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## State report card shows general decline in U-46

By Seth Hancock

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has released its annual report card, and School District U-46 continues to see scores trending downward.

The district presented the data to the Board of Education at a special meeting on Monday, Oct. 29, a few days prior to the Oct. 31 release of the report card by the state. The district lagged behind the state and saw a drop from last year's numbers in nearly every data point.

There are new data points as well as a new way to rank schools in this year's report card with the advent of the new so-called "evidence based" funding formula. Each school is designated as one of four categories: exemplary, commendable, underperforming and lowest performing.

There was some concern that things could change between the meeting and the state's release, but ultimately they came out the same with no U-46 schools designated in the top category (exemplary) and none in the bottom (lowest performing) while a majority of its schools, 45, listed as commendable and eight as underperforming.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said "we still have questions" and "it's kind of gone back and forth for right over the last week and a half, two weeks," and he added that at one point the district had only one school labeled underperforming. He said next year, each school will receive a letter grade on both growth and growth relative to peer schools.

Josh Carpenter, assistant superintendent, said that proficiency scores have been released by the state for each school while index and growth scores for each have not, and there's been no timeline given for release of that data.

Each school will be measured on several data points, the largest for elementary and middle schools being 50 percent based on growth and 20 percent on their chronic absenteeism rate and for high schools 50 percent based on graduation rate and 20 percent for proficiency in English and math.

The ISBE has set a goal that every school eventually is at 90 percent among these categories: Third graders at reading level, freshmen on track for graduation, fifth graders meeting or

exceeding expectations in math and graduates ready for college or career.

On the PARCC test, 26 percent of U-46 students met or exceeded expectations in both English and math which is down from 28 percent in math each year from 2015 to 2017 and from 36 percent in 2015, 31 percent in 2016 and 28 percent in 2017 in English. The state was at 37 percent in English and 32 percent in math in 2018.

On the SAT, which the state recently changed to shifting from the ACT, 29 percent (behind 37 percent for the state and down from 32 percent last year) of U-46 students taking the exam met or exceeded expectations in English and 28 percent (behind the state's 34 percent and down from 29 percent last year) in math. The district's average SAT score was 486.2 in English (505.7 state) and 482.8 in math (501.4 state). Last year, the district's average score was 493.2 in English and 486.2 in math.

The district's four-year graduation rate was 84 percent (85 percent state), down from 86 percent the last four years. The five-year rate was 87 percent (88 percent state) from 89 percent in 2017, 88 percent in 2016 and 2015 and 84 percent in 2014. The six-year rate was 89 percent (88 percent state), the same as in 2017 and up from 88 percent in 2016.

Freshmen deemed on track was 80.8 percent for U-46, 86.8 percent for the state. In U-46 it was 81 percent in 2017, 82 percent in 2016, 85 percent in 2015 and 96 percent in 2014.

The district had a chronic absenteeism rate of 21 percent, 17 percent state, which is defined by the ISBE as "a student who misses 10 percent of school days within an academic year with or without a valid excuse."

Carpenter attributed most of the absenteeism to the "upper grades" and Laura Hill, director of assessment and accountability, said: "It's a new piece of data for all of us.... We really need to understand and engage with that piece of data."

Sanders said the district is looking at the school calendar saying the focus will not be on parent feedback, which he called "subjective data," but "really looking at well what are the days that students actually attend school."

The district's chronic truancy, de-

fined as missing "5 percent of school days... without a valid excuse" by the ISBE, rate was 13.6 percent while the state was at 11 percent. In U-46 it was 12 percent last year, 9 percent in 2016 and 6 percent in 2015 and 2014.

On the Maps test, given to students with cognitive disabilities, 16 percent in U-46 (22 percent state) were at-target or advanced in English down from 17, 21 and 34 percent respectively over the previous three years. In math the district saw a slight tick up from last year going from 7 to 8 percent but still down from 13 percent in 2016 and 14 percent in 2015. The state was at 10

percent in math this year.

On the Illinois Science Assessment, 38 percent of U-46 students were deemed proficient behind 51 percent for the state and down from 42 percent in U-46 the previous year.

The district has seen some declines in two Advance Placement categories, number of students completing a course (6,191 from 6,362) and unique AP students (2,895 from 2,905), but increases in exams given (3,920 from 3,725), unique students tested (2,015 from 1,931), passed test (1,900 from

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### Class cheerleader

Elias Serna cheered during his class' first time around the school with Issiah Chavez, Riley Anderson and their teacher Kristi Hostman at the Willard Elementary School Walk-a-Thon on Thursday, Nov. 1. For story and more photos see page 9. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

## Board clears way for sale of excess property

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, trustees voted unanimously in favor of two ordinances. The first authorizing the sale of surplus computer equipment owned by the village and the second authorizing the sale of lost or abandoned property now owned by the police department. Both to be offered at public auctions.

"Through a routine replacement process, an itemized list of computer equipment owned by the village has been deemed no longer useful," said Director of Administrative Services Megan Golden.

According to Chief of Police Jerry Krawczyk, the police department maintains possession of unclaimed property for at least six months.

"The police department made a reasonable inquiry and effort to find the owners of the property but have been unable to," Krawczyk said.

According to Krawczyk, the items include "bicycles, vehicles and other equipment."

According to Golden, both ordinances authorize the village administrator, director of administrative services or chief of police to recycle or dispose of any surplus property not sold at a public auction.

## Village Board approves final program payment

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, trustees voted unanimously to approve a final payment of \$86,586 to Plote Construction, Inc., Hoffman Estates, for work completed in conjunction with the 2017 annual street maintenance program.

According to Director of Public Works Michael Millette, the project

was completed at a total cost of \$3,402,912, a decrease of \$132,868 from the original contract amount of \$3,535,780.

The project contract was approved by trustees at the village board meeting on May 1, and all work has been satisfactorily completed, according to Millette.

"We're ready to close out the project," said Millette.



# Willard School students walk to raise funds

Willard Elementary School students participated in a Walk-a-Thon around the school grounds on Thursday, Nov. 1 to raise money for a reward program that reinforces “The Willard Way,” a positive behavior system where students may earn feathers (the school mascot is an eagle) for being respectful, responsible and safe.

Students who raised the most money in each class were: Donovan Hernandez (kindergarten), Kenzie Hayes (first grade), James Bray (second grade), Erik Rocha (third grade), Sandy Rodriguez (fourth grade), Sam Weber (fifth grade) and Karina Fernandez (sixth grade).



Walkers who raised at least \$15 received a free Walk-a-Thon T-shirt. (Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



The top-producing walkers from each class got to spray principal Dustin Covarrubias with silly string.



From left, Jeremiah Carrera, Darrion Thurman and RJ West waved a sign and shouted at drivers-by to honk their horns in support of the walk-a-thon.



Walkers Caleb Kowalewski and Nathan Tiffany on a lap around their school.



From left, Shannon Harms, Britta Eggebrecht, Jason Ames, Arnie Zabran and Walter Madsen from the fire department cheered on kindergartners.



Students watched with delight as fundraising winners covered principal Dustin Covarrubias with silly string.



# District U-46 recognizes award-winning staffer

By Seth Hancock

The School District U-46 Board of Education recognized a member of its staff for receiving a national award at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 15.

April Wells, gifted coordinator, will be presented with the Gifted Coordinator Award this month in Minnesota at the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) annual convention. She was presented with a certificate of achievement by the U-46 board.

"On behalf of all the children I serve and their families, I would just like to thank each and every one of you for your endless support.... My support team, my family and all of my friends, we just have great work ahead of us, and I am privileged to be part of the team lifting in that work," Wells said.

"The awards program shines a light on those who are making a difference in supporting gifted children as they reach to achieve their personal best,"

M. René Islas, executive director for the NAGC, said for a U-46 press release. "April is a leader who is changing practices by creating and delivering professional development opportunities for teachers in her district."

There are two recipients nationally of the award. Wells has been the gifted coordinator in U-46 since 2015 and has been with the district since 2002 with some time in between with Barrington School District 220.

Ushma Shah, assistant superintendent, wrote a letter in support of Wells for her nomination.

"Throughout her efforts to support gifted education, April's work is marked with her explicit attention to equity and to increasing access for all students," Shah wrote. "April is a deeply knowledgeable professional who uses the leadership space that she has to advocate for the way that things should work for all children."

# Schrade Gym project delayed by contract snag

By Joe Hyland

The Schrade Gym update and remodel project has been going on since January, when Executive Director Rita Fletcher reported that some asbestos abatement work had been undertaken. At the Thursday, Oct. 23 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Fletcher presented an update on what is now a nearly completed project.

"It's getting near crunch time," said Fletcher.

Fletcher reported that the completion has hit two notable snags recently.

"The delivery of the elevator had been delayed," Fletcher said, noting that the elevator had now actually been delivered.

"They've got 90 percent of it hooked up as of today," Fletcher said. "If everything goes according to schedule, it will be done on Friday (Oct. 26)."

The other snag could be more serious. Fletcher reported that the firm hired to do the concrete work for the project, DeGraf Concrete, has declared bankruptcy. As a result, all of the contracts have been frozen. She said that the district will be appearing in court to ask to be released from the contract in order to seek another vendor due to a Department of Natural Resources grant that is helping to finance the renovation.

Fletcher reported that the district had identified another contractor, who could have the remainder of

the work completed by Friday if the district is successful in being released from the contract with DeGraf.

"We have somebody ready to do the work starting Thursday," Fletcher said.

Commissioner Diana Gunsteen wanted to know some financial details.

"How much have they been paid already?" Gunsteen asked.

Fletcher responded that DeGraff had been paid approximately \$22,000 of the total amount, and that the amount of work remaining was considerably less than that.

Superintendent of Business Services Kevin Romejko was able to provide some additional details via an email inquiry. Romejko said that the exact amount paid to DeGraff for the completed work was \$22,590.

The Bankruptcy Court ruled in the district's favor, freeing up Kane County Excavating to complete the work for an additional \$8,500.

"Furthermore, the District was directed by the Bankruptcy Court to pay DeGraf Concrete an additional \$10,107.49 for work they completed but had not submitted payment for; along with payment to Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete of \$6,032.50 and White Cap Construction Supply of \$1,848.42," Romejko said via email. "Thus the total paid for concrete would be \$49,078.41."

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The Alzheimer's Society states: "In a dementia-friendly community people will be aware of and understand dementia, so that people with dementia can continue to live in the way they want to and in the community they choose."

## Event

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will be diagnosed with some sort of dementia."

Wojciechowski added: "We're inviting Bartlett's first responders, both police and fire departments, village employees that would like to attend and you the board members."

Everyone is effected in some way by dementia according to Wojciechowski who said that everyone either knows someone with dementia or has come in contact with someone with the disease.

The AGE-u-cate Training Institute offers the "Dementia Live" program which it calls a "high impact, dementia simulation experience that immerses participants into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change."

Wojciechowski said that nearby city Grayslake became the first dementia friendly community in Illinois, a designation given by the Alzheimer's Society of Great Britain.

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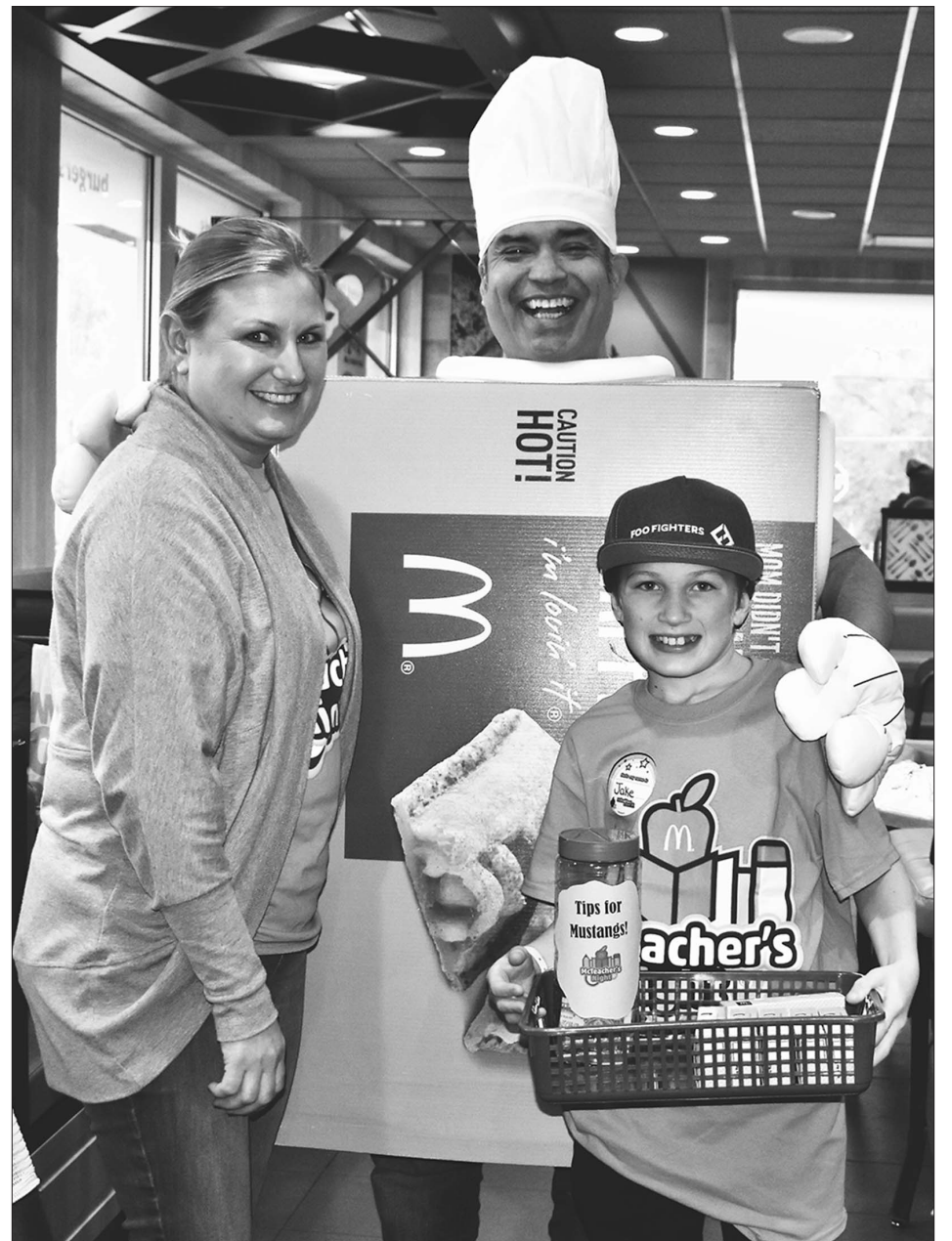
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## Sunnydale Elementary teachers serve during school fundraiser



Sarah and Jake Thornby help Juan Jacobo sell apple pies during McTeacher's Night. (Courtesy photo)

Sunnydale Elementary School students gave teachers an A-plus on their fundraising efforts to support local education and classroom supplies.

Teachers from School District U-46, volunteered behind the counter on Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Streamwood McDonald's located on Irving Park Road where they served students and their families in a fundraiser for Sunnydale Elementary School.

Sunnydale teacher's Edgar Medina and Juan Jacobo, along with retired teacher Jodie Bradney, tended the apple pie box during the night.

The proceeds from the sale of 120 pies went directly to benefit the students. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the McTeacher's Night sales

were donated to the school as well. Sunnydale will add the funds raised to their teacher's discretionary fund, which is used for classroom materials needed to support student growth.

## U-46 report card

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also come despite declining enrollment since 40,400 students in 2015 down to 38,764 according to the ISBE report. The district gave an enrollment presentation on Nov. 5 showing it was even lower, 38,572, than the ISBE's number.

The report card also claims U-46 is only at 55 percent adequately funded, Sanders claiming the district should be spending \$800 million. The Fiscal Year 2019 budget sets spending at \$558.1 million.

The board did discuss several issues at the meeting, from standardized testing to district finances, and in the coming weeks *The Examiner* will report on those discussions.

## A View from the Cheap Seats



### The Root of the Problem

By Rich Trzupek

Now that we are through another horrible election, dominated by horrible PR professionals creating horrible ads in order to convince the public that their candidate is less horrible than their opponent, I thought it would be the right time to go back in time and consider how it all began and the Father of American Attack Politics: President Andrew Jackson.

While Jackson's role in Native American resettlement has been overstated, it is impossible to overstate how he changed the way Americans approach national politics.

George Washington disliked the idea that Americans seeking public office would divide themselves into factions. He was certain that political parties would be bad for the nation. After his death, America's initial flirtation with a two-party system gradually faded away. The Federalists became less and less of a factor in national politics, disappearing altogether by the Monroe administration. The Presidential election of 1824 was unique in American history, featuring four candidates, all of them Democrats.

Jackson won the most electoral votes and most popular votes in 1824, but he did not win a majority of either. So, for the second time in the brief history of the Republic, the House of Representatives made the final decision, choosing the even-keeled John Quincy Adams rather than the stormy Jackson.

Jackson was infuriated by what he saw as both an insult and injustice, and Jackson was never a man to tolerate either. Jackson and his supporters believed a back room deal that they dubbed The Corrupt Bargain had cheated Jackson out of his rightful electoral reward. The Corrupt Bargain wasn't the first political conspiracy theory used as a weapon in American politics, but it was the first to arouse the kind of bitter factionalism that had so worried Washington. Further, The Corrupt Bargain provided the model for the effective use of dark conspiracy theories as weapons in political contests, a feature of those contests so common today that most Americans don't give the tactic a second thought.

The premise of The Corrupt Bargain may very well have been true. In brief, Jackson believed that Adams had made a deal with Henry Clay, the powerful speaker of the house, to use Clay's considerable influence to secure an Adams victory in exchange for Clay's appointment as Secretary of State in the Adams administration. Some contemporary accounts record that Adams and Clay did indeed have a private discussion before the House vote, since Clay became Adams' Secre-

tary of State. Both believed that Jackson was unqualified to be president. So if we interpreted all of those facts in the worst possible light, does that equate to a corrupt bargain? Or is it rather representative of the kind of healthy political give and take that the founders envisioned when they designed the American system of government?

Corrupt or not, the House voted Adams in and thereafter America's brief flirtation with a one-party system disappeared forever. The expectation that presidential candidates should conduct dignified, or at least civil, campaigns vanished as well. In the election of 1828 Jackson and his associates dragged presidential politics into the gutter where it has remained, to a greater or lesser extent, ever since.

Jackson's election in 1828 represented a clean break from the past. The six presidents preceding Jackson were well-educated, dignified men. They were viewed as leaders who rose above the ordinary, both by intellectual capacity and selfless willingness to serve the nation. Five of the six had participated in the Revolution and had helped construct the new nation's system of government, while the sixth was the son of one of those most important architects.

Jackson shared none of these characteristics and made no pretense of doing so. Instead, whether by design or accident, he assumed another type of persona that tapped into essential parts of the American character: Love of the underdog, belief in homespun wisdom, thirst for justice and distrust of anything resembling an aristocracy.

The campaign of 1828 virtually began the moment after John Quincy Adams took the oath of office in 1825. The four-year presidential election cycle thus also became a continuous campaign cycle, something Americans often grumble about, but have grown used to. The party out of power is always thinking about how to become the party in power. What we call election season is actually a frenzied, intense phase of the continuous campaigning that started with Jackson.

Jackson disposed of the patrician presidency, a change that was inevitable, but still no mean feat in so young a nation. From his time forward, the ideal president would be a man of the people whose common sense and values reflects all the goodness and simple, practical wisdom of the electorate it is his privilege to represent. America still flirted with patrician presidents from time to time, Van Buren and Wilson offering the most striking examples, but since Jackson, the populist president has dominated our mindset and the attack politics that go along with that mindset had become business as usual.

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# Multiple cultures celebrated at library event

The village's Community Relations Commission presented its annual Cultures of the Community on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Poplar Creek Library. The event featured songs and dances from several diverse cultures in the community, including Guatemala, India, Mexico, the Middle East, Korea, Egypt,

Colombia as well as the United States. Streamwood High School student Bella Sinks sang the "National Anthem." Ethnic foods were also available to sample and commission member Steve Tomzik handed out prizes to audience members answering trivia questions between performances.



Arthur Murray dancers Amanda Kelly and Jeff Arterburn performed the 'West Coast Swing.'



Indian dancers Adhithz Subramaniyan, Shana Skandakumar, Shinmayi Subramaniyan and Apura Kashyap performed a classic folk dance from the art form Barathanatyam.



Grupo Folklorico Quetzal Dance Troup performed 'La Adelita,' a folk song of the Mexican Revolution composed around 1910 and which celebrated women's participation in the conflict as 'soladeras' or 'adelitas' as officers, soldiers and nurses.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)



Ed McGlade, with his wife Sue, reenacted his thoughts on the Civil War as a Union officer.



Dancers Maria Barrientos, left and Enrique Moreno invited children to the stage to learn some Aztec dances.



Ayune balanced a sword on her head during her dance - an actual, steel sword.



# Storm, Hawks cross country both represented at state

By Seth Hancock

A trio of underclassmen capped the cross country season with trips to state for the Bartlett and South Elgin girls.

Storm freshman Naomi Ruff led the way finishing 12th with a time of 16 minutes, 46 seconds at Detweiller Park in Peoria on Saturday, Nov. 3. Hawks freshman Jenna Buchanan was 47th (17:35.2) and sophomore Camille Buchanan 93rd (18:09.2).

"[Ruff] gets better and better with each race," said South Elgin girls coach Jorie Bartholomew. "She is a very humble person but also sets her sights out and doesn't look back."

At the Waubonsie Valley Sectional on Oct. 27, Jenna Buchanan was 16th and Camille Buchanan 20th to lead Bartlett to a 14th place finish and South Elgin was 15th led by sixth from Ruff.

The Hawks were fifth at the Oct. 20 Hampshire Regional to advance led by Jenna Buchanan (seventh), Camille Buchanan (11th), junior Anna Zabrowski (37th), freshman Jillian Murdoch (47th) and senior Madison Sharko (52nd). Ruff (second), senior Hannah Anderson (15th), senior Kate-lyn Egetimeier (38th), freshman Caroline Croft (49th) and sophomore Rebe-ka Ruiz-Moreno (51st) led the Storm to an advancing sixth place finish.

Ruff was also the Upstate Eight Con-ference champ who along with Ander-son's sixth place finish allowed the Storm to finish fourth on Oct. 13 at Sunrise Park in Bartlett. Jenna Buchanan and Camille Buchanan were second and third respectively for the fifth place finishing Hawks.

"I'm new to cross country and I'm also a swimmer," Ruff said. "It's just a weekly test to see how I can do."

On the boys side, Bartlett juniors Sam Jennes (87th, 16:38.8) and Luke Jennes (105th, 17:07.2) ended their seasons at the Waubonsie Valley Sectional as did South Elgin junior Ryan Harvey (96th, 16:49.3). The Hawks narrowly missed advancing as a team with seventh at the Hampshire Regional, and the Storm were ninth.

Bartlett was fourth (Luke Jennes fourth) and South Elgin fifth (Ryan Harvey seventh) in the UEC.

Along with the Jennes', Hawks coach Jeremy Ruston had several leaders this year including seniors Alan Michalek, Isaac Johnson, Jeet Patel and Patrick Stephen.

"They're upperclassmen that have been leading the way for the younger guys," Ruston said. "We have a large group of freshmen and sophomores that have also taken control and shown they can be great leaders as well."

## Deer hunters asked to allow sampling

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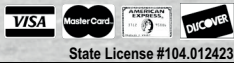


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# Veterans Day genesis noted at 100 year mark

By Joe Hyland

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent. For over four years, the so-called War to End All Wars had raged from the Swiss border to the shores of the Baltic. According to the Centre Europeen’s Robert Schuman (www.centre-Robert-Schuman.org), the total number of casualties was around 40 million. This included both military and civilians. The number of dead was estimated at 20 million according to the same source.

America entered the war late, declaring war on Germany April 2, 1917. American troops did not see major action until the Battle of Cantigny on May 28,1918 when the First Division (the Big Red One) was selected to lead the attack. In less than six months, a total of 117,708 American military personnel died from all causes, including a Spanish flu pandemic. Over 204,000 were wounded and 757 American civilians died due to military action. By contrast, U.S. forces suffered 416,800 killed during nearly four years of combat in WWII.

Today, Nov. 11 is known as Veterans Day, and is given over to honoring

those who have served. However, it was originally called Armistice Day, and this year marks the 100th anniversary of the occasion it honors.

A number of notable traditions have grown up around this day. For example, one of the most time-honored traditions is the wearing of the poppy. In some countries, people are asked to stop whatever they are doing and observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. The Canadian Pacific Railway will stop all its trains wherever they might be in the U.S. and Canada for one minute at 11 a.m. local time followed by a long whistle blast to honor veterans (www.cpr.ca/en/community/remembrance-day).

There will be a special event this year to honor the centenary. The World War 1 Centennial Organization (https://www.worldwar1centennial.org) is organizing a Bells of Peace memorial in which bells will be rung at 11 a.m. local time to commemorate the moment when the guns fell silent. There is a phone app one can download in order to participate. More information on this is available at www.military.com.

# District U-46 recognizes award-winning staffer

By Seth Hancock

The School District U-46 Board of Education recognized a member of its staff for receiving a national award at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 15.

April Wells, gifted coordinator, will be presented with the Gifted Coordinator Award this month in Minnesota at the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) annual convention. She was presented with a certificate of achievement by the U-46 board.

“On behalf of all the children I serve and their families, I would just like to thank each and every one of you for your endless support.... My support team, my family and all of my friends, we just have great work ahead of us, and I am privileged to be part of the team lifting in that work,” Wells said.

“The awards program shines a light on those who are making a difference in supporting gifted children as they reach to achieve their personal best,”

M. René Islas, executive director for the NAGC, said for a U-46 press release. “April is a leader who is changing practices by creating and delivering professional development opportunities for teachers in her district.”

There are two recipients nationally of the award. Wells has been the gifted coordinator in U-46 since 2015 and has been with the district since 2002 with some time in between with Barrington School District 220.

Ushma Shah, assistant superintendent, wrote a letter in support of Wells for her nomination.

“Throughout her efforts to support gifted education, April’s work is marked with her explicit attention to equity and to increasing access for all students,” Shah wrote. “April is a deeply knowledgeable professional who uses the leadership space that she has to advocate for the way that things should work for all children.”

# Streamwood football has two named all-conference

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood football team finished 1-8 overall and in the Upstate Eight Conference this season, and the Sabres had a pair of all-conference recipients.

Senior defensive tackle Elijah Beach (6-foot-3, 260 pounds) ended his career at Streamwood with 48 tackles (seven for a loss), two sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery to earn the all-conference honors. He will play Division I football next year at North Dakota University.

“His effort is outstanding, and he uses his physical ability extremely well,” said Streamwood coach Don Guindon. “He’s a great young man. In the building, his teachers love him.”

Guindon added: “He’s a grade-A person, and that shows on the field because he plays like it. He sets the tone. A lot of kids look up to him on both sides of the ball. When he’s making plays, we’re feeling good.”

Junior center Josh Leathers (6-1, 220

pounds) also earned the all-conference nod.

“Josh was the leader of the offensive line which was responsible for 1,236 rushing yards this season,” Guindon said. “Josh is also an academic all-state selection.”

Along with Beach the Sabres will lose seniors Josh Morris, Ronnie Harper, Zion Council, Neo Hill, Cameron Rogers, Austin Rose, Leonardo Marin, Alex Tannhauser, Carlos Del Real, Anthony Garrison, Adrian Rico, Dylan Galvez, Emigdio Mayo and Ryan Stirn.

Streamwood did have a young team that gained valuable experience. After a winless campaign in 2017, the Sabres snapped a 14-game losing streak this year with a 22-20 victory over East Aurora in Week 5.

“We have 16 of our 22 starters coming back,” Guindon said. “We were a very young team this year, but we learned a lot and hopefully that carries over to more success in the future.”

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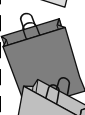

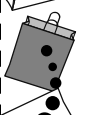
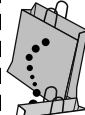
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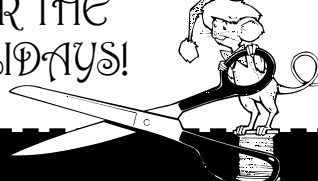
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II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$10,440,101.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$10,476,959. This represents a 0.4% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2017 were \$1,286,058.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$1,249,200. This represents a 2.9% decrease from the previous year.

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The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$11,726,159. This is the same amount as the previous year.

Dated November 7, 2018

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# Sabres fall shy of state via 1-0 loss to Lancers

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team's season ended with a battle as the Sabres came a game short of state after a 1-0 loss to Lake Park in the Conant Super-Sectional on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

The game featured nearly an hour weather delay and rain was falling steadily throughout the night.

The Sabres held an advantage in possession in the first half with Alex Chavez a constant threat on the attack and Bryan Mora creating a few solid chances. The best opportunities in the first half came from Streamwood with Edwin Peralta setting up Jesus Limon for a shot on goal in front of the net with 10:31 on the clock and three minutes later Jorge Bracamontes nearly snuck the ball into the lower right corner of the net before a diving save by the opposing keeper.

However, with 3:22 left before half-time the Sabres received a red card forcing them to play a man down the rest of the game. Despite that, Streamwood fought valiantly to the end but a goal with 23:13 left to play held up for Lake Park.

"Sometimes you forget they're human and they can only do so much, but those guys left everything out

there," said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. "Considering the elements, playing a man down and the constant rain, I couldn't be prouder of how hard they fought."

Sabres keeper Hector Alfaro had a solid night with five quality saves including one five minutes into the second half, which was also cleared on a nice play by defender Jose Ibarra, and Alfaro made an initial stop on a Lake Park shot before the score on the rebound.

Down 1-0, the Sabres had two late chances by Bracamontes and Chavez.

"It's a great feeling to make it this far," said Chavez, one of eight seniors. "Last year, I believe the team should have gone to state as I believe for this year's team as well. It just didn't happen."

The remaining seniors include Alfaro, Mora, Bracamontes, Limon, Rolando Martinez, Carlos Alcantar Jr. and Michael Rubio.

Streamwood ends the season 18-5-3 overall.

"It was a great season for sure," Polovin said. "We lost 13 seniors last year and I don't think a lot of people gave us much of a chance this year, but I always have high expectations for this team."

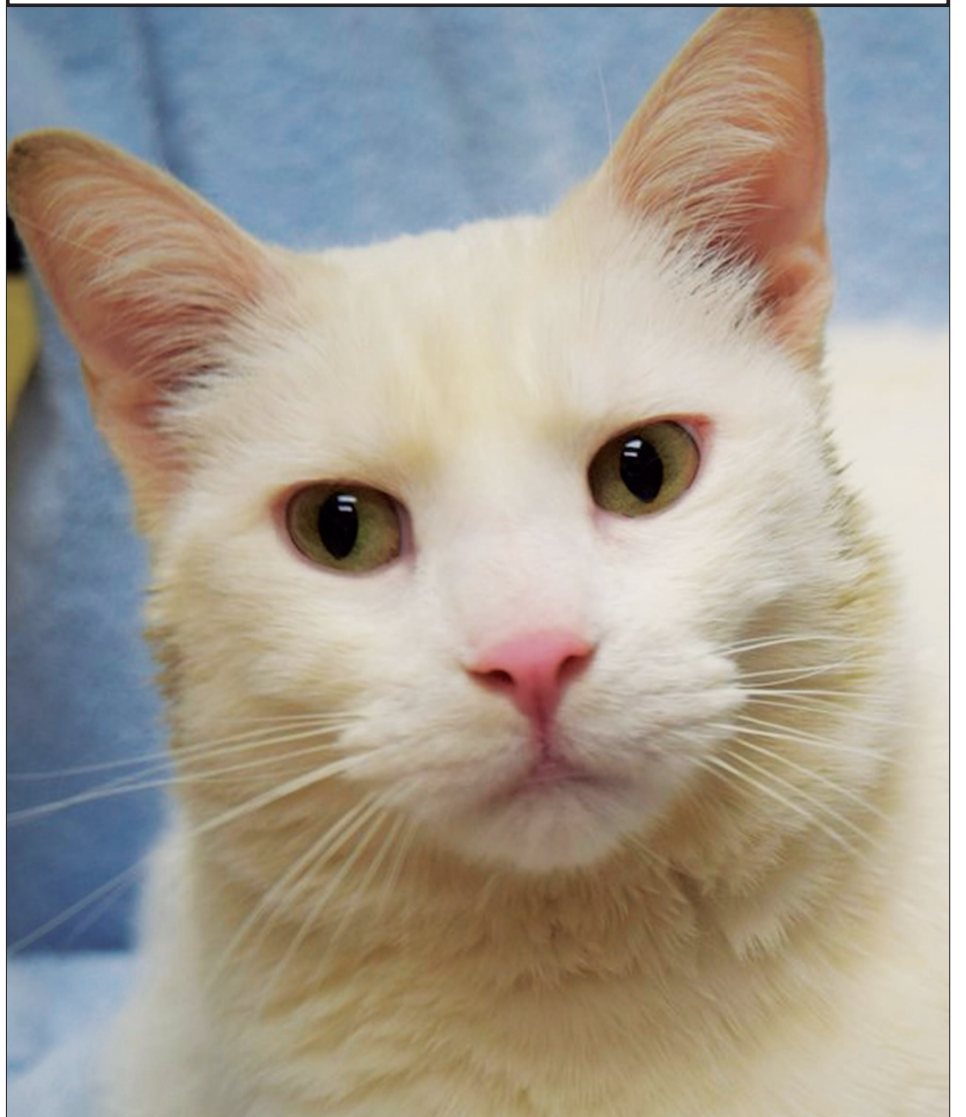


The Sabres' Bryan Mora streaking between Lake Park's Matteo Costa, left, and Franco Presta during Streamwood's super-sectional match against the Lancers.



Lake Park's Anthony Magner, left, in a physical battle with the Streamwood's Alex Chavez for the ball along a sideline. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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