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Elgin early childhood, technical education initiative seeks additional funding from U-46

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



- Alignment Collaborative for Education, which helped organize Elgin Area School District U-46's career expo in September drawing more than 2,800 eighth-graders to the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, is seeking more funding support from U-46.

An Elgin-based education initiative working to provide early childhood support and career programs for local students is seeking more funding.

[Alignment Collaborative for Education, or ACE](#), is requesting an additional \$51,000 from Elgin Area School District U-46 -- among its many partners -- for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

U-46 previously had agreed to provide \$75,000 distributed over three years.

The U-46 school board is expected to approve a one-year extension of the partnership with ACE at its Dec. 17 meeting.

CEO Tony Sanders told the school board Monday if the district were to undertake the work ACE is doing, it would cost much more than \$51,000.

Launched in 2015, ACE is a partnership among U-46, Elgin Community College, Judson University, the city of Elgin, Gail Borden Public Library, the villages of Bartlett, Burlington and Hanover Park, Hanover Township, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the Grand Victoria Foundation, United Way of Elgin, and other government, nonprofit, business and community groups.

Its goals are building more business and industry partnerships to train a workforce better aligned to market demands, supporting early childhood education intervention, supporting and expanding career and technical education opportunities, and providing trauma-informed care in schools. Trauma-informed care is a treatment framework that involves recognizing and responding to the effects of trauma in schools.

Among ACE's priorities are preparing more students to enter kindergarten and raising the number of third-graders performing at grade level in reading and math. Efforts also are underway to provide a trauma-informed care approach for at-risk students at Larkin High School, Abbott Middle School, Highland and Harriett Gifford elementary schools, all in Elgin, and Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin.

ACE's yearly operating budget is under \$200,000, including salaries for its executive director and another full-time employee.

U-46 school board member Jeanette Ward said ACE should be fully funded by donations as was originally intended, rather than with taxpayer funding. Since its inception, ACE partners collectively have spent more than \$650,000, she said.

ACE Executive Director Nancy Coleman said the district is getting a huge return on investment in volunteer hours, program funding and other resources. The group's business partnerships have grown from under 60 a year ago to more than 120 partners to date, she said.

"We've got 300-plus volunteers that are working on this. We can continue to bring in significant resources to U-46," said Coleman, adding many foundations and corporate sponsors will fund programs, such as work-based learning for students and expos.

Among ACE's achievements is helping organize U-46's annual career expo drawing more than 2,800 eighth-graders to the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates this year.

Board member Phil Costello said he supports spending the money for creating innovative partnerships and programs.

"I think it's a good investment even if I can't see tangible results right here today," he said. "This is not a leap of faith. It's a progress report that we'll be looking for."

Kane juvenile council helps parents 'wake up' to signs of kids' drug abuse at home

By: Harry Hitzeman



- Joe McMahon

Signs of illegal activity or even hard-core drug use may be found in a simple scan of your child's bedroom.

That water bottle can serve as vessel to store and transport vodka. A seemingly innocuous belt that has been taken off a pair of pants that but is still in a loop could be sign of tourniquet use for shooting up heroin.

These are two examples from "Wake Up Call," a presentation coming to Geneva High School and Central High School in Burlington in mid-January that features a life-size exhibit of a teen's bedroom with warning signs of drug and alcohol use.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Seberger attended a presentation in Indiana and said tips and information gleaned from "Wake Up Call" can be invaluable for parents.

"Parents would audibly gasp. It's things they never knew were happening," Seberger said, noting the belt and water bottle warning signs.

The Kane County Juvenile Justice Council is one of the community groups sponsoring "Wake Up Call," set for 7 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Geneva High School auditorium and 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Central High School auditorium.

At his monthly media meeting Tuesday, State's Attorney Joe McMahon said the council seeks to be proactive in its efforts to identify at-risk juveniles and provide them with access to programs and services to stay out of the court system and "on the right path."

McMahon said there's been a slight uptick in juvenile crime during the past year, with a lot of it being crimes of opportunity involving car burglaries where valuables are left out in the open or a car is left running outside while being warmed up.

Another tool provided by the council is a plastic card that police officers can give to parents. The card contains quick and easy-to-access numbers for a variety of social services and resources parents can access if their kids seem headed to delinquency.

Elgin High School junior Maurice Martin and his mom, Sherry Green, also were at the meeting to unveil the council's new logo, which Martin designed.

The final product was whittled down from 20 initial designs to five finalists during a two-month span, and Martin refined the final design with four figures holding hands and the three words: collaboration, support and intervention.

"What everybody puts in matter to the whole community," Martin said.

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Elgin's first poet laureate chosen

By: Janelle Walker



- Chasity Gunn has been named the first poet laureate of the city of Elgin

Elgin has its first poet laureate.

Chasity Gunn was named to post Friday, chosen by the organizers of the Elgin Poet Laureate Project, who hope to use poetry to foster a love for the art form, the spoken word and the city.

“There is always a reason to celebrate in Elgin,” said Tish Calhamer, of the Gail Borden Public Library, one of the program’s organizers.

Poet Reggie Kee, who lives in Elgin, approached Calhamer with the idea about a year ago and was one of the five finalists considered for the post. But instead of just launching a program, Calhamer and others wanted to ensure the community and arts organizations were on board.

She put together a committee with representatives from the arts, the city of Elgin, School District U46, the Downtown Neighborhood Association and other groups.

“We liked the idea (of a poet laureate),” Calhamer said. “It celebrates the history and culture of a community and brings an added dimension of appreciation for one’s hometown and an education component. It allows them all to interact with all ages and a love of all arts — not just the spoken or written word.”

A call for laureate applicants was put out, a short list developed and the poets brought in for interviews with a selection committee.

Gunn, 34, a Mississippi native, knew at a young age she wanted to live in the Chicago area and moved to Elgin about 3 1/2 years ago after being introduced to the city by a college roommate.

While the cost of housing here was a deciding factor, so was the city’s diversity and culture, Gunn said.

“It felt like home. It felt like family — because of the people, the diversity of the place, with a vibrant Latino and a Laotian community,” she said, speaking after the announcement of her appointment was made.

“There is the downtown, the Centre (of Elgin recreation center), the library — and it is one of the best libraries that I have seen.” Gunn said. “When it comes to the city, it feels like a small town and it doesn’t feel like a small town. There is always something new in Elgin.”

Those new things will be part a big part in what Gunn will be doing. The project organizers plan to make her available for city events, including grand openings, commencements and dedications. Her first official appearance will be at the Elgin Literary Festival in early 2019.

“If there is a special event or a venue at which you would like to see her perform, contact me,” Calhamer said. “The poet laureate will appear at civic events and festivals to write original poetry on demand and express a love of poetry and to nurture others.”

One the poems Gunn read for her interview was about a homeless woman, another was about combs and unruly hair.

Liz Marston, of the Elgin History Museum, said Gunn's poem on the homeless woman perfectly captured her own feelings.

"You put that into words in a way that is what poetry is supposed to do," Marston said.

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St. Charles East clicks on both ends, beat Streamwood

By: Jerry Fitzpatrick



- St. Charles East players, from left, Nate Ortiz, Cody Mitchell and Luke Matheny defend as Streamwood's Keenon Cole takes the ball to the hoop during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.



- Streamwood coaches Kent Payne and his son Cully monitor the action against St. Charles East during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.



- Streamwood's Keenon Cole looks to the hoop during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.



- Streamwood's Zach Marquez, left, drives on St. Charles East's Luke Matheny during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.
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- Streamwood's Nick Droll takes a jumper against St. Charles East during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.
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- St. Charles East's Cody Mitchell soars to the hoop against Streamwood during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.
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- St. Charles East's Mark Musial makes a move to the hoop against Streamwood during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.
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- St. Charles East's Nate Ortiz soars in for a basket past Streamwood's Luke Pentecost during varsity boys basketball at St. Charles on Tuesday night.

Nate Ortiz led St. Charles East with 23 points in a 68-51 nonconference home win over Streamwood on Tuesday, but the senior took far more pride in his defense.

Saints coach Patrick Woods called the 6-foot-3 guard his best defender of the last two years. However, he initially did not assign Ortiz to cover Streamwood senior forward Keenon Cole, a silky smooth 6-7 forward who will play at Northern Illinois next year.

Cole, a strong perimeter player, went off for 11 points early, capped by a 3-pointer that kept Streamwood (2-4) within a point of the lead, 17-16, early in the second quarter.

Things changed once Woods sicced Ortiz on Cole. Streamwood's scoring leader was limited to 6 points over the final 23 minutes.

"I made it my mission to stop him," said Ortiz, who played with Cole for a brief time on a travel team when both were sophomores. "I love guarding players of a high caliber. It's been a thing I've had to do since my sophomore year when I guarded (Stevenson graduate) Justin Smith, who is going to Indiana now. I love the objective, the difficulty of guarding someone. It makes me better and it's something I value."

Cole, who blocked 5 shots and grabbed 7 rebounds, was limited to 3 baskets in 14 attempts over the final three quarters. Ortiz wasn't alone in defending the Streamwood standout, of course.

"I think we had guys helping better, which is what we practiced during the week," Woods said.

"Guys were stacked on my side so it was pretty hard to get to the hoop," said Cole, who led the Sabres with 17 points. "Their main plan was to stop me and Nikola (Sinik) and I think they did a good job of that."

Sinik contributed 15 points for Streamwood, including three 3-pointers, but St. Charles East (5-2) was the better team from the arc. Senior Mark Musial sank six 3-pointers and Ortiz made five more as the Saints drained 11 of 22 attempts from long range.

The Saints were particularly accurate in the third quarter, when they made 5 of 7 3-point attempts to win the quarter 23-7. Musial buried a 3-pointer off a steal with eight seconds left to stake St. Charles East to a 56-40 lead. He finished with 20 points on 6-of-10 shooting from beyond the arc.

Meanwhile, the Sabres made only 3 of 16 third-quarter attempts, 1 of 8 from 3-point range.

"We went on a drought," Streamwood coach Kent Payne said. "They're a good team. They're going to hit shots. Over that three or four minutes they couldn't miss."

Senior Cody Mitchell finished with 15 points and 3 rebounds for St. Charles East, which returns to DuKane Conference play on Friday at Wheaton Warrenville South.

Streamwood, 1-0 in Upstate Eight Conference play, hosts league rival South Elgin on Saturday.

Bartlett survives Glenbard South despite shaky final minute

By: Craig Brueske

Bartlett's girls basketball team nearly snatched a defeat out of the hands of victory Tuesday night.

Despite misfiring on 7 of 8 free throws over the final 57 seconds, the Hawks (6-2, 3-0) escaped with a 46-43 Upstate Eight Conference triumph over Glenbard South (3-3, 1-2) in Bartlett.

"We might shoot a few," Hawks coach Brad Hunt said when asked about his team's late foul shooting woes. "That's why I have no hair. We didn't hit enough free throws down the stretch but we held on."

Trailing 34-33 after 3 quarters, the Hawks finally created some separation thanks to an 11-2 run over the next 5 1/2 minutes.

Freshman Mackenzie Hare (11 points, 5 rebounds) canned a 3-pointer from the corner just 9 seconds into the fourth quarter to put the Hawks on top to stay at 36-34.

"We hit 'Mac' and like a freshman who acts like a senior sometimes she knocked it down and we sprung forward," said Hunt.

After the Hawks' Savannah Standefer and the Raiders' Maggie Bair traded baskets, Hare converted an acrobatic 3-point play to make it 41-36.

Three straight points from sophomore guard Lexi Sinclair extended the Hawks' advantage to 44-36 with 2:27 remaining -- their largest lead of the night.

"We paid attention to detail a lot today," said Sinclair, who finished with a team-high 17 points. "We focused a lot on defense and that helped create our offense."

Bartlett still led 46-40 after Sinclair split a pair of free throws with 45 seconds left.

Bair, the Raiders' 6-foot-2 senior center, answered with a 3-point play to trim the deficit to 46-43 with 25 seconds remaining but her potential game-tying 3-point attempt rimmed out in the final seconds.

"It was a contested three and it was a step-back three and not a rhythm three," said Hunt. "I was OK with it."

Bair led the Raiders with 18 points, 17 rebounds, 4 blocked shots and 3 steals while playing the entire game.

"I was happy with our defensive game plan today," said Hunt. "We 'held' one of the best players in our conference to 18 (points) but it was never a dominant 18 (points)."

"Bair is a really good player and in the past, we've struggled (with post players) because we're a smaller team," said Sinclair. "Today, we did a good job of containing her and making sure she didn't go off on us."

"We were help-one as soon as she got the ball."

Sophomore Justina Hernandez added 9 points and 5 rebounds for the Hawks.

"It's absolutely a nice win for us," said Hunt. "We play 18 conference games so it's a long road and a long grind. I doubt anybody goes through this conference schedule undefeated. There are too many good teams."

Sophomore guard Lauren Cohen finished with 14 points and 7 rebounds for the Raiders.

"We missed a lot of easy baskets," said Raiders coach Morgan Kasperek. "Give Bartlett all the credit in the world -- they put physical pressure on us and it threw us off."

"The effort is there. These are two good basketball teams. It'll be good to play them again."

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Guarded optimism

Sinclair takes over leadership role as sophomore for Bartlett

By: Paul Johnson



- Bartlett's Lexie Sinclair, center, has raised her scoring average from 11.6 points last season to 17.3.

Bartlett's Lexie Sinclair found her way as a freshman last season.

Now, the sophomore point guard has taken control for the Hawks, and learning the ropes helped her growth.

"I think last season I struggled with leading the team," Sinclair said. "I feel like this season I have a better concept of how (coach Brad) Hunt wants me to run the team. The experience meant a lot."

Sinclair didn't have the weight of leadership on her shoulders last season playing alongside Kayla Hare. But Hare, who averaged 19.6 points, graduated.

Not only has Sinclair taken on more of a leadership role this season for Bartlett (5-2, 2-0), her scoring average has increased from 11.6 points to 17.3.

"Kayla was a big part of our team and did a lot for us," Sinclair said. "This season, I think Hunt wants all of us to try to fill that role. As a team, we need to collaborate to fill the points Kayla scored every game."

Hunt has worked hard to ensure he's on the same page with Sinclair so she can run the team on the court without much prompting.

"She's put the team on her shoulders in terms of leadership," Hunt said. "It's hard to be a leader and a point guard as a freshman. She's an extension of me on the court now."

"She has to be that vocal leader. She's just dominating the game. I thought she did an outstanding job last season. She's just taking it to a new level."

Sinclair plays on the AAU circuit in the offseason. One of her teammates off and on since third grade is freshman guard Mackenzie Hare, Kayla's younger sister.

Hare has made an immediate impact for Bartlett, complementing Sinclair by averaging 15.7 points.

"I think playing with Mackenzie is fun," Sinclair said. "The two of us have a lot of chemistry, so I think that helps us a lot. Even if she's struggling, I try to help her out because I was in the same position last season."

Sinclair said she's simply focused on what the Hawks need to do to win on any given night. Hunt is more effusive in his praise of her.

"By the time she graduates, she'll be one of the best players in the state," he said.

Hot streak: South Elgin started its season with a tough stretch at the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament, dropping its first three games.

The Storm (4-3) haven't lost since, however, going over the .500 mark with wins last weekend over Larkin and St. Edward.

"Playing some elite teams early in the season has helped us," South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack said. "The girls are playing with aggression and with a lot of energy, getting out to early leads with a sense of urgency when we get off the bus."

"I told them they can have a special season, but it's going to be a roller coaster of ups and downs. They have to stay together."

Junior forward Megan McClure has taken a step forward this season. She scored 51 points over the weekend despite sitting out the fourth quarter in both games.

"She's on pace to break our all-time 3-point record and she's only a junior," Mandernack said of McClure. "She is becoming more and more of an all-around player."

Proving ground: Coming off a 14-14 season, Hampshire was looking to turn the corner.

The Whip-Purs (6-2, 2-0) have won five straight games. They beat McHenry 62-55 in last Tuesday's Fox Valley Conference opener.

The Whip-Purs followed with a busy but productive weekend. They earned a 36-31 Fox Valley win Friday over Crystal Lake South.

Hampshire was tested Saturday in the star-studded Chicagoland Invitational Showcase at Fremd. The Whip-Purs passed with a 57-51 win over Carmel.

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Girls Basketball Top 5

With records through Tuesday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Burlington Central 5-1 (1)
2. Bartlett 5-2 (2)
3. Dundee-Crown 4-2 (4)
4. Hampshire 6-2 (NR)
5. South Elgin 4-3 (3)

Player of the Week: Junior forward Megan McClure scored 33 points Friday against Larkin and added 18 points Saturday against St. Edward in two wins for South Elgin.

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Board member pursues more festive lighting

By Seth Hancock

It's the season to be festive, and one Village Board of Trustees member wants to make downtown Bartlett more festive.

Trustee Michael Camerer raised the issue at the board meeting on Tuesday,

Nov. 20. He said with Christmas coming up he's starting to see lights go up, including in front of some local businesses, and he asked about the viability of string lights up on village trees downtown.

"I go to other villages during the win-

ter time and their parkway trees are strung with lights that just light up their entire downtown area," Camerer said. "And I'm curious about what it would take for us to look at doing that, light up the downtown area to make it appealing, festive."

Camerer added: "Some cities leave these lights on year round just as an attraction, and if it's done correctly I think it could look quite appealing."

Village President Kevin Wallace called it a "great idea" and suggested adding lights to flower baskets. Trustee Raymond Deyne did note that the village does string up lights on lamp posts.

For Camerer, he said extra lighting could be more attractive for businesses and "more appealing" downtown for residents, and Wallace said: "I would love to see it blinged up a bit."

Wallace did say that the village staff is busy and joked: "Why don't the trustees and myself get a bunch of

lights, and we can just start stringing."

As the Christmas season continues, some festive events have occurred in the village with others still scheduled.

A "Holiday Tree" lighting ceremony was held at Bartlett Park on Friday, Nov. 30 sponsored by the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Village and Bartlett Park District. The Bartlett Lions Club also collected items for the Hanover Township Food Pantry and welcomed Santa Clause for a visit at the park's log cabin, and the South Elgin High School choir sang carols.

An upcoming event at Bartlett Hills Golf Club is a Tea Party with Mrs. Claus on Sunday, Dec. 16 with reserved seating times at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and noon. According to the village website it's a "festive first-time holiday event" which "includes an all you can eat buffet with a tea and hot cocoa station," and the cost is \$11.95 for adults, \$8.95 for kids.



Festive start to the season

Cole and Connor Doherty wore matching Santa hats which gave their Christmas picture an extra festive feeling at the annual holiday tree lighting on Friday, Nov. 30 at Bartlett Park. For story and more photos see page 11.

(Examiner photo by Andrea Kohl)

Aquatic program report provided to Park Board

By Joe Hyland

At its Tuesday, Nov. 27 meeting, the Park District Board of Commissioners heard a summary of the season's aquatic programs at both the Bartlett Aquatic Center (BAC) and Splash Central. Superintendent of Special Facilities Lynsey Heathcote gave the report.

Heathcote noted that the report would be fairly comprehensive at least as far as the BAC portion since outdoor swimming was done for the season. She broke the report into separate sections for BAC and Splash Central, with the BAC segment coming first.

Heathcote reported that the center was open for 97 full days, completely closed for four and partially closed for 11. As a result, she said that the center was \$18,000 down on revenue. On the bright side, she said that it was, however, down more on expenses. As a result, she said that the center was ahead of the game although some expenses would still be due.

"Overall, we'll definitely be in good shape when the fiscal year ends," said Heathcote, noting that the complete report added demographic data this year.

Heathcote said that it appeared a practice known as pool hopping was

part of the reason sales were down. The practice involves patrons comparison shopping online for local park district passes through sites such as Groupon and buying passes at the district offered the best deal.

"So that's something all the district's are talking about," Heathcote said.

On the Splash Central report, Heathcote had several bits of good news.

"Swim team continues to grow," Heathcote said, adding that she expects the growth to continue.

Heathcote also reported that concession revenues were up by \$10,000 while expenses were kept constant.

"So we were very pleased with the concessions this year," Heathcote said.

Heathcote noted that Splash Central is only six months into its fiscal year. Based on the results so far it was on track to finish in line with previous years, especially with the holiday season coming up.

"We are right where we need to be with pass revenue," Heathcote said. "This is definitely the busier half of the year."

Heathcote added that operating expenses at Splash Central were down somewhat although maintenance costs were up largely due to repair of a major leak.

Park District gas contracts provide renewal options

By Joe Hyland

At the Tuesday, Nov. 27 meeting of the Park District Board of Commissioners, Superintendent of Business Services Kevin Romejko walked commissioners through the district's process of renewing its gas contracts.

"Our current contracts are set to expire in May 2019," said Romejko.

Romejko said that the district has two major contracts for gas supply that cover a total of nine accounts. One pact covers three large accounts while the other covers six smaller ones.

Romejko noted that the district has been working with a third party vendor, Rock River Energy, since

2015 to explore its vendor and pricing options.

Romejko said that the district purchases gas under two separate pricing options. The first option, which the district uses for its three large accounts, is to purchase gas under a fixed rate contract for a set volume based on its historical monthly usage rates. The current rate is \$0.307 per therm. Should the district use more than the volume it has contracted for, the additional amount would be billed at the current market rate. On the flip side, should the district use less than the volume it has contracted, the surplus could be sold back to the vendor for a credit.

For the smaller accounts, Romejko said the district uses an option called 100 percent swing. Under this

option, he said that the district pays for only what it uses based on a contracted rate that is currently \$0.353 per therm.

Romejko said that the 100 percent swing option has the advantage of narrowing down budget numbers. He reported that some vendors are offering this option for larger accounts, and that staff is exploring whether or not to utilize the option for the district's larger accounts.

Romejko said that he was hoping to lock in rates very soon. However, it was not an easy process due to the presence of multiple vendors and no consistency on rates.

"It's a little like being at the casino because the rates change every day," Romejko said.



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U-46 report ignites split vote, confusion

By Seth Hancock

A vote on a personnel report and workers' compensation cases created some confusion about the way some new hires were classified.

The Board of Education approved that item via a split vote, 4-2, at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 19. Board members Phil Costello and Jeanette Ward voted no, and John Devereux was absent.

The item lists employees under certain categories (leave of absence, return from leave of absence, notification of employment, resignations and retirements) and under separate categories of personnel (administrative, certified, classified).

Both Costello and Ward have opposed the report on previous votes when it included new positions under the notification of employment, which this report included.

Ward said: "This includes a new position, and as I have stated before I don't agree with expanding our oper-

ations while enrollment is declining."

The Fiscal Year 2019 budget, approved in September via a 4-2 vote (Costello and Ward no, Devereux absent), hiked spending by \$40.2 million with an increase of \$21.9 million in salaries and benefits alone. That included 54 new positions despite a projected 1.9 percent decline in enrollment this year, a trend over the last three years and projected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Further discussion showed some confusion.

Costello said he would vote no along with Ward but clarified that the report included three new positions, not one as implied in Ward's statement.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said: "Unless I'm missing something I see one, a new position for multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) which is a certified teacher position."

Ward and board member Sue Kerr, after reviewing the document, saw the three new positions (all under MTSS)

listed which Sanders then saw and said that was "correct."

Kerr asked for a clarification on what the positions were to which Sanders said: "These are actually the non-union MTSS positions."

Josh Carpenter, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, said: "Interventionists are hired at a few of our buildings, and I believe this is a replacement position or a position that hasn't been filled yet."

Sanders said the way the report is coded could affect how they show up in the report and added: "We can find out if these were replacement or new positions. They're listed as new positions but it could be, I don't know if it's because of the increase in Title I sites."

Ward said in the future she would like a more detailed description for any new position on the report prior to a vote.

"If indeed they're replacement and not new positions, then that changes

my vote," Ward said. "So I'm voting on what I see here which says three new positions."

To understand further how the report is made and coded, Costello asked a hypothetical question. He presented an example of dropping a special education position but adding an MTSS position and asked: "How would that be described in this report if that were the case?"

Sanders said that would be a question that needed to be answered by the human resources department.

"We have a position control person who does monitor every position in the system," Sanders said. "So if somebody vacates a position and that position remains open, then it's coded and we know that it's a replacement. If it's a classroom-based position that's in a classroom, typically those are always listed as a replacement. On these, we will have to do a little more research and get back to you."

Dist. U-46 Board ratifies curriculum proposals

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 unanimously approved a pair of high school curriculum proposals to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year, transition math and physical education (PE), at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 19.

The proposals were approved by 6-0 votes, board member John Devereux was absent.

There are no cost estimates or resources yet for the transition math courses as it is still under development. The estimated cost for the PE courses is \$191,502 (\$58.81 estimated per student) broken down between technology (\$156,305), software and apps (\$12,574), professional development (\$10,404), teacher resources (\$8,280) and equipment (\$3,940).

The transition math proposal includes three new courses (college algebra, quantitative literacy and statistics, technical math) for seniors who are not considered college or career ready in math by the end of their junior year.

Students completing the courses successfully, receiving a C or better grade, are "guaranteed placement into a credit bearing math course at any Illinois community college," according to Josh Carpenter, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. Officials said some four-year universities will also accept it.

The district stated that since 2006 the number of U-46 graduates needing remedial math courses at Elgin Community College ranged between 60.3 percent and 68.4 percent each year. Currently, the district said about 60 percent of the students would qualify for the course.

Board member Melissa Owens said that students in the state skipping math their senior year was a topic of discussion at the Illinois Association of School Boards conference.

"Over the weekend there was a lot of

discussion about this missing gap year of math at the senior level," Owens said who added she was "really excited to share that this was the direction that we're going with the transitional math."

The PE proposal would provide eight new courses for freshmen to select including two courses in each: functional fitness, strength and performance, walking for wellness and team sports officiating and coaching.

Although freshmen will be required to choose one of these courses, they will be open to other high school students.

One of the main beliefs in the proposal was "moving away from the emphasis on team games."

Board member Jeanette Ward said her children have had some experience with "some of these kinds of courses" and said their response was "it's sometimes difficult to get their heart rates up to the prescribed levels."

"I was going to suggest you might consider a couple different levels in some of those classes... so that kids just don't have to jump up and down to get their heart rate up while they're doing some of the activities that are... not hard enough," Ward said.

Tracey Jakaitis, student wellness coordinator, said that was a "great suggestion" and said some of the technology associated with these courses will allow more personalization.

"With this technology, we can individualize the heart rate band," Jakaitis said. "Students who are more fit, it's more challenging to get into the zone then students who are less fit and they get there more quickly. What we need to do when students who are having trouble getting there is work with that teacher to set a different zone for a student who has a hard time getting there."

The board also approved by a 6-0 vote \$8 million in itemized bills.



Fouled while in flight

Streamwood's Mandy Mien taking to the air to complete a drive to the Bartlett hoop and though the shot did not fall, Mien was fouled by the Hawks' Mackenzie Hare, left, and went to the charity stripe. The Sabres comeback fell short on Tuesday, Nov. 27. For story and more photos see page 6.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)

Tree lighting kicks off the holiday season

Bartlett's annual holiday tree lighting took place on Friday, Nov. 30 in Bartlett Park. The evening started earlier in the Log Cabin with the arrival of Santa. The Bartlett Lions Club has sponsored Santa's visit for many years and expected 200 children and provided stuffed elves for them. The Bartlett Chamber of Commerce provided hot chocolate and cookies to visitors. After that, the South Elgin High School choir

performed under the direction of Karen Brhel. The students entertained the crowd as they sang a variety of holiday classics. Village President Kevin Wallace spoke at the event by first recognizing the village trustees that were in attendance and well as thanked the residents of Bartlett for supporting this yearly event. The evening ended with the lighting of the Christmas tree.



T.J. Hoga and son Max admired the new village tree all lit up for the holiday season.
(Examiner photos by Andrea Kohl)



Cousins Ella Kator and Emily Sabin enjoyed cookies before it was their turn to see Santa.



The South Elgin choir, under the direction of Karen Brhel, entertained the audience before the tree lighting.



After seeing all the children, Santa thanked his helpers from the Bartlett Lions Club before heading out.



Elf Cheryl Lemvig helped Santa by organizing the stuffed elves that he gave out to the children that visited him.



Anabelle Castillo and her sister Sadie bundled up in their winter wear to attend the evening's festivities.



Christine Hauser attended the holiday kickoff with Mike and Sienna Kennedy.

Hawks tip Streamwood then bury Wildcats



Bartlett's Mackenzie Hare battling with Streamwood's Vivian Sumoski, left, for a rebound during first half action when the teams battled on Tuesday, Nov. 27. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

outscore everyone. Too many second chance points were given up.”

The game featured a roller coaster first half which saw the Hawks clinging to a 33-32 half-time lead, Sinclair scoring 15 of her points in the first half.

Bartlett trailed 35-33 in the third quarter when it used a 13-2 run to take the lead for good at 46-37. Hernandez hit a pair of threes during that run and Hare scored five points, including a trey, and the Hawks maintained some breathing room the rest of the game and took as large as an 11-point lead.

“I thought we made some shots there in the third quarter,” Hunt said. “Justina had a nice two-minute stretch where she hit a couple of three’s and a pull-up jumper and Mackenzie was solid all night. We got up by 10 or so because we decided for a short period to play defense and stick to the game



Following a drive, Bartlett's Justina Hernandez elevating to launch a jump shot against Streamwood.

By Seth Hancock

In a shootout, the Bartlett girls basketball team came out on top of Streamwood as the Hawks won their Upstate Eight Conference opener 65-61 on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Bartlett.

There were 20 combined three-pointers in the contest, Bartlett producing 12. Mackenzie Hare (21 points) hit five treys, Lexie Sinclair (19 points) three and Justina Hernandez (eight points, eight rebounds, five assists, three blocked shots) to lead the Hawks.

Despite the hot shooting it was a mixed bag for Bartlett coach Brad Hunt who said “offensively, we did a good job of attacking the rim and kicking out for some three-point shots,” but “I was not happy at all with our defensive effort.”

“We have to have some pride in guarding the other team,” Hunt said. “We are not able to just

plan.”

Savannah Standefer and Shelly Banks both finished with five points.

Bartlett made it two straight in the UEC and improved to 5-2 overall with a 78-22 win over West Chicago on Friday, Nov. 30 at West Chicago. The Hawks burst out to a 31-2 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

Hare, a freshman, had another hot night shooting hitting six treys on the way to 24 points.

“She is very smart and will take what you give her,” Hunt said. “She can shoot or drive and can finish at the rim. I am very pleased with Mackenzie’s performance. She is averaging about 15 points per game.”

Sinclair (15 points), Hernandez (13 points), Teagan Noesen (nine points), Banks (six points) and Hannah Walker (five points) all contributed.



The Hawks' Alexis Sinclair wearing through a trio of Sabres to release an underhand shot. While the effort did not drop, Sinclair was fouled and went to the free-throw line.

Bartlett falls to Vikings following loss to WeGo



In an ironic sequence, the Hawks' Alec Pallela is fouled from behind by Geneva's Joshua Preston as he was whistled for a charging violation for making contact with the Vikings' Kross Garth. The call turned the ball over to Geneva.



Bartlett's Clark Lewis attempting to drive around Geneva's Ben Johlie as the two teams battled on Saturday, Dec. 1. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Jake Nowak of the Hawks striving to control a loose ball following an offensive rebound between the Vikings' Mitch Mascari, left, and Daniel Belzer.

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett boys basketball team battled but couldn't overcome a slow start as the Hawks fell 56-50 in nonconference play against undefeated Geneva on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Bartlett.

Hawks coach Jim Wolfsmith said he liked his young squad's aggressiveness on the boards and how they adjusted in the second half, but he didn't like the start.

Geneva came out an built as large as an eight-point lead in the first quarter and led 19-13 at the of the frame, and the Hawks were left chasing the lead the rest of the game.

“We’re going to go through some growing pains,” Wolfsmith said. “What I was disappointed with tonight was our first quarter defense. We allowed 19 points off the bat, and we can’t allow that.”

In the second half, Geneva used a 7-0 run early in the third quarter to build its largest lead at 36-25. Bartlett put up some runs but struggled to sustain them pulling no closer than six the rest of the game.

Austin Gates hit a pair of three-pointers and

scored eight of his game-high 16 points in the fourth quarter, and his first trey pulled the Hawks to 48-42 with 3:53 left to play. The Hawks did have possession with a chance to pull closer but was unable to continue a rally.

Hayden Angell, who hit two threes, and Nicholas Wolf both had eight points while Clark Lewis scored seven and Andrew Gronemeyer five.

“We’re learning, we’re growing,” Wolfsmith said. “I loved the effort against an undefeated Geneva team.”

A slow start also hurt the Hawks earlier in the week as Bartlett dropped its Upstate Eight Conference opener 47-37 against West Chicago on Thursday, Nov. 29 at West Chicago.

“Another game where we started rough but finished strong,” Wolfsmith said.

Bartlett was held to just four points in each of the first two frames to fall behind 22-8 before winning the second half 29-25. Gates scored 19 points and both Angell and Gronemeyer five to lead the Hawks.

The Hawks are now 2-4 overall.

Storm dominate Royals during winning streak

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin girls basketball team ran away with an easy Upstate Eight Conference win over Larkin, the Storm earning a 68-24 victory on Friday, Nov. 30 at Larkin.

The Storm defense held Larkin to single digits in each frame, including a shutout in the fourth, but South Elgin led only 25-15 at halftime.

That's when Megan McClure lit up the scoreboard with 16 of her 33 points during a 29-9 third quarter that gave the Storm a dominating 54-24 lead. McClure hit six three-pointers in the game.

"When we came out (after halftime), we played harder because we wanted to prove to ourselves that we could extend the lead," McClure said.

Ella Winterhalder (nine points), Aryanna Williams (six points), Casey Brennan (five points) and Nikki Nguyen (five points) all contributed.

It was the second straight conference win to start the Storm's UEC schedule after defeating defending Class 3A state champions Glenbard South 48-32 on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at South Elgin.

McClure also led that effort with 14 points and she hit a pair of treys to start a 17-10 first quarter. South Elgin allowed just one point in the second for a 30-11 lead at the break, and the Storm never looked back.

"She always plays great defense and is aggressive on offense," South Elgin coach Dan Mandernack said of McClure. "She is the rock of our team."

Miah Galvin had eight points and both Brennan and Williams five.

The win was the second straight and part of a four-game winning streak as the Storm finished the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving Tournament 1-3 the previous week.

"Really proud of the team," Mandernack said. "It was an entire team effort. We learned a lot playing some of the best teams in the area at Dundee-Crown, and we are hoping it carries over to conference play."

Mandernack added: "To start the season beating a team like Glenbard South is very encouraging. The players believed in themselves and the



Within a triangle of Larkin defenders, consisting of, from left, Kiara Villa, Janelle Clemens and AAliyah Dixon, South Elgin's Miah Galvin has a pass deflect off her body and out of bounds.

plan to defeat them and executed it perfectly."

The Storm are now 4-3 overall after finishing the week with a 58-37 non-conference win over St. Edward on Saturday, Dec. 1 at St. Edward. McClure (18 points), Madison Waichunas (11 points), Brennan (six points), Williams (six points) and Winterhalder (six points) led the effort.

Going forward, Mandernack said: "We have to stay focused, determined and continue to play with great defense and passion. Stay humble and hungry is the key with a long season of ups and downs, but if we stay together through it all we will be just fine."



Megan McClure of South Elgin dribbling around the Royals' Brianna Young and into the lane during the Storm's Friday, Nov. 30 victory over Larkin.

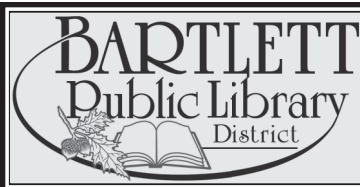


Madison Waichunas releasing a three-point shot from behind the arc for the Storm against Larkin.



The Storm's Nikki Nguyen driving along the baseline via an open lane for a shot against the Royals.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Read! Learn! Connect!

Babies & Tots

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.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.

Play & Learn

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.

Ages 2 and 3 with a caregiver. Drop-in to enjoy a learning based activity with your child. This will be an opportunity to interact with your child during activities which will introduce concepts such as letters, numbers, colors, shapes, etc., and will prepare your child for kindergarten readiness.

Monarch Club

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 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.

Behind the Curtain: An Insider's Look at the Financial Aid Process

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.

This free seminar reveals what really goes on behind the scenes to determine what you will pay for college. Find out how financial aid officers really make their decisions on the size of your financial award. You will also discover creative, little-known ways to pay for college as you learn to navigate the maze of formulas, policies, and rules that determine college costs. Both parents are encouraged to attend this free, 60-minute seminar presented by My College Planning Team. Registration required.

Mail Merge

Thursday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

Learn to create your own Excel address list, then create mailing and re-

turn address labels using Word. Simplify your correspondence for the current and upcoming years. Registration required.

Bluestem and Caudill Book Club

Friday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m.

Grades four to eight. Have you enjoyed Battle of the Books or do you just love reading a variety of fiction and nonfiction stories? Join us for book-talks, games and activities to promote the 2018-2019 Bluestem and Rebecca Caudill Book Award nominees! Registration required.

Cookbook Club

Sunday, Dec. 9, 1 p.m.

Pick up the chosen cookbook at the Adult Services Desk, try out a recipe and bring your dish to share as part of our book discussion.

Knitting Club

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m.

Want to meet new people, work on your knitting projects, and learn new skills? The BPLD Knitting Club is for you. We're a group of knitters of all skill levels who meet on the second Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

Winter Photography: Being Creative When it is not Warm and Sunny

Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Just in time for your Christmas card, photographer Bruce Leighty is coming back to the library to teach you how to get the best winter shots, even in the snow. He will cover how to use equipment in cold and bad weather conditions, composition of winter shots, how to use filters and more. Perfect for both the novice and advanced photographer.

For a complete listing of scheduled programs at the Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road, call 837-2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.

Storm boys hoops control Larkin to open UEC play

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin boys basketball team blew past Larkin in the second quarter on the way to a 69-58 Storm win in their Upstate Eight Conference opener on Thursday, Nov. 29 at Larkin.

The game was the first home game of the season for Larkin following a fourth place finish at state last season, and the host revealed its state appearance banner. With the energy level high, Larkin came out strong to build a 16-10 lead after one quarter.

However, the Storm took over from there with a dominant 23-6 second quarter for a 33-22 lead at the break. Larkin would face at least an 11-point deficit the rest of the game.

"It was a great win for us," said senior Vincent Miskiewicz. "We knew they were going to come out with some energy and they did, but we held it together. It feels great to start off the conference season 1-0."

Miskiewicz dominated the game

inside with 19 points and 16 rebounds, and he had three dunks on the night.

"That's what we were looking for out of him to finish around the basket, get those dunks, get those exciting plays because it gets the crowd going," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "I loved his intensity to get the rebounds."

Jace Warrick followed Miskiewicz with 17 points, including four three-pointers. Warrick sparked the Storm's second quarter rally scoring 13 points in the frame.

South Elgin showed its balance getting 15 points from Drake Montgomery and 13 from Drew Cwik, who also hit four treys.

"Every night we have someone else who can step up," Warrick said. "We're that kind of team. We focus on driving and kicking out to the shooters. It just clicked for us."

The Storm are now 4-1 overall.

Village captures first place for National Night Out event

The Village of Bartlett was recently awarded first place for its National Night Out celebration. Bartlett was the only Illinois community to place in the top five within any of the National Night Out population categories. This was the seventh time since 2002 that the village was awarded first place for its National Night Out celebration.

National Night Out is a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch that is specifically designed to heighten

crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Thousands of Bartlett residents participated in this year's National Night Out celebration by attending the National Night Out Picnic in the Park on Aug. 7, and the different lead-in events.

According to the Bartlett Police Department, the village thanks the

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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.

Open Gym

Open gym has started! Youth Basketball Open Gym is available for grades three to 12 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. for \$5 each visit. Adult Basketball Open Gym is available on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at \$5 per visit. Adult/Child Basketball Open Gym for ages 5 to 17 with an adult 18 or older is on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. at \$3 per person per visit. Adult/Tot Fun Gym for age 5 and under is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon at \$3 per child. Pickle Ball Open Gym for ages 8 through adult is on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at \$3 per visit. There is no open gym on Dec. 7, 20, or 25. Additionally there is Youth School Day Off Open Gym when U-46 has a holiday: The upcoming dates are Dec. 26, 27, and 28 from noon to 6 p.m. at \$5 per visit. School Day Off Open Gym will also take place on emergency closing days for U-46. Punch cards may be purchased for youth open gym and school day off open gym. Buy a 10 card visit for the price of eight.

December Holiday Activities at Bartlett Park District

"The Nutcracker: All Jazzed Up" continues on the BCC Oak Room Stage through Dec. 8. This performance is enhanced by seeing local talent performing a classic production to re-

chestrated music in a variety of dance styles. Tickets \$9 and available by calling 630-540-4873 or stopping at the BCC Registration Counter.

The Holiday Shopping Blitz on Friday, Dec. 7 in the BCC gymnasium offers a way to start or finish your holiday shopping. A \$1 donation to the Bartlett Parks Foundation serves as the entrance fee. Over 100 crafts/artisans/vendors are registered this year offering products that could check off everyone on your holiday gift list. Event runs 5 to 9:30 p.m. Cash is preferred by most vendors.

Santa Splash on Sunday, Dec. 9 is a drop in open swim at Splash Central where a variety of games and activities are led by the aquatic staff to give jump start your holiday season. This is a drop in program and does not require advanced registration. Free to Splash Central pass holders. Daily admission for all others.

Holly Jolly Trolley Ride Thursday, Dec. 13 takes off from Villa Olivia and transports you and your child to Santa's Workshop where they can visit individually with Santa and talk about their Christmas list. While waiting for their ride they will be able to enjoy some refreshments, crafts and coloring. A variety of travel times are available. Advance registration is required.

Christmas Day Champagne Brunch at Villa Olivia. Enjoy the company of your family without having to cook or clean up. Reservations will be taken at 289-1000. Reserve your spot early to secure the perfect time for your family.

Celebrate the season and make new memories. For more information see our autumn brochure online at bartlettparks.org or call 540-4800.

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Sabres fall to Bartlett, go 0-3 for the week



The Sabres’ Mandy Mien trying to split the defense of Bartlett’s Teagan Noesen, left, and Mackenzie Hare.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



After driving parallel to the paint, the Sabres’ Taylor Sewell was forced to pull up off a dribble after encountering Bartlett’s Shelly Banks.



After pursuing a loose ball, the Sabres’ Colleen Veguilla was able to maintain a dribble despite the reach effort of Bartlett’s Alexis Sinclair.

line,” said Streamwood coach George Rosner. “In a four-point game, that comes back to bite you.”

For Rosner, the end of the first half was a key. Holding the three-point advantage in the final minute of the first half, Streamwood gave up four points to fall behind 33-32 at the break.

Streamwood held one more lead in the game when Colleen Veguilla (nine points) hit one of her three treys to open the third quarter for a 35-33 advantage. Bartlett followed with a 13-2 run to take the lead for good at 46-37, and it built as large as an 11-point lead the rest of the game.

“At the end of the first half, we made some key mistakes,” Rosner said. “We let them get four points when we should have gotten two out of that, and that was a six-point turnaround at the half.”

Mandy Mien (seven rebounds, four assists) led the Sabres with 18 points while she and Peyton Hedger (five points) each hit a three. Vivian Sumoski added six points.

The Sabres did end the game on a 7-0 run to close the final gap, and it bounced back from a slow start. The roller coaster first half saw Bartlett jump to 7-0 and 13-5 leads while Streamwood rallied with a 10-0 run for a 15-13 lead.

“We got down at the beginning of the game and came all the way back to take the lead and make it a contest throughout,” Rosner said. “That’s a positive sign.”

Streamwood dropped its second straight UEC game in a 52-37 loss to Glenbard East on Friday, Nov. 30 at Streamwood. Against Hoffman Estates, the Sabres ended the week with a 55-39 nonconference loss on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Hoffman Estates.

The Sabres are now 1-6 overall, but Rosner said his squad’s performance against Bartlett should prove to the young team that they can be competitive.

“I think that they’ve learned that they can compete,” Rosner said. “We just have to turn the corner to start getting the wins. I don’t think we’ll blow anybody away, but we can be competitive with every team.”

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood girls basketball team saw some ups and downs in its Upstate Eight Conference opener as the Sabres fell 65-61 against Bartlett on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Bartlett.

The game featured 20 combined three-pointers, eight from the Sabres. Riya Patel (17 points, nine rebounds) hit three of those treys and scored 11 points in the first half allowing the Sabres to lead 32-29 shortly before the break.

At the same time Streamwood was knocking down shots from behind the arc, it went only 3-for-10 from the charity stripe.

“We shot almost better from three-point range then at the free-throw



Riya Patel pulling up in the corner against Bartlett.

Sabres lead wire to wire as Cole reaches 1,000



Streamwood’s Keenon Cole, on a quest to record his 1,000th point, which he logged late in the game from the charity stripe, lines up a shot from a difficult angle in preparation of shooting over the Rams’ Jackson Rozinsky. Cole ran his total for the night to 24 points in the win over Glenbard East.



The Sabres’ Kozyae Wright losing the handle on the ball after contact with Glenbard East’s Daron Hall, contact that drew a foul and sent Wright to the free-throw line.

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood boys basketball team maintained its lead in its Upstate Eight Conference opener and senior forward Keenon Cole reached a career milestone in the Sabres 70-60 victory over Glenbard East on Thursday, Nov. 29 at Streamwood.

The Sabres led the entire night and built a 47-37 lead with 2:50 left in the third quarter but Glenbard East rallied to 60-57 with 2:42 left in the game. That’s when Cole took over scoring 10 of his 24 points, including 6-for-9 from the free-throw line, to stave off the visitor’s rally.

With 26.8 left in the game, Cole hit a pair of free throws for a 66-60 lead while reaching the 1,000 career points milestone.

“This means so much to me to be one of the players in this school to reach that milestone and to represent the community,” Cole said.

Cole, who had a double-double adding 10 rebounds in the effort, was joined by teammate Nikola Sinik (eight rebounds) who also scored 24 points all from behind the arc.

“That’s a good combination to have,” said Streamwood coach Kent Payne. “Nikola shoots the ball really well, and Keenon is very hard to defend.”

Payne on Cole’s milestone said: “He’s just competing, and he works hard and provides leadership. He’s really competitive, and he just wants to win.”

Sinik was 8-for-11 from three-point range, and his trey to start the game gave Streamwood the lead for

good.

In the first half, Sinik sank three threes in each of the first two frames to help build a 35-29 halftime lead.

“In warm-ups, I was hitting everything,” Sinik said. “When the game came, I knew it would carry over.”

Kozyae Wright scored nine points and Zach Marquez eight.

Streamwood is now 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the UEC. The Sabres were winless in conference play the last two seasons.

“I thought they showed some poise offensively, and they did a good job defensively forcing them to take low-percentage shots down the stretch,” Payne said. “Getting that first conference win, that’s a big confidence builder.”



Streamwood’s Nikola Sinik driving into an offensive corner where he would eventually get the ball back for a successful three-point shot on his way to a 24-point total in the game, all from behind the arc.



Zach Marquez coming down with a rebound for the Sabres in front of the Rams’ Daron Hall.
(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)