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

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ISBE report summarizes U-46 costs by school

By Seth Hancock

Data from this year's Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) report card showed that spending continued to rise in School District U-46 while academic results remained generally flat or declined as well as lagging behind the state.

The ISBE report, which included the first data for the new Elgin Math and Science Academy (EMSA) charter school within U-46, also included for the first time a per student spending breakdown by individual school. The annual data continues to show that the common refrains made by public officials, more money and smaller class sizes, are not proven as necessary.

The district had an average class size of 21, below the state average of 22, and total enrollment dropped from 38,764 to 38,395. U-46 had 173 total school days compared to 175 for the state average, and district students average two days of physical education a week compared to 3.7 days for the state.

U-46 spent \$526.5 million last year according to the ISBE, and the district excluded \$62.4 million from its per-student spending calculation.

The district received \$560 million in revenue with a continued heavy reliance on state and federal funding, 41.9 percent ahead of the state's average of 34 percent reliance, which has steadily grown year-to-year from 34 percent in 2014. The state also paid \$22.4 million in pension obligations for U-46 according to the ISBE.

Per-student spending increased 6 percent in Fiscal Year 2018 from \$11,946 to \$12,658 which is \$465 over the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) inflation calculator.

The majority of district schools, 46, were designated as commendable while two received the highest designation, exemplary, and five were designated underperforming. Spending ranged widely at individual sites varying from \$9,426 to \$31,464.

"The school per-pupil-expenditure data can vary by school due to many factors including enrollment, students who are in gifted education, early childhood, are English language learners or students with special

needs, employee medical participation, and even salary, benefit, building square footage and transportation costs," the district's comments in the report state.

The highest spending sites were preschools or central programs for special education or students who have been disciplined.

The Central School Program spent the \$31,464 per student with the district stating the it "has specialized high-cost expenditure allocated to a low number of students" focused on "social skills, academics, and discipline."

The District Outplacement program spent \$30,940 with the district stating: "These student needs include alternative education and special education. The high-cost expenditures mainly consist of tuition and transportation."

The Independence Preschool spends \$30,519 a student, the preschool at Illinois Park Elementary School \$26,821 and the U-46 More at Four Preschool \$21,276.

The lowest spending site was one of the two exemplary schools, Bartlett Elementary School which spent \$9,426 a student. It outperformed the state by eight points and U-46 by 18 points in the first year of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) exam in English (46 percent meeting or exceeding expectations; 38 percent state; 28 percent district), on the IAR math portion (38 percent) it beat the state by six points (32 percent) and the district by 11 points (27 percent) and it had 60 percent proficiency in the science assessment compared to 49 percent for the state and 36 percent for U-46.

The other exemplary school was Bartlett's Prairieview Elementary School which spent \$13,081 a student and had 48 percent meeting expectations on the English, 60 percent in math and 82 percent were proficient on the science assessment.

The highest spending elementary school was Streamwood's Sunnydale spending \$13,569 with 25 percent meeting or exceeding expectations in English, 30 percent in math and it had 35 percent science proficiency.

The lowest spending middle school was Streamwood's Tefft (23 percent meeting or exceeding in English, 19 percent math, 49 percent science proficiency)

at \$12,392, and Elgin's Kimball (24 percent English, 14 percent math, 44 percent science) was the highest at \$15,066.

At the high school level, South Elgin spent the least at \$11,227 but outperformed its district counterparts in nearly every category. It had an average SAT score of 1,003.9 ahead of the state (994.5) and U-46 (945.6), 89.6 percent freshmen on track ahead of the state (86.6 percent) and district (84.3 percent) and 89 percent graduation rate ahead of the state (86 percent) and U-46 (83 percent). It had 26 percent proficiency on the science assessment.

Bartlett High School spent \$11,686 with an average SAT score of 990.8, 91 percent graduation rate, 86.4 percent freshmen on track and 28 percent science proficiency. Elgin spent \$11,780 with 89.5 SAT average score, 83.5 percent freshmen on track, 76 percent graduation rate and 14 percent science proficiency. Streamwood spent \$13,054 with a 936.3 SAT average score, 86 percent graduation rate, 81.2 percent freshmen on track and 14 percent science proficiency. Larkin spent \$13,728 with an 878.4 SAT average score, 78.8 percent freshmen on track, 73 percent graduation rate and 11 per-

cent science proficiency.

EMSA spent \$12,583 per students and outperformed U-46 by 20 points and the state by 15 points in IAR math (47 percent meeting or exceeding expectations), it beat U-46 by seven points but was below the state by three points in English (35 percent), it had 11 percent chronic absenteeism compared to 20 percent for U-46 and 18 percent for the state, it had 15.9 percent chronic truancy compared to 20 percent for U-46 and 13.4 percent for the state and it had an average class size of 27. It's teachers averaged a salary of \$52,177 and a 91 percent teacher attendance rate, measured by fewer than 10 absences in a school year.

U-46 teachers had an average salary of \$70,019, above the state average of \$67,049, and it increased \$959 above the rate of inflation from the BLS calculator from \$68,005 in 2018. U-46 salary's have increased \$1,540 more than inflation from \$63,581 in 2015.

Teachers in U-46 had an attendance rate of 71.9 percent compared to 73.5 percent for the state, and U-46 administrators rated 98.6 percent of its staff as excellent or proficient compared to 97.2 percent for the state.

U-46 molding its stance on IASB resolutions

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 officials continue to assert their desire for authoritarian control over how other school districts protect their students.

This weekend, Nov. 22 to Nov. 24, taxpayers will pay for school board members and administrators from across the state to go to Chicago for the annual Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) where representatives will vote on what the lobbyist organization will push state lawmakers on in the coming year.

To be voted on this year is a resolution submitted by a rural school district in Mercer County to support leg-

islation for local control to allow schools to have armed staff who would undergo strict ongoing training. A similar resolution was defeated, 203-179, last year.

Rural communities have been seeking local control for years because their police departments don't have the staff for School Resource Officers (SRO). U-46 does have SROs.

"Some communities are perfectly comfortable with having their teachers and school staff trained and armed so they can protect people in their buildings," the Mercer County dis-

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High sights (on honors)

While about 30 yards in front of the Glenbard South goal, Edwin Peralta waiting to assume possession of the ball during an offensive rush for the Sabres this past season. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Fermilab partnership leads to oil spill clean up technology

According to Fermilab, many of its followers are aware that Fermilab’s Office of Partnerships & Technology Transfer licensed the laboratory’s electromagnetic oil spill remediation technology to Natural Science LLC in 2015. This agreement enabled Natural Science, led by physicist and inventor Arden Warner, to design and develop a novel electromagnetic technology for cleaning oil spills. A key milestone of the agreement was to produce the first prototype and then move toward commercialization.

That prototype is now here. The concept that started as demonstrations with water, oil and magnetite in a 9-ounce cup has developed into a full-scale device. With Natural Science’s permission, Fermilab is sharing some images of this full-scale prototype.

As can be seen, the technology has come a long way from the permanent magnet demonstration videos that

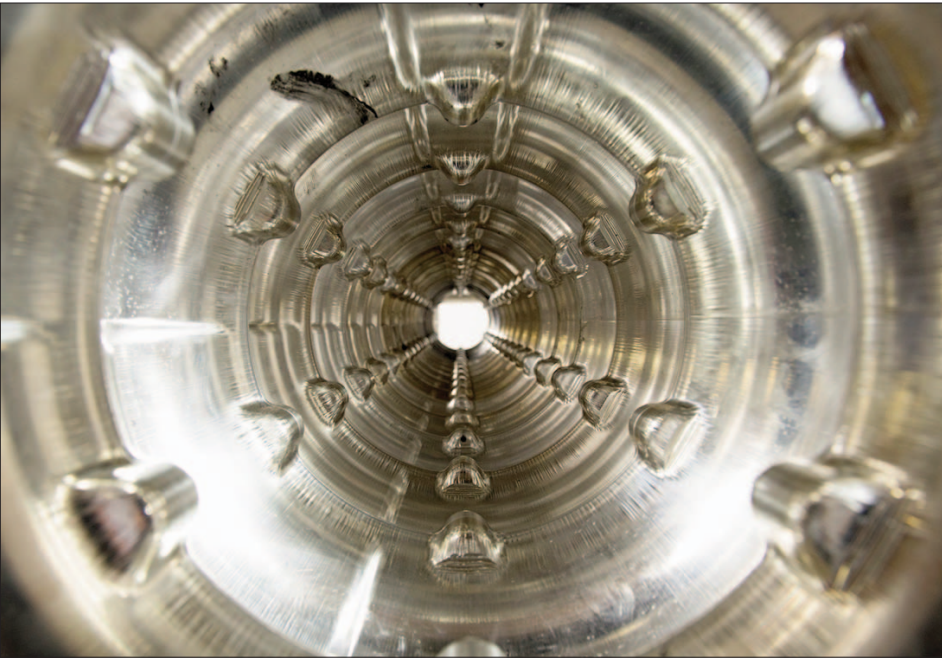
may have been seen years ago when this was a mere concept. The system includes a scalable string of floating solenoid modules feeding a magnetic ramp and separator apparatus. Much engineering has gone into making these components work together as an oil spill solution.

Earlier this month, the Natural Science equipment had its first large-scale test at Ohmsett—the National Oil Spill Response & Renewable Energy Test Facility, located in Leonardo, New Jersey — a facility, where among other things, oil spill remediation ideas are evaluated and developed.

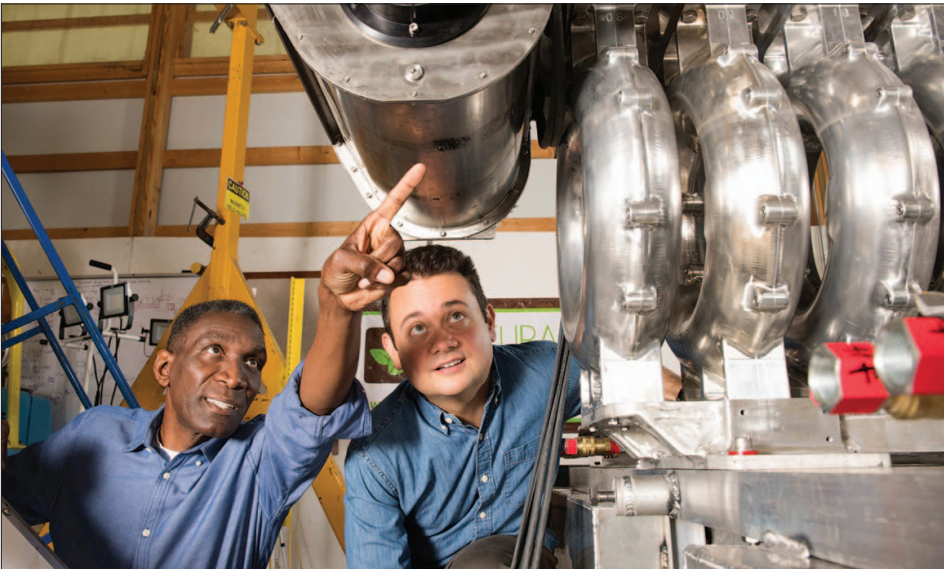
This patented concept shows how basic research like that done at Fermilab inspires and leads to spinoff ideas with real-world applications. To discuss how ideas might be protected and potentially bring them to market, contact the Fermilab Office of Partnerships & Technology Transfer.



The magnetic system for water applications consists of solenoidal (doughnut shaped) magnets that are coupled together in groups of six to form a module. Several modules are connected together to form an electromagnetic-boom (e-boom) structure. The system can be made longer or shorter by adding or removing modules to accommodate the situation. Every magnet in the structure is separated from the next by a fixed distance that optimizes the ‘gradient’ effect of the magnetic fields between them.



This shows a view down the center of the magnet module.



Some leftover oil and magnetite, left on the device from a previous test, forms interesting ferrofluidic shapes. (Photos courtesy of Reidar Hahn, Fermilab)

U-46 IASB

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trict’s rationale stated. “Other communities are adamantly opposed to the idea. That is okay. The districts in our state should be allowed to determine what is best for them, rather than leaving the determination to those in Springfield who do not know or understand communities outside their own.”

With no discussion or any evidence provided for their position, the U-46 administration and board opposed the resolution and local control at the Oct. 21 and Nov. 4 board meetings when the IASB resolutions were presented. Some data, in fact, suggests armed staff does make schools safer with a recent study from the Crime Prevention Research Center showing that between 2000 and 2018 with 20 states allowing armed staff, there have been no gun-related injuries or deaths in those schools while there have been 215 firearm deaths in the so-called “gun free zone” schools.

U-46 officials doubled down on supporting dictatorial rule on a related resolution taking a stance that board member Kate Thommes called “arrogant” while later fully supporting the “arrogant” stance.

A Wheeling-based school district submitted a resolution it states to “bridge the gap” from the “strong division” in the IASB regarding arming teachers. The resolution supports state taxpayers funding local student protection to give funds to districts to hire SROs or “off-duty law enforcement officers or a law enforcement officer who has retired within the previous five years” who would be “receiving the same ongoing firearm training as active police officers.”

“The problem is that in more rural areas, SROs are not readily available and can be costly to a school district,” the IASB resolution committee stated in support of the Wheeling resolution.

While U-46 officials opposed local districts protecting their local students in a way they want to and at their own cost, they were unanimously in support of making state taxpayers fund the local issue.

However, U-46 opposed the resolution because under the resolution local school districts could hire off-duty or retired police who would not be defined as SROs while citing concerns despite openly admitting they don’t have details.

“We don’t think it’s quite the type of individual that you need” and SRO’s “would be the individuals that we would want in our schools,” said Miguel Rodriguez, chief legal officer.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders stated his desire for power over the rural districts runs deeper saying it “does not matter” if other school districts have SROs or other security, including off-duty or retired police, if they aren’t first forced to go through a checklist to have the same kind of locks, school counselors, social workers, etc. that U-46 has.

Board member Melissa Owens was U-46’s voting representative at last year’s IASB convention and will be again this year. She ultimately supported the board consensus but empathized with the rural school districts.

Owens said it was “distressing to hear” from the downstate districts who can have lengthy police response times, well over half an hour, and it’s not just a funding issue but the Wheeling resolution may not even “help these districts because they just don’t have that personnel available to them” making the arming of teachers a more necessary option for them.

“We’re so comfortable here, and it’s really difficult to say to the people coming in from downstate ‘no, you can’t have armed staff and also you can’t have a modification on your SROs,’” Owens said. “It doesn’t sit well with me.”

Sanders said SROs are “one of the investments we continue to make very deliberately” while downstate districts may not despite shortly after admitting Owens’ point: “They probably don’t have a retired or off-duty either.... I don’t know if they do or they don’t.”

Thommes said: “I am a firm, strong believer there will not be guns in U-46 schools if I am on this school board, hands down, unless they’re with trained law enforcement.... But it’s arrogant of us to determine how a community that is vastly different from ours gets to protect itself.”

Even after that statement, Thommes still opposed the resolution over the concerns cited by Sanders and the district including concerns of security in plain clothes being armed despite nothing in the resolution stating that these security personnel would not have uniforms. Sanders said he didn’t “know how they would be wearing the uniform of a police officer.”

Thommes said “I love the idea” of government forcing taxpayers to fund local security but opposed people freely donating to fund it as the resolution did provide a provision to allow private donations to fund the program which Thommes said “could be a little concerning.”

Another concern raised was there’s a new state law, which is still undefined, requiring specialized training for SROs for dealing with kids while the non-SRO security personnel, who would have strict firearm training, did not have to receive that training. U-46 has had SROs for over a decade with-

out this training mandate.

Board member Eva Porter had concerns with SROs in general. She said: “I, as an African-American woman, know that police and some students, they don’t mix well together because of the fear.”

Board members John Devereux, Sue Kerr, Veronica Noland and Donna Smith all fully supported taxpayers funding this but opposed the resolution based on U-46’s concerns. Kerr said “the argument for this district is we only need some catastrophe” for U-46 to care and she’d “like to give support,” but she still opposes it.

Noland and Sanders both said their representative should vote on what’s best for U-46 which Thommes said then “I would definitely want to say that I oppose it because that’s what’s in the best interest of U-46.” Outside of the taxpayer funding portion of the Wheeling resolution, neither resolution would directly affect U-46 which already has SROs.

Owens noted the hypocrisy as the district supported a resolution solely effecting Peoria schools that “has no bearing to us whatsoever.” Rodriguez said for that resolution: “It’s only going to be affecting them, and if that’s what they want we’re fine with that.”

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Resident combination and antlerless-only archery deer permits are available over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Find a vendor link here: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>.

Police Reports

BARTLETT

Saturday, Nov. 9

★ At 11:12 a.m., police responded to the 800 block of Marina for a civil matter.

★ At 3:51 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Old Lake, Magalli Alvarado-Torres, 38, of the 2000 block of Narcissus, Hanover Park, was arrested for no valid license, speeding and tinted windows. Alvarado-Torres was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

Sunday, Nov. 10

★ At 12:16 a.m., in the 400 block of East Taylor, Fredrick Roper, 34, of the East Taylor address, was arrested for driving while license revoked, and a total of three warrants. Roper was transported to the police department for processing, and later transported to Cook County Jail for bond call.

★ At 2:02 a.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Auburn, Isaias A. Sanchez, 43, of the 1000 block of South Oak, West Chicago, was arrested for DUI and improper lane usage. Sanchez was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 5:56 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Boston for a report of a domestic in process. The officer spoke with the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

★ At 7:37 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Summersweet for a report of a suspicious person. Complainant advised he had video of an unknown subject who was shining a light into vehicles during the night.

★ At 9:53 p.m., in the vicinity of

Stearns and Brewster Creek, Jeremy Willis, 28, of the 500 block of Columbia, Elgin, was arrested for driving while license suspended and expired registration. Willis was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 11:38 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Windsor for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised the gate at her residence had been left open and she was concerned someone may have been in the back yard.

Monday, Nov. 11

★ At 7:46 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of South Main for a request to remove an unwanted subject from the establishment. Officers escorted the subject from the premises and issued him a no-trespass order.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

★ At 8:59 a.m., in the 700 block of Schick, a 15-year old female subject was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of an alternative smoking device.

★ At 4:40 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Thornbury for a report of a domestic. Complainant advised his father had taken his car keys and would not return them.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

★ At 12:19 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Georgian for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised hearing noises in her back yard and finding footprints in the snow.

★ At 8:48 a.m., in the 700 block of Schick, a 16-year old male subject was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of cannabis.

★ At 10:41 a.m., police responded to

the 1600 block of Edinburgh for a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) removed money and cigarettes from her unlocked vehicle.

★ At 11:26 a.m., in the 700 block of Schick, a 17-year old male subject was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of an alternative smoking device.

★ At 2:26 p.m., police responded to the 1700 block of Penny for a report of a phone scam.

★ At 3 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Thorntree for a report of a phone scam involving social security.

★ At 4:13 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of East Stearns for a report of criminal damage to property. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had written an obscenity on the side of her vehicle.

Threatening incident reported at South Elgin High School

According to the South Elgin Police Department, on Friday, Nov. 15, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the police department was notified by South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., administrative staff of a suspicious incident. The incident involved some threatening words written on a white board in a classroom.

Based on the initial investigation officers learned that there were several events going on that evening in various areas of the high school and as a precaution the school was evacuated. A Kane County Sheriff's Office K-9

Thursday, Nov. 14

★ At 1:22 p.m., in the 700 block of Schick, 15-year old and 14-year old female subjects were issued local adjudication citations for disorderly conduct.

★ At 2:28 p.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Bridle for a report of a domestic in process. The officer spoke with the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

★ At 4:52 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Carey for a civil matter.

Friday, Nov. 15

★ At 12:01 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Lambert, Miguel A. Fernandez, 41, of the 3000 block of Seekonk, Elgin, was arrested for driving while license suspended and speeding. Fernandez was transported to the police department for processing and later released

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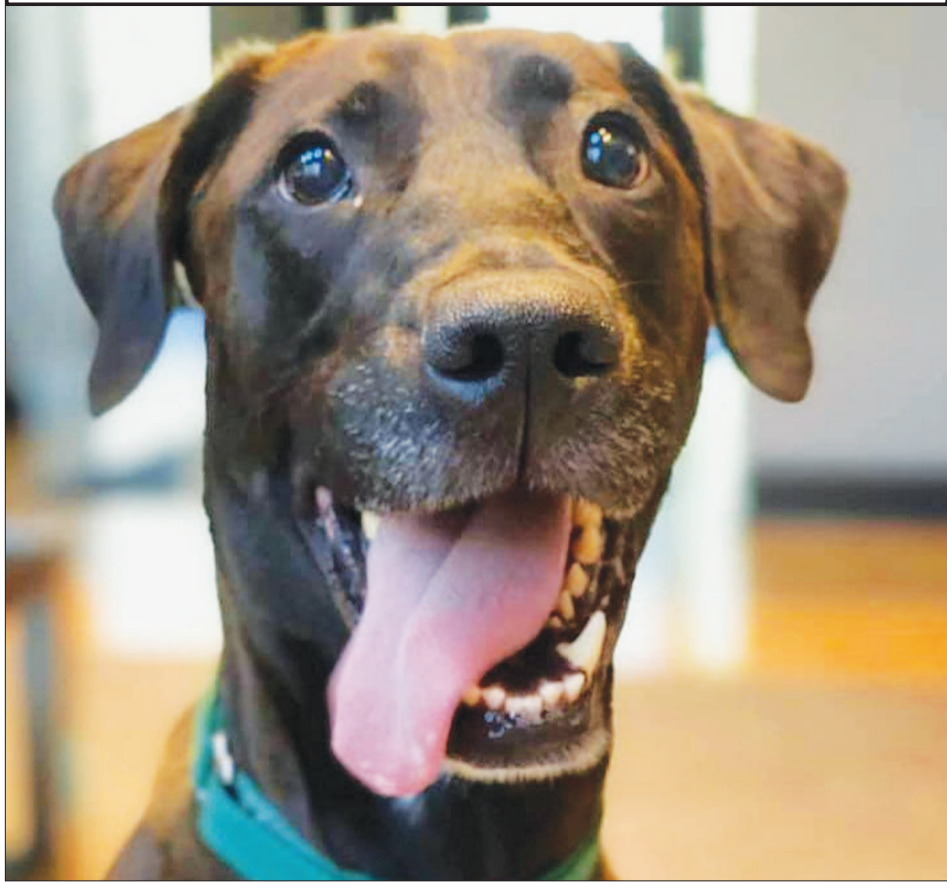
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Pet of the Week



Willow weeps for a new place to live

Two-year-old Willow has long wispy legs just like the limbs of a Willow tree and is sweet and friendly. She came to the shelter when her owner could no longer care for her. Willow finds shelter life stressful and was very timid when she arrived. Now, Willow is ready to find her new home that should show her patience, kindness and an open heart. People in her new home should understand her trepidation to new environments and should help by taking things slow and help her with new encounters. Willow would likely do well with another low-key dog. A positive interaction would need to occur at the shelter prior to finalizing adoption. As part of the UnderDog to WonderDog program, Willow is going home with an awesome training package to get her settled. Anyone adopting Willow will receive a customized training plan, three paid in-home sessions with a trainer familiar with Willow, three months of follow up with the trainer and a gift bag of training supplies. All potential adopters must live in the Chicago area to participate in the training package. Willow is spayed and up to date on vaccines. For more information call 407-2800 or email animlaservices@dupageco.org.
(Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)

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.

Shopping small is big

Dear Editor,

Black Friday might be the longest day of the year now. Used to, it was just the Friday after Thanksgiving. Now, going by the Black Friday ads, it seems to start the morning after Halloween and runs until who knows when.

Black Friday, of course, is the traditional start of the holiday shopping season, but there's another day that puts me in the holiday spirit. It's the day after Black Friday, Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday is when shoppers are encouraged to shop on Main Street instead of the malls. It's a chance for everyone to support the independent retailers and restaurants that do so much for our communities throughout the year.

It began 10 years ago as a sales promotion to help small businesses trying to recover from the Great Recession. Since then, it has become one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

According to American Express and NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, Americans spent a record \$17.8 billion last year on Small Business Saturday. That isn't as much as shoppers spent on Black Friday, but it's over twice as much as they spent on Cyber Monday.

Overall, an estimated 104 million Americans spent at small, independent shops and restaurants on last year's Small Business Saturday. And according to American Express and NFIB, 41 percent of people who shopped at brick-and-mortar businesses last year on Small Business Saturday shopped small online, too.

That's good, because small business is

the engine that drives Illinois' economy. Overall, small businesses account for 99.6 percent of Illinois businesses, and they employ 45.1 percent of its labor force, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

When we support small businesses, we're supporting our friends and neighbors. We're supporting the businesses that support our schools and charities and bring our communities closer together.

Shopping small also makes our communities strong. When we shop small, 67 cents of every dollar remains in the community, according to a study by American Express. What's more, every dollar spent at a small business creates another 50 cents in local business activity because of employee spending and purchases to keep the business up and running.

Small businesses aren't like the national chains. Small businesses sell merchandise and serve dishes you'd have a tough time finding anyplace else. And when you shop small, you stand a good chance of dealing directly with the owner of the company, someone who is committed not only to making you a satisfied customer but also a regular who'll come back again and again. In fact, 96 percent of Small Business Saturday shoppers surveyed last year intended to shop small throughout the year.

Small businesses keep our economy healthy and strong. They're the glue that holds our communities together. That's why I'm encouraging everyone to shop small on Saturday, Nov. 30. When we help small businesses, we help everyone.

Mark Grant

Illinois state director of NFIB



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U-46 ratifies settlement, various expenditures

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved of without discussion a settlement agreement and \$329,303 over two expenditure proposals among other items at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 4.

The settlement agreement pertained to the case Darnell Gibson v. School District U-46. No information was provided on the matter.

The expenditures included a \$188,239 item, which will come from the education fund, with Connection Public Sector for three years of the Kaspersky anti-virus software

"The Kaspersky anti-virus software protects district computers against viruses, spyware and other malicious computer attacks," the proposal stated.

Also approved was a \$141,064 proposal (operations and maintenance fund) for snow removal services split between three contractors: Valley Enterprises (\$80,580), KCG Management (\$38,484) and TNT Landscape Construction (\$22,000). The contract lasts for three years with a possible three-year extension.

U-46 splits the district into 10 regions

and KCG came in with the lowest bid on all 10 regions with a total cost of \$109,194.

"The additional snow removal services are required due to the capacity of the district to only complete a portion of the required services in house," the proposal states. "While one contractor was the low bidder on every zone in the district, the breakdown of zones is due to any one contractor's ability to complete their work in the time allotted with the equipment they have dedicated to the district."

Also approved unanimously was \$10.1 million in itemized bills, a personnel report and workers' compensation cases which included one new position for an assistant principal at Elgin's Lowrie Elementary School and an arrangement and planning letter from RSM US, LLP. Regarding the audit of the Northern Kane County Regional Career and Technical Education System budget.

Dale Burnidge, director of financial operations, said regarding the audit letter: "This is for the Northern Kane audit, and it outlines the responsibilities between management and the audit firm."

Sabres volleyball's Sotelo named to all-UEC squad

By Seth Hancock

Mariely Sotelo, one of nine seniors on the Streamwood volleyball team, capped her varsity career with all-conference honors in the Upstate Eight.

Streamwood ended the year 9-21-1 overall, 3-6 in the UEC, under first-year coach Shelly Mueller. It represented a two-win improvement from 2018 when the Sabres were 7-26-2.

Sotelo helped lead the effort this year with 192 digs, 119 kills and 20 aces as an outside hitter.

"Mariely was a huge part of our success and improvements this season," Mueller said. "She was a pivotal part of our offense and contributed to our defense as well. She was a captain for our team this year and showed great leadership skills on and off the court."

Streamwood will also lose seniors Alexa Silva, Mary Rackow, Leandra Gottschalk, Idalyd Ocamo, Victoria Segura, Jenna Manzano, Kaylee Angle and Peyton Hedger.

"I am really proud of what this team was able to accomplish over the course of the season," Mueller said. "With it being my first year, there was an adjustment period for the girls but I think they really responded well and wanted to work hard. I feel like they

really set the tone for continuing to improve the program and raising those expectations. I am excited to see how the juniors come in next year and lead as seniors."

Mueller added: "This group of seniors worked hard and really was the heart of this team through the ups and downs. Our juniors learned a lot through the seniors' leadership throughout the season, and I am excited to see what they will do next year. We have several sophomores I am looking forward to having next year as juniors as they continued to improve over the course of their season."

Program offers learn to hunt education

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Bartlett Elementary honors D.A.R.E. class



Students were excited when D.A.R.E. mascot Daren dropped in for a surprise appearance.

Bartlett Elementary School and the Bartlett Police Department graduated its 2019 D.A.R.E. class on Thursday, Nov. 14 at the school, with family members and several

village dignitaries in attendance. The 63 fifth-graders completed a nearly three-month course, learning about resisting abuse, fighting bullying, how to say no to their

peers who try to entice them to use drugs and alcohol, and more. Essay winners, one from each class, wrote about what they learned and read their essays aloud.



Haylie Gabrenya received her diploma from her teacher Carla Henderson, then handshakes from D.A.R.E. Officer Victoria Anderson, Principal John Signatur, Trustee Ray Deyne, Deputy Police Chief Jim Durbin, and officers Kyle Rybaski, Brian Simone and Ray Garcia.



D.A.R.E. Officer Victoria Anderson and essay winners Exzra Fulkerson and Isabella Rosales watched as Aiden Rzenno from Danielle Przybylinski's class read his winning essay.



Soon-to-be graduates awaited their diplomas.



The Bartlett Elementary D.A.R.E. Class of 2019.

(Examiner photos by Juli Schatz)

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Experts: Increasing mental health services is key to addressing school violence

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



Elgin Police Commander Rick Ciganek speaks with other panelists during a community discussion Tuesday on the safety of youth and communities at The Centre of Elgin.



Panelists address gun violence in schools and communities as part of a community discussion Tuesday hosted by Elgin Community College at The Centre of Elgin.



A panel of experts addresses school shootings and gun violence in communities during a community discussion Tuesday at The Centre of Elgin.

There's no easy solution for preventing school shootings. But providing more mental health resources to schools and communities is key to addressing the problem, experts say.

"The reality is that the need keeps growing and we are always trying to catch up," said Janeth Barba, director of clinical services for Family Service Association of Greater Elgin.

Barba was among a panel of experts leading a discussion Tuesday about gun violence in schools at the Centre of Elgin.

She said her agency has seen a 16% yearly increase in the number of people needing mental health services over the last few years.

The event followed seven showings last week of Elgin Community College Theatre's play "Columbinus" at the ECC Arts Center. The production explored the events surrounding the April 20, 1999, school shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Two teens shot and killed 13 people, including 12 fellow students and a teacher, and wounded more than 20 others before killing themselves.

A cast of 15 students retold the story, weaving together actual words of Columbine parents, survivors and community leaders, and showing documented footage.

"We always pick shows that will have impact, raise questions, and make people change behaviors," said Susan Robinson, ECC theater instructor and program coordinator who directed it. "We are becoming somewhat immune to (school shootings), somewhat numb to it."

At the time, the Columbine massacre was considered the worst high school shooting in U.S. history. It prompted a national discourse on gun control and school safety that continues to be debated with each new school shooting.

Columbine was a watershed moment for police agencies forever changing the training and tactics used to handle active shooter events, said Elgin Police Cmdr. Rick Ciganek.

This also is the first year schools have been mandated to have "Run. Fight. Hide" drills to prepare for such events, he added.

Since 2000, there have been 789 incidents involving guns in schools nationwide -- the highest was 110 in 2018 followed by 78 in 2019, according to the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School.

So far this year, there have been 45 school shootings -- nearly an average of one school shooting a week.

Speakers said more efficiently documenting and addressing bullying in schools, increasing cooperation among educators, law enforcement and social service agencies, and recognizing and reporting telltale signs of disturbed youth are key strategies for early intervention.

"If you see something, say something" is more than a slogan, says Sarah Seberger, Kane County assistant state's attorney.

She added that bullying follows students home through social media channels, and everyone needs to be vigilant about reporting it.

The prevalence of school shootings and required active shooter drills have desensitized students to some extent, says Mary Abbott, Elgin Area School District U-46's lead social worker.

"They don't cause as much anxiety anymore," she said.

Meanwhile, more students are coming to the district with adverse childhood experiences and trauma, which is why U-46 has invested heavily in social-emotional learning and trauma-informed teaching techniques, Abbott said.

U-46 social workers and some employees are trained to do comprehensive assessments of students who exhibit signs of harming others or themselves. "We are moving in the right direction to identify kids and provide them assistance earlier," she added.

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Burlington Central's sizzling 3-point shooting sinks Larkin

By: John Lemon

Larkin enters the season with a pair of four-year starters who are on pace to go over 1,000 points leading a squad that coach Steve Knapp said has the potential to be a 20-win team.

But those Royals had their hands full and then some playing the hosts Tuesday night in the second game of Burlington Central's Thanksgiving tournament.

Avery Andersen swished a 3-pointer 12 seconds into the game, Elana Wells knocked one down moments later and then Wells drove for a layup for an 8-0 run in the first minute and a half.

Knapp called a quick timeout and switched from a zone to man defense. It did little to cool off the hot-shooting Rockets who made 6 of 7 from 3-point range in the opening quarter, 9 of 12 in the first half and 13 of 20 through three quarters of a 70-21 victory.

"I didn't want to keep seeing it happen and they did just as well against the man as zone," Knapp said. "We have a lot to work on."

Wells drained 5 of those 3s while scoring a game-high 25 points and Andersen hit four 3s in scoring 16. Ten players scored.

"When you see a couple go in right off the bat, any good shooter gets a little more confidence," new Rockets coach Collin Kalamatas said. "Having that kind of start was huge."

Burlington Central (2-0) built leads of 26-5 after one quarter, 43-9 at halftime and 63-21 after three before shutting the Royals (0-2) out 7-0 in a fourth quarter played with a running clock.

It was a far cry from Larkin's opener Monday, a narrow 2-point loss to Marengo. It was more of the same for the Rockets who beat Jefferson 74-15 on Monday.

"We didn't come out and play tonight," Knapp said. "We played a little scared. We saw what they did last night to Jefferson, they are a very good basketball team even without (leading scorer Kathryn) Schmidt (sprained ankle). I definitely compare them to the Bartlett, South Elgin type teams. They can shoot the lights out."

The Rockets also impressed on the defensive end forcing 26 turnovers. Larkin's two top senior scorers, Aaliyah Dixon and Brianna Young, were held to 2 and 4 points, respectively.

"We have more confidence when we get those steals to better our offense," Andersen said.

Kalamatas said one of the few things he's tried to change in his first year as coach is a defense that pressures more on the perimeter, which made him pleased to see the team's 20 deflections Tuesday.

"Last year they packed into the paint and we are trying to get out in passing lanes," Kalamatas said. "It's been a lot of fun. They just kind of have that chip on their shoulder with how last year ended. Walking into that there's very little I have to do to motivate them. They are a very talented group, very self-motivated so I just try to stay out of their way and put something in place to play to their strengths and it's working out so far."

Kalamatas was referring to a regional championship loss to Glenbard South in a game Burlington Central led in the fourth quarter against a team that ended up taking second in state.

Rylie DuVal added 8 points for the Rockets who have tournament games remaining against Woodstock North on Thursday, DeKalb on Saturday and Geneva next Tuesday.

"These first couple tournament games are confidence boosters for us going into our new conference," Wells said.

Hawks girls hoops has high hopes, heavy hearts

By Seth Hancock

Preparations for the 2019-2020 girls basketball season comes with a lot of optimism for the upcoming season

but still heavy hearts at Bartlett.

Brad Hunt, the Hawks head coach the past two seasons and long-time assistant before that, passed away this

Storm girls hoops looks to sustain last year’s success

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team hopes to build on last year’s success as it prepares for the 2019-20 season.

The Storm went 20-12 last year, 15-3 in the Upstate Eight Conference, and earned its first regional title in four years while nearly earning an upset in the sectional semifinals.

“We’re looking to build upon the momentum from our regional championship last year,” said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. “We almost pulled off the upset against Rockford Boylan Catholic losing by four, and we were up four with 90 seconds to play. We lost to them by 29 points at our Christmas tourney.”

There are several returners coming back, senior Megan McClure (17 points, seven rebounds, three assists per game) leading the way after earning all-conference honors last year. She is at 926 career points making her 74 points shy of becoming the third Storm player to reach 1,000 while she already leads the program in career three-pointers (134).

Some other key returning seniors are Madison Waichunas and Ari Williams, and the Storm return a pair of sophomores in Caroline Croft and Ella Winterhalder who both had solid

freshmen seasons.

Some newcomers to watch are freshmen Caitlyn Tolentino and Raina Yang as well as sophomore Loreal Wilson.

“We have a nice mix of youth and seniors,” Mandernack said. “We are very small, safe to say, the smallest 4A team maybe in the state. We will embrace this with pressing and an up-tempo offense. We’ll be very fast and a fun team to watch, and all can dribble coast to coast and shoot the three.”

Mandernack added: They are unselfish and will make the extra pass. We have an all-area player who can probably average 25 points per game, but the team concept all the girls buy into and make the extra pass. Our defense first mentality is always key at South Elgin. We are small, but we box out and crash the boards well for our size.”

The Storm will open the season at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

“Average, good or great, you decide. They are really maxing out their potential and believe in each other. Should be a very fun team the watch with the style of play we are incorporating with having a five-guard lineup. We are a tough matchup because they are tough.”

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who knows when.

Black Friday, of course, is the traditional start of the holiday shopping season, but there’s another day that puts me in the holiday spirit. It’s the day after Black Friday, Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday is when shoppers are encouraged to shop on Main Street instead of the malls. It’s a chance for everyone to support the independent retailers and restaurants that do so much for our communities throughout the year.

It began 10 years ago as a sales promotion to help small businesses trying to recover from the Great Recession. Since then, it has become one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

According to American Express and NFIB, the nation’s leading small business advocacy organization, Americans spent a record \$17.8 billion last year on Small Business Saturday. That isn’t as much as shoppers spent on Black Friday, but it’s over twice as much as they spent on Cyber Monday.

Overall, an estimated 104 million Americans spent at small, independent shops and restaurants on last year’s Small Business Saturday. And according to American Express and NFIB, 41 percent of people who shopped at brick-and-mortar businesses last year on Small Business Saturday shopped small online, too.

That’s good, because small business is the engine that drives Illinois’ economy. Overall, small businesses account for 99.6 percent of Illinois businesses, and they employ 45.1 percent of its labor force, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

When we support small businesses, we’re supporting our friends and neighbors. We’re supporting the businesses that support our schools and charities and bring our communities closer together.

Shopping small also makes our commu-

nities strong. When we shop small, 67 cents of every dollar remains in the community, according to a study by American Express. What’s more, every dollar spent at a small business creates another 50 cents in local business activity because of employee spending and purchases to keep the business up and running.

Small businesses aren’t like the national chains. Small businesses sell merchandise and serve dishes you’d have a tough time finding anyplace else. And when you shop small, you stand a good chance of dealing directly with the owner of the company, someone who is committed not only to making you a satisfied customer but also a regular who’ll come back again and again. In fact, 96 percent of Small Business Saturday shoppers surveyed last year intended to shop small throughout the year.

Small businesses keep our economy healthy and strong. They’re the glue that holds our communities together. That’s why I’m encouraging everyone to shop small on Saturday, Nov. 30. When we help small businesses, we help everyone.

Mark Grant

EPA praised for scientific transparency efforts
Dear Editor,

We welcome reports that the EPA is finally moving to advance its long-stalled proposal to ensure that only high-quality, reliable and, most important, transparent scientific research and evidence is used by the agency to design and promulgate regulations. But we hope that action will not end there and urge the President to extend the principles of the proposed regulation to all departments and agencies of government through an Executive Order.

It is critical to ensuring the accountability of the regulatory process that all data used by government in designing regulations be publicly available for review, demonstrated to be reproducible and preferably, peer-reviewed. The days of using “secret science” to support regulation of dubious quality and questionable benefit — and in some cases, harm to the public — must end.

Rick Manning

past summer after guiding the squad to a 29-5 season last year including a second straight Upstate Eight Conference title with a 17-1 mark and a sectional final appearance.

Hunt’s assistant coach Joseph Eirich takes over the program and called Hunt “one of my best friends,” and “it’s the hardest transition that I’ve ever had as a coach.”

“I’m happy to be afforded the opportunity, but it is the worst way for it to have happened,” Eirich said.

For the team, it enters the year with loads of talent including three returning starters who were all underclassmen last year including now juniors Lexi Sinclair and Danielle Hedeon as well as sophomore Mackenzie Hare.

Sinclair earned her second straight all-conference honors last year after averaging 15.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3 assists and 2.6 steals a game and Hare earned the honors last year with 16 points, 3.6 rebounds, 1.9 steals and 1.8 assists per game and setting the program record for three-pointers in a single season with 102. Hedeon was an all-conference honorable mention last year.

The Hawks, who have been young the last few seasons, remain young with just one senior in forward Marina Vasquez. The squad is junior-dominated while also welcoming a pair of freshmen, Sophia Desarden and Ashlyn Smith, who Eirich said “they’re still

young but man they have potential.”

“It’s crazy to think we’re even younger this year than last year, and we had only three seniors last year,” Eirich said. “But young doesn’t define how seasoned we are. We have a lot of girls who have played in some high-end games which is amazing.”

Eirich said the goal is “just continuing the traditions of Bartlett basketball is the biggest thing right now” while the Hawks hope to make it a threepeat as conference champions and advance further in the postseason.

The conference will present a challenge each night according to Eirich who said there’s the rivalry with South Elgin, Glenbard South is coming off a second place finish in Class 3A at state and Glenbard East has four girls over 6-feet tall. Beyond them, he said there are strong coaches throughout and some scrappy teams to compete against.

“This conference right now is so up in the air,” Eirich said. “It’s going to be so much fun to watch. I can’t wait to get into the games. It’s exciting.”

Bartlett opens the season tonight on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at home against UEC foe Fenton, a game that was moved from a January date in order to honor Hunt to start the season. Fenton’s coach Dave Mello teaches at Bartlett and was the Hawks coach prior to Hunt.

Deer harvest data released for 2018-19 hunting seasons

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 151,577 deer during all 2018-19 archery and firearm seasons, which concluded on Jan. 20. The total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compares with a total harvest for all seasons of 147,695 deer in 2017-18.

During the 2018-19 deer seasons, hunters took 45 percent does and 55 percent males.

In Kane County, the total number of deer harvested was 367, up from 342 in 2017-18.

Of the 367 deer harvested in Kane County, 330 were taken by archery, 32 by firearm and five as part of the Late-Winter Chronic Wasting Disease harvesting.

Archery: Archery deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 61,079 deer during the season which began on Oct. 1, 2018 and concluded on Jan. 20. That compares with the harvest of 57,929 deer during the 2017-18 archery season.

Youth: Youth deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 1,650 deer during the three-day Illinois youth deer season (Oct. 6 to 8, 2018), compared to 2,378 in 2017.

Traditional firearm season: Hunters took a preliminary total of 80,896 deer during the Illinois firearm deer season on Nov. 16 to 18, 2018 and Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, 2018, compared with 80,117 deer taken during the 2017 firearm season.

Muzzleloader: Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested 3,863 deer during the muzzleloader-only deer season on Dec. 7 to 9, 2018, compared with harvest 3,765 in the 2017 muzzleloader season.

Late-winter seasons: The 2018-19 late-winter antlerless-only and special CWD deer seasons concluded on Jan. 20, with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 4,089 deer, compared with a harvest of 3,506 deer taken during those seasons in 2017-18. Season dates for the seven-day late-winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 27 to 30, 2018 and Jan. 18 to 20.

There were 15 northern Illinois counties open to the special CWD season in both the 2018-19 and 2017-18 seasons. The special CWD season is used to as-

sist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.

There were 20 counties open for the late-winter antlerless season in 2018-19, while 22 counties were open for the late-winter season in 2017-18. Counties that are at or below their in-



Buck in the winter. (Courtesy photo)

dividual deer population goal for two consecutive years may be removed from the late-winter season.

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Sabres have four named to all-conference squad

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team finished the season with four all-conference recipients in the Upstate Eight Conference after finishing 10-9-4 overall, 5-2-2 in the UEC.

All honorees were part of the Sabres defensive efforts that led to five shutouts and allowing 1.3 goals per game including junior Jose Ibarra who was also voted to the all-state first team.

“He has from Day 1 and still is the best defender in the state,” said Streamwood coach Matt Polovin. “Jose’s size, speed and composure with the ball sets himself away from any other defender around.”

Two seniors made the all-conference team, center-back Josh Taboada and Edwin “Pee Wee” Peralta, a midfielder.

“Josh has been Jose’s partner at center back the last two seasons and made life for attacking players difficult with his aggressive defending and recovery speed,” Polovin said of Taboada. “Josh and Jose

were a one-two punch, and his leadership in the back helped keep scores to one goal or no goal given up.”

Of Peralta, Polovin said: “Edwin established himself as one of the best attacking midfielders around. He has speed and technical skill with precision passing. Edwin can play all 80 minutes each game and you would never know he was tired. He works harder than anyone else on the field, the whole entire game. He followed in the path of a couple tremendous midfielders at Streamwood, Nestor Ascencio and Bryan Mora.”

Sophomore midfielder Joel Sandoval, one of seven Sabres underclassmen, also made the

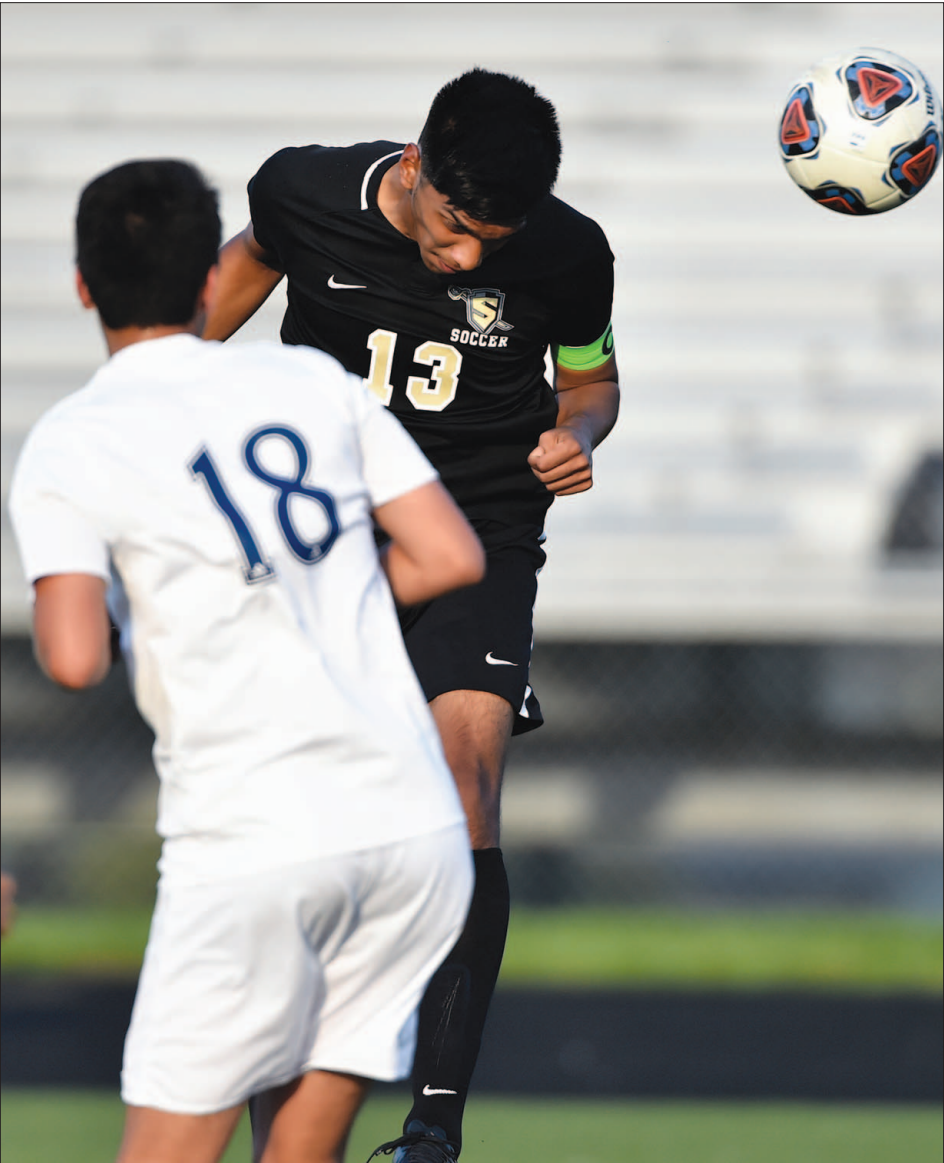
list.

“Joel Sandoval became a starter after the first game as our holding mid and never looked back,” Polovin said. “He directed traffic very well and was always the first line of defense if the ball got past our attacking mids.”

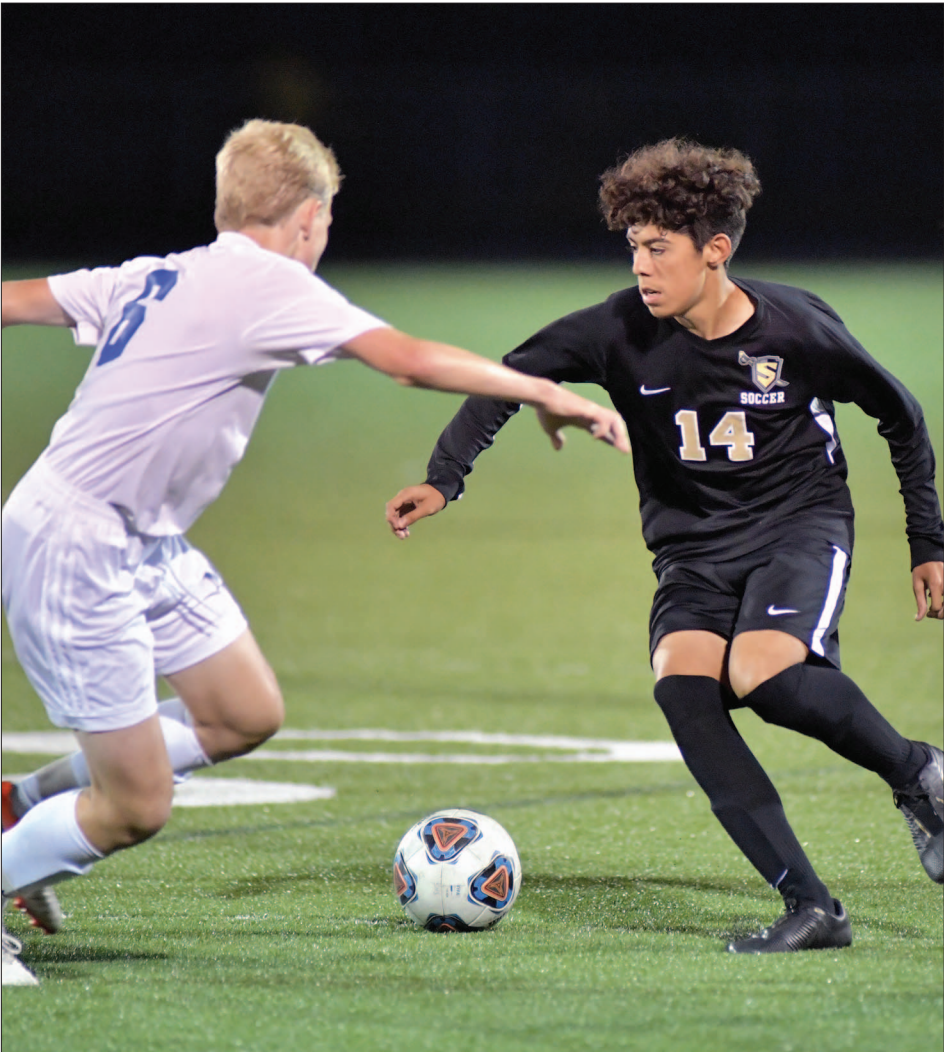
Streamwood will also lose seniors Eduardo Del Rio, Antonio Herrera, Erick Esteves and Leo Magana.



Edwin Peralta colliding with the West Chicago keeper David Kuehn while sandwiched between Kuehn and the Wildcats’ Alex Chegue as the Sabres battled the eventual state champions in September.



Jose Ibarra of heading a shot on goal off a corner kick against St. Viator this past season. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Joel Sandoval pivoting with the ball while pursued by Marmion’s Nathan Sowers during a September match.

Goals remain the same for Streamwood girls hoops

By Seth Hancock

Streamwood girls basketball coach George Rosner is in his 35th year at the helm, 39th year overall as a varsity coach, and over that time he said the goals haven’t changed.

Last year, the Sabres were 8-23 overall and 5-13 in the Upstate Eight Conference, and Rosner is looking for his team to compete and improve this year.

“I believe our team goals have not changed very much at all,” Rosner said. “We want to be a good, competitive team each and every game we play. If we compete, we can win, which is the ultimate goal.”

Rosner said his squad will have “a lot of depth” with several players who saw “a lot of action last season.”

Leading the way is senior Mandy Mien, a four-year staple for the program. She was an all-conference recipient last year averaging 11.6 points a game while she sits at 918 career

points making her top 10 in the program, and she is the all-time assist leader.

“Everything starts with Mandy,” Rosner said. “We want the ball in her hands as much as possible and trust her to get it to the right people, if not scoring herself.”

Also key returners include seniors Kaylee Angle, Peyton Hedger, Vicki Kopko and Idalyd Ocampo as well as junior Vivian Sumoski.

Streamwood opens the season at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament opening on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

To be successful this year, Rosner said: “I believe everything starts with defense and rebounding. We will not be a big team, so we will have to defend and rebound. We should be good offensively. We can run and we can shoot, especially the three-point shot. We have some really good outside shooters, so teams will not be able to concentrate on any one player.”

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South Elgin garners multiple all-UEC honors



Alyssa Worden getting low to the floor in response to a St. Charles East serve during a September match. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Allison Cuniffe setting for a teammate during a 2019 season contest

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team defied expectations this season. Returning just one varsity player, senior Angie Negrón, the young Storm squad kept the record breaking going this year setting the program’s single-season record for wins for the fourth straight season finishing 28-8 overall, and they were 8-1 to earn the team’s first Upstate Eight Conference title. Leading the way were Negrón, sophomore Maggie McGough, senior Bella Tusa and freshman Alyssa Worden who all earned all-conference honors. Negrón showed her senior leadership this year as she tallied 282 kills, 294 digs, 31 aces and 16 blocks.

“Angie had a lot on her plate this season,” said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. “She played all six rotations, and when we needed a big play to be made the team relied on her mentally and physically. She stepped up every time we needed her on and off the court.” Worden led the Storm statistically in kills (310), digs (326) and aces (53) while adding 16 blocks. “Alyssa, even though she is a freshman, she lead the team in digs and kills,” Plach said. “She had a major impact on our season. Her natural athleticism on defense is a skill that cannot be taught.” McGough finished with 324 digs, 39 assists and 18 aces while Tusa had 109 kills, 72 digs, 31 aces and 25 blocks.

“As a team, we relied on Maggie a lot for serve-receive,” Plach said. “Her first touch on the ball let us run all the plays we needed to run in the front row to win 28 matches.” Of Tusa, Plach said: “She was able to see the court and place hits and tips where the other team was not. She got a lot of kills for us just by being so smart with her shots.” Senior Allison Cuniffe earned an all-conference honorable mention after leading the Storm in assists (675) and adding 193 digs and 20 aces. Sophomore Loreal Wilson led South Elgin in blocks (51) this year. South Elgin will also lose seniors Alexis Sembdner and Maria Sierra.

Hawks have three make all-UEC volleyball team



Bartlett’s Madison Hankins on the descent while following through on a successful kill shot against the Storm. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team finished a successful 2019 campaign with a record of 20-14, 7-2 in the Upstate Eight Conference, an improvement from a 19-win season in 2018 and 11-win season in 2017. Leading the way were three all-conference recipients including sophomore Maddie Hankins earning the honors for a second straight year, senior Dakota Johnson capping her career with the designation and freshman Bria Lomax earning the honors after her first varsity campaign. Johnson, the Hawks setter, battled back from an ACL tear in December playing club volleyball to recover in time for the start of this season. “Her play at setter is one of the main

reasons we were able to win 20 matches this season,” said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. “Dakota also gave us a boost as a right-side hitter. She was a leader on the court and finished just a few votes shy of being named team MVP. She will be missed greatly next season.” Hankins, Bartlett’s MVP in 2018, moved to outside hitter this year and led the Hawks in UEC play in kills (64) and added 51 digs against league opponents. “Maddie moved from right-side/setter to outside hitter this season due to her explosiveness and sheer athletic ability she displayed last year as a freshman,” Schwantz said. “The transition was shaky at first, but after just a few matches she looked like a natural



Dakota Johnson setting for the Hawks during a contest with conference opponent West Chicago..

at her new position. Moving forward, she will most likely continue to play outside hitter with the possibility of moving back to setter/right side.” Lomax, a middle hitter, was named the Hawks MVP this year as a blocking leader and adding 49 kills and eight aces in conference play. “The first time Bria stepped onto the court during summer camp, the coaches knew she would have an immediate impact on the varsity team,” Schwantz said. “She is a natural mid-

dle and has athleticism to spare. Her teammates named her team MVP and her presence was always known on the court. Whether she was blocking, hitting, serving or even playing back row, she seemed to always be involved in every point. We look forward to watching her grow these next three years.” Bartlett will lose seniors Riyana Chacko, Amanda Collier, Bella Diaz, Taylor Leo, Jessica Morrissey and Mili Shah.