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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 to vote on expenses totalling \$10.9 million

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on \$10.9 million in expenditure proposals at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 24. The items were presented at the Feb. 10 meeting.

The largest proposal is a \$6.8 million item, which will be paid for from the operations and maintenance fund if approved, with Troop Contracting, Inc. for an interior buildout at an Elgin building, 1019 East Chicago St., which was recently purchased as a satellite office for the transportation department. This is the second phase of the project.

Board member Melissa Owens said originally there were plans to move the district's welcome center to the building and Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said that's "still the plan, but that will be in the third phase." Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said that should happen in the next fiscal year.

King added that buses will move to the facility likely in July when asked by Sue Kerr, the board's president.

A three-year contract with Trane Chicago costs \$1.8 million (operations and maintenance fund), which is up from \$1.4 million from the previous three-year contract. It is for preventative maintenance of the district's heating and cooling equipment.

The contract includes additional items accounting for the increase, according to the district. It includes new performance software for five schools costing \$71,000 a year as well as an end of the year chiller shutdown costing \$20,000 a year while the district added an additional 26 days of on-site automatic support annually. Additional service calls cost the district \$203,900 last year.

"We went above and beyond our service contract quite frequently, and so we actually imbedded things that we know will come up into the contract which should result in an overall savings," Downs said.

"This sounds like a good deal," Kerr said.

The winning low bids on three proposals, all operations and maintenance funds, came significantly lower than the highest bidders according to Owens.

Those include an asbestos abatement project at Elgin's Larsen Middle School with EHC Industries, Inc. costing \$78,880 compared to the high bid of \$204,000, the third phase of a domestic water piping replacement project at Elgin High School with Holian Asbestos Removal costing \$74,000 compared to the high bid of \$341,575 and a pathways asbestos abatement project at Larkin High School in Elgin with NES Environmental costing \$45,400 compared to the high bid of \$141,000.

Downs said all three winning companies were properly vetted and noted that both EHC and Holian have "done a lot of work" with the district.

With Veterans Floors, Inc., the district is proposing classroom wood floor sanding and refinishing costing \$32,820 at Elgin's Washington Elementary School, floors originally installed in 1893, and \$28,400 at Elgin's Lowrie Elementary School, originally installed in 1887, for a total cost of \$61,220. A lower bid, \$58,086, came in, but the district stated the lower bid was due to the company recommending not refinishing two rooms.

Owens said the wood floors are good esthetically, but asked if it would be cheaper to replace them with floors

that would cost less to maintain.

"We've discussed it," Downs said. "Eventually we will have to replace them. Right now, they can be saved. There is an esthetic quality. Obviously, they're part of the culture of those buildings. They also have fire places. We are trying to salvage them as long as possible, but the day will come. This is probably the last time that we do a full refinishing of those spaces."

A paint removal project, with the use of chemical stripper, for common spaces on the second floor of Streamwood High School has a price tag of \$235,000 (operations and maintenance fund). The third floor was done last year.

Kerr said "we're moving down" and Downs said that was correct, and the first floor is planned for next year. Downs said the project will take the whole summer when asked by board member Kate Thommes.

With Sentinel Information Services, the district is proposing to spend \$324,539 (education fund) to purchase program network switches. Laura Macias, director of information services, said when asked by board member John Devereux, that the nation's

taxpayers will pay for 80 percent of the purchase through e-rate. Macias said: "We pay for it, and they give us back 80 percent... the government."

Similarly, the district expects the nation's taxpayers to fund 80 percent of \$368,183 (education fund) for a wireless access point purchase proposal with Sentinel, also through e-rate. The same is for the purchase of uninterruptible power supply with Applied Communications Group costing \$262,354 (education fund).

From the operations and maintenance fund, the district is proposing to spend \$246,000 with Happ Builders, Inc. for a gym floor and bleacher replacement project at Streamwood High School and \$406,000 with Northwest Contractors, Inc. for the first phase of a gym renovation at Larsen Middle School.

Costing \$56,695 from the education fund, U-46 is proposing a storage area network maintenance renewal with Storcom.

The district is asking for \$106,500 from the nation's taxpayers through grant funds to purchase 30 interactive boards from Dell EMC and 30 board stands from PACE Systems.

## Use of tax abatement tool set for annual U-46 vote

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 is set to vote on a property tax abatement resolution at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Feb. 24. The item was presented at the Feb. 10 meeting.

With approval, the district would abate a portion of the 2019 property tax levy to pay debt service on a \$66 million bond.

"Essentially, this is the resolution that we bring forward annually to the best extent possible try to keep property taxes a little bit lower," said U-46 CEO Tony Sanders.

This will be the fifth consecutive year that the district has used the property tax technique.

"The total abatement over that five-year period is over \$29 million that we've abated in taxes," said Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations.

King added: "This is the second year that the amount will be just over \$9 million. From (20)16 through (20)18, we were slowly growing the abatement amount. Last year and the abatement for this upcoming year, the numbers will be identical."

Last year, the board approved of a \$9.6 million abatement. The stated ef-

fect by the district of the abatement is to keep property tax rates flat despite increasing the levy, but any relief created by it now will be paid for by property taxpayers in the future.

Former board member Jeanette Ward previously described it: "The idea of it is to preserve increases into the future so that we're not penalized by the state for keeping it flat. So, in effect we're keeping it flat, but we're preserving the increase for the future."

Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, called that description "correct."

In December, the board unanimously approved a hike in the U-46 property tax levy by the maximum amount allowed under the law. U-46 annually has asked for the largest tax levy increase allowed, generally with little pushback from the board.

The tax levy increase comes while enrollment continues to drop. Enrollment fell by 5.6 percent (2,293 fewer students) between Fiscal Year 2012 and FY 2019 and spending increased 29.8 percent (\$128.1 million higher) over that time which is over \$80 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator.



### Elevated effort

Luke Pentecost attempting to score for the Sabres around the Hawks' Jack Kline, however, Kline was able to block the effort on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Bartlett. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



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## Fire sends two to hospital, home uninhabitable

According to the Bartlett Fire Protection District, on Friday, Feb. 14, at 10:17 p.m., the district responded to a

report of a fire in the 900 Block of Stearns Road. The first fire district crews arrived on the scene at 10:21

p.m. and reported fire from the rear of the home.

The first fire crews pulled a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire from the interior, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant. Firefighters also searched the smoke-charged building for any trapped occupants. Firefighters had to open numerous walls and ceilings in the affected rooms to expose the fire for extinguishment. The fire was declared under control at 10:35 p.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform extensive salvage and overhaul activities.

One firefighter and one civilian were injured in the fire. Both were transported to the hospital and are listed in good condition. The building was declared uninhabitable, displacing the occupants.

Damage estimates are not yet available. The fire remains under investigation by fire district investigators.

The fire was fought by 27 firefighters, staffing four fire engines, two ladder trucks, and four ambulances that responded to the scene along with five command officers and four fire investigators. Units from the West Chicago, Hanover Park and Streamwood fire departments were among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. Bartlett police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The fire district reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment or a condo. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire.



Fire-damaged home in the 900 Block of Stearns Road.

(Courtesy photo)

## Firefighter injured during Prescott Drive home fire

According to the Bartlett Fire Protection District, on Sunday, Feb. 16, the district was called to a report of a fire in the 100 block of Prescott Drive. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 11:31 a.m. and reported light smoke from the open overhead garage door and fire on the exterior of the house.

The first fire crews pulled a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire from the exterior, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant. Additional firefighters also searched the heavily smoke-charged building for any trapped occupants. Firefighters stretched an additional hose line into the basement to extinguish the remaining fire. The fire was declared under control at 11:57 a.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform extensive salvage and overhaul activities.

One firefighter was injured in the fire, however, no civilians were in-

jured in the fire, which left the building uninhabitable, displacing the occupants.

Damage estimates are not yet available and the fire remains under investigation by fire district investigators.

The fire was fought by 26 firefighters, staffing three fire engines, two ladder trucks, and three ambulances that responded to the scene along with five command officers and three fire investigators. Units from the Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, and Streamwood fire departments were among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. Bartlett police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The fire district reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment or a condo. Remember to close doors before going to bed. A closed door can save lives.

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved a professional services agreement with V3 Companies LTD for a parking lot project at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

The engineering and design services agreement pertains to the construction of a parking lot off of South Oak Avenue. The estimated cost is \$31,500 while the village budgeted \$75,000 for the project.

The project was scheduled for this year under the 2020-2024 capital budget according to a memo from Bob Allen, village engineer.

Allen added: "Earlier in the year, we evaluated consultants qualified and experienced in similar engineering and design work.... We have previously worked with V3 Companies and have found them to be both professional and responsive. Their project

experience with permeable pavers and parking lots is more than satisfactory."

A letter from V3 states that the site of the parking lot is on a .37-acre property on the west side of Oak Avenue and south of Railroad Avenue.

"The project consists of the design and construction of a public parking lot on the parcel," the letter states. "It is anticipated that vehicular access will be from Oak Street."

The largest cost of the project is final engineering and permitting at a price of \$18,500. There may be additional fees for surveying services and site engineering services.

The letter states that "actual fee will be based on the actual hours expended on the project multiplied by V3's Billing Rates.... The budgetary fee listed is based on the expected level of effort to accomplish the task."

## Park District interested in obtaining U-46 land parcel

By Joe Hyland

At the Tuesday, Feb. 11 committee workshop meeting of the Bartlett Park District Board of Commissioners, Executive Director Rita Fletcher reported on a potential land acquisition.

The land is a property that is currently owned by School District U-46. Fletcher provided an aerial view of the property along with a written report. It shows the plot to be north and east of Hawk Hollow Elementary School and adjacent to a current park district property, Schrader Park.

"It's an interesting parcel," said Fletcher.

Fletcher added that the parcel had been scheduled to be sold to a developer, however, the deal never materialized for unspecified reasons. As a result, U-46 was now willing to sell it to the district.

"They said they could make us an incredible deal," Fletcher said.

Board President Steve Eckelberry said he was in favor of pursuing the purchase.

"To me, this makes sense because we're in the business of open land," Eckelberry said. "And it backs up to another park."

Fletcher said that it could possibly be used as a soccer field as it was reasonable flat. She said that staff was just seeking direction at this point and there were a lot of things that would have to be worked out before any purchase could move forward.

Commissioner Dale Kasuba agreed with Eckelberry.

"That is the business we're in," Kasuba said.

Since no proposal was made there was no vote, however, the board's consensus was for Fletcher to pursue the matter with U-46, and report at a later date when more information was available.



Fire-damaged home in the 100 block of Prescott Drive.

(Courtesy photo)





# Police Reports

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check. A subject was observed lying on the garage floor with hypothermia. The subject was transported to St. Alexius Hospital for further examination.

★ At 6:45 p.m., in the vicinity of North and Eastern, Miles E. Oliszewski, 24, of the 1000 block of Dixie, Schaumburg, was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of cannabis.

Thursday, Feb. 13

★ At 9:34 a.m., police responded to 700 block of Schick for a report of theft. Complainant advised two known offenders had taken money from a donation bucket. Complainant advised she only wished the money returned. The offenders were able to recover and return the money.

★ At 2:33 p.m., police responded to 1000 block of West Bartlett for a fraud complaint.

★ At 5:38 p.m., police responded to 1000 block of Dorchester for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised she thought someone may have been trying to gain access to her home after observing footprints in the snow leading from the street to her window.

Friday, Feb. 14

★ At 8:24 a.m., police responded to 100 block of Hale for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had shattered the rear window of her vehicle.

Saturday, Feb. 15

★ At 12:04 p.m., police responded to 200 block of Superior for a fraud complaint.

★ At 12:21 p.m., police responded to

1100 block of Charter Oaks for a keep the peace request.

★ At 2:42 p.m., police responded to 1100 block of Independence for a fraud complaint.

★ At 3:24 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Monarch, Eileen Sarfraz Ejaz, 19, of the 400 block of Brighton, Gilberts was arrested for aggravated speeding. Ejaz was processed per departmental procedures and later released on an I-bond.

## WAYNE

Wednesday, Feb. 5

★ At 6:01 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Dunham and Stearns for a report of an abandoned vehicle. The owner was contacted and the vehicle towed.

Thursday, Feb. 6

★ At 8:30 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Smith for a report of a two-vehicle collision. The driver of one of the vehicles was cited for failure to yield when turning left.

Friday, Feb. 7

★ At 10:10 p.m., police responded to the 5N block of Dunham Trails for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had taken a watch and several bottles of perfume from a room being rented at the residence.

Saturday, Feb. 8

★ At 12:48 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Smith for a two-vehicle collision. No citations were issued.

★ At 2:36 p.m., police responded to 34W600 block of Iowa for a request to assist Fox River Fire Department and Kane County Sheriff's Office personnel at a structure fire.

Sunday, Feb. 9

★ At 2:45 p.m., police responded to the 5N block of Dunham for a report of an accident. No citations were issued.

Monday, Feb. 10

★ At 9:21 a.m., Luis A. Alvarez, 31, of West Chicago, was arrested for driv-

ing while license suspended. Alvarez was also cited for speeding and no insurance.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

★ At 9:04 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Smith and Powis for a report of a two-vehicle collision. No citations were issued.



## Park Bench

...have a seat and we'll fill you in

### Special Events

#### Mom Son Bowling and Pizza

Moms grab the boys and join us for a night of bowling and fun! Dinner will be included, along with dessert. We will fill the night with prize drawings and a little friendly competition. This event will be held Friday, March 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Charles Bowl, 2520 W. Main St., St. Charles. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$48 for non-residents per couple. Each additional child is \$16.

### Tot

#### Out-N-About Series

In this series of classes come get a little dirty and have fun playing outside with your favorite tot. A naturalist will guide your play. Class will focus on being outdoors, but may be indoors weather depending. Come prepared for time outdoors and a short hike.

#### Leprechaun Traps – 2 to 4 years old

How can a little leprechaun be so sneaky? How do they have all the gold and never fall for a trap? Enjoy Imagi-Nation and see if you can learn how to trap a leprechaun and collect some of this gold. We will see if they work outside in our parks, and then you can take them home. Book: "How to Trap a Leprechaun." This class will be held Tuesday, March 17 or Wednesday, March 18 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

### Camps

#### Spring Break Camp

Calling K to eighth grade spring-breakers! The South Elgin Parks & Recreation Department has some fun

planned for you! Camp will have great indoor and outdoor activities. Please send children with a lunch, snack and drink daily. If the minimum number of participants is not met for one particular day, only that day will be cancelled. Refunds for camp will only be given for cancellations five business days or more before the camp date. Registration deadline is March 7. Camp will be held March 23 to 30 at the Municipal Annex from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$25 for residents or \$30 for non-residents per day. Cancellations will be made if the minimum isn't met each day. Both a.m. and p.m. care are available for an additional charge.

### Fitness

#### Zumba Kids (7 to 11 years old)

This is a great opportunity for boys and girls to be active and jam out to music. Classes feature kid-friendly routines. We break down the steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. Help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives by making fitness fun. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination, and cultural awareness. This class will be held Thursdays, March 5 to 19 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$48 for non-residents.

For more information on these and other programs offered by South Elgin Parks and Recreation, please call 847-622-0003 or visit our website at [www.southelgin.com/recreation](http://www.southelgin.com/recreation).



St. Charles  
Public  
Library  
District

## Read! Learn! Connect!

...where the world is just a page away.

The St. Charles Public Library will be closing on Monday, March 9, for an estimated three to four weeks to accommodate the move to its temporary location. The library will be housed at the Haines Building at 305 S. 9th St., in St. Charles for approximately 12 to 14 months during the renovation project.

### For Adults

**Atoms to the Cosmos: Exploring the Universe** at Fermilab is Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. Join Scientist Emeritus Dr. Paul Mantsch as he explains how the realms of the atom and the cosmos are intimately connected to each other—and to us. This presentation will feature the story of discovery at Fermilab: past, present, future. Registration is recommended.

### For Kids

**Drop-In Story Time** for all ages is offered Mondays through Thursdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. now through Feb. 27. Join us for stories, music and movement.

**Sensory Stories and Play** for all ages is Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. until Feb. 27. Join us for an extra wiggly story time, followed by a time to play with other children and meet other caregivers. Designed with sensory differences in mind, and open to all. Drop in to attend.

**Get Up and Move, BABY!** for birth through age 2 with a caregiver is Mondays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. through Feb. 24. Play, sing, dance, and move with us! Drop in to attend.

**Stories and Snacks Drop-In Story Time** for all ages is offered Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. through Feb. 25. Wear your pajamas for stories, music, movement and a special bedtime

snack.

**Family Bilingual Story Time** is Monday, Feb. 24, from 6 to 7 p.m. Drop in for thirty minutes of stories, songs, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, and movement and thirty minutes of craft. The program presented in both Spanish and English.

**Diverse Voices Book Club for Adults** is Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Connect with other adults about children's literature. Discuss "New Kid" by Jerry Craft, the first graphic novel to win the Newbery Award. Registration is required; copies of the book are available for registrants.

**Video Game Night** for grades six to eight is Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Try out your gaming skills against other middle schoolers! Come play games on our Switch and other consoles. Games, remotes and snacks will be provided. Drop in to attend.

**Learn to Code with Scratch** for grades four to eight is Friday, Feb. 28, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Start coding with the Scratch coding language, for children unfamiliar with Scratch. Registration is required.

The **Black History Month Movie Celebration** is Friday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 7:15 p.m. Join us to watch "Queen of Katwe" (PG; 2016) in honor of Black History Month. All ages welcome; children eight and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The **Leap Day Celebration** for children and families is Saturday, Feb. 29, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Join us for a special 29-minute hopping celebration of Leap Year. Come ready to leap; costumes are encouraged. Drop in to attend.

## Storm

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speed us up."

The six-point deficit remained at halftime, 34-28, as well as late in the third quarter when the Storm trailed 53-47, but Glenbard East went on an 11-0 run ending with a 64-47 lead with 6:38 left in the fourth quarter. South Elgin pulled within nine points on multiple occasions but came no closer.

Despite the loss, Johnson said his young squad had positives including a solid shooting performance after some recent struggles. South Elgin hit 10 threes as a team led by four from

Drew Cwik (16 points) while Lane McVicar (15 points, two treys) and Kendis Wiley (six points) both contributed.

"You're going to take some lumps against tough teams," Johnson said. "Glenbard East plays really hard, and they have a really good senior group."

South Elgin was coming off a 48-45 UEC loss to Glenbard South on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Glenbard South while the Storm were led by Wafford (14 points), Wiley (10 points), Cwik (six points), Josh Genz (six points) and McVicar (five points). The Storm ended the week with a 66-47 loss at the Danville Shootout against the host on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The Storm are now 11-17 overall, 7-8 in the UEC.

## Tidbits

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The South Elgin Food Pantry, at 400 W. Spring St., will be open two evenings a month, the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in addition to its morning hours, 9:30 a.m. to noon the same first and third Wednesdays. Visitors to the food pantry only need to show proof

of residence in South Elgin or the Valley View area of St. Charles to obtain food. Clients may now enter through the double doors facing the parking lot, making entry to the food pantry handicapped accessible. People who have difficulty or the inability to use stairs can use the elevator at the facility. For help in using the elevator, call 847-931-0563. For further information, visit [cumcsouthelgin.com](http://cumcsouthelgin.com), email [cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cumcsouthelgin@sbcglobal.net), or call 847-931-0563.



# Dads, daughters enjoy evening of dance

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Parks & Recreation hosted more than 120 young ladies and their dads at the annual Daddy-Daughter Princess Dance at Corron Elementary School. Couples dressed up for a fun evening of dancing including the limbo, a rendition of the chicken dance, coloring, crafts and more.



Chloe Earlsen bent down low to get under the limbo pole.



From left, Rafael and Enna Espinoza and Cienna Girton are all smiles at the dance.



This group of girls made up their own limbo game.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Ellie and Daniel Doro 'cut the rug' on the dance floor.

## District U-46 focusing to maximize census benefits

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 is putting efforts towards the 2020 U.S. census in order to have the greatest amount of federal taxpayer dollars redistributed to it over the next decade.

The census was discussed during a family and community engagement update given to the Board of Education at a January meeting.

Karla Jimenez, coordinator of family and community engagement, called the census "big this year for us." She said over \$38 million was redistributed to U-46 based on the last census, taken in 2010, which goes to various welfare and social programs.

Jimenez claimed that children under five are often undercounted nationally.

"If that were to happen again this time, U-46 risks in losing \$5 million per year for 10 years," Jimenez said. "So, it's really important and critical for us to make sure that we empower our staff and our school leadership and what census means and to encourage that participation of our family and students."

The district is providing "tool kits" to offer talking points to staff, Jimenez said, as well as holding staff meetings and school events.

The census is taken every 10 years, this year's census date being April 1, which the U.S. Constitution states is a count of the "whole number of persons in each State."

A variety of topics were updated including the platforms the district uses for communicating to families like social media, the district website and traditional media according to Mary Fergus, director of school and community relations.

Fergus also said the district started U46 Engage about three years ago which is "a bilingual e-newsletter that goes out to about 30,000 subscribers."

U-46 created a new website about two years ago, Fergus said, which has had 1.3 million unique visitors since its creation. The district's homepage (1.8 million views), staff resources (623,149 views), department directory (303,337 views), school calendar (259,869 views) and Infinite Campus (246,425 views) are the top five most viewed pages.

The district had over 13,000 direct notification messages sent out last year according to Fergus, which includes phone calls as well as emails and text messages.

Social media campaigns from the district have included first day of school, letters of intent signings and alumni Sunday.

The recently implemented Let's Talk program, which Fergus said "offers great metrics," has had 3,700 dialogues since implementation in December 2017. Fergus said the average response time from the district to dialogues is two or fewer days while users have scored U-46 an 8.6 of 10 on quality of response.

The district receives between 175 to 200 requests for Spanish translation each year to communications. The district has created booklets and videos for magnet academies and educational pathways, a style book was created and distributed to schools for consistency in communication and a new intranet platform for staff has been created.

The state requires school districts to have 20 percent participation from parents in the 5 Essentials Survey, Jimenez said. She added the U-46's goal this year is to have at least 35 percent participation from every school, and the district provides a "communication school kit" with talking points.

The district has seen growth each year in positive responses from the

survey from the 2015-16 school year to the 2018-19 year in both community engagement and parent connectedness questions, but Jimenez admitted the district tweaked the results for the community engagement.

U-46 saw the positive response rate for community engagement increase from 41 percent in 2017-18 to 57 percent in 2018-19, a 16 percent increase, but it would have actually dropped 3 percent without the tweak.

"This year, we took into consideration an additional response," Jimenez said. "The original goal only included the always and usually responses, but you know there are those that can't always participate so we thought we should consider and we should value the time that they volunteer and participate in schools."

Jimenez added: "So, this year's results took into consideration all three answers: always, usually and occasionally. So, that's why we see that increase. Otherwise, it would have been a slight decrease at 38 percent."

The parent connectedness question asks parent "how welcomed and respected they feel within the district," Jimenez said, and the positive responses have increased from 40 percent to 43 percent to 49 percent to 59 percent over the four years of data. To encourage more participation, the district sends bureaucrats to visit homes and neighborhoods with literature to hang on doors according to Jimenez.

The district held to engagement sessions last year for incoming and current kindergartners while it has seen the number of parents signing a full-day kindergarten promise to pledge engagement in their child's education from between 38 and 43 percent in 2016-17 through 2018-19 to 96 percent in 2019-20.

"That was due because we included the promise as part of the online registration this year," Jimenez said. "Before, it was only available in paper format."

Jimenez said the district holds annual career expos, the principal for a day event and a volunteer reception.

For 10 years now, U-46 has held segregated parent leadership institutes which has had 135 graduates which "exceeded our expectations," Jimenez said. The institutes include an African-American and a Hispanic parent leadership institute.

The district has held an annual real estate professionals' breakfast since 2015 to offer propaganda to realtors "to help them sell homes within our district," said Jimenez. Attendance dropped from 45 to 39 from 2018 to 2019 but is up from 15 since 2015.

Fergus said the district has ongoing campaigns to thank teachers and to promote the education foundation. This school year, the Windy City Bulls held a fundraiser which raised over \$4,000 for the education foundation.

## Hoops

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Freeman said the event is used as a fundraiser and the proceeds go to parks & recreation department programs, SEBA Park and a youth scholarship. It is an evening of family fun, amazing stunts and incredible basketball.

Tickets are available for \$15 at the Municipal Annex, 1 W. State St., harlemwizards.com, or \$18 at the event, according to the village's Facebook page.



# Police Reports

## BARTLETT

Sunday, Feb. 9

★ At 10:18 a.m., in the vicinity of Munger and Stearns, Stevie D. Barton, 24, of the 6000 block of Kit Carson, Hanover Park, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Barton was processed per departmental procedures and later released on an I-bond. He was also issued a local adjudication citation for possession of cannabis.

★ At 11:13 a.m., police responded to 900 block of West Bartlett for a report of a physical dispute. The officer was able to restore peace.

★ At 8:10 p.m., in the vicinity of Oak and North, Dimitri J. Capurani, 41, of the 0 block of Moraine, Streamwood, was arrested on an out of state warrant. Capurani was processed per departmental procedures and then transported to Cook County Jail.

Monday, Feb. 10

★ At 3:38 a.m., in the 700 block of Schick, two 16-year old and one 15-year old male subjects were issued local adjudication citations for curfew violations.

★ At 10:53 a.m., police responded to 300 block of Bradbury for a trespassing complaint.

★ At 11:25 a.m., in the 700 block of Schick, three 18-year old male subjects were issued local adjudication citations for consumption of alcohol by a minor. One of the subjects was issued an additional citation for possession of cannabis.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

★ At 8:28 a.m., police responded to the vicinity of Berteau and Oneida for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had thrown food at and walked on the hood and roof of her vehicle.

★ At 9:09 a.m., police responded to 100 block of Pleasant for a civil dispute.

★ At 4:03 p.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Schick, Sandi Stout, 28, of the 4000 block of Kaelin, West Chicago, was arrested for DUI, DUI-BAC>.08, failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision and leaving the scene of an accident. Stout was processed per departmental procedures and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 7:43 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Oak, Roman Barnes Jr., 19, of the 400 block of Addison, Elgin, was arrested on an outstanding Elgin warrant. Barnes Jr. was transported to the Elgin Police Department and transferred to their custody.

★ At 8:13 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Oak, Alexis C. Barton-Smith, 25, of the 200 block of Short, East Dundee, was arrested on an outstanding Carol Stream warrant. She was later trans-

ferred to Carol Stream Police custody.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

★ At 7:57 a.m., police responded to 400 block of Church for a keep the peace request.

★ At 8:17 a.m., police responded to 100 block of Shady for a well-being check. A subject was observed lying on the garage floor with hypothermia. The subject was transported to St. Alexius Hospital for further examination.

★ At 6:45 p.m., in the vicinity of North and Eastern, Miles E. Oliszewski, 24, of the 1000 block of Dixie, Schaumburg, was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of cannabis.

Thursday, Feb. 13

★ At 9:34 a.m., police responded to 700 block of Schick for a report of theft. Complainant advised two known offenders had taken money from a donation bucket. Complainant advised she only wished the money returned. The offenders were able to recover and return the money.

★ At 2:33 p.m., police responded to 1000 block of West Bartlett for a fraud complaint.

★ At 5:38 p.m., police responded to 1000 block of Dorchester for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised she thought someone may have been trying to gain access to her home after observing footprints in the snow leading from the street to her window.

Friday, Feb. 14

★ At 8:24 a.m., police responded to 100 block of Hale for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had shattered the rear window of her vehicle.

Saturday, Feb. 15

★ At 12:04 p.m., police responded to 200 block of Superior for a fraud complaint.

★ At 12:21 p.m., police responded to 1100 block of Charter Oaks for a keep the peace request.

★ At 2:42 p.m., police responded to 1100 block of Independence for a fraud complaint.

★ At 3:24 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Monarch, Eileen Sarfraz Ejaz, 19, of the 400 block of Brighton, Gilberts was arrested for aggravated speeding. Ejaz was processed per departmental procedures and later released on an I-bond.

## CAROL STREAM

Saturday, Jan. 25

★ At 12:41 a.m., in the vicinity of County Farm and St. Charles, Timothy J. Kehoe, 30, of the 300 block of Ash Grove, was arrested for DUI, DUI-BAC>.08 and disobeying a traffic control signal. Kehoe was transported

to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

★ At 8:30 p.m., in the 200 block of West Army Trail, Alexis Plummer, 24, of the 500 block of Lynn, Glendale Heights, and Alyseeah J. Rosario, 19, of the 100 block of West Elk Trail, were arrested for possession of cannabis. Plummer and Roasario were transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and were released with an unspecified court date.

Thursday, Jan. 30

★ At an unspecified time, in the vicinity of North and President, Anthony E. Ibekie, 54, of the 700 block of Oxbow, Oswego, was arrested for DUI, driving with a suspended registration and no insurance. Ibekie was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

Friday, Jan. 31

★ At 10:38 p.m., in the vicinity of North and Schmale, Don F. Onorato, 76, of the 1400 block of Westmeath, Green Bay, was arrested for DUI, DUI-BAC>.08 and failure to signal. Onorato was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

Saturday, Feb. 1

★ At an unspecified time, in the vicinity of Kehoe and Gary, Matthew R. Barajas, 36, of the 300 block of Glenwood, Bloomingdale, was arrested for DUI, DUI-BAC>.08, improper turn and improper lane usage. Barajas was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

★ At an unspecified time, in the vicinity of Della and Gary, Bakhodir Abdullayev, 38, of the 500 block of Thornhill, was arrested for DUI, speeding greater than 35 miles over the limit, reckless driving, driving on the wrong side of the road, improper lane usage,

driving too fast for conditions, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, disobeying a traffic control signal and an improper turn. No further information was provided.

★ At 2:25 a.m., in the vicinity of Morton and North, Hugo A. Rodriguez-Cisneros, 42, of the 500 block of Carriage, West Chicago, was arrested for DUI, illegal transport of open alcohol, a Scott's Law violation, improper lighting and driving while license suspended. Rodriguez-Cisneros was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

Sunday, Feb. 2

★ At an unspecified time, in the 300 block of East North, Marek, Szwarczyk, 44, of the 400 block of Dorchester, Roselle, was arrested for DUI and failure to wear a seatbelt. Szwarczyk was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

★ At 8:14 p.m., in the 300 block of Kuhn, Michelle A. Vitale, 21, of the 300 block of east Sunset, Lombard, was arrested for DUI, DUI-BAC>.08, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, illegal transportation of open alcohol, possession of cannabis and possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle. Vitale was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

Saturday, Feb. 8

★ At an unspecified time, in the vicinity of Morton and North, Amber E. Colon, 39, of the 300 block of Donna, Bloomingdale, was arrested for DUI and speeding. Colon was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

Monday, Feb. 10

★ At an unspecified time, in the vicinity of Center and Mission, Jose E. Prado-Gomez, 31, of the 100 block of Sweetbriar, South Elgin, was arrested

## Carol Stream woman charged with battery at basketball game

According to the Bartlett Police Department, on Friday, Feb. 7, the Bartlett police arrested Jessica V. Holst, 31, of Carol Stream. She was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for battery.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, police investigated a physical altercation at Eastview Middle School, located at 321 Oak Ave. Following an investigation, police alleged Holst stepped onto the

basketball court during a girls basketball game between Eastview Middle School and Tefft Middle School and put her hands on one of the Tefft players. No one was injured as a result of this incident.

On Friday, Feb. 7, Holst was released on a \$100 individual bail bond with an assigned court date of March 11 at the Cook County court facility located in Rolling Meadows.

Below is a recap of agenda items voted upon at the Tuesday, Feb. 4 meeting of the Village Board of Trustees.



**Trustee Michael Camerer**  
Bills list: Yes  
Code amendment: Yes  
MFT funds usage: Yes  
Services contract: Yes  
Revenue note: Yes



**Trustee Vincent Carbanaro**  
Bills list: Yes  
Code amendment: Yes  
MFT funds usage: Yes  
Services contract: Yes  
Revenue note: Yes



**Trustee Raymond Deyne**  
Bills list: Yes  
Code amendment: Yes  
MFT funds usage: Yes  
Services contract: Yes  
Revenue note: Yes



**Trustee Kristina Gabrenya**  
Bills list: Yes  
Code amendment: Yes  
MFT funds usage: Yes  
Services contract: Yes  
Revenue note: Yes



**Trustee Adam Hopkins**  
Bills list: Yes  
Code amendment: Yes  
MFT funds usage: Yes  
Services contract: Yes  
Revenue note: Yes



**Trustee Aaron Reinke**  
Bills list: Yes  
Code amendment: Yes  
MFT funds usage: Yes  
Services contract: Yes  
Revenue note: Yes



**Village President Kevin Wallace**  
Village President only votes to break tie vote.



# Hawks topple Maroons to end regular season

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team capped its regular season with its fifth straight win, 12th in its last 13 games, with a 78-43 victory over Elgin in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Elgin.

Paced by Mackenzie Hare (29 points, eight rebounds, four assists) and Lexie Sinclair (22 points, eight assists, seven rebounds), the Hawks lead 26-14 after one quarter and 50-22 at halftime. Danielle Hedeen added nine points, eight rebounds and four steals in the game.

Although leading throughout, Bartlett saw some areas for improvement as Elgin was even with them, 16-16, in the third quarter before the Hawks won the fourth 12-5.

"I feel we played a good game, not a great game," said Bartlett coach Joe Eirich. "We

had a very deep rotation and Elgin played really well on their senior night."

Bartlett will enter the postseason with a 23-8 record, 17-1 in the UEC.

The Hawks, who are seeded fifth, will open the Lake Park Regional against No. 9 Glenbard East. Bartlett swept its UEC series against Glenbard East with 49-41 and 66-38 victories.

"It is really hard to beat a team three times in a season," Eirich said. "This will be our sixth time playing them in the last two years. We need to make sure we continue to focus on the small things and doing the stuff that has allowed us to be successful over the past four weeks. Glenbard East is not a team we can look past. They just beat South Elgin by nine. I look forward to a good game."



The Hawks' Mackenzie Hare dribbling into the paint and between Elgin's Sabrina Moskow, left, and Tenacious Cadney. Hare led all scorers with 29 points.



An elevated Lexie Sinclair trying to score for the Hawks on a drive through the lane. While the shot failed, Sinclair was fouled during the effort by the Maroons' Margie Troyke and she converted both free throws. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

# South Elgin defeated by Rams on senior night

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team hopes to use a Wednesday, Feb. 12, 54-45 home loss to Upstate Eight Conference foe Glenbard East as a motivator going into the postseason.

The Storm, who entered the game a win shy of setting a program record, were celebrating senior night and came out strong. Ella Winterhalder had 10 of her team-high 16 points and hit three three-pointers while senior Megan McClure scored eight of her 13 points as South Elgin grabbed a 24-15 lead with 3:27 left in the first half.

However, foul trouble and a size disadvantage

caught up to the Storm as Glenbard East finished the first half on a 10-1 run to tie the game at 25-25 entering the break, and the visitors scored the first five points of the second half to take the lead for good.

"I knew this game was going to be tough, not because we wouldn't be focused on senior night, but Glenbard East is such a bad matchup for us," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "They're super tall, and we're the opposite. We had a nine-point lead there in the second, and they came back and stole the momentum from us."

The Storm's deficit stood at 38-32 after three quarters and grew as large as 13 in the fourth. Caroline Croft added nine points in the effort.

On senior night, South Elgin recognized its six seniors including McClure, Danielle Kucharski, Haley Molitor, Jennifer Trejo, Madison Waichunas and Aryanna Williams, who has missed most of the season with a torn ACL.

"That's what high school basketball is about, the memories that we'll have with these kids," Mandernack said. "It was a tough loss, but we had a really good talk. Everybody was bummed that we lost because that could have been our 23rd win, which would have been a



Megan McClure crashing through the Glenbard East defense to lay in two points off the glass.



While posting up toward the Glenbard East basket, the Storm's Madison Waichunas drew a crowd in the form of the Rams' Lauren Huber, left, and Denise Havar. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

school record, but last year we lost on senior night and then we made a nice run in the playoffs."

Mandernack added: "We've got to fight like heck so we don't feel like this next week. That's our goal and we're going to get back to work in practice. They're going to be extra focused. They don't want to feel this way again. It's sad tonight, but it's really sad when you lose in the playoffs."

South Elgin is 22-9 overall and 14-4 in the UEC entering the Dundee-Crown Regional where the No. 4 Storm open with No. 5 Cary-Grove in the semifinals. The Storm, who won a regional last year, could play at home again if they advance to the South Elgin Super-Sectional.



# Sabres fall short in loss to Hawks, beat Fenton

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team put up a massive rally but came up short in an 80-73 loss to Bartlett in Upstate Eight Conference play on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Bartlett.

Bartlett, which evened at 2-2 the four-game season series with Streamwood, came out on fire building a 30-8 lead after one quarter and 55-28 at halftime.

The first half saw the host hit 10 from behind the

arc, but the Sabres reversed course in the third quarter hitting eight of their 13 threes in the frame. Lorenzo Coney, who scored a game-high 22 points, hit five treys in the third.

“We weren’t into it in the first half, but the positive is in the second half we were,” said Streamwood coach Kent Payne. “But we didn’t do enough to win. The end of the day, our job is to try to win games. We didn’t make the plays defensively, we turned it over a few times in big situations. That’s the difference in winning and losing.”

Coney jump started the rally hitting three straight three-pointers while Darrel Luce (14 points, two treys) added another during a 12-2 run less than two minutes into the second half to pull to 57-40. Coney scored 17 points in the third quarter as

Streamwood reduce the deficit to 65-59.

Streamwood kept the rally going into the fourth quarter eventually pulling within one. In the final three minutes, Kyle Maybrun (nine points off three treys) bookended a 10-0 run with threes to pull to 74-73 with 1:10 remaining.

That’s where the rally ended as Bartlett closed out the game with the final six points, and Streamwood turned the ball over twice in the final minute.

“The second half they competed,” Payne said. “They didn’t pack it in. That says a lot about their character. But then it came time to make some plays, and offensively and defensively we didn’t do it.”

Jakobe Strong added 19 points and Luke Pentecost six off a pair of threes.

The three-point shot kept landing for the Sabres who bounced back hitting 14 treys in a 65-53 UEC win over Fenton on Friday, Feb. 14 at Streamwood. Zach Marquez (six assists) hit five three-pointers on the way to 21 points while Coney (15 points, five rebounds), Maybrun (10 points), Strong (10 points) and Luce (six points, six rebounds) contributed.

Streamwood is now 14-12 overall, 9-6 in the UEC.



While making an acrobatic move in front of Bartlett’s Hayden Angell, Streamwood’s Darrel Luce was challenged to protect the basketball.  
*(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*

## Special use permit ratified for change in ownership

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7, trustees voted unanimously to approve of an ordinance allowing a special use permit to allow the sale and service of alcoholic beverages at Chili’s Grill & Bar, 1041 S. Sutton Road, due to change in ownership.

According to Community Development Director John Peterson, the property is part of the Sutton Shopping Center and is zoned C-3 commercial district. The sale of alcoholic beverages in the village is a special use in this district.

“Brinker Restaurant Corporation is the corporate owner of the Chili’s brand and the original operator when the restaurant opened in 2004,” said Peterson.

In 2007 Brinker sold its interest in this location to a local franchisee, ERJ Dining IV LLC, according to Peterson.

“ERJ is now selling their interest in this restaurant back to Brinker,” said Peterson. “So the existing restaurant use of the Chili’s will stay the same. They’re simply changing the corporate ownership which is what’s requiring the special use.”

## Streamwood girls hoops topple Fenton, extend win streak

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team won its third straight game to end the regular season with a 58-43 Upstate Eight Conference victory over Fenton on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Fenton.

Peyton Hedger scored 17 points and Mandy Mien 16 to lead the Sabres who took a lead early, primarily from scoring in the paint, then maintained the lead with some strong shooting behind the arc.

Streamwood jumped out to an 18-7 lead after the first quarter, but it missed its first six three-point attempts in the game. After that, the Sabres shot 42.1 percent from behind the arc with three treys from Hedger and two each from Mien and Sayuri Ishikawa (six points).

“We needed a good start as they had a loud crowd and the gym is a very loud place,” said Streamwood coach George Rosner. “We took care of their press and got some layups as we were off on three-point shooting early missing our first six. From that point on, we hit eight of 19 threes.”

Rosner added: “Our defense was good as we made them work hard for most of their points. We played a tough man D tonight to contain their outside shooting.”

Idalyd Ocampo added seven points in the effort and Vivian Sumoski five.

The Sabres led 32-19 at halftime and 44-30 entering the fourth quarter.

“Overall, a good game for us,” Rosner said. “Fenton is tough at home and made us play hard. When we made mistakes, they took advantage of it.”

The Sabres, who host regional action, are 12-16 overall and 9-9 in the UEC entering the postseason. No. 6 Streamwood opens with No. 3 McHenry.

“McHenry is tough, we know that their 19 wins are not a fluke,” Rosner said. “We need to keep the confident mentality we have had this second half of the season. Remember, we started 0-8.”

Rosner added: “We are not remotely close to that team anymore. We will need to play a great defensive game as defense is the equalizer at this point of the season. Take care of the ball on offense, get good shots and we can win.”



Streamwood’s Richard Santiago driving into the lane and heavy traffic while encountering the Hawks’ Jack Kline, left, and Nicholas Bucaro.

## Poplar Creek Library to receive \$15,000 census grant

According to the Poplar Creek Public Library District, it has received a subgrant for \$15,000 from the Reaching Across Illinois Library System’s (RAILS) Census 2020: It Counts! grant project. The library district is a subrecipient of the funds awarded to RAILS from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS).

In applying for the grant, Poplar Creek Library provided a unique plan involving its community partners and demonstrated its commitment to ensuring a complete census count, explained how an accurate count can affect its community, and showed its specific areas of strength to ensure a successful count.

Ensuring an accurate census count is extremely important for our state. Census results are used to determine how many seats each state gets in the House of Representatives, and state officials redraw boundaries of legislative districts to account for population shifts. More than \$675 billion will be distributed to support state and county schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs to communities. Census results also help determine funding for libraries and library systems.

The group of 20 subgrantees made up of libraries, social service agencies, and county-level organizations will focus on six hard-to-count (HTC) populations as outlined by IDHS. The HTC populations consist of children

younger than five years old, renters, people living close to or below the poverty line, older adults, people experiencing homelessness and people who are young and mobile.

“As a trusted messenger in our community,” said Kris Kenney, deputy director of public services at Poplar Creek Public Library, “it is our duty to educate the hard-to-count populations about the importance of completing the census and how a complete count can benefit those populations and our community as a whole.”

“Poplar Creek Public Library District plans to honor the commitments made in our grant application through training programs for staff and volunteers, easy access for completion of census form, free internet access, technology resources, translation services, and opportunities for easy census completion,” said Library Board President Candace McCreary. “We have a responsibility to use our unique position within our community to ensure a complete count and make sure our community gets what it deserves.”

The subrecipients, including the Poplar Creek Public Library District, are safe places for anyone to receive assistance in completing the census questionnaire. This location has free internet access and can also assist with other methods of completing the census questionnaire. In addition, they can address fears someone may have about confidentiality of census data.