tie it 53-53 after a pair of free throws by Alexis Rojas in the final minute. Streamwood leader Mandy Mien fouled out in the final minute, and Larkin scored the last five points of the contest.

"We opened up slow, got hot and led by 25-18," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "Then they went on an 18-2 run. We came back and it was back and forth in the fourth quarter. We tied it with under a minute and they scored on an easy layup. We then missed a shot, they got fouled and game over."

Larkin's top two scorers dominated play as Rosner called them "the best duo I have seen in a long time."

"They repeatedly beat our pressure for easy layups," Rosner said. "We played terrible D overall, but especially down the stretch. Also, Larkin had 18 offensive rebounds which is a trib-

ute to our lack of blocking anyone out."

The Sabres were coming off a 70-50 win over West Chicago in UEC play on Friday, Feb. 1 at Streamwood.

It was a record setting game from behind the arc for the Sabres who got 15 points apiece by Mien and Riya Patel. Peyton Hedger added 14 points, a career high for her.

"We started on fire," Rosner said. "Riya hit five threes in the first half. We finished with a school record 11 threes. We opened up a 28-point lead due to our pressure defense and good shooting. Good overall game."

Streamwood is 6-21 overall, 5-12 in the UEC, entering the final week of the regular season.

The Sabres will play in the Elgin Regional. No. 9 Streamwood will face No. 10 Elgin, who it beat twice by a combined score of 142-87, in the quarterfinals.

"For us to move forward we need to rebound and play defense," Rosner said. "If we don't do those things we will be done in a hurry. If we do, we are a very dangerous team especially with our three-point shooting and of course Mandy."



Vickie Kopko of Streamwood trying to secure an elusive rebound amidst a trio of Royals including, from left, Ashley Miller, Brianna Young and Aaliyah Dixon. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Pet of the Week



Lacey is looking to settle down

Lacey was found traveling the world on her own as a stray. Lacey was grateful to find shelter at DuPage County Animal Services and is even more eager to find a loving to call her own. It would be best if she be the one and only pet in the house, as Lacey prefers all eyes on her! Lacey is a 4-year-old, spayed female, pit mix. For more information please call 407-2800 or email animalservices@dupageco.org. (Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

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