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## U-46 Board supportive of 'equity' update data

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was given an "equity" update at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 4.

The work started in the 2017-2018 school year with the administration admitting at the time it was doing the work at the behest of one single board member, (former board member Traci Ellis), the administration also admitting that was a violation of normal protocol. U-46 administrators and members of the board's majority at the time accused U-46 staff of holding "implicit racial bias" without providing evidence, and staff have been undergoing "implicit bias" training.

U-46 formed an equity committee in 2018 in order to follow the belief of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs," a statement from Karl Marx, with preference towards "equity" rather than treating students equally. The district defines equality as "giving all students the same support" and equity as "supporting each student according to their need."

Brian Lindholm, strategic initiatives coordinator, stated the district's core beliefs are to provide curriculum for the "unique cultural and linguistic diversity of our student population," using race-based preferences for hiring "a diverse and culturally proficient workforce," providing "equitable funding across the district" and creating "easy, navigable structures and systems" to make communicating with the district easier specifically for "our diverse family."

U-46 already has a wide disparity in how it spends per student according to the recent Illinois State Board of Education report card which shows spending between \$9,426 to \$31,464 per student depending on the site. The

district's comment in the report card states that spending fluctuates based on factors such as number of English language learners, special needs and gifted students among other factors.

Suzanne Johnson, deputy superintendent of instruction, said the district will conduct annual "equity" audits and create metrics as well as maintain an "equity" task force. The district also plans to publish an annual "equity" report card.

U-46 wants to artificially lower discipline and increase academic program enrollment based on racial or subgroup preferences.

Johnson said the plan is to "remedy any practices that lead to overrepresentation of students from diverse backgrounds and special education and student discipline and underrepresentation of students from diverse backgrounds in programs such as gifted, honors and academies and advanced placement courses."

Since starting this work, the district has not presented evidence that any discriminatory practice has created overrepresentation of any subgroup in discipline or underrepresentation in gifted programs.

Johnson said U-46 is "actively striving to have a teacher and administrative staff that reflects the diversity of our student body," which Naushina Rahman, Elgin High School teacher, said is "our primary goal." Rahman said the district plans to use affirmative action by developing a "long-term recruitment plan" with "affirmative hiring processes" for every department.

U-46 has been holding segregated events for decades according to Kiesha Williams, social worker. Williams said she's been with the district for 19 years and when she started, she attended U-46 social events for

black-only staff which she said helped "welcome" and "empower" her and was necessary to create a "community that heals and flourishes." She added the district's "primary goal is to... recognize students, families and staff of diverse backgrounds."

Lisa Holbrook, Elgin High School staff member, said the district wants to lower fees, such as regular student fees, for those in "targeted" subgroups which also includes nonessential programs such as athletics and driver's education. She also said the district plans to lobby the state for taxpayers to pay for "state funded lunch for all."

"We seek to alleviate and/or eliminate the financial barriers that prevent the fullness of an educational experience for a student or a parent.... We seek to increase access for building staff and teachers to utilize funds by making processes and application timelines and deadlines easier to understand. We also seek to support access to enrichment activities such as the arts, field trips and family engagement activities," Holbrook said.

The board offered only comments singing the district's praises. Sue Kerr, the board's president, thanked staff for the work and board member Kate Thommes said "this looks amazing" but added to "remember the disability community. We count too."

Board member John Devereux lauded it and said "let's think about this with a sense of urgency," and board

member Melissa Owens concurred.

Board member Eva Porter said this was "so much needed," and also lauded the district's segregation programs. Porter, a former U-46 teacher, also said she attended black-only social events which she found necessary to feel welcomed.

Porter also said "our kids need to see more diversity in this district and people that look like them," and board member Veronica Noland responded "here, here."

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders admitted in 2018 the work stemmed solely from Ellis' request when former board member Jeanette Ward noted that she "thought the entire board had to direct the work of administration." Sanders admitted "that is true" and that "there has not been a board discussion."

In 2018, Ellis accused U-46 teachers of incompetency and the administration said the district has a systematic problem with so-called "whiteness." Ellis also stated she didn't "care if we stop out of school suspensions" for black students even if they were guilty of violating the Student Code of Conduct, and she asked that taxpayer dollars specifically be used for black students which Johnson said at the time: "We can certainly start that."

All of this is being done without any evidence being provided which for-

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## Village Board approves revised GIS agreement

By Kristin Carreno

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21, trustees voted unanimously to approve a revised professional services agreement with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. (MGP), Des Plaines, to provide geographic information services (GIS) for \$125,521.

According to Information Technology Director Victor Ambroziak, a resolution entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the geographic information systems consortium was approved by the village board on Sept. 20.

"This is a group of municipalities that got together to share the resources of the GIS," said Ambroziak. "The board subsequently also approved a resolution to enter into a three-year professional services agreement with MGP to provide experienced GIS staff to develop our base map and consolidate all our land-based data."

The revised agreement provides for annual adjustments to the service rates charged, according to Ambroziak. Future years costs are expected to

increase by about 3 percent per year.

The service rate adjustment is effective from Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020, Ambroziak said.

Funds have been allocated in the information technology budget, according to Ambroziak.

"There's still a way to go because there's a lot of data," Ambroziak said. "That's why we're continuing to use the services of MGP. We determined at the time it was more cost effective."

Trustee William Harper asked if this was something Ambroziak anticipated to ever be completely finished?

"That's an open-end question because as we are learning there are many uses for GIS the uses are really only limited by our own imagination and needs," Ambroziak replied. "The good part of being a member of the consortium is we benefit from the ideas of all these municipalities. They're always developing new applications and new layers of data and as part of the consortium we will get that as well. We don't have to pay for any special development.... This is an ongoing long-term project."



### A holiday tradition

This was the second year that Olivia Vogel participated in packing Thanksgiving dinner boxes alongside her dad Matt Vogel on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Tefft Middle School. For story and more photos see page 8.

(Examiner photo by Andrea Kohl)



# Police Reports

## STREAMWOOD

Thursday, Nov. 14

★ At 10:39 p.m. in the vicinity of Schaumburg and S. Sutton roads, Brandon L. Rodriguez, 43, of 633 Lily St., Elgin, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Rodriguez was transported to the police department where he was later released on an I-bond and assigned a court date on Dec.9.

Saturday, Nov. 16

★ At 1:45 a.m. in the vicinity of Bartlett and E. Shag Bark roads, Joel A. Chmielak, 42, of 10 Dover Court, was arrested for DUI/BAC over .08, DUI/alcohol, improper turn at intersection and improper lane change without signal. His vehicle was towed and Chmielak was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was assigned a court date of Dec. 19.

★ At 5:58 p.m. police responded to a report of a domestic dispute at 3103 Lynnwood Court. Charles E. Scott, 41, of 1975 Royal Blvd., Elgin was arrested for criminal trespass to land. Scott was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was assigned a court date of Dec. 9.

★ At 9:39 p.m. in the vicinity of the of E. Irving Park and Barrington roads, Tami L. Chrenen, 33, of 115 E. Chicago Ave., Westmont, was arrested for aggravated DUI/great bodily harm/child passenger, DUI/BAC over .08 and DUI/alcohol. It was also terminated that she had two outstanding warrants. Her vehicle was towed and Chrenen was transported to the police department and held awaiting bond call.

Sunday, Nov. 17

★ At 12:56 a.m. in the vicinity of Bartlett and Irving Park roads, Xavier C. Lumas, 22, of 8205 S. Blackstone Ave., Chicago was arrested for DUI/BAC over .08, DUI/alcohol, improper turn at intersection and improper lane usage. His vehicle was towed and Lumas was transported to the police department where he later posted bond and assigned a court date of Jan. 3, 2020.

★ At 4:10 a.m. police responded to a report of a domestic dispute at 10 Phillippi Creek Drive. Travis G. Bryant, 33, of the same address, was arrested for domestic battery/bodily harm. Bryant was transported to the police department and held awaiting bond call.

Monday, Nov. 18

★ At 1:48 a.m. in the vicinity of Lake Street and Walnut Avenue, Serafin Lopez-Martinez, 33, of 601 Kishwaukee Ave., Marengo, was arrested for aggravated DUI/no drivers license, DUI/alcohol, DUI/BAC over .08 and improper traffic lane usage. His vehicle was towed and Lopez-Martinez was transported to the police department and held awaiting bond call.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

★ At 3:05 p.m. police responded to a Heine Drive address for a report of a person known to have outstanding warrants. Joaquin Banuelos, 50, of Heine Drive, was arrested for two out-

standing Kane County warrants. Banuelos was transported to the police department where he was held for Kane County authorities.

## BARTLETT

Sunday, Nov. 17

★ At 3:20 a.m., police responded to the 900 block of Lakewood for a report of a suspicious person. Complainant advised an unknown male subject had rung her doorbell. Officers made contact with the subject who advised he was there for an assignation with someone he had met online.

★ At 1053 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Donna for a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had entered his vehicle and stolen a business card holder and complainant's FOID card.

★ At 5:41 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Nicole for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer spoke to the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

★ At 6:46 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Scott for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer spoke to the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

Monday, Nov. 18

★ At 11:56 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Hillcrest for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised an unknown subject had followed her home from work.

★ At 1:23 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Spitzer for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen a piece of equipment from a company storage unit.

★ At 3:51 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Peter for a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had entered her unlocked vehicle and stolen a backpack and wallet.

★ At 5:01 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of South Main for a fraud complaint. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had made a purchase using his bank account information.

★ At 7:40 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Railroad for a report of motor vehicle theft. The officer searched the area with negative results.

★ At 7:51 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Bryn Mawr for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer spoke to the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

★ At 9:20 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of White Oak for a report of mischievous conduct. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had turned on the water hose in the rear of his house.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

★ At 6:30 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Independence for a report of a suspicious person. Complainant advised an unknown male subject was rummaging through his garbage.

★ At 12:20 p.m., in the 1000 block of Trillium, Christopher L. Crane, 22, of the Trillium address, was arrested for

possession of a controlled substance. Crane was transported to the police department for processing and then to DuPage County Jail.

★ At 1:28 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Dorchester for a report of harassment. Complainant advised his wife has been receiving text messages from a subject she no longer wishes to have contact with.

★ At 7 p.m., police responded to the 1500 block of Spaulding for a report of a domestic.

★ At 7:51 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Belmont for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer spoke to the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

★ At 8:03 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Harbor for a report of a domestic.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

★ At 1:15 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of Belmont for a report of fraud. Complainant advised an unknown subject had used her information to open a loan account.

★ At 5:24 a.m., police responded to the 900 block of Castlewood for a civil dispute.

★ At 10:21 a.m., in the 700 block of Schick, a 16-year old male subject received a local adjudication citation for possession of cannabis.

★ At 11:41 a.m., in the vicinity of Route 20 and Bartlett Road, Jose R. Lopez, 37, of the 0 block of Samuel, Streamwwood, was arrested for driving while license suspended and a right of way violation. He was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 6:39 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Norwich for a report of a domestic.

★ At 6:44 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Castlewood for a report of fraud. Complainant advised a known subject had used her information to open a credit card account.

★ At 11:19 p.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Stearns, Cameron A. Anderson, 18, of the 3000 block of Azure, Aurora, was issued a local adjudication citation for possession of cannabis.

Thursday, Nov. 21

★ At 12:18 a.m., in the 200 block of Wayne, Christopher E. Ray, 25, of the Wayne address, was arrested for criminal damage to property. Ray was transported to the police department for processing. He was also found to have an outstanding Bloomingdale warrant and was held until Bloomingdale police personnel could take

charge of him.

Friday, Nov. 22

★ At 1:38 p.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Stearns, an unidentified, 51-year old male, of the 300 block of Vandalia, Elgin, was arrested for no valid license. He was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 1:43 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Jackson for a report of a suspicious incident. Complainant advised an unknown subject had entered her yard, claiming he was there to clean her gutters. She advised him she had not requested her gutters be cleaned and that he should leave.

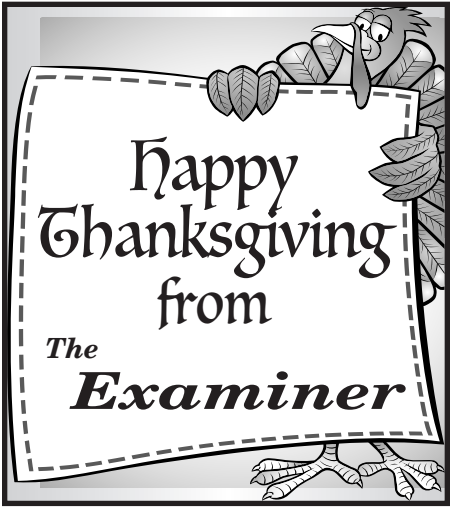
★ At 8:50 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Lambert, Bryan Sanchez-Bautista, 26, of the 5000 block of West 23rd, Cicero, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Sanchez-Bautista was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 11:22 p.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Apple Valley, Armando A. Elizalde, 52, of the 1000 block of Whitney, Hanover Park, was arrested for no valid license. He was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

Saturday, Nov. 23

★ At 6:46 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and North Bartlett, Miguel Cortez, 41, of the 300 block of Commonwealth, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Cortez was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

★ At 7:14 a.m., in the vicinity of Munger and Stearns, Arturo Chilchoa, 19, of the 1000 block of Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, was arrested for no valid license and speeding. Chilchoa was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.



## Streamwood football lands three on all UEC-squad

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood football team capped its 2019 season with three players earning all-conference honors in the Upstate Eight Conference.

Offensive linemen senior Josh Leather and junior Jansen Viloria along with junior defensive lineman Nick Larak earned the recognition. Leather has earned the recognition two straight years.

Sabres coach Don Guindon said that Leather “is getting interest from some Division I and D-II schools,” and both he and Viloria were “a part of an offense that was responsible for 1,946 rushing yards this season, 216 rushing yards per game and 4.6 yards a carry.” Larak “had 27 tackles, one sack and four tackles for a loss this season.”

Although finishing 2-7 overall and in the UEC this year, Streamwood saw

some positives including winning consecutive games for the first time since 2011 while losing some close games, including three where the Sabres held a fourth quarter lead.

“Obviously, the close losses are tough, but you look back at our years past and you start looking at how much competitive football we’re playing now,” Guindon said. “It’s just about taking those steps forward so the underclassmen that are coming back just have to keep building on that. As frustrating as it is, there’s a lot of positives to build on.”

Streamwood will lose seniors Angel Acosta, Sirrion Dixon, Julian Contreras, Stephen Deike, Piotr Jania, Joey Calo, Teavion Martin, Buddy Martinez, Kozyae Wright, Noe Valdez, T.J. Phan, Jorge Medrano, Luis Torres and Dillion Seklease.

## U-46 equity

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mer board member Phil Costello requested in 2018. He said at the time that he preferred to fulfill the district’s mission of “all means all” and that when “we raise the bar for everybody, everyone succeeds,” and he preferred the board not be given the back-ground of students when the board

was making discipline decisions.

“As a board member, I have not been given any testimony regarding this subject and there has been no deliberation of racially-motivated bias since the last class-action lawsuit that I am aware of,” Costello said at the time. “To the contrary, I have found that the District’s discipline code is a stellar model for all school districts and that our legal, security and administrative teams have demonstrated both professional execution and compassionate discretion to all students.”



# Energy, depth to be key for Sabres boys basketball

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team hopes that energy and depth can carry the Sabres to a successful season in 2019-2020.

Last year, the Sabres went 13-19 overall and 8-10 in the Upstate Eight Conference under coach Kent Payne's first season with the program. Streamwood has seen yearly improvements after having gone 0-24 in the UEC the previous two years combined.

"We will be a young team, but many of our players have varsity experience and hopefully that will pay off as the season progresses," Payne said. "Our complete focus is to be in great shape to play at the pace we want to perform at. Conditioning and skill development are our primary focus."

Some of the key returners for Streamwood include senior Luke Pentecost (6-foot-2, forward) as well as juniors Zach Marquez (6-1, guard), Kyle Maybrun (6-1, guard), Darrel Luce (6-3, forward), Kody White (5-11, guard), Jakobe Strong (6-0, guard) and sophomore Richard Santiago (6-0, guard).

Newcomers to watch include juniors Terrance Ray (5-10, forward) and Ryan Torre (5-8, guard) along with sophomore Andrew Phan (5-9, guard).

"We're hopeful a strength will be the energy and effort we will play at," Payne said. "Also, the ability to have depth to maintain the tempo we want to play at."

Streamwood opens the season this week at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament.

# American Education Week noted in U-46, nationally

By Seth Hancock

Last week, Nov. 18 through Nov. 22, was American Education Week, and the Board of Education in School District U-46 recognized teachers and support staff at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 18.

Various union presidents attended to be recognized including Barbara Bettis (Elgin Teachers Association, Sara Moeller (District U-46 Educational Assistants) and Heather Weiss (District U-46 Transportation Union).

"We're all very honored to receive this tonight," Bettis said.

The theme for this year's week is "Reach. Educate. Inspire," according to a U-46 press release.

"Every day we all need to appreciate the hard work, talent, and dedication of our teachers and paraprofessionals," U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said for the release. "This week, though, we set aside to ensure we appropriately celebrate these educators for how they shape future generations."

U.S. President Donald Trump also marked the week with a proclamation.

"We recognize the power of education and pay tribute to the educators and role models who shape the students of today into the leaders of tomorrow," Trump wrote. "Their efforts help provide a high-quality education to millions of students, build strong communities, and ensure that America maintains its standing in an increasingly competitive world."

Trump also used his proclamation to support educational freedom announcing his push for Education Freedom Scholarships which would allow private donations to state-based scholarships to receive tax credits, up to \$5 billion yearly.

"Every child in America deserves equal access to an education that meets their individual needs and prepares them for success," Trump wrote. "In America, the responsibility for education policy decisions is reserved mainly to the States and to the local officials who know their students best, and we recognize the countless teachers and administrators who contribute every day to innovative solutions at the State and local level."

Trump added: "Our education system should inspire students to become lifelong learners, and it should preserve the rights of parents to play an active role in educating their children, facilitate dynamic teaching styles that fit individual students, and free students to pursue their passions."

# Knit and crocheting requests met by senior center group

According to the Knit and Crochet group from the Hanover Township Senior Center, when a request was heard and a need identified, the group decided to act and immediately began to knit, crochet and quilt the items requested.

During the months of September, October, and early November, 77 'lapghans' were completed. They were taken to the Manteno Veteran's Home in Manteno, Illinois and the

Midwest Shelter for homeless Veterans in Wheaton. The group was very appreciative of all the community donations that were received.

During January and February 2020 the group will be working on our women's and children's needs and encourages anyone that does knitting and crocheting and would like to learn, to come and join the group at the Senior Center on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m.



Hand-made lapghans for homeless veterans.

(Courtesy photo)

# Pet of the Week



## Waiting to star in a new home

Are you looking for a cat that is simply a star? If so, Kitney Spears is the one for you! Her last owner gave Kitney up due to allergies. Kitney is now seeking her forever family. She enjoys affection and is very loving. Kitney is a young and vivacious, 2 years old, spayed, up-to-date on vaccines, and ready to light up the stage in a new home. For more information please call 407-2800 or email [animalservices@dupageco.org](mailto:animalservices@dupageco.org). (Photo courtesy of County Animal Control)



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# Volunteer brigade prepare holiday baskets

On Saturday, Nov. 23, over 700 volunteers met at Tefft Middle School to assemble Thanksgiving dinner boxes for the Basket Brigade. The Basket Brigade is an organization that arranges food normally eaten on Thanksgiving, to be donated, packed and delivered to those less fortunate in time for the holiday. This year, the committee's goal was to get enough food to make 2,000 dinner boxes, an increase of 650 boxes in 2018. Each box contains a frozen turkey, a box of stuffing, two packages of macaroni and cheese, two cans of peas and corn, along with yams, marshmallows, dinner rolls and a pumpkin pie.



A van from Harper College was filled to the top with 59 boxes, which was the most outside loaders Bill Stitt and Kevin Koykar could fit.



An assembly line was needed to unload two thousand frozen turkeys off a refrigerated truck and into the gymnasium for packing.



Sandy Hammer, Debbie McComb and Carole Nowotarski came dressed to work in their matching Thanksgiving-themed hats.



Twin brothers Lukas and Alex Dean were enthusiastic as they packed their dinner boxes.



Zach Curcio, who attended the event with other members from his Cub Scout troop, kept a close eye on his box.



The gymnasium at Tefft Middle School was filled with over 700 volunteers that filled 2,000 boxes with holiday food.

(Examiner photos by Andrea Kohl)



## Press Clippings 11/27/19

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### Late Marine to get tribute

Bill renaming post office for service member killed in Afghanistan awaits President Trump's expected signature

By: Rafael Guerrero



Pending approval by President Donald Trump, the post office at 66 Grove Court in downtown Elgin will be renamed for Marine Cpl. Alex Martinez, an Elgin native killed in 2012 during combat in Afghanistan.



Congress has approved legislation renaming the downtown Elgin post office for Marine Cpl. Alex Martinez, who was killed April 5, 2012, in Afghanistan.

Legislation renaming the city of Elgin's downtown post office for the local Marine killed in Afghanistan in 2012 is headed to the president's desk.

The bill approved by both houses of Congress calls for the post office at 66 Grove Court to bear the name of Cpl. Alex Martinez, the only service member from Elgin to lose his life in military action since U.S. terrorist attacks in 2001.

Senators approved the bill unanimously Friday, about four months after the measure passed in the House.

"I'm grateful to see the Senate has unanimously approved my legislation to honor and recognize Cpl. Alex Martinez, his loved ones and the millions of service members who risk all they have to defend our country," U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, the bill's chief sponsor, said in a written statement. Krishnamoorthi's 8th District includes most of Elgin.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, was the bill's chief sponsor in the Senate.

"I was proud to write a letter of support for this bill in the Senate and am glad it has passed," Durbin said in a statement. "Cpl. Martinez and all of our men and women in uniform make extraordinary sacrifices in defense of democracy."

Martinez, 21, was serving his second tour in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan when he was killed while his unit was seizing a compound.

The **Larkin High School** graduate was posthumously awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for valor and a Purple Heart.

Krishnamoorthi spokesman Will Baldwin said it is expected President Trump will sign the bill in the next 30 days, making the name change immediate. Signage changes will follow, he said.

Elgin resident Anthony Ortiz, who was behind the push to recognize Martinez with an honorary street designation on South Melrose Avenue where he grew up, said he was pleased the post office will soon bear his fellow Marine's name.

"For his family to see his name driving by the post office down Highland Avenue, that will be an amazing feeling," he said.

Both men were deployed in Afghanistan at the same time under different battalions, and would occasionally run into each other in Afghanistan, Ortiz said.

City Councilwoman Tish Powell, who read a city proclamation in honor of Martinez at the August street naming ceremony, said the post office honor demonstrates how proud local officials are of the sacrifice Martinez made.

"Just having the opportunity to meet Alex's family and learn of his contributions as a member of the military, growing up born and raised here, it's a very fitting tribute to have something like that in his honor," she said.

## **SPORTS**

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### **Dundee-Crown stymies South Elgin to win own tourney title**

**By: Dave Hess**

Dundee-Crown saved its best for last.

Scoring the final 7 points and holding South Elgin's high-powered offense scoreless for the final 4:27, the Chargers secured its first Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving tournament championship during coach Sarah Miller's 7-year tenure with a hard-fought 35-28 win over the Storm in Carpentersville Tuesday afternoon.

"One of our short term goals was to win this tournament," said Miller. "It is nice to win a championship. We are focused on one play at a time. We did the little things and found a way to win."

South Elgin's only points of the fourth quarter came on a 15-footer from Caroline Croft to tie the score at 28-28 with 4:27 left.

D-C's (4-0) 7 points came on 5 points from Gianine Boado, including a 3-pointer, and driving layup by Cassidy Randl.

During South Elgin's scoreless streak to end the game, the Storm (3-1) missed all 10 shots from the field and misfired 6 times from 3-point territory. South Elgin committed 4 costly turnovers.

"We missed some easy shots late in the game that really hurt us," said South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack. "This game played on a rainy Tuesday at 4 p.m. had a playoff atmosphere. D-C is our nonconference rival. We have had some great games with them. Give Dundee-Crown credit. They played outstanding defense. We went 3-1 in this tournament and we will learn from this game."

South Elgin, which trailed D-C 20-12 at halftime, outscored the Chargers 14-6 in the third quarter to tie the score at 26 after 24 minutes of play. In the third quarter, the Storm connected on 6-of-10 from the field for 60 percent and were 2-of-4 from beyond the arc.

Ari Williams scored 9 points in the quarter.

"We came out in the third quarter and played an unbelievable quarter," said Mandernack. "We are so small and really battled and gave great effort."

Williams led the Storm with 11 points and 3 assists.

South Elgin, guilty of 17 turnovers, connected on 12-of-40 from the floor for 30 percent and made only 3-of-15 from 3-point land for 20 percent. South Elgin made only 1-of-5 from the free-throw line for 20 percent.

"We need to do a better job of getting to the free-throw line," said Mandernack. "It is hard because we are so small but we need to do a better job of getting to the basket."

Alyssa Crenshaw, plagued with foul trouble, paced the Chargers with 14 points, 8 rebounds and 3 assists while Boado added 9 with a trey.

Senior Makayla Gotter, making her first career start, scored 6 points all in the third quarter to go along with 7 rebounds.

"I earned a starting spot in practice," said Gotter. "I played some as a junior but I am playing a bigger role this season. One of our goals was to win the Thanksgiving tournament. It means a lot. It is the first step for us this season."





Read! Learn! Connect!

The Bartlett Public Library District will be closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and all day on Thursday, Nov. 28.

**Babies and Tots**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 27, 9:30 a.m.;**  
**Monday, Dec. 2 to Wednesday, Dec. 4,**  
**9:30 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m.**  
Newborns through 35 months of age with a caregiver. Includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise, movement and baby and toddler interaction.

**Friday Afternoon Book Discussion**  
**Friday, Nov. 29, 12:30 p.m.**  
Titles are available at the Adult Services Desk one month prior to the discussion.

**De-Stress with Chess**  
**Saturday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m.**  
Feeling burned out after Black Friday shopping? Join our Adult Chess Club for an afternoon of relaxing chess! Players of all skill levels are invited and all boards and pieces will be provided!  
**Virtual Reality at the Library**  
**Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 to 4 p.m.**

Sign up for a 30-minute session with the library’s new Mirage Solo Virtual Reality headsets. Immerse yourself into a three-dimensional, computer-generated world. Library staff will be present during your experience to assist you and show you how to use the system. Register for only one session. This program is for BPLD cardholders ages 13 and older only, and requires a signed waiver. If attendee is under 18, a parent or guardian must sign a waiver or attendee will not be able to participate. Registration required.

**Christmas at Marshall Fields with Leslie Goddard**  
**Monday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.**  
For many Chicagoans, no Christmas season was complete without a visit to

Marshall Field’s, the city’s grande dame of department stores. This illustrated talk traces the store’s beloved holiday traditions, including the Walnut Room Christmas tree, the holiday window displays, the toy department, Cozy Cloud cottage, and the Christmas catalog. See family photos with Santa Claus over the years and peek behind-the-scenes at the employee party. And of course, meet Uncle Mistletoe and his family.

**It’s Storytime!**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.**  
Ages 3 and up. Enjoy 30 minutes of books and more during this storytime, which also welcomes those going into kindergarten.

**Bartlett Creative Writers**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m.**  
Meet with other aspiring writers to give constructive criticism on one another’s work, support each other through the ups and downs of writing, and share writing and publishing tips. For writers of all levels age 18 and older.

**Play and Learn**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.**  
Ages 2 and 3 with a caregiver. Drop-in to enjoy a learning based activity with your child, which will introduce concepts such as letters, colors, shapes, etc., and will prepare your child for kindergarten readiness.

**Monarch Club**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 3:30 p.m.**  
Grades one to three. Club members, mark your calendars! Voting for our favorite nominee will take place during the February meeting. Registration required.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, call 837-2855 or visit [www.bartlettlibrary.org](http://www.bartlettlibrary.org).



Bartlett Park District’s

Park Bench

...have a seat and we’ll fill you in

The following programs and services are provided by Bartlett Park District, some require advance registration. For more information, call 540-4800 or visit [www.bartlettparks.org](http://www.bartlettparks.org).

**Thanksgiving Altered Hours**  
The Bartlett Park District will be observing altered hours of operation for the Thanksgiving holiday.  
Bartlett Community Center Registration and Bartlett Nature Center closed: Nov. 28 and 29  
LIFECENTER and Splash Central will be observing reduced hours for Nov. 28: 5:30 to 11 a.m. (lap swim)  
No Open Gym on Nov. 28.  
**Villa Olivia Winter Sports Season Begins Dec. 13**  
Weather Permitting  
**Apple Orchard Stocking Stuffer:**  
**Dec. 2 to 23**

Surprise your favorite golfer this year with the gift of golf. The stocking stuffer includes a 10-round punch card for Apple Orchard and a sleeve of three golf balls. The stocking stuffer may be purchased at the Bartlett Community Center while supplies last and is not available online. Note: Punch cards do not expire and the fees are based upon the user, not the purchaser. Proof of residency will be required at the time of use by the golfer. \$95 resident/\$114 regular.

**Christmas Day Champagne Brunch:**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 25**  
**9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Villa Olivia has a delectable Christmas Day Brunch. Sit back, relax, and we’ll do the cooking and the cleaning! Our staff works hard to make this day as delicious and stress free as possible starting with a glass of complimentary champagne when you are seated at

your table. There is a wide variety of breakfast items, entrees, side dishes and dessert so everyone will be able to find something that fits their taste buds, and fills up their stomachs. Reservations are required at 540-4170 and are for one and a half hour seatings. Service is available from 9:30 a.m. through 2 p.m. Villa Olivia is located at 1401 W. Lake St., in Bartlett.

**Martial Arts: New sessions begin in January**  
The park district offers a variety of disciplines in martial arts. Kuyki Do, Shotokan Karate, and National Karate. Pick the style that works for you. Check out pages 34 to 35 in the Winter 2020 Program Guide for specifics.

**Adult Dance**  
If you are looking for a new way to exercise while fine tuning your dance skills, then these classes are for you. The classes are progressive so you can take your skills from one session and continue them into the next session. You will learn leading and following techniques, musicality and tips for understanding timing. These dance classes will prepare you for formal events, social dancing and weddings. You do not need to sign up with a partner.

**Latin Dancing: Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, 2020, 7 to 7:55 p.m.** This class includes the dances of salsa, bachata, merengue, cumbia, cha cha, zouk and kizomba.

**Social/Ballroom Dancing: Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, 2020, 8 to 8:55 p.m.** This class includes the dances Argentine tango, hustle, foxtrot, Lindy, East Coast swing, steppin, country two step, waltz, West Coast swing, Balboa, zydeco.

# Capital budget reviewed at committee meeting

**By Seth Hancock**  
The Village Board of Trustees was presented with a proposed five-year capital budget at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19. The board expects to vote on it at its next meeting.

The proposed budget for 2020-2024 totals \$98.4 million with upcoming projects for 2020-2021 totaling \$15.7 million. The proposal is slightly less from the \$99.7 million spent from 2015-2019.

The 2020-2021 plans include 22 projects and Todd Dowden, finance director, said “once (the capital budget’s) approved, then it gets rolled into our operating budget” which will be presented and voted on in the spring of next year.

The largest projects by fund in 2020-2021 include \$3.3 million from general obligation bonds for a Devon Excess Flow Plan rehabilitation and \$3.1 million from the water fund for water main replacement (\$1.3 million), infrastructure improvements (\$1 million), water tower painting (\$819,500) and water main leak survey and repairs (\$35,000).

The estimate for 2019-2020 is \$11.3 million which is a 72 percent decrease from \$40.6 million spent in 2018-2019. The budget is expected to increase by 39 percent (\$15.7 million) in 2020-2021, increase by 116 percent (\$34 million) in 2021-2022, decrease by 23 percent (\$26.1 million) in 2022-2023 and decrease by 56 percent (\$11.4 million) in 2023-2024.

For the 2020-2024 budget, the largest funding source will be Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loans at \$36.6 million.

There are three new projects listed in this proposal including a water meter changeout project starting in 2022-2023 with a first-year cost of \$1 million, an irrigation system replacement at Bartlett Hills Golf Course between 2021-2023 costing \$1.7 million and veranda resurfacing and outdoor furniture replacement at Bartlett Hills in 2020-2021 costing \$40,000.

Dan Dinges, director of public works, said regarding the water meters: “The last time that we changed meters was in the early 2000s, and they typically have a 20-year life.”

The water meter system would change from a fixed-network to a cellular network Dinges said which “allows us to avoid having to drive all the streets, and we’re actually always getting that data.”

Trustee Adam Hopkins said he’s seen in other municipalities that residents can get phone alerts when their water

usage is high and Dinges said that would be the same with this system change.

Regarding the irrigation system at Bartlett Hills, Dowden said an engineering study would be done in 2021-2022 with construction starting in 2022-2023.

“The number one tool in my arsenal to have a successful golf course... is water,” said Kevin DeRoo, grounds superintendent. “You can’t grow grass without it. Our irrigation system is currently 21 years old. It fails regularly.”

DeRoo said irrigation systems generally have a lifespan of 10 to 30 years dependent on geography, and in “our area, it’s really 20 to 25 years.”

Trustee Raymond Deyne asked about the new irrigation system’s life expectancy to which DeRoo said it would be the same.

Regarding the verandas, DeRoo said: “Current surface is peeling, it’s cracked and water has gotten underneath and is causing certainly some issues.”

DeRoo said it is currently “unsightly” which makes it harder to book weddings where “appearance is everything, and unfortunately it doesn’t look good right now.”

Village President Kevin Wallace said “it seems like an awful lot of money to redo the veranda,” and he asked if it was a quote or estimate and DeRoo said it was an estimate.

Paula Schumacher said Bartlett Hills has seen a 25 percent increase in banquets and the village wants to see that growth continue.

Regarding other projects, Trustee Michael Camerer said \$40,000 planned on bike path maintenance was “not a lot” and asked if there was room to add more funds to that.

Dinges said: “I would agree if we were contracting it all out, that wouldn’t go that far. But we’ve been successful in having our crews do some of that work.”

The park district has also annually spent \$10,000 on bike path maintenance according to Dinges who said the village does continue to pressure the park district for more funds.

Wallace suggested the village look for estimates on building a bike path crossing for the village similar to one in a neighboring village over Illinois Route 59.

Hopkins suggested the village also “be more aggressive” in regards to the sewer system. He has raised the issue previously stating that the village has aging infrastructure that needs to be addressed.

# Expectations remain high for Storm boys basketball

**By Seth Hancock**  
The South Elgin boys basketball team will be a younger team this year, but the expectations remain high for the 2019-2020 season.

The Storm set a program record for single season wins finishing 25-9 overall which included advancing to the sectional semifinals, and they were second in the Upstate Eight Conference at 15-3.

Over the summer, Storm coach Brett Johnson said: “The expectations don’t go away. I’m holding them to those same expectations and I’m trying to push them to their level. I don’t want to be just a team that has one good year. I want to continuously build good basketball players and good people year in and year out.”

South Elgin did lose three seniors

who were named all-conference including the conference player of the year in Vince Miszkiewicz, who averaged a double-double with 18.9 points and 12.4 rebounds.

However, the Storm does return some underclassmen who gained valuable varsity experience as freshmen in 6-foot-3 sophomore guard/forward Lane McVicar (6.5 points, 3.2 rebounds, 1.3 assists per game) and 6-2 sophomore guard Drew Cwik (5.7 points, 2.2 assists) while 6-4 sophomore center/forward Kendis Wiley (2 points, 2.6 rebounds) saw limited playing time behind Miszkiewicz.

Also returning from last year’s roster are seniors Derryl Barnes Jr. (6-0;



# South Elgin football lands 10 on all-UEC team

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team capped a successful 2019 campaign with a 9-2 record including an appearance in the second round of the playoffs, and the Storm went 8-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference to share the title.

Leading the way were 10 all-conference selections from a team that outscored opponents 490-70.

“This is one of the most special groups of kids I’ve had the pleasure to work with,” said South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic. “I can’t say enough about their commitment, toughness and discipline.”

Included were senior captains Vince Clinite (linebacker) and Dylan Bernal (defensive end) who were named conference defensive player of the year and lineman of the year respectively. Both are two-time selections to the all-conference team.

“True leader of our team,” Teonic said of Clinite. “Very reliable and invested.”

Of Bernal, Teonic said: “Workhorse of our program. Reliable and accountable at all times. Simply the toughest kid I’ve ever coached.”

Senior kicker Drew Bucaro was named special teams player of the year in the UEC. He was 3-for-4 on

field goals, 34 yards his longest this year and 8-for-11 in his career.

“Experienced and reliable,” Teonic said. “Had a great senior season for us going 62-for-65 on extra points and career leader in points in school history.”

The Storm defense allowed an average of 6.4 points and 192 yards of total offense per game and had six shutouts, and it also counted senior linebacker Sammy Robles and junior defensive back Alex Noworol as all-conference recipients.

“Outstanding work ethic,” Teonic said of Robles, a senior captain. “Transformed himself this past off-season through our strength program. Strongest kid at South Elgin High School, pound for pound. Had an incredible senior season.”

Teonic said of Noworol: “Game breaker in all three phases for us. Returned two punts for touchdowns, averaged over 15 yards per touch on offense and is an eraser at free safety. Very excited to have this young man back.”

Junior running back Davion Cherwin earned the honors after running for 440 yards on 30 carries with seven touchdowns, and he added eight catches for 110 yards and a TD.

“High level talent who had a good off-season last year,” Teonic said. “Im-

proved his game to another level. Physical fast and athletic. Dangerous with or without the ball. Plays in all phases and averaged over 14.6 yards per carry on offense. Should be exciting to watch him as a senior.”

Senior wide receiver Calin Gurau was all-conference with 17 receptions for 264 yards and five touchdowns.

“Old-school, hard-nosed kid who could play a multitude of positions,” Teonic said. “Great blocker, great hands and capable of winning 50/50 jump balls. Played on every special team.”

Helping block and create holes for a ground attack that gained 2,811 total rushing yards, offensive linemen senior Vince Tringali and junior Michael

Roath as well as senior tight end Andy Koch were all-conference.

“Fully vested kid who went from playing guard and defensive end to tight end as a senior,” Teonic said of Koch, a captain. “Bright, tough, hard-working. Very accountable, reliable and consistent.”

“Another old-school tough, physical kid who played larger than his frame allowed. Used the offseason to pack on muscle and became a workhorse for our team. Leader,” Teonic said of Tringali and added on Roath’s second all-conference selection: “Unique kid who can play multiple positions. Extremely hard working and intelligent. Physical at the point of attack with great feet.”

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*solute power corrupts absolutely.” Those two things help explain what is going on in the liberal/left sociopolitical movement. As Democrats keep moving further and further to the extreme, some of them are doing things unthinkable in more saner times. For example, some liberals are so extreme and corrupt they actually believe it is okay to discriminate against, legally persecute, and make criminals out of decent moral business people who merely don’t want to cater to heterophobic homosexuals! Is that bizarre or is that bizarre.*

*For another example, the Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211 school board recently voted 5-2 to give sexually confused men/boys (e.g., trans-genders) unrestricted access to the same locker room girls use, whether you like it or not. In other words, physiological males will now be allowed to get naked in front of girls (and physiological females will be allowed to get naked in front of boys). In still other words, the “values” of some pro-LGBT people are so upside-down, backward and twisted that they inconsiderately put the disordered feelings of transgenders ABOVE the feelings of decent, moral, normal people.*

*The school board members who irrationally voted for this obviously misguided and inverted policy are an embarrassment. We should encourage them to do decent, moral people a favor and resign. (They should also be compassionately encouraged to get therapy as something is very likely wrong with them.)*

*We need to shine a bright light on the fact that the political left is becoming more irrational, more intolerant, more extreme, more violent, more fascistic and totalitarian, etc. If we don’t fix the political left, if they succeed in achieving all of their perverse goals, they will set this country back decades.*

Wayne Lela

### Capturing impeachment essence

Dear Editor,  
I believe what was stated in Rich Trzupek’s “Impeachment 101” article in the November 20th issue of the Examiner does not quite capture the essence of the recent impeachment hearings. In his last paragraph Rich Trzupek states:

*This inquiry, (Trump impeachment hearing) doomed to fail, is not about investigating the supposed wrong-doings of a President of the United States, it’s about undermining the authority of a duly elected chief executive whose very existence is incomprehensible to the terminally fuddled Adam Schiff and his colleges.*

*Contrary to Rich Trzupek’s opinion stated in his “... Cheap Seats” article, I believe the recent impeachment hearing IS about investigating the supposed wrong-doings of a President of the United States, Donald Trump. It’s the set of procedures established by our forefathers. I also believe that the recent impeachment hearings are NOT “undermining the authority of a duly elected chief executive”,*

# Hawks boys basketball has lots of new faces, sizes

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team may be inexperienced this season but has potential as the Hawks prepare for the 2019-2020 campaign.

Last year, the Hawks were 8-22 overall and 5-13 in the Upstate Eight Conference. This year, Bartlett hopes to be an UEC contender and advance in the postseason.

“I am excited about our ability to play fast or slow, small or quick,” said Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith. “Hopefully we can stay healthy, which bit us last year, and we will see growth from our returners as well as quality play from our new players. I think the start could be rough while we figure out who we are, but it could eventually become something real solid.”

Wolfsmith added: “Obviously, our hope is to return to the top of the conference and find our way back into a sectional.”

The Hawks six players returning with solid playing experience from last year include seniors Liam Gallagher (5-foot-10, guard), Jack Kline

(5-11, forward) and Cam Kunzer (5-10, guard) as well as juniors Hayden Angell (6-4, forward), Clark Lewis (5-9, guard) and Alec Palella (6-4, center).

Three new players are transfers to Bartlett this year including a 6 foot, 10-inch center in sophomore Conrad Luczynski as well as 5-10 senior guard John Rivera and 6-2 junior forward Nick Bucaro. Some other top newcomers include juniors George Betevis (5-10, guard), Nick Kantzavelos (6-3, forward), Mike Priami (6-0, guard) and Frances Ressureccion (6-0, forward) along with sophomore Ian Smith (6-2, guard).

“Going to be an interesting year melding together all these new parts, from the returning six, the new transfers and the new varsity bodies,” Wolfsmith said. He added: “I think we have a deep but largely inexperienced team that can attack from a variety of spots this year and I feel that will make it hard on teams to scout who to stop.”

Bartlett opens the season this week at the Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament.

team is made up primarily of juniors, with seven, as well as two new sophomores.

“I see a lot of potential,” Johnson said. “We lack size, but we can overcome that because it’s a deeper, more athletic team.”

South Elgin opens the season at this week’s St. Charles East Thanksgiving Tournament.

stop by the Adult Services Desk or call 837-3560 for more information.

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You can feed a family pet for less than \$10 a month. Brunos Pro Bone O Pet Pantry is a 501 (c)(3) charity pet food pantry that distributes free food to help elderly, disabled, or low-income pet owners who are struggling to keep food in the bowls of their beloved companions. Even \$10 a month for food may be too much to spend for someone who is trying to keep their furry family members at home—where they belong. Please help by donating food or funds to Brunos Pet Pantry: they believe no one should have to give up a dog or cat because of money. They need your help! Please call 926-3610, or [www.brunospantry.com](http://www.brunospantry.com).

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guard), Moses Montgomery (6-1; forward/center) and Joseph Zdybel (6-4; center) as well as junior John Aaron Wafford (5-1; guard). The rest of the

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posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

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Looking for a Job? The Bartlett Library has resources to assist you in your employment search: Join their career networking email list to hear about job fairs, programs and employment opportunities; stop by the Cafe and see their job board; check out the materials that cover topics such as resume writing and interviewing help;

*but instead attempting to ensure that the President, and future Presidents, do not use the office to make deals with foreign countries in exchange for achieving their own personal-political goals.*

*Based on the first two weeks of testimony from several highly respected members of our government who testified (to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth...) at the recent impeachment hearings, it has become evident that President Trump did in fact establish a Quid-Pro-Quo with Ukraine.*

*While it’s not uncommon or unlawful for US officials to enhance and secure foreign policy with an offer to exchange one thing for another (a “this-for-that” Quid-Pro-Quo), the issue with Trump’s Quid-Pro-Quo (described by those who testified) is that Trump solicited Ukraine for a personal “favor” (investigate the Bidens to enhance his re-election) in exchange for military aid desperately needed by Ukraine to defend themselves against further Russian influence.*

*Also at issue during the impeachment hearings was the use of the term “bribery” to describe Trump’s Quid-Pro-Quo. As defined by Black’s Law Dictionary, bribery is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any item of value to influence the actions of an official or other person in charge of a public or legal duty. Make your own judgment, but I feel Trump’s Quid-Pro-Quo was a form of bribery since what he wanted in exchange for military aid to Ukraine was personal in nature, void of US policy and void of mutual benefit to all Americans, not just Republicans.*

*I believe that Trump will be and should be impeached. However, I do not believe the Senate (with a Republican majority) will vote to remove Trump from office.*

*As a Republican, I felt embarrassed watching the Republican complicity demonstrated during the first two weeks of the impeachment hearings. It was obvious to me that Republican statements at the hearings were heavy on rhetoric exhibited by talented skill used to persuade people away from truthful testimony. Seldom did I feel that they “argued” from knowledge or truth. Their focus appeared to be concentrated on telling the (television) audience what they thought the audience wanted to hear; something I believe is also done by our news media (FOX and CNN).*

*The Socrates attack on rhetoric argues that belief may be true or false, but knowledge by definition must be true, or else it is not knowledge. During the past several years of the Obama and Trump administrations, our political parties have become more and more divisive, focusing on the rhetorical art of persuasion at the expense of the truth. Of course rhetoric does have its place. As Socrates indicates, one who knows the truth cannot produce conviction without knowing the art of persuasion, however there is no genuine art of speaking without a grasp of the truth, and there never will be.*

*As Americans, I hope that we can all concentrate more on accepting the truth instead of focusing on what we may want to hear or believe.*

God Bless America,

Bob Kerger



# Emotional opener spurs Hawks to 50-point win

By Seth Hancock

On an emotional opening night, the Bartlett girls basketball team made coach Brad Hunt proud on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Bartlett.

The Upstate Eight Conference contest

against Fenton was the Hawks first regular season game since Hunt's untimely



Sophia Desarden finishing off a drive for the Hawks while dealing with the defense of Fenton's Hailey Miller. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

## Hawks football contingent named to all-UEC squad

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team finished a successful season with a second straight trip to state and earning a share of the Upstate Eight Conference title, finishing 8-2 overall and 8-1 in the UEC, and the Hawks had nine players recognized as all-conference.

Offensively, Tyler Rivelli (running back) and Matt Young (wide receiver) as well as junior Mike Priami (quarterback) earned the honors.

Priami was 109-for-201 with 1,440 passing yards and 17 touchdowns, and he ran for 158 yards with five TDs.

"Mike has become one of the best QBs in the area over the course of the season," said Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "To see the work that his young man puts in during the off-season, it" is not a surprise."

Rivelli ran for 1,147 yards on 120 carries with 12 touchdowns.

"Tyler is the heart and soul of the team," Erlenbaugh said. "He was a big play threat every time he touched the ball. He is that rare type of player that doesn't come along very often. Everything he did was with the mindset of 'how can I make this team better.'"

Young had 34 catches for 463 yards and six touchdowns.

"Matt is just a flat-out playmaker," Erlenbaugh said. "If a ball is thrown anywhere in his vicinity, he's going to come down with it. He is also the best down field blocker that I have seen in years. If not for his efforts, so many of his teammates wouldn't have been celebrating in the end zone."

Linebackers senior Abel Serrato (85 tackles, one sack, one interception, one forced fumble) and junior Brenden Gran (117 tackles, one sack, one interception, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery) were all-conference.

"Brenden has a nose for the football," Erlenbaugh said of Gran. "He is able to read his keys and identify what an offense is going to do in a split second.

He is a field general and in many games is the guy that calls the defense. It's invaluable to have another coach playing linebacker."

Of Serrato, Erlenbaugh said: "Abel is a hitter that brings the juice every day. Practice, weight room, games it didn't matter, his energy is infectious. Our team fed off it and everyone picked up their games because of him."

Juniors Dan Angelone (offensive line/defensive end), Nick Bucaro (wide receiver/defensive back) and Alec Palella (tight end/linebacker/defensive end) were two-way players receiving the honors.

Angelone had 38 tackles, five sacks and a forced fumble.

"Dan is a leader of the 'Bigs,'" Erlenbaugh said. "A two-way starter on both the O-line and D-line, he is a high motor guy. As his opponent started to tire, he'd find his next gear. He lives for the physicality of the line."

Bucaro had 486 total offensive yards with four touchdowns, and defensively he had 23 tackles and seven interceptions.

"Nick has a motor that can go for days," Erlenbaugh said. "He was our true two-way player that never came off of the field. He's got speed, agility, vision and is a ball hawk with seven picks on the season."

Palella had 192 reception yards, five touchdowns and added 81 tackles, three sacks and two interceptions on defense.

"Alec is a big, athletic, versatile player that teams had to game plan for," Erlenbaugh said "No matter where he is on the field, he's a game changer."

Junior kicker Xander Salyers also earned all-conference honors.

"Xander is one of the hardest workers on the team," Erlenbaugh said. "His dedication to the team is unmatched. He's a guy who if you tell him to do something, he'll do it with 100 percent effort every time."

ly passing over the summer. Bartlett won the game 85-35, but the game was about honoring Hunt as the Hawks held pre- and post-game ceremonies with Hunt's family in attendance.

"It's just an emotional day, but these girls are my rock," said Bartlett coach Joe Eirich, who was Hunt's assistant the past two seasons. "Everything they do just impresses me and makes me proud to be around them on a daily basis."

The game was originally scheduled for January but moved to the season opener to honor Hunt as Fenton coach Dave Mello teaches at Bartlett. Both taught together in the same building for 15 years, and Mello was the Hawks head coach for two years with Hunt as his assistant.

"Of course, basketball-wise we had a game to play, but this whole night the basketball was secondary," Mello said. "This night was all about Brad and what he did for Bartlett as a teacher and as a coach. The guy just worked endlessly, endlessly."

On the court, sophomore Mackenzie Hare and junior Lexi Sinclair were tough to stop as the Hawks built a 29-8 lead after one quarter and 60-14 by halftime.

Hare (nine rebounds, four assists, three steals) set a new single-game school scoring record with 43 points (31 in the first half) including four three pointers, and Sinclair had a double-double and nearly a triple-double with 19 points, 10 assists, eight rebounds and seven steals. Kylie Walker added five points and Sophia Desarden four.

"My teammates helped me out a lot in this one, and that was definitely for coach Hunt and the rest of the community," Hare said. "It's been really hard. We think about him every day."

"We know that he's still looking down on us and he's just coaching us from a different place, just not on the court," Sinclair said.

Bartlett finished the opening week 2-1 after splitting its first two games at the Naperville Central Thanksgiving tournament.

Against Harlem, the Hawks used a 27-12 second quarter to take a 42-29 halftime lead on the way to a 71-58 win on Friday, Nov. 22.

The Hawks then fell 69-46 to host Naperville Central on Saturday, Nov. 23. Bartlett suffered some shooting struggles hitting only 28 percent from the field, 17 percent from behind the arc.



On opening night of a new basketball season, the game was clearly dedicated to the Hawks late coach Brad Hunt.



The Hawks' Kylie Walker, left, and the Bison's Brianna Tellez both coming up empty while battling for a rebound on opening night.



Alexis Sinclair scoring between Fenton's Hailey Miller, left, and Melina Lira.



# Storm off to 2-0 start at holiday tournament



From left, the Lions’ Brooke Davis and Joy Bergstrom battling with the Storm’s Megan McClure for an elusive rebound at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament.

*(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*



South Elgin’s Raina Yang driving on the St. Viator basket while attempting to negotiate past the Lions’ Nora Ahram.



Loreal Wilson of South Elgin dribbling across the court and through the lane while pursued by the Lions’ Lily Collins.

**By Seth Hancock**

The South Elgin girls basketball team got off to a strong start in the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving tournament winning its first two, this year after going 1-3 in the season opening tournament each of the last two seasons. The Storm made it 2-0 on the season after a 46-40 victory over St. Viator on Friday, Nov. 22. Sophomore Ella Winterhalder (17 points) hit two of her four three-pointers to start the scoring and South Elgin led 8-0 just under four minutes into the game after senior Aryanna Williams (10 points) hit a pair of free

throws. The Storm led for good from there.

The lead grew as large as 26-14, that coming shortly before halftime, but the Storm had to stave off a late rally which saw the lead shrink to three. In the end, Storm coach Dan Mandernack credited his small team’s big heart, especially on defense, for the win.

“Their heart is huge,” Mandernack said. “You will not find a team that hustles more, wants it more, battles more. That team we beat is really, really, really good. They will not be held to 40 points again this year. They’re a 70-point type of team.”

Mandernack added: “We didn’t crack under pressure. They press the entire game, and we’ve got two freshmen in there the first quarter, two sophomore guards and they didn’t crack. They were strong, they were smart and they just wanted it.”

St. Viator eventually pulled to 39-36 with just 1:54 left in the game, but the Storm sealed it from the charity stripe going 7-for-8 in the final minutes.

Senior Megan McClure contributed 10 points, including three treys, but Mandernack was most impressed with her defensive effort on the night. She is nearing 1,000 career points, entering the season with 926.

“For all the scoring she gets accolades for, she just played her heart out on defense,” Mandernack said.

“I thought we were able to keep up a high tempo and really play hard the whole time,” McClure said. “They’re a fast team, so we just had to step it up and play some good defense.”

Senior Madison Waichunas scored eight points.

In its opener, South Elgin defeated Jacobs 51-34 on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

The Storm hit nine from behind the arc on the night led by four from leading scorer McClure (15 points), and sophomore Caroline Croft hit two treys for six points. Williams scored 14 points, and freshman Raina Yang added five.



Ella Winterhalder completing an assault on the Lions basket while being defended by St. Viator’s Gabby Brown.



# Streamwood defeated by Gators and Chargers

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team couldn't get past a tough third quarter as the Sabres fell 54-25 against Thanksgiving tournament host Dundee-Crown on Friday, Nov. 22.

Streamwood led 4-2 early in the first quarter when Dundee-Crown scored the next 14 points to take the lead for good, Peyton Hedger eventually hitting a three-pointer to pull the Sabres to 16-7 with 1:16 left in the first quarter.

A pair of Sabres split free throws pulled them to 24-14 midway through the second quarter when Dundee-Crown went on a 20-0 run for a 44-14 lead

late in the third. Kaylee Angle hit a bucket with 2:10 left in the third for Streamwood's only points in the frame, Dundee-Crown winning the period 24-2 for a 52-16 lead.

"We were down 14 at the half with lots of turnovers and not hitting anything," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "We did not hit shots that we normally hit, and we're still down only 14."

Rosner added: "You come out in the third quarter and have a good start, it makes it a different game. We had a bad start and the game was over. Very disappointed with the third quarter, but that's a really good team we played."

Mandy Mien played with plenty of fight on the night scoring 12 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Idalyd

Ocampo added five points.

"[Mien] played hard for every second she was out there, and I feel bad that right now she doesn't have more playing with her, playing better," Rosner said. "Everyone has a role that they need to start playing."

Streamwood is 0-2 to start the year after opening the tournament with a 45-35 loss to Crystal Lake South on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

"It could have gone either way," Rosner said. "It was a close game the entire game."

The game ultimately hinged on a tough second quarter. Trailing by just one after the opening frame, Streamwood was outscored 11-2 in the second for a 21-11 halftime deficit.

Hedger led the Sabres with 11 points including three treys. Mien added six points, Vicki Kopko and Vivian Sumoski five each and Angle four.



The Sabres' Saraih Dixon driving the baseline under the Dundee-Crown basket with her route blocked by the Chargers' Emily Oldham.  
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Streamwood's Sayuri Ishikawa attempting to get off a shot while closely guarded by Dundee-Crown's Alyssa Crenshaw.

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Kaylee Angle releasing a shot from behind the arc for the Sabres over the Chargers' Cassidy Randl.