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Report: Student growth superior

U46 above average compared to large districts in nation

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



Sanders

Elgin-based School District U46 ranks in the top 10 percent among the nation's largest school districts, according to a Stanford University study that looks at how students improve over years.

Elgin-area U46 ranked 20th in student growth over five academic years based on the study findings, according to an analysis published by The New York Times. In five years, U46 student performance grew by about 5.4 grade levels.

The study looked at the 200 largest school districts in the United States, according to the data.

"For a district like U46, where 28 percent of our students come in knowing a language other than English, (student growth over time) is a better assessment than proficiency data," U46 CEO Tony Sanders said.

According to the data, third-graders in U46 schools tested below the national average. However, by eighth grade, the same group of students saw average scores jump to just above the national average.

The results support Sanders' argument that the academic growth of a student should be looked at beyond proficiency-based assessments, he said. Too often, high-stakes tests looking at proficiency tend to reward more affluent school districts than those socioeconomically disadvantaged. Socioeconomic factors often at play include poverty, minority population, property wealth and language barriers, among others.

Measuring how students grow academically gets more into an individual level than standardized test scores, which tend to group all the students together. U46 has been looking at multiple measures besides standardized test proficiency rates to gauge how students are doing.

Sanders credits a number of initiatives such as teacher professional development, and the introduction of programs like its dual-language program for the district's success in this study. Dual-language English and Spanish programs — which will be available at elementary, middle and high school levels next school year — began and expanded in the 2008-15 time frame from which the data came, he said.

The study, led by Stanford researcher Sean Reardon, separated socioeconomic factors that often influence academic performance inequities and focused only students' academic growth.

In his documentation, Reardon wrote that he analyzed standardized test score data from 45 million students from more than 11,000 school districts. The years-long data looked at the average test score performance of third-grade students, the growth of test scores from third grade to eighth grade, and five years of student grades from one grade to the next.

Reardon argued that looking at academic performance through growth measure is a better indicator of school effectiveness. However, he said it would take more than high student growth and school effectiveness to narrow the achievement gap between high- and low-socioeconomic schools.

"The findings also suggest that we could learn a great deal about reducing educational inequality from the (low socioeconomic) communities with high growth rates," he wrote. "They provide, at a minimum, an existence proof of the possibility that even schools in high-poverty communities can be effective."

District spokeswoman Mary Fergus said officials supported the emphasis in looking at academic performance over a number of years, rather than just "a single snapshot in time." She did add, though, that administrators had not yet fully examined the report or analyzed Reardon's approach and methods.

Sanders said it is likely district administrators may look more into the study and data once students and staff return to classes this month.

SPORTS SECTION

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Mascari's 30 lead Geneva over Streamwood

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

The Streamwood boys basketball team tried to come all the way back from a 17-point deficit at Geneva Tuesday night but Mitch Mascari and the Vikings would have none of it in a 67-58 win.

Geneva (10-5, 3-2 Upstate Eight River) built a 17-point second-quarter lead as Mascari scored 13 of his career-high 30 points. The Vikings still led by 15 after a Mascari 3-pointer with 5:45 left in the third.

However, Streamwood (7-10, 0-5) used a 17-4 run powered by 10 of junior forward Keenon Cole's team-high 29 points to draw within 43-41.

The Sabres trailed 45-43 in the final seconds of the third quarter but they gave Geneva three looks at the basket. After a pair of missed 3-pointers, 6-foot-3 junior forward Reilly Waldoch's banked putback gave the Vikings a 4-point lead.

They extended that advantage to 6 at the start of the fourth quarter when junior point guard Jack McDonald hit Waldoch with a pass for a layup off a backdoor cut. Just like that Streamwood was chasing again.

"I thought the effort was outstanding," Geneva coach Scott Hennig said. "We got back to playing fundamental basketball, playing Geneva basketball. Streamwood is a good team. They did well at the Jacobs tournament. Cole, I think, will end up being a division-I player. He had 34 against us last time. He's a heck of a player. He's 6-7, can shoot and can play inside but my guys battled."

Geneva won the rebounding battle 23-18 and got the ball inside more in the second half.

As for the Sabres? Not boxing out at the end of a quarter is a transgression that tends to result in losses, particularly on a night when they took the court without junior guard DeAngelo Flynn for undisclosed reasons and second-leading scorer Nikola Sinik due to a minor violation of team rules.

"Those are the things that break your back when it's a close game and you just fought coming all the way back," Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn said. "It's not luck. It's the stupid things that we do. That's what it comes down to. If we clean those little things up, we have a chance to win the game. When you don't, that's when you lose by 10, 15. That's what I'm trying to get them to learn."

The Vikings stretched the lead to 56-48 when Mascari sank his sixth and final 3-pointer of the game. The 6-foot-4 junior sank 6 of 10 attempts from 3-point range.

"My first one went in and it just felt good," he said, "so coach just kept calling plays for me to run off screens, my teammates were setting good screens for me and I was getting open."

McDonald finished with 13 points and 6 assist and Waldoch added 7 points for Geneva.

Senior Brendon Marton finished with 14 points and 3 steals for Streamwood.

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Batavia makes easy work of Maroons 65-35

BY CRAIG BRUESKE

Tuesday night regular season boys basketball games during the school year can be difficult for high school teams.

Crowds are usually smaller, leaving the players a little more on their own to bring the necessary energy levels.

Eric Peterson helped provide that much-needed spark during Batavia's 65-35 Upstate Eight Conference River Division victory over visiting Elgin (4-10, 0-6).

The 6-foot-3 senior guard recorded 3 steals in the game's first 2 1/2 minutes and added 12 of his 14 first-half points in the second quarter as the Bulldogs (14-3, 5-1) built a 30-17 halftime advantage.

Peterson, who sat out much of the fourth quarter after his team's lead swelled past 20 points, finished with a game-high 18 points, 8 rebounds, 8 steals, 4 assists and a blocked shot as the Bulldogs earned their seventh win in 8 games.

"I think it was our first (Tuesday night) game during the school year," said Peterson. "I thought 'Naz' (Bulldogs coach Jim Nazos) did a good job getting us ready yesterday and before the game today."

Batavia put the game out of reach with a 12-1 run during the first 6:58 of the third quarter that included back-to-back layups by Blake Carlson (10 points) and 3-point baskets from Riley Cooper (9 points, 6 assists) and Peterson.

The Bulldogs forced 11 of the Maroons' 27 turnovers in the third quarter.

"The biggest thing is just effort," said Peterson. "A big part of that is off the ball. If we have pressure on the ball and we're getting up on them off the ball, it's very hard for them."

Trevon Morris scored 10 points for Elgin, which received 25 of its 35 points from its reserves.

"At the end of the third quarter, we had more turnovers than points," said Maroons coach Mike Sitter. "Our statistician had us for 22 points and 23 turnovers. A lot of those turnovers were unforced -- stuff we don't do on a regular basis."

"Credit Batavia -- they're physical. They're only going to give us one shot down the floor. They're all 6-3 and football-strong so they outweigh us by 30 pounds and have 3 inches on us at every spot. That just wears on you eventually."

Sophomore Jayden Johnson tallied 15 points and Collin Richter added 6 points for the Bulldogs, who overcame 33 percent field-goal shooting (22 of 67).

"Maybe we didn't shoot the best but we rebounded well, especially offensively, and got some things in transition," said Nazos. "Elgin played hard. They played a nice game last Tuesday against Geneva (58-53 loss) so we know they're tough."

"It was a good win. I like where we're at."

The win enabled the Bulldogs to remain within a game (loss column) of division-leading Larkin (5-0).

Batavia will face South Elgin and Rockford Jefferson Saturday in Rockford as part of the 2-day MLK tournament.

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U-46 plans nine projects for completion this year

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 plans to work on nine capital projects this year at a total estimated cost of \$14.7 million.

In November, the administration updated the Board of Education on the plans showing the largest project being \$5 million going towards renovating U-46's food service facility in Elgin.

The projects will largely be funded by \$9.7 million in working cash bonds that were part of a total \$40 million in bonds approved during a controversial debt restructuring that took place in 2015.

In a memo and in response to a question from board member Sue Kerr, the administration said "we will be utilizing the remaining balance" of that \$40 million in bond funds.

Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system replacements at Streamwood's Canton Middle School (\$2.6 million) and Streamwood High School (\$2.5 million) are the next largest costs on the list. The Canton HVAC replacement is the second phase, the first phase being completed in 2017 at a total cost of \$2.5 million which was the largest project last year.

The next largest project is work on a stadium at Bartlett High School which was listed at \$1.75 million. In October, the board approved a \$1.6 million pro-

posal for the stadium and ultimately the Bartlett Boosters Club, which had already raised \$925,000 through private donations, said it plans to reimburse the district for the project.

A wireless cabling project at 19 schools is estimated to cost \$1.2 million while the remaining four projects are expected to have a combined cost of \$1.7 million which include welding renovations, elevator renovations, HVAC replacement design plan and mobile demolitions at four separate district schools.

"The list is still a little bit fluid," said Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations. "It's still subject for change depending on resources at this point, but we're pretty close to where we think we're going to end up."

King said there are no plans for paving work at any site.

"We just don't have the resources to do it," King said. "Frankly, we have some lots that do need to be paved, but we're going to have to patch them and limp along a little longer because we don't have the funds to do them right now."

Board member Jeanette Ward noted a project listed as roofs, parking lots, fire/intercom alarms, elevators and boilers and asked if that included paving which King said "not for this next summer" but the following in 2019. Within the list given to the

board was also the 2019 plan which listed that project at \$3.8 million which was the largest of 10 projects totaling \$12.5 million that are being planned for next year.

Board member Melissa Owens asked when the food service facility will be operational upon renovation completion to which King said "probably summer time at the earliest."

Kerr asked for in the future that the administration provide details on actual costs to the district annually for

projects such as paving, roofing and other annual operational projects.

Chris Allen, director of plant operations, told the board that in 2017 the district completed 10 projects all of which were on time. Those projects will have cost around \$10 million.

Ward offered "kudos" for those projects being completed on time saying: "I know that doesn't always happen, speaking from experience in industry. I think it's commendable to have completed 10 projects on time."

Student vaccination policy in U-46 to stay by default

By Seth Hancock

A first-day exclusion in School District U-46 for students who are not current on their vaccinations will continue by default as the Board of Education was unable to approve an update to Board Policy 7 at its meeting on Monday, Dec. 18.

The U-46 policy under sections 7.100 and 7.102 already included the first-day exemption and that exemption remained the same under the proposed edits to the sections, but the vote on the updated version was 3-3 with board members Phil Costello, Veronica Noland and Jeanette Ward all voting no because they oppose the first-day exclusion. Board member Traci Ellis was absent, and the 3-3 tie means the no's prevailed.

In November, the same three members who voted no suggested changing the exclusion date so the district was not overly rigid as compared to state requirements. State law provides for district's to set a date when students who are not vaccinated must be kept out of class any time up to Oct. 15 of a given school year.

Board member Melissa Owens chaired the last committee meeting regarding the policy and said the "consensus... was to maintain the first day exclusion" between her, Ellis and board member Sue Kerr who all attended that meeting.

Owens said she looked at some surrounding districts and found that among seven districts, five had a first-day exclusion and two had an Oct. 15 exclusion and "most of them have looked at this policy during this calendar year."

"What we were really looking at was the percentage of students that were excluded to see how impactful that was on a district," Owens said.

In November, the administration gave numbers on how many students were excluded this year on the first day. Owens said 1.8 percent of students were not compliant on the first day, and that dropped to under 0.5 percent a week later. The average number of days missed for students excluded according to the administration was 2.138 days.

"We're looking at a relatively small number of students," said Owens who suggested it is "less disruptive" for students to be excluded from class during the first week of school than if they missed class later in the year.

Costello asked Owens what she meant by "disruptive." Costello has

suggested that attending the first day of class is important for setting a standard for students to be in class every day and said studies he's seen have stated the same.

Owens said that classes are deeper into content later in the school year as opposed to the first day making it more disruptive if students are excluded later in the school year.

However, Costello suggested that if the district got off of the first-day exclusion it would give families more time to get vaccinations which could mean no disruption at all. He said he was opposed to going to Oct. 15 but suggested at least a week later.

"Giving them an extra few days they could get that appointment and not miss any days," Costello said.

Noland suggested the same saying "I believe one extra week... would be very helpful" for families that may not be engaged and communicating with the district until that first day of class.

"I just am against this first-day exclusion," said Noland who added: "I don't think one week is too much to ask."

Suzanne Johnson, deputy superintendent of instruction, said the administration would be more proactive this spring in communicating with parents to prepare for the 2018-19 school year and it would target the sixth grade, which saw the highest number of non-compliant students, as well as specific schools with high numbers. She also said students who are not compliant on the first day but have proof of an appointment to be vaccinated are allowed to attend.

Ward supports the Oct. 15 date saying she wants U-46 to be "no more stringent than the state," and she also is philosophically opposed to the vaccination requirement.

"I think that parents are the ones who ought to be making the decision whether or not to immunize their children," Ward said. "It should be their decision."

Owens said there were changes to the policy to clean up language and U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "we would certainly like to have guidance" meaning the policy will likely have to go back to committee.

Donna Smith, the board's president, said it may not have to go back to committee if a motion to reconsider is made at a future meeting, but Miguel Rodriguez, chief legal officer, said that

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An open look

Brendon Marton of Streamwood putting up a shot as the Blazers' Andrew Parnell watches from the floor during the nonconference game against Addison Trail on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at Streamwood. For story and more photos see page 8. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Girl Scout cookie sales season to run until Sunday, Jan. 28

Friday, Jan 5, ushered in the next century of Girl Scouts selling cookies! The Girl Scout program not only teaches girls essential entrepreneurial skills but also powers amazing experiences for them across the United States. After last year’s 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts selling cookies, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is kicking off this season with the return of the Girl Scout S’more, the most popular flavor to launch in the 101 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies! Consumers can now fuel leadership experiences and build the next generation of entrepreneurs by purchasing Girl Scout S’mores and other classic favorites!

Local Girl Scouts will take cookie orders from Jan, 5 through Jan. 28. In addition to S’mores, the cookie lineup features Thin Mints, Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, zesty lemon Savannah Smiles, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too).

Cookies are on sale for \$5 per box! For those that do not know a Girl Scout, email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org to be connected to a local entrepreneur.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each Girl Scout sets out to sell cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leadership and future success. Almost 1 million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie program each year, generating nearly \$800 million in sales. All of the net revenue raised stays within the northern Illinois area. Councils use cookie earnings to power amazing experiences for girls through their programming, while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community pro-

jects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more. Further, skills girls learn in the cookie program also influence later success: Data shows more than half (57 percent) of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the cookie program was beneficial to skills they possess today, such as money management, goal-setting and public speaking.

This year, girls will sell cookies door-to-door and at booth sales as well as through the Digital Cookie platform, an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their businesses online. Now in its fourth year, the Digital Cookie platform continues to bring Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for 21st century leadership.

The Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois believe every girl can change the world. Girl Scouts develop the independence and confidence to guide their own lives and make the world a better place. And with programs focused on the outdoors, career and interest exploration, travel and the global community, and practical life skills, in addition to community service projects, every girl has the opportunity to unlock her full potential. We serve 16 counties including parts or all of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, visit www.girlscoutsni.org or call 844-GSNI-4-ME (844-476-4463).

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.

Depression 101: Know the signs

Dear Editor,
Most people have heard about depression, but now it’s time to learn the facts, so people suffering from the illness may be helped. One individual can truly make the life of a depressed person, so much better. Take the time to understand depression - you will feel good helping someone you know. Depression can be different for every individual. Unlike most illnesses, depression varies from person to person. Depression can be genetic, situational, biological or cognitive, so the disorder can be more or less severe depending on the type of depression. As a result, it is difficult to figure out why an individual is suffering from the illness.

What is the most common symptom of depression?

According to Dr. Sejal Mehta, a child and adolescent psychiatrist from Texas, child and adolescent psychiatrist, hopelessness is the most common cause of depression. Hopelessness is constantly feeling down, feeling that life will not be better. It eventually can cause sleeping and eating disorders, mood swings, low self-esteem develops as well as suicidal thoughts.

How to recognize depression?
Mehta mentions that depression can be categorized into mild, moderate, and severe stages. Mild depression is the most difficult because the individual keeps their emotions to themselves for a long time. Often people forget to realize that if an individual is being isolated from friends and family for a long time, then they might have mild depression.

Mild depression is easier to recognize because the individual is acting unusual. They can develop eating disorders, or they change their personality in a negative way.

Severe depression is when the individual needs to go through counseling because they have suicidal thoughts and they don’t express their feelings.

How to help a friend with depression?
The best way to help someone with depression is to give them support. Often people with depression feel like they are alone in the world. It’s as simple as a friend. One smile can mean the world to someone who is suffering from the illness. Be a friend, and chances are that you can improve the conditions of the person suffering from depression. Recommend that they meet with a psychiatrist.

How can a psychiatrist help someone who has depression?

A psychiatrist tries to help depressed people feel better by counseling them. According to Mehta, psychiatrists try to make the patient feel safe through talk therapy, and, if it’s necessary they are put on medication. Psychiatrists try to find the cause of the illness and make a plan to help solve the problem.

According to Depression Support Alliance, up to 80 percent of those treated for depression show an improvement in their symptoms generally within four to six weeks of beginning talk therapy.

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Brandon Snipe
South Elgin High School students

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“can only be brought up by the prevailing side” meaning Costello, Noland and Ward can only make such a motion. “If that doesn’t happen, the

policy will remain as is,” Rodriguez added.

Last May, Sanders said “the board has always had a policy that says we exclude students on the first day of school” but the current 2017-18 school year was the first time that policy has been enforced.

Pet of the Week



This one is a Pip

Pip is a sweet, sometimes bashful, lap cat-in-training looking for a family to call her own! She spent her first few months as a stray before being brought to the shelter. Pip’s ideal family would have lots of laps for her to snuggle into and another feline friend! She loves other cats, or quiet dogs. She loves to play, groom, and most of all, snuggle. Want to make 2018 the year of Pip? Pip is 9 months old, spayed, and ready for you! Please visit www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol for more details or call (630) 407-2800.

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Pilots, Young Eagles program assists youth discover flight

An area pilot has now given more than 400 young people a free demonstration airplane ride as part of the EAA Young Eagles program, which is introducing a new generation to the world of flight.

Among the more than 50,000 volunteers around the world who have donated their time and aircraft to the effort is Robert Lasecki of Libertyville. All pilots in the Young Eagles program explain the safe operation of airplanes and principles of flight before the short trips. Participating young people become official Young Eagles with the flight. The names of the pilots and the participants are also included in the “World’s Largest Logbook,” which is on permanent display in the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh,

Wisconsin and online through the Young Eagles web site. Young Eagles also have access to an online pilot training course, made possible by Sporty’s Pilot Shops, located in Batavia, Ohio.

The Young Eagles Program was unveiled by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in July 1992 and has now flown more than 2 million young people, primarily between the ages of 8 and 17. EAA is a worldwide organization with 190,000 members who enjoy all facets of recreational flight. The Young Eagles program goal is to allow young people to experience positive activities and discover the possibilities available to them within the world of aviation. For more information, visit www.youngeagles.org.

Streamwood edged by Blazers in overtime



The Sabres’ Jack Maybrun driving toward the charity stripe and past the Blazers’ Ramon Casey Jr.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team was unable to maintain a hot start as the Sabres fell 51-48 in overtime in a nonconference game against Addison Trail on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at Streamwood. Regulation ended in a 42-42 tie as Addison Trail edged the Sabres 9-6 in the extra period for the victory. That came after Streamwood burst out of the

gates to a 15-6 lead after the first quarter, but defensive lapses allowed Addison Trail to rally. “I felt that on the defensive end we just need to improve vastly if we are ever going to beat good top tier opponents,” said Streamwood coach Paul Kowalyszyn. “We give up too many wide open looks at the hoop and then fail to come up with rebounds consistently.” Addison Trail pulled within one, 24-23, by halftime and rallied for a 34-32 lead after three quarters. Streamwood edged the visitors 10-8 in the fourth to



Streamwood’s Zack Marquez driving around the Blazers’ Adem Mehmeti destined for a journey into the lane. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

force overtime. Keenon Cole led the Sabres with 15 points and Nikola Sinik added eight and both Jack Maybrun and Zack Marquez seven. Maybrun and Sinik each hit two three-pointers in the effort. Streamwood is now 7-9 overall. “I want our guys to understand that the little things in every game, in every quarter, in every play matter,” Kowalyszyn said. “A silly turnover in the first quarter can be the difference between winning and losing a close game like this. Valuing each possession is something we are trying to instill in these guys. We are still learning how to win, especially in tight situations.”



Streamwood’s Nikola Sinik leaving the floor to dish off a pass while closely guarded by Addison Trail’s Adem Mehmeti.



Keenon Cole pulling down a rebound for the Sabres between the Blazers’ Andrew Parnell, left, and Albert White III.

North boys hoops loses tough one in final seconds



North's Brendan Dal Degan kept control of the ball after taking away rebound from Larkin's Jalen Shaw, left, and Larenzo Coney.



North's Zachary Ludwig taking a shot in the second quarter while defended by Larkin's Jackson Reuter.



Larkin's Pierre Black, left, pursuing North's Erik Larson as Larson broke away after a rebound. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)

By Seth Hancock

The North boys basketball team saw one slip away as the North Stars dropped a 51-50 Upstate Eight Conference River Division game against Larkin on Friday, Jan. 5 at North.

Both teams entered without a loss in conference and both teams were tied 13-13 after one quarter of play, but the North Stars started establishing control grabbing a 20-16 lead by halftime and building as large as a 12-point lead in the third at 35-23.

Larkin rallied late in the third quarter pulling to 39-32 by the end of the period and eventually took its first lead since early in the first half in the final minute.

"That one was really tough with us both being undefeated in the conference," said Brendan Dal Degan who finished with five points for North. "It didn't go how we wanted, but we learned from it. We learned that we need to be more composed with the lead."

Kyle King led North with a double-

double, 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Erik Larson also scored 17 points including three treys.

With 33 seconds left to play, Larkin pulled ahead 49-48 for its first advantage of the second half. Zachary Ludwig (seven points) would put North up 50-49 with a pair of free throws in the final 10 seconds.

With a few seconds remaining, Larkin scored the final points and a last second shot by North did not land ending the contest.

"It's tough when you play better and you control the game but still lose," said North coach Tom Poulin. "For 28 minutes you execute your defensive game plan and hold a team like that to 51 points, and then you pretty much hand them the basketball game in a short spell there."

Poulin added: "I could have managed that game better, so I would put this one on me."

North is now 9-6 overall, 3-1 in the UEC River Division.



North's Luke Scheffers dribbled around Larkin's Anthony Lynch in the third quarter.



The North Star's Kyle King lost his balance as he stole the ball from Larkin's Jalen Shaw.

Storm edge St. Edward, defeat Tomcats

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team came through in a nail biter to defeat St. Edward 55-53 in nonconference play on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at South Elgin.

The game saw both teams come out on fire while St. Edward broke away for a seven-point lead at halftime, but the Storm rallied in the second half to build a late seven-point lead of its own while holding on for the two-point win.

In the end, it was teamwork and depth that helped the Storm pull through with six different players scoring at least six points.

“Our defense wasn’t the greatest, but

we all came together and had good passes and good backdoors,” said Casey Brennan who finished with six points.

“I knew we just needed to work together more,” said Alexis Roberts who tallied 10 points including two three-pointers. “They blew us out by a lot last year, and I was really looking forward to this game.”

Catora Brown led the Storm with 18 points and Megan McClure added eight and both Erika Burns and Miah Galvin six.

The game was tied 19-19 after the first quarter but South Elgin fell be-

hind 34-27 at the break. The Storm pulled to 41-38 after three quarters and pulled ahead early in the fourth, and with a 55-48 lead in the final 10 seconds the Storm held on despite a St. Edward rally.

“That got a little scary at the end, but I’m really proud of them,” said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. “It was probably our best overall team win this year.”

Mandernack added: “St. Edward has a really good program. They went downstate last year, they have a lot of the girls back, they are playing the big school in the area and they are going

to come out with a sense of urgency, and they did.”

South Elgin followed up with a 57-37 victory over East Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Friday, Jan. 5 in Aurora. The Storm built a 17-7 lead after one quarter and didn’t look back.

Brown hit three treys and finished with a game-high 18 points, McClure added 13 points with a trey, Roberts had a pair of threes and eight points, Brennan added seven points and Galvin had five points.

The Storm are now 7-7 overall, 2-1 in the UEC Valley Division.



South Elgin’s Madison Waichunas driving into the paint while encountering the Green Wave’s Madison Knott.



The Storm’s Miah Galvin driving through the lane looking to take a shot while dealing with the tight defense from St. Edward’s Mallory Rejman.



The Storm’s Catora Brown being separated from the basketball while being fouled by St. Edward’s Yssa St. Domingo.



Casey Brennan striving to corral a loose ball that was created by the Green Wave’s Yssa St. Domingo who interrupted Brennan’s dribble up court.



Erika Burns straining to put up a shot between St. Edward’s Hailey Niehaus, left, and Mariel Franco. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



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Special Events

Daddy Daughter Princess Ball

Treat your girls to a night out. We have a night full of fun planned. Crafts, pictures, DJ, balloon artist, and more! This event will be held Saturday, Feb. 10 at Corron Elementary School from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents per couple. Each additional child is \$10. Space is limited and this event fills up fast so register now!

Youth/Teen

Klub Friday Night – Glow Night

Friday, Jan. 19 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
at Fox Meadow Elementary School
KFN is a great place where fourth through seventh graders can come and hang out with their friends and peers. We have a DJ in the music room and we offer a variety of sports in the gym. The cost is \$5 at the door with an ID or \$20 at the door without an ID. ID's can be purchased at Village Hall or on-site... your parent/guardian must be present.

Cookies and Canvas

Canvas painting is all the rage! If you are felling artsy come out and paint the town purple, blue, red and green. Each date is a different seasonal or holiday design so come to one or come to all. This class will be held Sat-

urday, Jan. 20 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Municipal Annex. The cost is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.

Tot/Youth Cheer and Pom

Have a great time learning simple cheers, partner stunts and an awesome pom routine. No experience necessary. This class will be held Jan. 22 to Feb. 26 from 5 to 5:45 p.m. at the Municipal Annex. There is no class on Feb. 19. The cost is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents.

Youth

Wacky Winter Wonderland Science

Investigate the science of winter like: making fluffy snow, exploring pine cone science, along with the mystery of how icicles grow so long! This class will be held Saturday, Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Eastside Recreation Center in Elgin. The cost is \$39 for residents and \$49 for non-residents.

Got Self-Esteem and Leadership?

Self-esteem is how you feel about yourself and a feeling that you can handle life every day. Kids will learn from a Certified Professional Life Coach the hottest tips in building self-esteem and being happy leaders. This class will be held Saturday, Jan. 27 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Eastside Recreation Center in Elgin. The cost is \$37 for residents and \$47 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—Parks & Recreation—Programs—Seasonal Brochure.

Storm boys hoops prevail over Tomcats on the road

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team broke away late to defeat East Aurora 60-54 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Friday, Jan. 5 in Aurora.

Facing a one-point deficit late in the third quarter, the Storm capped the period with a 10-1 run for a 43-35 lead they wouldn't relinquish in the fourth. East Aurora would pull within three late, but South Elgin held on.

"We got the momentum going in the third quarter," said Storm junior Drake Montgomery who had the final five points of the third quarter run. "That's a big point in the game, the end of the third quarter going into the fourth."

Montgomery finished with a game-high 23 points.

Before that rally, the game had been close with East Aurora grabbing early control by building an 18-13 lead after one quarter. The Storm pulled even at 27-27 by halftime.

South Elgin's third quarter run started with Noah Rohr, who had eight points and six rebounds, scoring the first five points starting with a three-pointer, one of two treys by Rohr on the night.

"We stayed with what we were doing the whole game, getting up and pressuring a little bit," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "We finally got the rotations correctly, and we made them make a couple mistakes. That's what sparked that run."

Johnson added: "It was a great way to start the year. That was a fun game to coach and watch the kids play. Every game should be like that the rest of the way."

Vincent Miskiewicz (18 points, 16 rebounds, five blocks), Trace Ashby (six points, three steals, two threes) and David Binion (five points, five assists, four rebounds) all contributed.

South Elgin is now 10-3 overall, 2-1 in the UEC Valley Division.

Kane County Recycles to hold special Jan. 13 collection event



Past recycling event.

(Courtesy photo)

Kane County Recycles will hold a special post-holiday recycling event on Saturday, Jan. 13.

This collection will include electronics and books. It will take place between 8 a.m. and at the Kane County Branch Court office at 540 S. Randall Road in St. Charles.

Electronics collection will include computers, laptops, stereos, DVD players, electronic games, holiday light strings and more, all of which can be recycled at no charge. Books are also free to drop off. TVs (of any size, and any age) and computer monitors will also be collected, but they have a cost.

The cost for recycling television sets and computer monitors is \$25 for screens under 21 inches, measured diagonally. The cost is \$35 for screens 21 inches and over. You can pay onsite with cash or card.

Kane County also has two Electronics Recycling Drop-off locations that are open Monday through Friday every week, except for holidays. For details on locations and hours, go to <http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling/pages/electronics.aspx>.

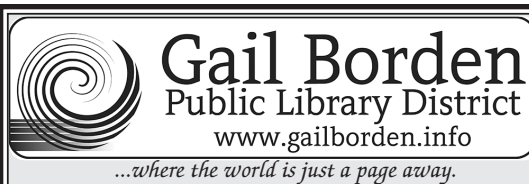
For the list of holiday closures, go to http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling/documents/2018holidayclosures_electronicsdropoffs.pdf.

Kane County Recycles has posted a full schedule of collection events for 2018, which will restart in April and can be seen at <http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling/pages/default.aspx>.

Anyone with questions please contact: Kane County Recycling Coordinator, Jennifer Jarland, 630-208-3841, recycle@countyofkane.org.

Christmas tree recycling day

As a service to residents Allied Waste/Republic Services will pick up Christmas trees through Wednesday, Jan. 17, on normally scheduled refuse days. All decorations should be removed before placing the tree at curbside.



**Read!
Learn!
Connect!**

Creativity Lab: Glittery Snowflakes

It's time to get creative during Creativity Lab: Glittery Snowflakes at the South Elgin Branch on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. Each week, kids in grades one and up can drop in to work on art projects, tinkering activities and games for creative play. No registration necessary.

Elgin Families Volunteer

Looking for a fun way to get the whole family involved? Join us for Elgin Families Volunteer at the Main Library on Monday, Jan. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and complete volunteer activities together for local and national organizations. No registration—just drop by!

No School Day Movies: 'Akeelah and the Bee'

Enjoy the day off from school by settling inside for No School Day Movies: "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006, PG) in the South Elgin Branch Meeting Room on Monday, Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. All ages are invited and there is no need to register.

Veterans Information Networking Session

Join us for a monthly Veterans Information Networking Session covering The State of Illinois benefits for veterans at the South Elgin Branch on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. This drop-in session is presented by John Fanning, Illinois veteran service officer.

Preschool and Childcare Information Fair

Calling all parents! Save the date for our annual Preschool and Childcare Information Fair at the Main Library on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents and caregivers are welcome to drop in and visit with repre-

sentatives from local preschools, day-care centers and licensed homes to talk about their services and who can help answer questions. Starting on Jan. 15, visit www.gailborden.info for a complete list of representatives who will be present during the fair.

Featured Author Series: Judy Schachner

Stop by the South Elgin Branch for our monthly Featured Author Series: Judy Schachner on Sunday, Jan. 21 from 2 to 2:45 p.m. We'll have storytimes featuring this popular children's author and attendees will get a craft to take home! No registration necessary.

Device Advice

Did you get a new device for the Holidays? Drop in for Device Advice at the South Elgin Branch on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with your device and get one-on-one help from a friendly volunteer who can help answer your questions. No registration necessary.

Elgin Master Chorale Children's Chorus Encore Group

The Elgin Master Chorale Children's Chorus Encore Group will take singing to the next level at the South Elgin Branch on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. All ages are invited to listen to the wonderful group, conducted by Becky Narofsky, but don't be afraid to get involved, because this performance will include audience participation! No registration required.

Bullet Journaling 101

Organize in style with Bullet Journaling 101 at the South Elgin Branch on Monday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. This artistic way to journal in style is the perfect new trend to express yourself and get artistic! This is a drop-in event for teens in grades nine through 12.

Arbor Day Foundation offering free trees for new memberships

Residents in Illinois state may ring in the New Year with 10 free, flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns, and three white flowering dogwoods.

“These beautiful trees will beautify your home with lovely flowers of pink, yellow and white colors,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds.”

The free trees are part of the founda-

tion’s Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members will also receive a subscription to the foundation’s bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and “The Tree Book,” which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31. Residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.

Tidbits

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Hosanna! Lutheran Church Community Care Center Food Pantry is now open on the first and third Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A photo ID is required in order to receive two pre-packaged bags of food every four weeks. For more information please contact the church office at 630-584-6434, email to Welcome@HosannaChurch.com or visit our website at www.HosannaChurch.com/ Hosanna! Is located at 36W925 Red Gate Road (entrance just east of Randall Road) in St. Charles.

Low impact/sculpt aerobics exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S 7th Ave., St. Charles Tuesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free and open to all.

Zumba class at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, Tuesdays 5 to 5:45 p.m. for fun and great exercise! Free, open to all in the community. No registration needed, walk-ins welcome.

The St. Charles Singles Club activities are planned, and singles 40-plus are invited to participate in the fun. There are many opportunities to meet friends for meals, to try new cuisines, to dance, bowl, play cards, volunteer and more. You can find a full listing of activities on the website: www.stcharlessinglesclub.com/. Visit www.stcharlessinglesclub.com or call 630-665-0763 for more information.

Open gym walking at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles. Variety of times, group meets Mondays 9 to 9:45 a.m. Fun and great exercise! Free, open to all. Cathy Winters for more information at 630-377-2769, ext. 210.

The South Elgin Methodist Church Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need, and they also take donations. Currently, they could use cereal, condiments, paper products, cake mixes, crackers (assorted and/or saltines), pickles, pickle relish and salad dressings. There is a barrel in the entrance near the parking lot of church, which is open for drop-offs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon or Monday through Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Seated exercise classes at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, on Wednesdays for fun and great exercise! From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Free and open to all in the community.

Anderson Animal Shelter is happy to offer the opportunity for children and

teens to engage in service learning off-site. This convenient option gives students the ability to create and execute their own service project all while truly making a difference in the lives of animals. Some service project ideas include creating your own fundraising project, collecting items from the shelter’s wish list, making cat or dog toys, shredding newspapers and making blankets. For more information call 847-697-2880 or visit www.andersonanimalshelter.org.

Line dancing at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at noon. Open to all and free. No registration required.

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

Fox Valley Wildlife Center has received 1,500 animals since Jan. 1, 2014! Almost all of these animals have been babies. Due to this, they are in much need of Kleenex. They are asking for donations of non-scented Kleenex boxes. They are also in much need of fruits and vegetables, mainly grapes, melon, zucchini, squash and greens. If you are able to donate these items, please drop-off at the center any day between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sharpen those presentation skills for all of your social and professional interactions. Fox Valley Toastmasters combines incremental, self-paced practice with warm support—and guests are always welcome. Toastmasters—Where Leaders Are Made, second and fourth Thursdays, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., second floor, St. Charles City Hall, 2 E. Main St.

Kane County Audubon is the local chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society and meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month September through May at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center. Field trips, bird walks, and nature hikes are scheduled on Saturdays throughout the year and in lieu of the meeting on the second Wednesday of June, July and August. Enjoy nature. Want to learn more about the birds you see in your backyard and elsewhere? Events are open to the public and newcomers and families are always welcome. For more information on Kane County Audubon, call Bob Andrini at 630-584-8386 or visit www.kanecountyaudubon.org. For information on Illinois Audubon Society, call Tom Clay at 217-544-BIRD (2473) or visit www.illinoisaudubon.org.

The Examiner Asked

On Dec. 20 at
Fox Meadow Elementary School:

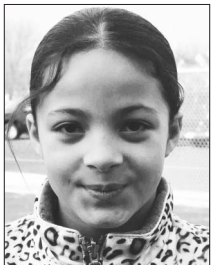
What is your favorite thing in 2017 that you’d want to do again in 2018?



Jessica Greunke: “I’d like to travel back to California.”



Alyssa Byrne: “I want to go back to Kentucky and go to the water park.”



Maya Tagoe: “I want to do fifth grade again because it was easier.”



Abigail Kocian: “I’m hoping I can go back to Six Flags and go on my favorite ride, XFlight.”



Jason Schmidt: “I can’t wait to do the last day of school because it’s so much fun.”



Madelyn Ryan: “I love playing the McBones game and want to play it again.”



Caiden Diaz: “I went with my family to Geneva and I would like to go back there.”



Jack Stahl: “I would like to redo my birthday but on a day off from school this time.”



Hope Walker: “I would like to do a sleep over again and then Epic Air.”

(By Andrea Kohl)

North Stars dominate in victory over Larkin

By Seth Hancock

The North girls basketball team came out strong to dominate in a 65-23 Up-state Eight Conference River Division win over Larkin on Friday, Jan. 5 at North.

Anna Tate nearly single handily outscored Larkin with 21 points to lead the North Stars who never looked back after building a 23-9 after one quarter of play.

“She’s physical, and she’s a hard-nosed player,” North coach Mike Tomczak said of Tate. “She is definitely a big part of what we want to do. She brings that physicality down low that we haven’t always had in the past.”

Defensively, the North Stars limited Larkin to single digits in each frame including a two-point third quarter.

That defensive effort allowed North’s offense to build a 44-13 lead by half-time and 55-15 after three quarters.

North outscored Larkin 10-8 in the fourth quarter.

For Tomczak, playing with energy on the defensive end is a key to his team’s success.

“When we come out with a lot of intensity, it’s our defense that drives that,” Tomczak said. “That builds intensity on offense. When we’re able to maintain that intensity, we’re a dangerous team.”

Anna Davern scored 12 points and Megan Gunnink added nine off of three treys. Leilauni Chanthaboury finished with seven points.

The North Stars improved to 10-7 overall, 3-2 in the UEC River Division.



North’s Anna Davern took a swipe at the ball during a possession by Larkin’s Alexia Saldivar.




Larkin’s Hailey Buttrum, left, and North’s Leilauni Chanthaboury scrambled in pursuit of a loose ball.




North’s Talia Pellegrini, left, pushing past the Royal’s Alexia Saldivar.




Larkin’s Val Pizana knocked a shot away from North’s Fiona Gleeson in the fourth quarter.
(Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)





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Village updates policy to align with state act

By Seth Hancock

The village has updated its policy on anti-harassment and anti-discrimination to align with state law. The Board of Trustees approved the change at its meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law a public act in November that "now requires local government employers to enact ordinances or resolutions that adopt sexual harassment policies" according to Janelle Terrance, the village's human resources director.

"If the recent national scrutiny of sexual harassment in the workplace was not enough, public employers now have further incentive to ensure that their jurisdiction maintains an effective and comprehensive anti-harassment policy," Terrance wrote in a memo.

The new law requires municipalities to include in their policies a sexual harassment prohibition, details on how to make a sexual harassment report which must include the ability to make confidential allegations, prohibiting retaliation for reporting sexual harassment which includes whistle blower protection for the individual reporting the claim and consequences for violating the policy and for falsely

reporting sexual harassment.

The only change in the village policy was an addition to a section on an individual's right to complain to government agencies with the additional line reading: "The filing of a complaint under the procedures described above shall not limit, extend, replace or delay the right of any person to file a similar complaint or charge with any appropriate local, State, or federal agency or court."

The village's policy applies to village employees and independent contractors.

The policy's definition of sexual harassment "consists of unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when made by any employee to another employee" whether it is explicit or implicit.

When complaints are made, an investigation will begin "promptly" according to the policy and "will be timely and thorough. The Village may put reasonable interim measures in place, such as a leave of absence or a transfer, while the investigation takes place. When it is concluded, the Village will take such action as it deems justified by the facts."

Penalty for violating the policy is dependent on the severity of the offense which can include "termination of employment." Even if found not in violation of the policy, an individual can be punished if the "conduct is found to be intimidating, hostile or offensive."

If a complaint is found to be frivolous or false, the policy states that "can re-

sult in a severe level of discipline or discharge. A false or frivolous complaint does not refer to complaints made in good faith that cannot be proven."

Terrance also said she has contacted sources for providing for harassment and discrimination prevention training for village employees which could take place this month.

U-46 plans nine projects for completion this year

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 plans to work on nine capital projects this year at a total estimated cost of \$14.7 million.

In November, the administration updated the Board of Education on the plans showing the largest project being \$5 million going towards renovating U-46's food service facility in Elgin.

The projects will largely be funded by \$9.7 million in working cash bonds that were part of a total \$40 million in bonds approved during a controversial debt restructuring that took place in 2015.

In a memo and in response to a question from board member Sue Kerr, the administration said "we will be utilizing the remaining balance" of that \$40 million in bond funds.

Heating, ventilation and air condi-

tioning (HVAC) system replacements at Streamwood's Canton Middle School (\$2.6 million) and Streamwood High School (\$2.5 million) are the next largest costs on the list. The Canton HVAC replacement is the second phase, the first phase being completed in 2017 at a total cost of \$2.5 million which was the largest project last year.

The next largest project is work on a stadium at Bartlett High School which was listed at \$1.75 million. In October, the board approved a \$1.6 million proposal for the stadium and ultimately the Bartlett Boosters Club, which had already raised \$925,000 through private donations, said it plans to reimburse the district for the project.

A wireless cabling project at 19 schools is estimated to cost \$1.2 mil-

See U-46, pg. 5



Taking charge in win

Kayla Hare of the Hawks driving into the paint and past Glenbard East's Sophie Moore for layup off the opening tip and a 2-0 Bartlett lead. The Hawks cruised on to a victory over the Rams on Friday, Jan. 5. For story and more photos see page 11. (Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Wayne negotiations with U-46 finally get moving

By Joe Hyland

Recently it had been reported that the Wayne Village Board efforts to give money to School District U-46 for a new playground at Wayne Elementary School had stalled. The money in question is from a developers fund that has been around for many years.

At the board's Dec. 5, 2017 meeting, Village Attorney Kirsten Casas reported that district officials had balked at the terms of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA). It seemed that negotiations were at an impasse.

However, at the board's Tuesday, Jan. 2 meeting, Trustee Kate O'Rourke who is leading the effort on behalf of the village board, reported that she had met with U-46 Superintendent of Operations Jeff King about the issue.

O'Rourke reported that the objections from U-46

were mainly procedural.

"He (King) asked that we use the U-46 process not the Wayne process," said O'Rourke.

O'Rourke said this meant that bids would go through the regular U-46 bidding process and need to be approved by the U-46 board.

"His timeline would be this spring," O'Rourke said.

"For him it was more of a process issue," O'Rourke continued, explaining that King did not want to set a precedent of using an IGA as a vehicle for similar fund transfers in the future.

O'Rourke added that King proposed sending a letter that would set a timeline, and limit the use of the funds to the playground project.

"He did say he would put in that letter that they would return the funds if they are not used in the time frame," O'Rourke said.

Village President Eileen Phipps said she would like an actual signed contract, and a letter such as O'Rourke described would need to be reviewed by the village's attorney.

Casas said that the letter could serve the purpose of setting terms for the transfer rather than the IGA.

"It does not have to be an IGA," Casas said, noting that the use of that format was based on past history: "The last time this money was used, it was with an IGA."

"As long as we can move forward on a project," Phipps said. "That is what this group has been looking to do for the last 20 years."

At the end of the meeting, Casas added that she had been contacted by St. Charles District 303 officials regarding a similar fund that had been set up for that district.

Police Reports

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Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017

- ★ At 11:35 a.m., Omar E. Herrera, 24, Harvard, was arrested and charged with no valid driver's license and use of an electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle. He was released on an I-bond and faces an undetermined court date.
 - ★ At 6:37 p.m., a complainant in the 800 block of West Bartlett Road reported that an unknown male subject walked in and out of the salon and made comments of his prior arrest. The complainant also advised that her front store windows were broken two days prior.
 - ★ At 9:24 p.m., police responded to a verbal dispute between two subjects in the 900 block of West Bartlett Road in which one resident threw a chair at another residence. Police spoke with both parties and peace was restored.
- Friday, Dec. 29, 2017
- ★ At 10:31 a.m., a complainant in the 100 block of Rita Court reported that she believed that her garage door was

- damaged by a known offender. Police checked the vehicle and did not observe any damage and could not determine what caused the damage.
- ★ At 10:14 p.m., a complainant in the 500 block of Rose Lane reported that his mailbox was damaged upon returning to his residence. Police observed that the support pole was snapped in half, possibly damaged by a snow plow.
- Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017
- ★ At 6:08 a.m., a complainant in the 800 block of Foster Avenue reported that she believed her neighbor's house was on fire. Police checked the ares with negative results. The complainant later advised that it may have been snow blowing around which created her concern.
- Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017
- ★ At 4:34 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Sandpiper Court reported that her dog attacked her other dog and advised that she would be taking the bitten dog to an emergency vet. Report only.
- Monday, Jan. 1

- ★ At 2 a.m., a complainant in the 100 block of East Stearns Road reported that he was heavily intoxicated and was dropped off at the Shell gas station by his friends. The complainant reported that he needed to get home but did not know the address or have a ride. Police transported him to his residence without incident.
- ★ At 4:30 a.m., a 17-year-old Hanover Park juvenile was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended, operation of an unauthorized motor vehicle, expired registration sticker and no turn signal. He was released on an I-bond and faces a Jan. 26 court date.

- ★ At 9 p.m., a complainant in the 1000 block of Penny Lane reported two unknown subjects driving a dark colored SUV exited the vehicle and stared at his residence. The complainant advised both subjects reentered the vehicle shortly after and left the area. Documentation only.
 - ★ At 10:28 p.m., a complainant at West Bartlett Road and Westridge Boulevard reported that she felt vibrations that shook her residence multiple times. Police spoke with neighbors who advised they experience similar events. Documentation only.
- Tuesday, Jan. 2
- ★ At 2:56 p.m., a complainant in the

Police Dept. provides additional process for resident requests

The Bartlett Police Department recently launched a new and convenient method for residents to process their overnight parking and vacation watch requests online at www.frontlinepss.com/bartlett. All of the requests will be transmitted to the police department through Frontline Public Safety Solutions' online portal.

Residents may still request overnight parking or vacation watch requests by calling the police department's non-emergency telephone number at 837-0846.

For more information about the new online process for overnight parking and vacation watch requests, please contact the Bartlett Police Department.

Police Department announces disassociation with solicitations

It has recently been brought to the Bartlett Police Department's attention that the Metropolitan Alliance of Police is starting to conduct its annual telemarketing solicitation of residents and businesses located in the village. Many of these fundraisers may imply that the Bartlett Police Department will benefit from these donations. However, the Bartlett Police Department does not receive any direct benefit from these solicitations nor does it accept any proceeds from the telemarketing solicitation. The department also does not authorize nor does it want any organization to solicit donations on its behalf. Furthermore, the decision to solicit funds through this type of telemarketing is being made by persons outside of the Bartlett community.

If a fundraiser states that they represent the Bartlett Police Department, residents are asked to file a formal police report so their claim can be fully investigated. When reporting these solicitations, residents are asked to provide as much information as possible, including the name of the person calling, the name and address of the organization and any telephone numbers provided. Illinois law requires paid fundraisers to identify themselves as such and to name the organization for which they are soliciting. Solicitations may be reported to the police department by calling 837-0846.

To learn more about Illinois laws regarding charitable solicitations, residents may also visit the Illinois Attorney General's Office website at: www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.

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Bartlett VFW Post announces local essay contest winner



Joshua Freehill, the Bartlett VFW Post 11018 winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2017-18 Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition at the post-level and Samantha Prang, senior vice commander/VOD chairperson.

(Courtesy photo)

Bartlett VFW Post 11018 recently selected Joshua Freehill as the winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2017-18 Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition at post-level. Freehill, a resident of Bartlett and a senior at South Elgin High School, submitted the winning entry.

This year's Voice of Democracy theme was "American History: Our Hope for the Future." Freehill's entry has been forwarded to VFW District 19 Illinois for further competition for a district winner. The district winner's entry will then be forwarded to VFW Department of Illinois for the state competition and that winner will be entered into the national contest to compete against 53 other VFW depart-

ment entries from throughout the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Each Department winner receives an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March. The VFW National Voice of Democracy winner receives a scholarship valued at \$30,000 to a school of their choice. All other National Voice of Democracy finalists receive a scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$16,000.

Other Post 11018 competitors were Evan Neilson and Peter Deveraux, both seniors at Bartlett High School. On Thursday, Jan. 4, Freehill was presented a certificate of achievement and a check from Bartlett VFW Post 11018 recognizing his achievement.

Girl Scout cookie selling season to run through Sunday, Jan. 28

Friday, Jan 5, ushered in the next century of Girl Scouts selling cookies! The Girl Scout program not only teaches girls essential entrepreneurial skills but also powers amazing experiences for them across the United States. After last year's 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts selling cookies, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is kicking off this season with the return of the Girl Scout S'more, the most popular flavor to launch in the 101 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies! Consumers can now fuel leadership experiences and build the next generation of entrepreneurs by purchasing Girl Scout S'mores and other classic favorites!

Local Girl Scouts will take cookie orders from Jan. 5 through Jan. 28. In addition to S'mores, the cookie lineup features Thin Mints, Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, zesty lemon Savannah Smiles, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too).

Cookies are on sale for \$5 per box! For those that do not know a Girl Scout, email cookies4you@girlscoutsn.org to be connected to a local entrepreneur.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each Girl Scout sets out to sell cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leadership and future success. Almost 1 million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie program each year, generating nearly \$800 million in sales. All of the net revenue raised stays within the northern Illinois area. Councils use cookie earnings to power amazing experiences for girls through their programming,

while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more. Further, skills girls learn in the cookie program also influence later success: Data shows more than half (57 percent) of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the cookie program was beneficial to skills they possess today, such as money management, goal-setting and public speaking.

This year, girls will sell cookies door-to-door and at booth sales as well as through the Digital Cookie platform, an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their businesses online. Now in its fourth year, the Digital Cookie platform continues to bring Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for 21st century leadership.

The Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois believe every girl can change the world. Girl Scouts develop the independence and confidence to guide their own lives and make the world a better place. And with programs focused on the outdoors, career and interest exploration, travel and the global community, and practical life skills, in addition to community service projects, every girl has the opportunity to unlock her full potential. We serve 16 counties including parts or all of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago.



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Hawks free throws ice Rams in overtime win



Austin Gates gaining elevation in taking a jump shot from behind the arc for the Hawks over the Rams’ Jared Rech. *(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team stayed calm in the clutch to defeat Glenbard East 65-64 in overtime in an Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division contest on Friday, Jan. 5 at Glenbard East.

The Hawks never trailed during regulation but in the extra period they saw six lead changes and they trailed 64-63 with 22.1 seconds left to play. With 12.3 on the clock, Tomas Vikonis stepped to the free-throw line with a loud crowd knocked down a pair for the winning points and Byron Price grabbed a defensive rebound at the end to seal the win.

“Just hit them,” said Vikonis of his thought as he stepped to the line. “I’m confident in my shots. I knew I could hit them. The crowd just gets me excited, it doesn’t get me down at all.”

Bartlett finished 10-for-20 as a team from the charity stripe and went 1-for-8 in the fourth quarter when it failed to seal the win in regulation.

Vikonis scored 16 of his game-high 20 points in the first half, including three three-pointers, and had

nine in the first quarter as Bartlett built its largest lead at 18-2 and the Hawks led 18-4 at the end of the frame. Last year, Glenbard East handed the Hawks their first conference loss knocking them out of the lead.

“We kind of wanted to get back at them and came in with a chip on our shoulders,” Vikonis said.

That 18-2 start was the first run in a game of runs by both sides. Glenbard East would pull to 22-21 late in the first half before Bartlett ended on a 9-0 run for a 31-21 lead at the break as Austin Gates had a steal and hit a trey, his first of three, right before the buzzer to cap it. Gates had 19 points, 13 coming after halftime.

The Hawks led by as much as 14 in the third quarter and 42-38 entering the fourth, and Glenbard East tied it twice in the final period, the last at 55-55 where things stood at the end of regulation.



Byron Price getting off a shot for the Hawks after passing Glenbard East’s DaRon Hill that would find the bottom of the net.

“Any time you can come out with a win in a gym like this with an atmosphere like that is a good thing,” said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. “You know they are going to go on runs and hit some threes and get some turnovers.”

Ben Fisher finished with 12 points, Price nine and Garrett Jurina five.

Bartlett is now 8-7 overall, 2-1 in the UEC Valley Division.



Bartlett’s Ben Fisher in the process of coming down with an offensive rebound prior to launching a put-back effort against Glenbard East.



The Hawks’ Tomas Vikonis driving past center court and the Rams’ DaRon Hall

Bartlett runs away from Rams in 63-31 victory



Glenbard East's Sommer Dolinski, left, striving to block a shot effort by Bartlett's Jennifer Carbery during the Hawks Friday, Jan. 5 victory over the Rams.



While driving, the Hawks' Shelly Banks negotiated around the Rams ever-present Sommer Dolinski.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett girls basketball team came out strong to run away with a 63-31 Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division win over Glenbard East on Friday, Jan. 5 at Glenbard East.

Kayla Hare, who hit two three-pointers, scored 14 of her game-high 20 points in the first half and Lexie Sinclair, who hit three treys, had eight of her 18 points as Bartlett took a 12-point

lead into halftime. The Hawks led 17-8 after one quarter, 29-17 at the break.

While Hare and Sinclair were knocking down shots, the Hawks also had plenty of other contributors scoring and helping lead to the victory.

"It really helps when both of us are hitting shots, but everybody on the team was hitting shots and connecting," Hare said. "I think we just all had a lot of energy which really helped us

play well together."

"I think everyone was contributing," Sinclair said. "We have a lot of solid players, and we played well as a team tonight."

Glenbard East did make a short late run in the first half to cut a 24-10 deficit to 24-17 before Teagan Noesen (five points) hit a three and Hare a pair of free throws to close out the half, and Bartlett ran away in the second half.

The Hawks built a 45-25 lead by the end of three quarters and led by as much as 34 points in the fourth.

"I kind of felt like our speed was going to give Glenbard East some prob-

lems over time," said Bartlett coach Brad Hunt. "I felt like their legs started giving out over time and we were able to take advantage and put it away."

Shelly Banks and Savannah Standefer each finished with six points.

Bartlett is now 9-7 overall, 3-0 in the UEC Valley Division. Hunt said there are some things to work on, like quicker rotations on defense, but if his team keeps working it will continue to see conference success.

"Our goal is to win the conference, and if we can shore up a few things I feel like we'll be in a good position to do that," Hunt said.



Justina Hernandez taking a jump shot for the Hawks over Glenbard East's Sophie Moore.



While in the paint, Bartlett's Kayla Hare sought an escape route from a majority of the Glenbard East defense lead by the Rams' Sommer Dolinski.

Police Reports

rassment by telephone.

★ At 2:32 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Churchill for a warrant service.

★ At 5:43 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Hamilton for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 11:16 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Ann for a loud party complaint.

Monday, Jan. 1

Storm boys hoops prevail over Tomcats on the road

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team broke away late to defeat East Aurora 60-54 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division play on Friday, Jan. 5 in Aurora.

Facing a one-point deficit late in the third quarter, the Storm capped the period with a 10-1 run for a 43-35 lead they wouldn't relinquish in the fourth. East Aurora would pull within three late, but South Elgin held on.

"We got the momentum going in the third quarter," said Storm junior Drake Montgomery who had the final five points of the third quarter run. "That's a big point in the game, the end of the third quarter going into the fourth."

Montgomery finished with a game-high 23 points.

Before that rally, the game had been close with East Aurora grabbing early control by building an 18-13 lead after one quarter. The Storm pulled even at 27-27 by halftime.

★ At 1:35 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Fairfax for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 2:24 a.m., police responded to LaFarge Fox River Stone, 1310 Illinois Route 31, for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 4:11 a.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Lansbrook for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 8:47 a.m., police responded to

South Elgin's third quarter run started with Noah Rohr, who had eight points and six rebounds, scoring the first five points starting with a three-pointer, one of two treys by Rohr on the night.

"We stayed with what we were doing the whole game, getting up and pressuring a little bit," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "We finally got the rotations correctly, and we made them make a couple mistakes. That's what sparked that run."

Johnson added: "It was a great way to start the year. That was a fun game to coach and watch the kids play. Every game should be like that the rest of the way."

Vincent Miskiewicz (18 points, 16 rebounds, five blocks), Trace Ashby (six points, three steals, two threes) and David Binion (five points, five assists, four rebounds) all contributed.

South Elgin is now 10-3 overall, 2-1 in the UEC Valley Division.

the 600 block of Waterside for a report of an activated alarm.

★ At 12:21 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Hancock for a request to assist fire department personnel.

★ At 3:44 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Sandhurst for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 10:37 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Lakeridge for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

★ At 2:53 a.m., police responded to South Elgin Rehabilitation, 746 W. Spring for a request to assist Fire Department personnel.

★ At 12:51 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Lancer for a report of a domestic in progress.

★ At 1:02 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Kane and North LaFox for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 7:51 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Cole for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 8:14 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Kane for a 911 investigation.

★ At 9:14 p.m., police responded to the 0 block of Carter for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

★ At 10 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of North Lancaster for a report of an inside gas leak.

STREAMWOOD

Friday, Dec. 29, 2017

★ At 9:12 p.m., Derek Ziprich, 45, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing and unlawful use of an intoxicating compound. He was transported to bond call.

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017

★ At 10:59 a.m., Diane A. Shogren, 65, Streamwood, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

★ At 5:32 p.m., Kelly A. Deverick, 39, Bartlett, was arrested and charged with retail theft. She was released on bond and faces an undetermined court date.

WAYNE

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017

★ At 10:31 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Dunham and White Thorn for a request to assist St. Charles Police Department personnel with a car versus tree accident with the vehicle on fire. The officers remained on scene to assist with traffic control

Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017

★ At 8:11 p.m., police responded to the vicinity of Army Trail and Munger roads for a request to assist a vehicle stuck at the tracks due to a stopped train. The officer assisted the vehicle in turning around and blocked traffic at Forest Preserve Drive. Bartlett Police Department personnel were contacted to assist with traffic control on the north side of the tracks.

Friday, Dec. 29, 2017

★ At 12:20 p.m., police responded to the 4N block of Mountain Ash for a 911 call disconnect. The resident advised that the call had been a mistake.

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

★ At 8:04 a.m., police responded to Wayne Elementary School for a report of an activated motion alarm. The school was checked and found to be secure.

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